

GRINDON CHURCH COMMUNITY PROJECT

England & Wales · Charity number 1189916

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2020-06-12

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES, TO FURTHER OR BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF GRINDON AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS, WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID RESIDENTS AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE RESIDENTS. IN FURTHERANCE OF THESE OBJECTS BUT NOT OTHERWISE, THE TRUSTEES SHALL HAVE POWER: TO ESTABLISH OR SECURE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMUNITY CENTRE AND TO MAINTAIN OR MANAGE OR CO-OPERATE WITH ANY STATUTORY AUTHORITY IN THE MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF SUCH A CENTRE FOR ACTIVITIES PROMOTED BY THE CHARITY IN FURTHERANCE OF THE ABOVE OBJECTS.

Activities: Grindon Church Community Project is a charity which supports residents of Grindon and surrounding areas, of all or no faith to engage with their community, find support when in need, engage in creative and physical activities, and to volunteer. We are based in a building with two fully accessible halls and community gardens which include orchards and vegetable plots.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Sunderland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£82,871	£67,450	-	-
2023-12-31	£65,297	£68,674	-	-
2022-12-31	£45,132	£36,814	-	-
2021-12-31	£52,101	£48,538	-	-
2020-12-31	£53,236	£38,917	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Barbara Mary Mitchell		2020-10-10
JoAnne Nelson		2020-06-12
Linda Hudson		2020-06-12
Mavis Cathrine Whiteoak		2020-06-12
Phillip James Gibbs		2024-10-12
Thomas Hudson		2020-06-12
Tracy Berry		2022-01-12

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Grindon Church Community Project: Trustees' Report

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Introduction

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Practical and emotional support for our community

During 2024 discussions continued with the URC Northern Synod to consolidate the work of GCCP CIO with the needs and requirements of the community in west Sunderland and surrounding areas, and our user groups at present and into the future and a favourable resolution is expected early in 2025.

In partnership with United Reformed Church Northern Synod we have been supported by Alison Dalton, the Church Related Community Worker at Stockton Road URC, who provide spiritual leadership as in previous years. Rev Dr David Whiting, a retired minister and a trustee of GCCP provided spiritual oversight.

Phil Gibbs, our voluntary mental health counsellor, continued to help and support people within GCCP and the wider community.

With the support of the Tom Cowie Foundation we continued to run a Crisis Food Bank, which also provides non-food items including domestic and personal hygiene products to those in acute need.

Building and Facilities Improvements

Our premises are provided rent-free by the United Reformed Church Northern Synod Trust. Work to improve the building and grounds has continued during 2024. All floor coverings and lighting systems have been updated, and improvements to other rooms continue.

We have continued to increase our use of IT systems and have improved business efficiency. A newly-recruited volunteer runs training sessions for local people who do not have internet access and/or expertise.

User Groups

Our premises continue to be used by a wide range of groups, and 2024 saw our user and visitor numbers grow again to a level equal to those in years affected by the pandemic lockdown. We continue to developing partnerships and initiatives with arts and performance organisations throughout the region, and enjoy the creative opportunities provided for our users in the Sunderland community. Of particular note was a visiting exhibition and workshop provided by the National Gallery, with the support of Sunderland Cultural Spring.

Amongst other groups based at GCCP the Grindon Painters Art Group has mounted exhibitions of their work, the Pantastic Community Steel Band performs across the region, as does the Sunderland Jubilate! Choir. We continue to support community groups such as these in any way we can, including preferential room rates, publicity and equipment storage space, and signposting them to potential funding.

Our Parents & Toddlers Group continued to flourish, attracting families from well outside the Grindon area in addition to local people.

The Craft & Natter Group and Men's Group started in 2023 with the aim of reducing social isolation meet weekly and have attracted members signposted by NHS Social Prescribing and mental health groups.

Our gardens remain an attractive feature of GCCP, and we hope to enter Britain in Bloom again in the near future, a competition in which we were successful some years ago. Of some concern is the difficulty of attracting and retaining volunteers to work the gardens, although we have benefitted and enjoyed visits by employees of local businesses who have taken part in team-building events centred on the gardens. We have obtained grant funding to support the garden developments.

Funding

The greater part of our funding is from grant applications, which continue to be made. We receive a three-year grant of £19,000 from the National Lottery Community Fund, towards core costs, administrative costs, the provision of a caretaker and utility bills, and other activities are being developed.

Much of the user group activity is funded by grants, and we help groups to apply for funding. Some of this income to the groups is transmitted to GCCP in the form of room rental fees, which contribute to the costs of maintaining our services to the community. We have managed to hold our room rental rates without increase for another year, which is an added attraction to new groups and the retention of existing ones.

Challenges

Much of our work continues to be carried out by volunteers, largely trustees and their family members, with the support of our paid workers who also carry out voluntary work in their own time. The average age of the trustees is over 60, and some are becoming less able to carry out practical jobs.

The availability of volunteers from local employers is falling due to the current economic climate.

We are fortunate to have grant funding for many of our core costs, but this is time-limited and our field of potential grant providers offering core funding is limited.

M. C. Whitehead
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Trustee

Dated *21/10/25*
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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Grindon Church Community Project

No. 1189916

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01 January 2024	To	Period end date 31 December 2024
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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					
Grants	5,115	31,430	-	36,545	23,740
NLCF Grant	-	30,524	-	30,524	29,147
Donations	2,618	-	-	2,618	2,545
Fundraising	5,229	-	-	5,229	3,832
Hall Hire	7,893	-	-	7,893	5,988
Investment Income	62	-	-	62	45
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	20,917	61,954	-	82,871	65,297
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	20,917	61,954	-	82,871	65,297
A3 Payments					
Charitable Activities	1,347	17,492	-	18,839	17,999
Utilities & Insurance	3,089	10,344	-	13,433	10,197
Repairs & Maintenance	2,654	16,323	-	18,977	24,915
Administration	1,809	14,392	-	16,201	15,563
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	8,899	58,551	-	67,450	68,674
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	8,899	58,551	-	67,450	68,674
Net of receipts/(payments)	12,018	3,403	-	15,421	- 3,377
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	32,532	5,135	-	37,667	41,044
Cash funds this year end	44,550	8,538	-	53,088	37,667

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	Treasurer's Account	44,550	3,311	-
	Reserve Account		5,227	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	44,550	8,538	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Grindon Church Community Project
Charity No. 1189916**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Grindon Church Community Project (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity 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 Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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.

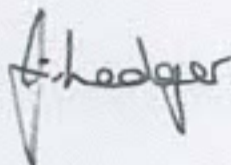
Independent examiner's statement

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 Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. 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.

Signed:



Name: Jeff Ledger

Qualification: Chartered Certified Accountant

Address: 56 Belle Vue Park West, Sunderland, SR2 7SB

Date: 30 October 2025

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TRUSTEES REPORT GRINDON CHURCH COMMUNITY PROJECT CIO 2023

Introduction

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Discussions are taking place with the URC Northern Synod to consolidate the work of GCCP CIO with the needs and requirements of the community in west Sunderland and surrounding areas, and our user groups at present and into the future. Initial discussions are encouraging and we hope to reach a favourable resolution in 2024.

Practical and emotional support for our community

In partnership with United Reformed Church Northern Synod we have been able to draw on the support of Alison Dalton, Church Related Community Worker at

Stockton Road URC, who has agreed to contribute to providing spiritual leadership as she has during 2022. Rev Dr David Whiting, a retired minister and previous trustee of GCCP has agreed to provide spiritual oversight.

In a new initiative we were pleased to welcome Phil Gibbs, an experienced and fully qualified mental health counsellor who helps people within GCCP and the wider community on a voluntary basis.

During the recent public health and economic problems faced by the whole country we have provided Warm Spaces for local people, we run a Crisis Food Bank, which also provides non-food items including domestic and personal hygiene products to those in acute need.

Building and Facilities Improvements

Our premises are provided rent-free by the United Reformed Church Northern Synod Trust. Work to update and improve the building and grounds has continued during 2023. Work to improve the external structure and appearance of the building has been carried out, and welcomed by our neighbours. Replacement of floor coverings and lighting systems has been completed, and improvements to other rooms continue. Future projects include the updating of the main kitchen to modern standards, installation of improved heating systems in the main rooms and a fire alarm system, for which price quotations have been sought, and applications have been for grant finance to cover the capital costs.

Improvements to our IT systems continue, with the aim of improving business efficiency, and provision of training and resources for those without internet access and/or expertise.

User Groups

Footfall continues to improve with the formation of new groups and increases in attendance of existing ones. We are developing partnerships with arts and performance organisations throughout the region, and we enjoy the creative opportunities we can share and expand.

Following the success of our Marras Drama Group it has relocated to the Theatrespace collective in Sunderland where more space and resources are available; we retain a close link with Marras and contribute to some of their activities.

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Our Parents & Toddlers Group continues to flourish, attracting families from well outside the Grindon area in addition to local members.

New groups started during 2023 included a Craft & Natter Group and a Men's Group, each aimed at reducing social isolation in the local area. Referrals to these have been made by NHS Social Prescribing and mental health groups, in addition to recommendations arising from our outreach into our community.

Our gardens remain an attractive feature of GCCP, and we plan to enter Britain in Bloom again in the near future, a competition in which we were successful some years ago. We need to increase the number of volunteers working in the gardens this year, and are seeking grant funding to support the garden developments.

Funding

The greater part of our funding is from grant applications, which continue to be made. We receive a three-year grant of £19,000 from the National Lottery Community Fund, towards core costs, administrative costs, the provision of a caretaker and utility bills. Other activities are being developed with funding help from the same source and other grant-givers at national and local levels.

Much of the user group activity is funded by grants, and we help groups to apply for funding. Some of this income to the groups is transmitted to GCCP in the form of room rental fees, which contribute to the costs of maintaining our services to the community. We have managed to hold our room rental rates without increase for another year, which is an added attraction to new groups and the retention of existing ones.

Safeguarding

Many of our users are from vulnerable groups, ranging from young children (some with learning difficulties) to adults with physical, mental; health or social problems. Everything we do is centred around protecting our users, volunteers and staff. All staff and appropriate volunteers are DBS cleared, and records kept of renewal dates.

Safeguarding is a standard agenda item at all trustee meetings; all appropriate people undergo safeguarding training which is carried out by an outside specialist provider, who also conducts audits and inspections of our procedures and practices.

Challenges

During the Covid-19 restrictions we lost a number of volunteers who have been difficult to replace and, on a positive note, one young volunteer has moved into well-paid full-time employment following a period at GCCP where we helped her to develop her self confidence. The volunteers we have, largely from our trustee group, have an average

age of the trustees is over 60, and some are less able to carry out practical jobs than previously. We link up with local employers to provide a venue for employees to take part in team-building days, and in the past we have benefited from their efforts, largely in the gardens, but the availability of this type of volunteer is falling due to the current economic climate.

We continue to offer a welcoming experience to everyone who contacts us, and make it possible for them to connect with spiritual as well as practical help, if that is their wish. Some of our volunteers lack the training and experience to deal with all aspects of the problems people present: goodwill and common-sense go a long way but self-confidence in handling difficult situations can be a problem which can cloud the mind of volunteers, demonstrating a need for some training.

We are fortunate to have grant funding for many of our core costs, but this is time-limited and our field of potential grant providers offering core funding is limited. We have been reasonably successful up to now, and the challenge to repeat these successes is constantly in the minds of our trustees.

John Whiteoak,

Chairman, Trustees, Grindon Church

Community Project CIO



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Grindon Church Community Project

No. 1189916

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period
from

Period start date
01 January 2023

To

Period end date
31 December 2023

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					
Grants	7,717	16,023	-	23,740	18,972
NLCF Grant	-	29,147	-	29,147	9,650
Donations	2,545	-	-	2,545	6,037
Fundraising	3,832	-	-	3,832	1,690
Hall Hire	5,988	-	-	5,988	3,780
Investment Income	45	-	-	45	3
Legacies	-	-	-	-	5,000
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	20,127	45,170	-	65,297	45,132
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	20,127	45,170	-	65,297	45,132
A3 Payments					
Charitable Activities	2,523	15,476	-	17,999	9,951
Utilities & Insurance	2,667	7,530	-	10,197	4,761
Repairs & Maintenance	2,775	22,140	-	24,915	9,674
Administration	6,378	9,185	-	15,563	12,428
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	14,343	54,331	-	68,674	36,814
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	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	14,343	54,331	-	68,674	36,814
Net of receipts/(payments)	5,784	- 9,161	-	- 3,377	8,318
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	26,748	14,296	-	41,044	32,726
Cash funds this year end	32,532	5,135	-	37,667	41,044

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	Treasurer's Account	32,502	-	-
	Reserve Account	30	5,135	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	32,532	5,135	-
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Date: October 2024

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GRINDON CHURCH COMMUNITY PROJECT CIO

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/01/2022 Period start date To 31/12/2022 Period end date

Charity name: Grindon Church Community Project CIO

Charity registration number: 1189916

Objectives and Activities

Objects:- In accordance with Christian principles, to further or benefit the residents of Grindon and the surrounding areas, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents. In furtherance of these objects but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power: to establish or secure the establishment of a community centre and to maintain or manage or co-operate with any statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre for activities promoted by the charity in furtherance of the above objects.

Activities:-

Grindon Church Community Project is a charity which supports residents of Grindon and surrounding areas, of all or no faith to engage with their community, find support when in need, engage in creative and physical activities, and to volunteer. We are based in a building with two fully accessible halls and community gardens which include orchards and vegetable plots.

The Charity responds to stated and perceived needs of the local Community to provide a safe, warm welcoming space with associated provision of activities and support services e.g. crisis food support, counselling, spiritual support, activities to reduce social isolation, promote social cohesion and basic learning of life skills. Whenever possible activities are provided at a low cost or no cost level to eliminate financial discrimination as families and individuals of all ages suffer under the Cost of Living Crisis. Opportunities for healthy activities such as gardening, physical exercise and musical skills have been made available through grant funding from external sources e.g. National Lottery Community Fund, Sunderland City Council Covid Recovery, Resilience and Warm Spaces funding. Pilot schemes e.g. Craft Tasters build on successes to become sustainable bringing lasting support and friendships.

Those seeking spiritual support from the Mission Project have been referred to the appropriate URC Northern Synod representative whether that has been a Minister or Church Related Community Worker based locally.

The inhouse mental health Counselling offer has seen an increase in demand working with those who present with anxiety, grief issues, depression or complex mental health issues. This is an open access offering from an experienced and fully qualified Counsellor on a self-referral basis and is filling a gap in provision recognised both locally and nationally. It is available to staff, volunteers and Project users as well as drop-ins and is available to the Project on an expenses only basis.

Statement on Public Benefit:-

The Trustees have continued to give full regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. All activity is for the public benefit within Grindon and the surrounding areas.

Contribution made by Volunteers:-

Volunteering is at the very core of our work with the majority of people involved in delivery and day to day running of the Project being volunteers. We actively encourage volunteering by those seeking to return to employment, recovering from mental ill health, grief or coping with long term illness, disability or discrimination. Their input is always valued and respected as we support them in their journey to increased self-confidence and self-worth. Social Prescribing have referred clients to us as volunteers, as have local Autistic Colleges, Occupational Health services and the DWP. Several Volunteers have gone on to employment.

Achievements in 2022:-

Strongly guiding users of the Project to recycle, upcycle, re-use and revive rather than discard or replace. Highlighting environmental reasons as well as cost effects. Our Greenhearts movement began within the Project where this is one of our core principles and expanded to recycling schemes for batteries, clothing etc. School uniform swaps etc. and suggesting more environmentally friendly alternatives. Many users are now regular participants in this.

The Project has worked hard at making Arts and Culture available to all regardless of income or social status using drama, art (using a wide range of financially accessible media) and the chance to create within our buildings and gardens.

We have offered mental health support, volunteering opportunities, exercise and healthy eating, basic family skills in danger of being lost (cooking for one, family cooking, basic sewing and mending)

Following the Covid 19 crisis and its longer term effects such as social isolation, loss of family interactions and community networks we have made an effort to restore these through activities involving all ages. Progress has been slow and even by the end of 2022 the situation has not returned to pre-covid levels. The footfall for the whole project was beginning to reach pre-covid levels at December 2022 and some groups began to flourish but the Cost of Living Crisis also affected the abilities for families who had not previously struggled to afford normal living expenses. By keeping our offerings affordable we have helped towards our goals e.g. The Toddler Group has become a lively expanding group where multi generational families and little ones born during Covid can socialise and develop social skills. By being offered healthy snacks and a warm space the help we provide has varied benefits.

From October 2022 we have received substantial funding from the National Lottery Community Fund, which has enabled us to expand our offer of support to members of the local community. This involved an increase in the need for admin work, and we have several people carry this out on a part time basis. They are members of the local community and they are receiving training as part of their work which is increasing their job skills and potential value in future employment.

Financial Review :-

On 31 December 2022 GCCP held £41044, a substantial increase over the previous year. This was due mainly to two factors: 2021's figures had been adversely affected by the Covid 19 pandemic, which saw our activities being massively reduced, and secondly during 2022 we began to receive funding from the National Lottery Community Fund to increase our work with people badly affected by the cost of living crisis. During 2022 we received £9650 from the NLCF and spent £4479, carrying forward £5171 to continuing activities for those people during 2023. We expect this pattern of grant aid and expenditure to continue into 2024.

In these times of varying utilities and insurance costs it has been important to maintain a reserve sufficient to cushion GCCP against price inflation, and our aim is to have six months expected expenditure in reserve, which in 2022 terms would be £7400. At 31 December 2022 our reserve was £5070, and we aim to reach £7400 during 2023. Meanwhile we are continually vigilant in controlling our spending, especially on overheads.

The Project's principal sources of funds are external Grants for specific projects and Core funding, donations, fundraising and room hire.

Reserves:-

We endeavour to hold six months operating costs as a reserve. Sudden increases in fuel costs continue to put pressure on the need to review the situation constantly.

At the end of December 2022 our reserves stood at £5.070 and were under review as stated in the Financial review above.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governance document:	Constitution
Charitable Status :	CIO
Selection of Trustees:	Trustees are selected taking into account the skills need of a balanced Trustee body and honouring the requirements of up to four members of the Northern Synod of the URC in its numbers.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Grindon Church Community Project CIO
Registered charity number	1189916
Charity's principal address	Grindon Church Community Project Galway Road Grindon Sunderland SR4 8JZ

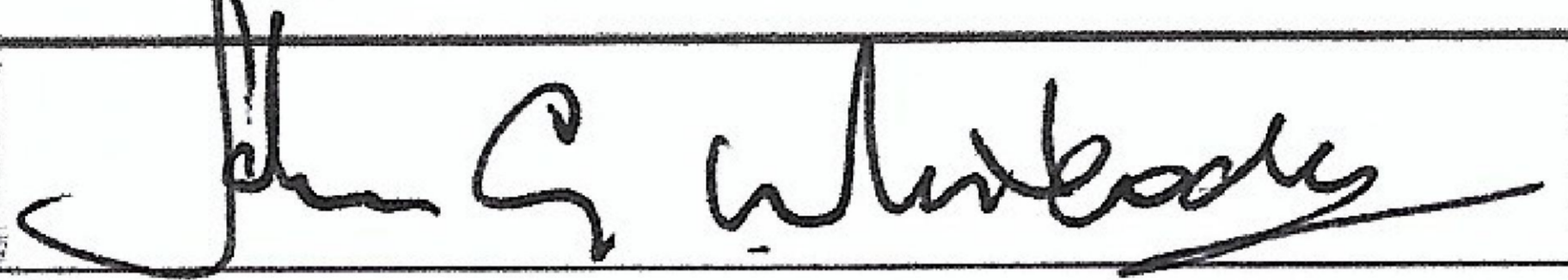
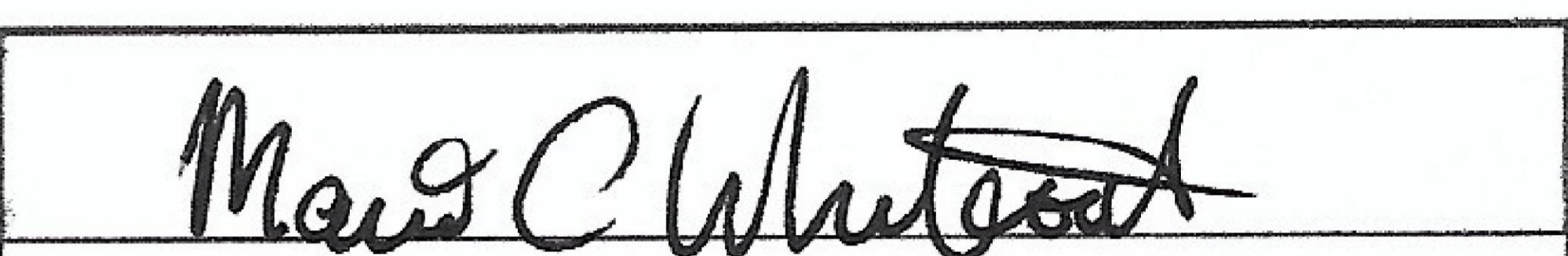
Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

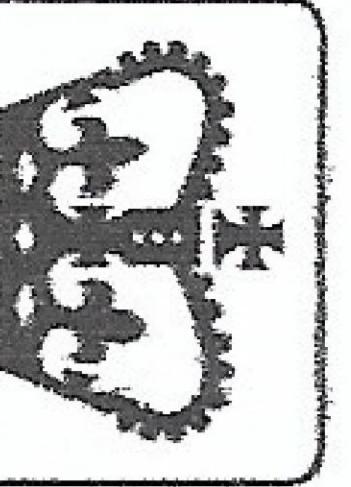
	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	John Whiteoak	Chairman		
2	Mavis Whiteoak	Secretary to Trustees		
3	Tom Hudson			
4	Linda Hudson			
5	Barbara Mitchell			
6	JoAnne Nelson			
7	Tracy Berry			
8	Corinne Kilvington			
9	Rev Peter Moth			

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)	JOHN GRAHAM WHITEOAK	MAVIS CATHERINE WHITEOAK
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman of Trustees	Secretary to the Trustees
Date	19 October 2013	



CHARITY COMMISSION
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Grindon Church Community Project

No. 1189916

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01 January 2022		31 December 2022

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £

A1 Receipts

Grants	10,460	8,512	-	18,972	40,529
NLCF Grant	-	9,650	-	9,650	-
Donations	6,037	-	-	6,037	7,607
Fundraising	1,690	-	-	1,690	367
Hall Hire	3,780	-	-	3,780	3,597
Investment Income	3	-	-	3	1
Legacies	5,000	-	-	5,000	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	26,970	18,162	-	45,132	52,101

A2 Asset and Investment sales, (see table).

	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	26,970	18,162	-	45,132	52,101

A3 Payments

Charitable Activities	4,239	5,712	-	9,951	13,404
Utilities & Insurance	4,761	-	-	4,761	4,842
Repairs & Maintenance	2,509	7,165	-	9,674	18,956
Administration	7,489	4,939	-	12,428	11,336
	-	-	-	-	-

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	Treasurer's Account	21,678	14,246	-
	Reserve Account	5,070	-	-
	Community Chest/SIB	-	10	-
	Garden	-	10	-
	Digital Skills	-	10	-
	SpaceHive/UFO/Art	-	10	-
	Synod Grant Account	-	10	-
	Total cash funds	26,748	14,296	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
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)
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-

	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	18,998	17,816	-	36,814	48,538

A4 Asset and Investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

Total payments	18,998	17,816	-	36,814	48,538
Net of receipts/(payments)	7,972	346	-	8,318	3,563
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	18,776	13,950	-	32,726	29,163
Cash funds this year end	26,748	14,296	-	41,044	32,726

GRINDON CHURCH COMMUNITY PROJECT

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Trustees Report – Year end 31st Dec 2021

Grindon Church Community Project CIO, Galway Road, Grindon, Sunderland, SR4 8JZ

Charity Number 1189916

2021 was another year dominated by Covid-19, and many activities and meetings were reduced or terminated by user groups which had the effects of greatly reducing footfall, building usage and our rental income. Towards the end of the year it became possible for people to meet in public and footfall began to increase, but are still not as it was in 2019.

The membership of the Trustees Board remained unchanged throughout the year.

Improvements to our premises continued throughout the 2021, thanks to funding received from grants and donations (A1 receipts – grants), and the efforts of our volunteers and staff. These will continue over the next couple of years with the aim of completely updating the premises to current standards and the requirements of our users. Grant funding over the course of the year allowed us to do a great range of things:

Cultural Spring funding allowed us to create winter craft packs which were distributed to community members, group participants and local people in need and through workshops.

Garfield Western funding supported our Admin Staff hours (A1 receipts – restricted funds, A3 Admin restricted funds), and core costs such as utilities, insurances etc

Sir Tom Cowey funding enabled our Winter Woollies campaign which provided a set including Hat, Scarf, Gloves, Wellies for children who need them.

Comic Relief /Ground Works project funding paid for the scrap of land at the side of the building to be cleared and made into the Toddlers Garden, provided outdoor toys and equipment and toddlers' sessions for first term

Sunderland Council funding in the Winter resilience project created craft packs, an outdoor Christmas event, provisions of re-useable nappies and sanitary products.

Food parcel support – included food bags, non-food bags and Tesco and Asda vouchers to those in need.

The building is the property of the United Reformed Church Northern Synod Trust, to whom we are grateful for the rent-free use of the premises. With their permission we rent rooms and other facilities to local small businesses including start-ups, other charities, church groups, choirs and orchestras, and other cultural, creative and artistic groups (A1 receipts – hall hire). Our community garden continues to be a popular facility used and enjoyed by our members and produces fruit and vegetables for sale and internal use. We hosted groups such as Toddlers groups, painting classes, exercise classes, amateur dramatics, amongst volunteering events and other community events as well as supporting

food bank provision and sign posting those in need to services which they needed help to access.

We take this opportunity to thank all the people who contribute their time, physical labour and donations to support GCCP – Trustees, staff, our volunteers, one of whom I want to make special mention of, Bethany, a young lady who was referred to us from a job seeking programme. She blossomed in our garden, and has recently left us to begin work in the care sector. We hope to continue helping people to gain confidence and experience as Bethany and others have.



CHARITY COMMISSION
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Grindon Church Community Project

No. 1189916

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date ###	To	Period end date ###
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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 £
A1 Receipts				
Grants	20,420	20,109	-	40,529
Donations	7,607	-	-	7,607
Fundraising	367	-	-	367
Hall Hire	3,597	-	-	3,597
Investment Income	1	-	-	1
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	31,992	20,109	-	52,101
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	31,992	20,109	-	52,101
A3 Payments				
Charitable Activities	3,656	9,748	-	13,404
Utilities & Insurance	1,096	3,746	-	4,842
Repairs & Maintenance	10,366	8,590	-	18,956
Administration	7,236	4,100	-	11,336
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	22,354	26,184	-	48,538
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total payments	22,354	26,184	-	48,538
Net of receipts/(payments)	9,638	- 6,075	-	3,563
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	9,138	20,025	-	29,163
Cash funds this year end	18,776	13,950	-	32,726

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Treasurer's Account	12,907	13,900
	Reserve Account	5,869	-
	Community Chest/SIB	-	10
	Garden	-	10
	Digital Skills	-	10
	SpaceHive/UFO/Art	-	10
	Synod Grant Account	-	10
	Total cash funds		18,776
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-
		-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
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			-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
			-
			-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
			-
			-
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	

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Last year

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**Endowment funds
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Date of approval

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Grindon Church Community Project

Charity No. 1189916

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Grindon Church Community Project (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity 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 Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 Charity 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: Jeff Ledger

Qualification: Chartered Certified Accountant

Address: 56 Belle Vue Park West, Sunderland, SR2 7SB

Date: 21 October 2021

GRINDON CHURCH COMMUNITY PROJECT

England & Wales - Charity number 1189916

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month 01	Year 2020		Day 31	Month 12	Year 2020

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name Grindon Church Community Project CIO

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1189916

Charity's principal address

Grindon Church Community Project, Galway Road,
Grindon
Sunderland
Postcode SR4 8JZ

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	Rev. Dr. David Whiting	Chair		
2	Miss J Buckle	Treasurer		
3	Mrs M C Whiteoak	Secretary		
4	Mr J G Whiteoak	Vice Chair		
5	Mrs J A Nelson			
6	Mr T Hudson			
7	Mrs L Hudson			
8	Mrs C Ritson			
9	Miss B Mitchell		From September 2020	
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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

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document <i>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</i>	Constitution
How the charity is constituted <i>(eg. trust, association, company)</i>	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods <i>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</i>	Appointed by Trustees – usually co-opted and confirmed at next Annual General Meeting.

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.

No serious incidents have occurred during the period covered by this report.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

The Objects of the Charity are to:

- Enable and promote access to the arts, sports, gardening, performance, volunteering, community development, training, and other such wellbeing activities, as well as provide faith support to benefit the inhabitants of Grindon and the surrounding areas without distinction of gender, sexual orientation, nationality, age, disability, race and/or ethnic origin, or of political, religious or other opinions, by associating together the said inhabitants and the

statutory authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance wellbeing and education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation, leisure-time occupation, and worship with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants;

- b) Maintain the physical buildings of and access for the community to a community centre (hereinafter called "the Centre") (whether alone or in co-operation with any local authority or other person or body) in furtherance of these objects;
- c) promote such other charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined by the trustees and management committee in advancement of these objects.

Although the project is established in accordance with Christian principles. It is open and available to people of all faiths or none. It shall not be aligned with any political party.

With regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit the following activities have been undertaken:

Provision of a Community Centre as a focus for the activities of groups and a focus for the support of people in the local area and further afield.

This support includes practical help in the form of food and clothing banks, advice sessions and signposting to sources of further help, especially in the current pandemic where peoples needs may change unexpectedly and rapidly.

Support groups were given space free of charge to enable attendance by those on limited income.

Providing a welcoming safe place in which to be, to reduce social isolation, to learn and improve health and mental wellbeing.

Where possible reducing social isolation, encouraging physical activity, provision of welfare and activities to promote mental health and wellbeing were continued remotely where needed and socially distanced when allowed.

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)

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.

During the pandemic and subsequent lockdowns we were unable to open the premises to the public but Trustees and a small group of volunteers were able to arrange and provide practical support to members of our community and user groups. This included team members (mostly volunteers) working remotely and using digital means to connect and provide group and one to one support.

When permitted we welcomed new volunteers to be part of the work here and many benefitted from being able to reconnect with others when the rules allowed.

The Charity's practical work is primarily run by volunteers at all times and this did not change during the restrictions.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

2020 was an extremely challenging year as all of our User groups had to cancel meetings for months on end. During the period between lockdowns we supported several groups who wished to begin meeting again in smaller numbers with social distancing and good sanitisation provision and cleaning processes to Local Government required standards.

Our volunteers ensured we adhering to all Covid19 rules throughout the year, making modifications to the building, its use and providing equipment and materials necessary to keep everyone safe.

Our contribution to the welfare of the community increased over this time and more campaigns to protect the environment and maintain sustainability were developed to be extended to encourage the community in these areas.

Recent indications are that we are maintain and building back to pre-Covid levels of support and activity in more recent times.

Section E**Financial review****Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

We endeavour to maintain an operating reserve of 6 months core expenditure in accordance with Charity Commission advice, but the reduced level of income during Covid19 has eroded that figure of late. We plan to restore the reserve level during 2021-2022

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

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.

An internal financial review is planned to be carried out at the beginning of the next financial year i.e. 2021.

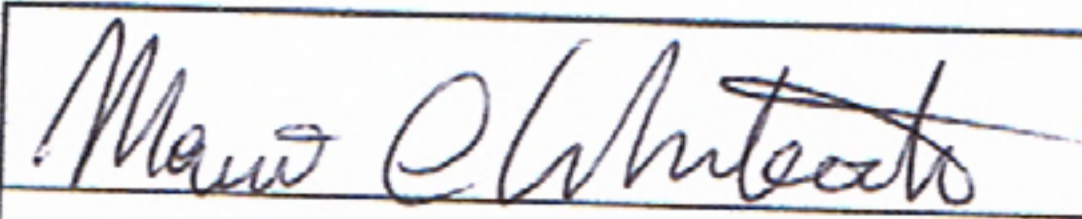
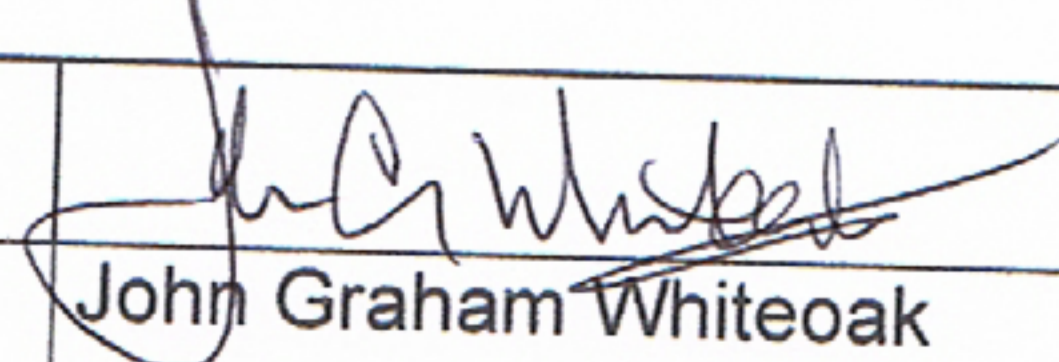
Section F**Other optional information**

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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)	Mavis Cathrine Whiteoak	John Graham Whiteoak
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	Vice Chair
Date	30/11/2021	



CHARITY COMMISSION
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Grindon Church Community Project No. **1189916**

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date ###	To	Period end date ###
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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 £
A1 Receipts				
Grants	27,299	20,366	-	47,665
Donations	1,870	-	-	1,870
Fundraising	253	-	-	253
Hall Hire	3,443	-	-	3,443
Investment Income	5	-	-	5
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	32,870	20,366	-	53,236
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	32,870	20,366	-	53,236
A3 Payments				
Charitable Activities	2,781	7,416	-	10,197
Utilities & Insurance	4,783	1,646	-	6,429
Cleaning & Maintenance	10,736	2,946	-	13,682
Administration	8,609	-	-	8,609
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Sub total	26,909	12,008	-	38,917
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total payments	26,909	12,008	-	38,917
Net of receipts/(payments)	5,961	8,358	-	14,319
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	3,177	11,667	-	14,844
Cash funds this year end	9,138	20,025	-	29,163

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Treasurer's Account	1,376	-
	Reserve Account	7,762	
	Community Chest/SIB	-	598
	Garden		2,344
	Digital Skills	-	991
	SpaceHive/UFO/Art	-	7,130
	Synod Grant Account	-	8,962
		Total cash funds	9,138
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-
		-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
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			-
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			-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
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			-
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	

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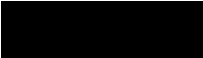
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Date of approval

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Grindon Church Community Project Charity No. 1189916

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Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Ledger". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

Name: Jeff Ledger

Qualification: Chartered Certified Accountant

Address: 56 Belle Vue Park West, Sunderland, SR2 7SB

Date: 30 November 2021