



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period


From 1 July 2023 **To** 30 June 2024

Charity name: Herringthorpe United Reformed Church

Charity registration number: 1188902

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>Herringthorpe United Reformed Church (HURC), its Minister, Rev Matt Stone, and its elders (most of whom are Trustees) exist to promote the mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic and social, and we work alongside other churches when we can in order to facilitate this. Our mission statement is to "Love God, love one another and love our community." and it is our wish that this ethos permeates all that we do.</p> <p>The Trustees are also responsible for the maintenance of the Church complex, which includes the main sanctuary, a lounge and kitchen area, a smaller meeting hall ("The Clynes Hall") and a larger youth activities centre, used mainly (but not exclusively) by our uniformed organisations. The Manse, occupied by the Minister, forms part of our church grounds, but is situated on an adjacent road which backs onto our property.</p>
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>The Minister and Trustees constantly review the various opportunities which are on offer to both our own church members and also the wider community. They have regard to the "public benefit" of our activities, and desire that our church should be at the heart of our community, both physically and figuratively. They analyse and consider what is on offer for various identified groups – children, older people, young parents and families, the socially isolated – and seek to organise dedicated and appropriate provision. This provision might typically involve opportunities for worship and prayer, learning about the Christian faith, and deepening personal spirituality, or simply meeting together on a more social basis. It involves the pastoral care of all, with particular</p>

		attention to those who are in vulnerable groups. We seek to have an awareness of wider need, and through our nominated charities, church members and attendees make contributions, both financially and as volunteers, which benefit the three charities we support in any given year. These charities are elected by secret ballot at a church meeting of the membership – a new one being elected each year, and one being deselected after a three-year term period has elapsed. A series of “charity” events is arranged in our church premises each year, with the proceeds benefiting our ‘church charities’; these can be coffee mornings, a summer fayre, or a quiz and meal, for example.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The church serves a mixed demographic. Immediately surrounding the church premises there is a considerable amount of owner-occupied housing, both established 1930s stock and also more extensive housing developments from the 1960s. However, within less than one mile, there is a large estate of social housing which falls into the most deprived 2% in England [Source: Rotherham East Ward Profile 2017]. Ministering to such a disparate population presents considerable opportunities, and at the same time, challenges to our church.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The church supports three charities on a rolling basis. One new charity is elected each year which replaces the oldest one. The church donates 6% of its offering (including Gift Aid Receipts) income plus receipts from charity fundraising events, we donated £6,108 to our charities. We also, where possible, contribute to other national and international appeals. Last year these gifts totalled £475.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	We do not participate in any social investment programme.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	We are thankful to the large group of volunteers who work tirelessly to contribute to the success of the church’s mission in our community. Our activities require the active participation of a large group of unpaid volunteers, who not only deliver the various provisions, but also ensure that the church remains compliant with all regulation regarding health and safety, food hygiene and safeguarding. We are immensely grateful to them. All the church’s elders, and office-holders, with the exception of our Minister, youth worker and children & families’ worker, gardener, cleaners and a part-time

Other	administrative assistant, work on an unpaid basis.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
<p>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.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>Our Sunday church attendance increased slightly over the last year as we continue our outreach work in the local area. More initiatives are planned for 2024 -2025 to promote our work in the local area and community. In addition to our traditional Sunday Services, we also run Café Church Services which are a more informal type of service. Café Church includes activities for both adults and children enabling us to engage with families for whom traditional services are not suitable. We plan to introduce more of this type of service, where members of the congregation sit around tables and enjoy "Coffee & Croissants". Mid-week activities for adults including our Monday Club, Craft Group and (in person) Bible Study and Prayer groups continue to serve a wide range of people. We also run a "Kids' Church", which has 15 children registered.</p> <p>Our Memory Lane Dementia-friendly Café continues to thrive. For one afternoon a month, we welcome 30-40 people for friendship, support and entertainment. We receive a few donations from individuals (approx. £300 last year) and these along with "on the day" raffle receipts ensure we are financially viable for the foreseeable future.</p> <p>Our Children's and Youth Work thrived during the year, as old children returned and new children joined our various groups. We are blessed to have 5 uniformed groups: Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Rainbows and Brownies. All groups face the challenge of a shortage of volunteers, though a few parents have come forward to help. In addition, our weekly Kids Club and Youth Club have seen a significant increase in numbers, Kids' Club has approximately 15 regular attendees and the Youth Club (11-18 years of age) has approximately 45 registered with 30 young</p>

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		housebound or those in care facilities. As our congregation is drawn from a relatively wide geographical area across Rotherham we are, occasionally, made aware of families suffering financial hardship within our church family. We have always maintained a fund (the Caring Fund) within our accounts that we use to provide support as and when the need arises. We anticipate that there will be more calls on this fund over the coming weeks and months and we are encouraging those who are able to make additional contributions to the fund. We gave gifts totalling £525 in the last financial year. We also pay for taxis (£2,315) last year, from the Caring Fund for members who would not be able to attend church without this help.
		Members of our worshipping community continued to support the Rotherham Foodbank (with increased impetus as needs became more apparent) and we supported Operation Christmas Child, sending a large number of shoeboxes of items to children in need. Two of our members, are volunteer chaplains at Rotherham Hospice. We also supported our three chosen charities with finances, which for the financial year 2024 were Lighthouse Homes, Rotherham (6 months), Rotherham Hospice, Rotherham Foodbank and Shilo, Rotherham (6 months).

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Whilst no formal targets exist for any of our initiatives, we constantly review the effectiveness of our various activities to make sure we are having a positive impact on those people that the service is designed to support.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	We endeavour to hold at least 4 specific fundraising events each calendar year; 1 for church funds and 3 for our charities.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	As a charitable organisation, we are considerably risk averse and, as such, financial stability is more important than investment return, thus we do not set investment performance targets. We hold funds in two accounts managed by 2 different financial institutions: A current account with CAF Bank and a deposit account with COIF. Both these accounts are protected under the FCA compensation scheme. Our total financial assets are under £170,000.
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Financial summary for the financial year-end 30 June 2024. Total Receipts: £154,036 Total Payments: £148,667 Surplus £5,369. Bank balances at end of year were £164,168, of which £36,057 is restricted. We also have a charitable fund for district churches of £3,732 giving us unrestricted funds of £124,379
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Whilst we have no formal reserves policy, we do take our responsibility to maintain the fabric of our church buildings seriously and over the years we have attempted to maintain a list of major items that will need replacing over the following 10 years. We usually aim to obtain grant funding for major capital expenditure projects and have historically been successful (at least part). We have a notional allowance of £12-£15K per annum for these major items and aim to hold 3 years reserves. Most of our income comes from Freewill Offerings and the hiring out of our rooms. We do not expect our offerings to disappear overnight and, in the case of our lettings income, we have business interruption cover on our insurance policy
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£40,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	There are no funds in deficit.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	We have no current concerns at this time.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Our two main sources of income are the freewill offering from our members and the income from the letting of our rooms to local organisations and charities. We often receive additional income through grants, which we usually apply for to support specific activities and projects within the church.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	We have no formal policy as discussed under "Achievements and performance".
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Most of our income comes from many donations from individual people and organisations. As such the risk is mitigated as our income is spread across many sources.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	CIO constitution – FOUNDATION MODEL
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
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	The Church is managed on a day-to-day basis by its minister and elders, who consider and evaluate the vision of the church, and ensure that appropriate policies in connection with Health and Safety, Risk Assessment, Child/Vulnerable Persons' protection, and other legal requirements, are in place. Most elders are also trustees of the organisation, unless disqualified by virtue of being employed by or in a close relationship with an employee, e.g. a spouse. The elders serve a three-year term. All elders, who are first assessed for suitability by the elders' meeting, are elected at an annual Church Meeting by secret ballot, thus ensuring the confidence of the membership. They maintain an overview of all of the church's activities, and in addition to their regular meetings, hold a full annual "away day" when all aspects of the church's provision and activity are systematically reviewed.

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	We are a member of the Yorkshire Synod of the United Reformed Church, which in turn is part of the wider United Reformed Church and participate in assemblies and meetings both regionally and nationally.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Herringthorpe United Reformed Church
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1188902
Charity's principal address	Wickersley Road ROTHERHAM South Yorkshire S60 4JN

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name to appoint
1	MICHAEL EDE			
2	MATTHEW DAVID STONE	CHAIR		
3	CAROLINE SUSAN CHETTLEBURGH	SECRETARY		
4	RACHAEL MAUREEN RIDSDALE			
5	JUDITH KATHRYN KNIGHT		RESIGNED 31/12/23	
6	VALERIE ELIZABETH EDE			
7	LEE SCHOLEY		RESIGNED 31/7/2023	
8	DAVID CHETTLEBURGH			
9	STEPHEN ROTH		RESIGNED 31/7/2023	
11	DOROTHY CRUTCHLEY		RESIGNED 31/12/2023	
12	PAUL JENKINS			
13	JOAN JENKINS		APPOINTED 01/01/2024	
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Other

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	NONE	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	NONE	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	NONE	

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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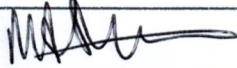
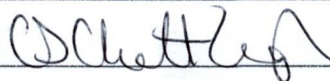
Other optional information

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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)		
Full name(s)	MATTHEW STONE	CAROLINE SUSAN HAMILL
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	SECRETARY

Date 12 JANUARY 2025

HERRINGTHORPE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

URC Ref. No. 4B10

Registered Charity No: 1188902

(HURC is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

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30 June 2024

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TREASURER'S REPORT FOR Year Ended 30 June 2024

General Fund Summary

The total financial assets of the church are: £164,168.36, compared to £158,798.45 at the end of June 2023.

However, for a significant period of the last financial year (July 2023- June 2024), the church accounts were showing a deficit; this was particularly concerning during the first 4-5 months of this calendar year. The surplus or deficit at the end of each month of the last financial year is shown in the table below:

End of month	Surplus (Deficit)	End of month	Surplus (Deficit)
July 2023	£12,982	January 2024	-£10,195 (Deficit)
August 2023	£11,340	February 2024	-£19,462 (Deficit)
September 2023	£5,824	March 2024	-£22,640 (Deficit)
October 2023	-£1,873 (Deficit)	April 2024	-£22,662 (Deficit)
November 2023	-£8,793 (Deficit)	May 2024	-£11,955 (Deficit)
December 2023	-£9,546 (Deficit)	June 2024	£5,369

The remarkable turnaround in our financial situation that occurred during the latter part of May and June was due to significant income from HMRC (£13,040 Gift Aid) and several grants. Whilst these grants improved our overall financial situation, they were all given for specific purposes; The most significant being for our Youth & Children's work:

- July 2023 £20,000 from Synod
- June 2024 £180 from Synod
- June 2024 £5,000 from Garfield Weston and
- June 2024 £2,000 from the Harry Bottom Trust
- June 2024 £7,293 from Synod (Mission Capacity Fund – see below)

Thus, this money is not available for general day-to-day expenditure. We are grateful to those organisations that have captured our vision for the future of the church, and supported us financially to help achieve our aims.

The general fund shows a surplus of £5,369 compared to a surplus of £26,734 for the previous year. Our free will offering was £66,191; this figure includes a Gift Aid payment of £11,104, compared with £72,899 including Aid of £20,395 for the previous year. It is difficult to reconcile Gift Aid payments as they are claimed retrospectively and the higher figure for last year is actually the payments for two financial years. We raised £4,314 for our church charities through specific events and donations plus a small gift aid payment, compared to a total of £2,008 for last year. We received £1,650 in donations to our caring fund and gave £525 in gifts. Following a decision of the elders to fund taxis (to bring members of the church family to Sunday services), a further £2,315 was paid from the caring fund. Thus, the fund now stands at £5,403. We were able to take advantage of a new fund within Synod called the Mission Capacity Fund. This fund is available to churches to enable them to release (human) resources by paying the salaries of staff to carry out work which would ordinarily be done by church members, thus releasing those church members for mission work.

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Restricted Funds

In the period's accounts and hence our current bank balance there is a significant amount of money which is "restricted or ring-fenced" which means it is for specific purposes, as shown below:

a. Youth & Children's and Family workers.

Ringfenced @ 30 June 2023	£21,255
Income in period	£28,280
Expenditure in period	£26,174
Ringfenced @ 30 June 2024	£23,361

b. Caring Fund

Ringfenced @ 30 June 2023	£6,593
Income in period	£1,650
Expenditure in period	£525
Taxis	£2,315
Ringfenced @ 30 June 2024	£5,403

c. Weekend Away

Ringfenced @ 30 June 2023	£3,742
Income in period	£24
Expenditure in period	£3,742
To general fund	£24
Ringfenced @ 30 June 2024	£0

d. Capacity Grant

Income in period	£7,293
Ringfenced @ 30 June 2024	£7,293

TOTAL RINGFENCED @ 30 June 2024 £36,057

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RECEIPTS (Page 5)

1. **Freewill Offering.** The freewill offering has increased compared to last year. Thank you all very much for your generous contributions. The individual figures were as shown below:
 - a. Envelopes: £0 (Last year £45)
 - b. Loose: £7,928 (Last year £6,395)
 - c. Paid to bank: £47,159 (Last year £46,063)
2. **Income Tax recovered** is shown below, though the timing of claims makes direct comparisons between years difficult. Needless to say, Gift Aid is a very useful (unrestricted) source of revenue.

Category	Gift Aid Received
Offerings	£11,104
Caring Fund & Charities	£132
Church Funds	£503
GASDS	£1,301
TOTAL	£13,040

3. **Lettings Income** decreased slightly to £26,247 (previous year £27,065). We have lost a few hirers over the course of the year, so this is a great result. Many thanks to Nev Lilley for her hard work maintaining contact with our existing clients and liaising with new customers.
4. **Gifts and fund raising**
 - a) General gifts decreased from £3,008 to £2,334
 - b) Specific gifts including for Church Charities increased from £6,865 to £13,591, though £7,463 is from grant from Synod.
 - c) Fund-raising. We only held 1 fund-raising activity this year: the Christmas Fair, which raised £1,748 compared to £1,508 from last year's event.
5. **Car Park** income for the period was £3,817, substantially more than last year's figure of £1,222. The car park meter is emptied (and counted) on an ad-hoc basis by RMBC, so it is difficult to compare year on year.
6. **Activities** income from church "activities" was £2,611 down from £8,937 in the previous year. Last year's figure did include £3,742 collected for the weekend away at Swanwick.
7. **Interest and investment income** We have continued to benefit from the higher interest rates and our income was £4,453 compared to £2,189 for last year.
8. **Contribution from Ardeen Road** We received £2,960 from our "sister" church as their share of manse costs, last year's figure was £1,415.

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PAYMENTS (Page 7)

1. **Our M & M payment** was £37,306, down from £42,407 for last year. This reduction reflects the further decrease in Church membership.
2. **Church costs** increased to £45,175 compared to £38,041, this represents an 18.75% increase. There was no major development during the year, the largest item of expenditure is the cost of cleaning which was £11,414 compared to £10,541 for last year. We experienced a further increase in our Gas and Electricity charges from £4,936 to £5,747, reflecting increased unit prices effective September 30 2023. We spent £2,822 on general maintenance and £5,527 on equipment and electrical work. Our gas heaters throughout the building are starting to show their age and we spent almost £4,000 repairing and replacing these over the course of the year. The fabric committee are looking at a long-term solution to our heating needs. We continue to use a management company (Bricknells) to manage the maintenance of the building, liaising with the fabric committee, this year the cost of this service increased from £1,200 to £1,420.
3. **Manse costs**
Manse Costs for the period increased from £4,571 to £9,918. Major items were:
 - A new boiler - £2,350.
 - Fence repair and replacement - £1,070.
 - A repair to the drainage system (to prevent the garage flooding) - £1,960.Ardeen Road's contribution towards these costs was £2,960.
4. **Charity payments**
Our total giving to charities and other good causes was increased from £8,432 to £9,442, with our gifts to church charities slightly increased from £6,076 to £6,108. The total figure also includes a payment of £2,000 towards the fees for Alan Wood's ministry training, £1,000 of this was from a grant from Synod. (in last year's accounts).
5. **Activities**
Our expenditure on activities was £8,055, just £100 less than last year's figure.
6. **Office costs**
Office costs increased from £8,389 to £9,200 The largest single item being the salary of our administrator. The total also includes £2,315 for taxis, which, as noted above, was taken from the caring fund.
7. **Children's youth and families' workers**
The costs incurred here were £26,174 compared to £26,954 for last year. These figures are within our budget and within our funding grants and donations.

September 2024

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GENERAL FUND		
	1 July 2022 To 30-Jun-23	1 July 2023 To 30-Jun-24
RECEIPTS	£	£
Covid-19 Income		
Insured Losses	16,722	0
SUB-TOTAL (Covid Income)	16,722	0
Offerings		
Envelopes	45	0
Loose Offerings	4,865	4,948
Loose Offerings Gift Aid	1,530	2,980
Payments direct to bank	46,064	47,159
Offerings Income Tax recovered	20,395	11,104
SUB-TOTAL (Offerings)	72,899	66,191
Car Park	1,222	3,817
Catering Income		
Church Lunch	352	0
Other Income	100	38
Coffee Donation	406	465
SUB-TOTAL (Catering Income)	858	503
Cost Sharing Income – From Ardeen Road	1,415	2,960
Fund raising efforts for Church General Fund		
Christmas Fair	1,508	1,748
GASDS Tax Reclaim	2,460	1,301
General gifts		
Church Funds	20	672
Craft Group	50	0
Commissions	18	0
Church Funds - Income Tax	1,439	503
Funeral Donation	681	409
JG Taylor Trust	800	750
SUB-TOTAL (General Gifts)	3,008	2,334

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GENERAL FUND		
	1 July 2022 To 30-Jun-23	1 July 2023 To 30-Jun-24
RECEIPTS	£	£
Interest and Investment Income		
Interest on bank deposit accounts	2,189	4,453
Lettings	27,065	26,247
Specific Gifts / Grants		
Church charities (Including Tax Reclaimed)	2,008	4,314
Church Funds (23)- Little Princess Trust (24)	300	114
Caring Fund inc. Income Tax	2,671	1,650
Synod Grant - Ministry Training	0	170
Synod Grant - Capacity Grant	0	7,293
Alan Wood	1,000	0
Earthquake	701	0
Shoe Box Appeal	20	50
Ukraine	165	0
SUB-TOTAL (Specific Gifts)	6,865	13,591
Activities		
Big Day Out	1,100	0
Lydia Prayer & Gingerbread	366	0
Cheeky Chicks	1,357	1,352
Coronation Party (23)- Messy Church (24)	176	42
Holiday Club	99	310
Memory Lane Café inc. grants	961	743
Swanwick	4,714	24
Synod Residential	160	140
Pancake Party	4	0
SUB-TOTAL (Activities)	8,937	2,611
Youth & Family Worker		
Donations	600	1,100
Grants	20,000	27,180
Emmanuel Contribution	1,952	0
SUB-TOTAL (Youth & Family Worker)	22,552	28,280
TOTAL RECEIPTS	167,700	154,036

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GENERAL FUND		
	1 July 2022 To 30-Jun-23	1 July 2023 To 30-Jun-24
PAYMENTS	£	£
Mission and Ministry Expenditure		
Mission and Ministry Fund (inc. Synod Levy)	42,407	37,306
Visiting Preachers Fees	414	375
Minister's Car – Running Costs	301	286
Minister's Expenses (inc. Summer School)	909	461
Bible Study Material	-8	0
Devotional Sundries	238	74
Outreach	26	103
SUB-TOTAL (Mission & Ministry Costs)	44,287	38,605
Manse Costs		
Council Tax	2,460	2,568
Equipment - Security (24)	19	145
Water Rates	380	436
Telephone	761	653
Insurance	438	492
Repairs/Maintenance	513	5,624
SUB-TOTAL (Manse Costs)	4,571	9,918
Church Costs		
Light and Heat	4,936	5,747
Insurance	4,279	4,537
Water Rates	684	837
Cleaning	10,541	11,414
Hygiene Service	277	504
Maintenance	3,672	2,822
Decorating & Carpet Fitting (23) - Log Cabin (24)	2,070	316
Equipment & Electrical Work	4,364	5,527
Telephone - Pest Control (24)	60	378
Security	1,322	1,551
Solar Panel (23) - 5 Yearly Survey (24)	180	1,125
Service - Fire equipment	203	203
Gas heaters	1,537	3,520
Piano Tuning (23) - Audio System (24)	124	714
Handyman (23) - Plumbing (24)	1,300	864

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GENERAL FUND		
	1 July 2022 To 30-Jun-23	1 July 2023 To 30-Jun-24
PAYMENTS	£	£
Church Costs continued		
Gardening & Handyman	657	2,582
Management Fee	1,200	1,420
Commercial Waste	281	440
Miscellaneous	354	674
SUB-TOTAL (Church Costs)	38,041	45,175
Office Costs		
Office Admin	4,034	4,042
Photocopier	718	513
Printing and Stationery	1,063	865
Website	243	243
Taxis	1,205	2,315
Mobile Phones	363	561
Christmas Postcards (2023) - Training (24)	72	170
Licences	70	0
Payroll Services	368	335
Zoom (Covid exp. Prev. years)	144	156
DBS Check & Laminator	109	0
SUB-TOTAL (Office Costs)	8,389	9,200
Activities		
Away Weekend	300	3,742
Christmas Fair	227	125
Kids' Club & Hi 5, including Christingle	381	661
Holiday Club	221	317
Youth, Jump, Breathe Deep & Pancake Party	787	968
Messy Church, Café Church & Christmas Lights	183	381
Cheeky Chicks	932	773
Big Day Out	3,333	0
Ladies Activities	192	167
Coronation Tea	197	0
Memory Lane Café	1,150	722
Stag Festival	252	199
SUB-TOTAL (Activities)	8,155	8,055

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GENERAL FUND		
	1 July 2022 To 30-Jun-23	1 July 2023 To 30-Jun-24
PAYMENTS	£	£
Subscriptions	896	1,029
Bank Charges		
Monthly Fee (inc. other charges)	93	90
Specific gifts		
Church charities	6,076	6,108
Charity Event Catering Cost	84	334
Caring Fund	850	525
SUB-TOTAL (Specific Gifts)	7,010	6,967
Other Charities		
Alan Wood Training	0	2,000
Turkey / Syria Earthquake	1,051	0
Samaritan's purse	220	245
Charity Event	151	0
Little Princess Trust	0	230
SUB-TOTAL (Other Charities)	1,422	2,475
Catering Expenditure		
General Catering Expenditure	1,148	979
SUB-TOTAL (Catering Expenditure)	1,148	979
Youth Worker & Family Worker (Part)		
Office Costs	20	65
Salaries & Associated Costs	26,934	26,109
SUB-TOTAL (Youth & Family Worker)	26,954	26,174
TOTAL PAYMENTS	140,966	148,667

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	1 July 2022 To 30-Jun-23	1 July 2023 To 30-Jun-24
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS	£	£
TOTAL RECEIPTS (From Page 5)	167,700	154,036
LESS TOTAL PAYMENTS (from Page 8)	140,966	148,667
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	26,734	5,369
Balance at the beginning of the year	132,065	158,799
Balance at the end of the year	158,799	164,168

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 30 June 2024

The assets and liabilities at the end of the year (and comparative amounts for the previous year) were:

Assets	30 June 2023	30 June 2024
Bank and Cash Balances		
Reconciled Current Account Balance (CAF)	79,946	71,385
Deposit Account Balance (COIF)	78,853	89,171
Bank Balances	158,799	160,556
Less Un-presented cheques	0	0
Plus Cash in hand	0	3,612
Total	158,799	164,168

This total represents the balance of the general and restricted funds at the end of the year.

Other Assets:

- a) Church building, contents and other freehold premises at Wickersley Road, Rotherham
Valued for insurance at £2,385,255*
- b) Freehold property in 18 Gough Close, Rotherham used as a Manse
Valued for insurance at £ 484,051*


*These values were re-assessed in October 2021.

Liabilities

- a) Of our total bank & cash balance of **£164,168** we have restricted funds of **£36,057**
- b) Provision has been made for a Charitable Fund to aid District Churches £3,732


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Stephen Roth – Treasurer

15/9/24


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Mike Ede – Trustee

Date: September 2024

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**REPORT BY THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER TO THE MEMBERS OF HERRINGTHORPE UNITED
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I report on the members and trustees of Herringthorpe United Reformed Church on my examination of the accounts for the year ending 30 June 2024, which are set out on pages 1 to 10.

Responsibilities and basis of the report

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I report in respect of my examination of the Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 which give me cause to believe otherwise than that:

- the accounting records of the Church satisfy the requirements of section 130 of the Act and
- the accounts are in accordance 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 order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed *R.A. Millard*

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