



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date Period end date
 From Day Month Year To Day Month Year
 01 04 2021 31 03 2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Verwood Road Evangelical Chapel

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1190160

Charity's principal address Verwood Road, Three Legged Cross, Dorset

Postcode BH21 6RW

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	Jeremy Whiteley	Elder, Treasurer		
2	Grant Spratley	Pastor		
3	Malcolm Smith	Elder		
4	Malcolm Willis	Elder		
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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
n/a	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
n/a		

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

Grant Spratley (Pastor)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	CIO – association
How the charity is constituted	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods	Appointed by existing Trustees, subject to the approval of members

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.

The CIO was registered in 2020, and was live from 1st July 2021. Prior to that the church operated as a Charitable Unincorporated Association.

The church building and land was transferred from a previous building trust into the CIO at the end of the financial year 2021/22.

The church is part of the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC).

Section C Objectives and activities

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

1. The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith, primarily but not exclusively within Three Legged Cross, Verwood and the surrounding areas
2. Such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the charity trustees, put into practice the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith

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)

During 2021/22 we re-opened activities following the lifting of the significant COVID restrictions. We restarted the majority of our regular meetings, which are open to everyone to attend.

Our Sunday services attract around 30-35 people in the mornings and 20-25 in the evenings.

Alongside our Sunday morning services we run S-Club for children.

Midweek we run a series of meetings aimed at different people and needs:

Tuesdays – “Right Steps” seated exercise programme

Prayer meeting

Thursdays – “AllSorts” parents and toddler group

We run ad-hoc activities during the year specifically for people interested in finding out about the Christian faith, including “Hope Explored”.

In addition to our scheduled activities, we provide pastoral care and discipleship for both members and attendees, often for ongoing needs.

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.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Our biggest challenge has been restarting our activities after lockdown. We have been strategic about which ministries to restart to ensure that the activities we do are sustainable and that we are able to do them well.

During lockdown we have maintained services and prayer meetings online. All our other activities were stopped. We were extra cautious because we were keen to look after our people and to be a good witness/example to our community. We have followed government guidelines and restarted activity when permitted.

Both morning and evening services are better attended than before lockdown. This has been a huge encouragement for us all. We have worked our way through books of the Bible. We have installed a new sound desk and other technical equipment which has improved our online presence and made live services available to those unable to attend. It has been a huge blessing to grow our music ministry team and to have live music again. We have recently restarted serving tea and coffee after services which helps things feel like they are getting back to normal.

Prayer meetings are always well attended and we are glad to be back meeting in person.

In September we started the following activities...

1. SClub is our Sunday School for primary children. We have an excellent team of 4 teachers and 4 helpers. We have anything between 2 and 12 children attending. The children love SClub.
2. All Sorts is a mums and toddlers group. This has been very popular in the community and fills a real need. We regularly get around 15 adults. The team works hard at providing an excellent and friendly service to the adults and the children. The team have had good opportunities to speak to the adults about church and give support in life issues. Each week consists of singing, crafts, Bible story, toys and recently have started outdoor water play.
3. Right Steps is a seated fitness group for those that are less mobile. Each week they are given exercises by a fully trained and experienced professional. They also get a short Bible message and stay for tea and coffee afterwards.

In January we ran two Hope Explored courses for guests to find out more about the Christian faith.

We have started a Ladies Book club and they are starting their third book. They have a good time in fellowship and discussion after most of them have read the book. The ladies have also had one or two socials at the local restaurants.

The men had a curry evening and got together to watch the FA Cup final.

This year Grant has also had the opportunity to restart visiting schools and leading assemblies.

3 people made professions of faith during the year, each with longstanding connections with the church.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The CIO policy is to hold a minimum of 3 months operating costs as an operational reserve.

In addition to the operating reserve, the church has sufficient reserves to support a Pastor for the medium term.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

We have a planned income to expenditure deficit for the year, due to the expense of housing our pastor. This is reviewed annually, and is covered by our reserves – as at March 2022 we held a £98,752 cash reserve.

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.

The operation of the church, including the salary and benefits package for the pastor, is met by voluntary giving from members and attendees of the church.

Section F



Other optional information

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)	Grant Spratley	Jeremy Whiteley
Position	Pastor, Trustee	Elder, Trustee
Date	4.07.2022	04/07/2022

VERWOOD ROAD EVANGELICAL CHAPEL C.I.O

ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Charity number: 1190160

Company reference: CE022336

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	2022	2022	2021
	Restricted	£ Unrestricted	£
Income			
Offerings and donations	1,600	41,065	39,165
Solar Farm Grant	5,000	-	-
Bank interest	-	10	6
	<u>6,600</u>	<u>41,075</u>	<u>39,171</u>
Expenditure			
Wages and salaries		23,829	22,790
Manse expense		17,535	12,967
Pastors removal costs		-	2,270
Visiting preachers		1,280	630
Mission	100	400	-
Repairs and maintenance		1,656	315
Books		252	203
Childrens ministry and Allsorts		243	-
Printing, stationery and telephone		1,092	551
Light, heat and water		2,295	1,959
CCLI licences		244	244
Car park rental		550	-
Miscellaneous		945	304
Insurance		849	1,629
Church worker		1,000	3,000
Legal fees		2,850	2,020
FIEC membership		967	900
Depreciation	2,163	122	-
	<u>2,263</u>	<u>56,109</u>	<u>49,782</u>
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	<u>4,337</u>	<u>(15,034)</u>	<u>(10,611)</u>
Exceptional item			
Transfer of property from property trust		<u>672,080</u>	

VERWOOD ROAD EVANGELICAL CHAPEL C.I.O
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021
FIXED ASSETS		724,638	47,920
Current assets			
Debtors	3	4,226	4,321
Cash at bank and in hand	4	<u>98,752</u>	<u>113,103</u>
		102,978	117,424
Creditors:			
Amounts falling due within one year	5	(1,777)	(888)
Net current assets		<u>101,201</u>	<u>116,536</u>
Total assets		<u><u>825,839</u></u>	<u><u>164,456</u></u>
Reserves	8	<u><u>825,839</u></u>	<u><u>164,456</u></u>

Signed on behalf of the trustees

Name	Signature	Date of approval
1 JEREMY WHITELEY	<i>Jeremy Whiteley</i>	04/07/2022
2 MALCOLM C WILKS	<i>Malcolm C Wilks</i>	04/07/2022

VERWOOD ROAD EVANGELICAL CHAPEL C.I.O
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005) and the Charities Act.

Verwood Road Evangelical Chapel C.U.A (Charitable Unincorporated Association - unregistered charity) was merged with Verwood Road Evangelical Chapel C.I.O. (Charitable Incorporated Organization) on 1 July 2021. Land and buildings which were held in a separate buildings trust were transferred to Verwood Road Evangelical Chapel C.I.O. on 22 March 2022 and are included as an exceptional item.

The brought forward figures and the comparatives shown are those of the charitable unincorporated association.

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets on a straight line basis over their expected useful lives at the following annual rates:

Furniture, fixtures and equipment 33%

Freehold land and buildings

No depreciation is provided on freehold land and buildings as it is the trustees practice to maintain these assets in a continual state of sound repair.

2 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Freehold land and buildings	Furniture fixtures and equipment	Total
Cost			
B/Fwd	47,920	-	47,920
Additions	672,080	6,923	679,003
C/Fwd	<u>720,000</u>	<u>6,923</u>	<u>726,923</u>
Depreciation			
Charge for year	-	2,285	2,285
Net book value	<u>720,000</u>	<u>4,638</u>	<u>724,638</u>

3 Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Rent prepaid	300	1,500
Gift aid claim	3,106	2,821
Prepayment - insurance	820	-
	<u>4,226</u>	<u>4,321</u>

4 Bank account

	2022	2021
	£	£
HSBC Wimborne	-	9,282
Barclays current account	6,343	6,422
Barclays business savings account	92,409	97,399
	<u>98,752</u>	<u>113,103</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

5 Creditors

	2022	2021
	£	£
PAYE and pension due	977	888
Accrue electrical repairs	800	-
	<u>1,777</u>	<u>888</u>

6 Restricted funds

Funds were received from the solar farm and another donation towards the purchase of a camera and related I.T equipment. The cost of the equipment is included in fixed assets above and is being depreciated at 33% per annum. £100 was also received for sending bibles to Ukraine.

7 Related party transaction

Mr Grant Spratley, who is a Trustee, receives payments for his services as Pastor of the church as follows:

Salary	£ 23,183
Pension contribution	£ 646

Mr Spratley also had use of the manse which was rented by the church at a cost of £17,535 and received travel expenses at a rate of 45p per mile amounting to £122

8 Reserves

	2022	2021
	£	£
	Restricted	Unrestricted
Balance brought forward	-	164,456
Exceptional items	-	672,080
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	4,337	(15,034)
Balance carried forward	<u>4,337</u>	<u>164,456</u>

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF VERWOOD ROAD EVANGELICAL CHAPEL C.I.O.
ON ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022 SET OUT ON PAGES 1 TO 4

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31st March 2022

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").

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

Signed



Name

H. M. HALLSWORTH
FCA

Date

11 July 2022