



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From Period start date: 1st April 2022
Period end date: 31st March 2023

Charity name: Verwood Road Evangelical Chapel

Charity registration number: 1190160

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	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 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sunday services – am and pm• Sunday am S-Club for children• Weekly midweek prayer meeting• Weekly “Right Steps” fitness class for older people• Weekly “All Sorts” toddler group• Weekly Kids Club• Ladies Bible-study and Book Club• Pastoral care and practical support for members and regulars• 1:1 and small group Bible studies
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Yes, the trustees are aware of the guidance and have taken it into account.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/a
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/a
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Apart from our pastor, all workers and trustees (elders) are volunteers
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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.	Para 1.20	<p>This has been a year of settling back into all "normal operations" after the COVID restrictions.</p> <p>Both morning and evening services have stayed constant with occasional extra high numbers when everyone attends. We have worked our way through books of the Bible, together with a monthly topical series on "What the Bible teaches about ..."</p> <p>Prayer meeting attendance has grown slightly, often 18 people attend. During the year we have had missionary visits as part of the meetings - UCCZ (Zimbabwe), Mercy Air, SASRA, Middle East Reformed Fellowship (MERF) and the Romanian Mission. We also have special prayer meetings after our evening services, as needs arise.</p> <p>S-Club numbers are variable week-to-week. Two leaders took a break from teaching, and one leader has moved away from the area. One of the helpers has taken on a teaching role to maintain the activity.</p> <p>All Sorts (toddler group) numbers have been consistent, and around the capacity we can cope with. The team does an excellent job building relationships and helping the parents.</p> <p>Right Steps seated fitness group is for the less mobile. The group members are very regular and stay for drinks and cake afterwards, with opportunity to talk. There is a short "thought for the day" to bring a spiritual message alongside the exercise.</p> <p>We started a new Kids Club for children in reception, year 1 and 2. The numbers were slow to start with, but there is an encouraging growth in numbers as kids join from the All Sorts toddler group. One of the purposes of the group is to continue existing relationships with the All Sorts adults and children.</p> <p>The ladies have started a regular Bible-study and Book Club, with a good number attending.</p> <p>Our pastor continues to visit the local middle school, with a new opportunity at a local primary school starting soon.</p> <p>Door-to-door ministry started, and operates during the summer months. This involves</p>

		<p>meeting people in the community at their doorstep, and inviting them to the main services and/or one of our other activities, as well as further conversation if they are open to a friendly discussion.</p> <p>We have supported a number of people in a variety of difficult and complicated circumstances. We continue to make food donations to our local food bank.</p> <p>We had 3 new people join the church in membership.</p> <p>One of our elders/trustees stood down at the end of March after many years serving.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	n/a
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	n/a
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	n/a
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Our financial accounts (plus independent examiners report) were reviewed and approved by the trustees at their AGM.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Our policy is to hold 3 months operating costs in reserve, so that we are always able to pay the pastor's salary (etc.), bearing in mind that income such as gift aid is not received on an even monthly basis.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£75,114 as at 31st March 2023
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	We had a planned income vs. expenditure deficit for the year, due to the expense of housing our pastor. This is reviewed annually, and is covered by our reserves.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/a

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 income is almost entirely reliant on gifts and donations from members and others attending our services (together with associated gift aid). We occasionally seek grants where this is appropriate, usually for relatively small sums of money.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/a
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Our risks are detailed in our Risk Register, which is periodically reviewed and updated by the trustees.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	CIO - association
How is the charity constituted? (is it an incorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (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	Appointed by existing Trustees, subject to the approval of members

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	<p>The church is led by elders (who are also the charity trustees). Church meetings are held through the year to involve members in key decisions.</p> <p>The church is part of the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC).</p>
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Verwood Road Evangelical Chapel
Other name the charity uses	Verwood Road Chapel
Registered charity number	1190160
Charity's principal address	Verwood Road, Three Legged Cross, Dorset. 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	Grant Spratley	Pastor / Elder		
2	Jeremy Whiteley	Elder		
3	Malcolm Smith	Elder		
4				
5				

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/a		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/a		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/a
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/a
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/a

Additional information (optional)**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)

N/a

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/a

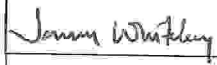
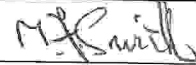
Other optional information

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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)	JEREMY WHITELEY	MALCOLM SMITH
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	ELDER & TRUSTEE	ELDER
Date	03/07/2023	

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ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Charity number: 1190160

Company reference: CE022336

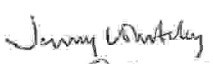

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	2023	2023		2022	2022
		£	£		£
Incoming resources	Restricted	Unrestricted		Restricted	Unrestricted
Offerings and donations	1,549	44,835		1,600	41,065
Solar Farm Grant	-	-		5,000	-
Bank interest	-	160			10
	1,549		44,995	6,600	41,075
Resources expended					
Wages and salaries		25,212			23,829
Manse expense		21,271			17,535
Visiting preachers		880			1,280
Mission	1,549	1,479		100	400
Repairs and maintenance		2,048			1,656
Books		40			252
Childrens ministry and Allsorts		189			243
Evangelism		299			-
Printing, stationery and telephone		1,006			1,092
Light, heat and water		2,239			2,295
CCLI licences		322			244
iSing		104			-
Car park rental		325			550
Miscellaneous		812			945
Insurance		1,258			849
IT and software		614			-
Church worker		-			1,000
Legal fees		3,504			2,850
FIEC membership		967			967
Depreciation	2,185	123		2,163	122
	3,734		62,692	2,263	56,109
(Deficit)/surplus for the year	(2,185)		(17,697)	4,337	(15,034)

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022
FIXED ASSETS	2	722,330	724,638
Current assets			
Debtors	3	10,185	4,226
Cash at bank and in hand	4	<u>75,114</u>	<u>98,752</u>
		85,299	102,978
Creditors:			
Amounts falling due within one year	5	(1,672)	(1,777)
Net current assets		<u>83,627</u>	<u>101,201</u>
Total assets		<u><u>805,957</u></u>	<u><u>825,839</u></u>
Reserves	8	<u><u>805,957</u></u>	<u><u>825,839</u></u>

Signed on behalf of the trustees

Name	Signature	Date of approval
1 JEREMY WHITELEY		26/06/2023
2 MALCOLM SMITH		26/06/2023

VERWOOD ROAD EVANGELICAL CHAPEL C.I.O
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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.

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

	Buildings	Furniture fixtures and equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
B/Fwd	720,000	6,923	726,923
Additions	-	-	-
C/Fwd	<u>720,000</u>	<u>6,923</u>	<u>726,923</u>
Depreciation			
B/fwd		2,285	2,285
Charge for year	-	2,308	2,308
C/fwd	<u>-</u>	<u>4,593</u>	<u>4,593</u>
Net book value	<u>720,000</u>	<u>2,330</u>	<u>722,330</u>

3 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Rent prepaid	5,046	300
Gift aid claim	4,410	3,106
Prepayment - insurance	729	820
	<u>10,185</u>	<u>4,226</u>

4 Bank account

	2023	2022
	£	£
Barclays current account	4,549	6,343
Barclays business savings account	70,565	92,409
	<u>75,114</u>	<u>98,752</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

5 Creditors

	2023	2022
	£	£
PAYE and pension due	1,063	977
Accrue electrical repairs	-	800
Accrued gas and electricity	609	-
	<u>1,672</u>	<u>1,777</u>

6 Restricted funds

Funds were received from the solar farm in 2022 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. Specific offerings were received and forwarded (including gift aid where collectable) to the following causes: Bible Society (Ukraine) £20, Bibles for Zimbabwe via John and Ketani Matiza £420 and MERF (Syrian Earthquake deaconal fund) £1,137

7 Related party transaction

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

Salary	£24,660
Pension contribution	£552

Mr Spratley also had use of the manse which was rented by the church at a cost of £21,271 and received travel expenses at a rate of 45p per mile amounting to £206

8 Reserves

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
	Restricted	Unrestricted	Restricted	Unrestricted
Balance brought forward	4,337	821,502		164,456
Extraordinary item	-			672,080
(Deficit)/surplus for the year	(2,185)	(17,697)	4,337	(15,034)
Balance carried forward	<u>2,152</u>	<u>803,805</u>	<u>4,337</u>	<u>821,502</u>

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF VERWOOD ROAD EVANGELICAL CHAPEL C.I.O.
ON ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 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 2023

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



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Date 04-Jul-23

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