



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **Period start date: 1st April 2024**
Period end date: 31st March 2025

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• Monthly Ladies Bible-study• Weekly men’s Bible study• Pastoral care and practical support for members and regulars
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 former pastor, all workers and trustees (elders) are volunteers

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>Numbers attending our Sunday services have fluctuated through the year. We have maintained both morning and evening services for the benefit of anyone who wishes to attend. Our "S-Club" provides for children on Sunday mornings (currently alternate weeks).</p> <p>Our midweek prayer meeting continues to be well attended compared to other churches. As part of these we have had visits to update us on the work of Romanian Ministries, Zambesi Mission, SASRA and the persecuted church in sub-Saharan Africa.</p> <p>We have continued to run all our midweek activities during the year. Both our "Right Steps" activity class and "All Sorts" toddlers attract a good number and are well regarded.</p> <p>Our ladies Bible-study has been particularly appreciated and is well-attended.</p> <p>We held some outreach events, including a ladies Christmas craft evening with guest speaker which attracted around 40 for the evening.</p> <p>We held two thanksgiving services following the passing of two of our members. Family members not associated with the church expressed their real gratitude for the support and help given by the church as part of these.</p> <p>We had a difficult period after the resignation of our former pastor. One existing elder and two new elders have taken the church forward in the interim period. We are maintaining our preaching and teaching commitments through two of the elders, together with some excellent support from visiting preachers. Members have expressed a sense of unity going forward, and an appreciation for the preaching and teaching ministry.</p>

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 invoices (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	£83,187 as at 31st March 2025
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Although we made a small surplus in the year, this was due to a legacy of £20,000 (which has been transferred to a designated fund in the accounts). Without this we would have made a deficit of circa £17,000, due to the costs of our pastor. Following the resignation of our pastor, this is no longer an issue.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	1. We have some difficulties maintaining 3 trustees, without which we cannot operate on a constitutional basis. 2. Our services are maintained by a relatively few number of volunteers, who are all getting older.

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? (e.g unincorporated 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	Jeremy Whiteley	Elder		
2	Mark Long	Elder	(Appointed in July 2024)	
3	Jeremy Stambaugh	Elder	(Appointed in July 2024)	

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

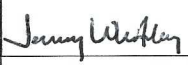
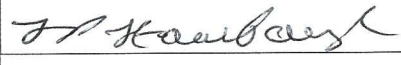
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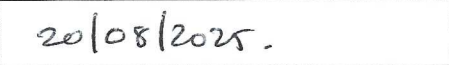
Other optional information

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 SAMUEL WHITBEY	Jeremy P Stawbaugh
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	ELDER	Elder

Date 

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ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Charity number: 1190160

Company reference: CE022336

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	2025	2025	2025		2024	2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources (note 2)	Designated	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted
Donations and grants		4,336	42,728	47,064	6,030	65,068
Legacy		-	20,000	20,000	-	-
Interest		-	915	915	-	829
	-	4,336	63,643	67,979	6,030	65,897
Resources expended (note 3)						
Charitable activities		4,336	60,000	64,336	8,182	63,262
Administrative overheads		-	967	967	-	967
	-	4,336	60,967	65,303	8,182	64,229
Transfer to designated funds	20,000		(20,000)			
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	20,000	-	(17,324)	2,676	(2,152)	1,668
Total funds brought forward	-	-	805,473	805,473	2,152	803,805
Total funds carried forward	20,000	-	788,149	808,149	-	805,473

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024
FIXED ASSETS	4	720,000	720,000
Current assets			
Debtors	5	5,291	10,396
Cash at bank and in hand	6	<u>83,187</u>	<u>75,858</u>
		88,478	86,254
Creditors:			
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(329)	(781)
Net current assets		<u>88,149</u>	<u>85,473</u>
Total assets		<u>808,149</u>	<u>805,473</u>
Reserves		<u>808,149</u>	<u>805,473</u>

Signed on behalf of the trustees

Name	Signature	Date of approval
1 JEREMY WHITELEY	<i>Jeremy Whiteley</i>	20/08/2025
2 Jeremy Stankbargh	<i>Jeremy Stankbargh</i>	20/08/2025

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Charity SORP FRS 102 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 33%
and equipment

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 Incoming resources

	Restricted 2025	Unrestricted 2025	Total 2025	Restricted 2024	Unrestricted 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Offerings and donations	480	35,601	36,081	1,030	56,140
Gift aid claims	120	7,047	7,167	-	8,347
Solar Farm Grant	3,736	-	3,736	5,000	-
Other income	-	80	80	-	581
	<u>4,336</u>	<u>42,728</u>	<u>47,064</u>	<u>6,030</u>	<u>65,068</u>

3 Resources expended

	Restricted 2025	Unrestricted 2025	Total 2025	Restricted 2024	Unrestricted 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Charitable activities					
Wages and salaries		22,634	22,634	500	27,094
Manse expense		24,850	24,850		21,532
Travel expenses		105	105		712
Visiting preachers		2,660	2,660		1,525
Mission	600	2,120	2,720	530	800
Repairs and maintenance	3,736	1,894	5,630	5,000	2,735
Light heat and water		1,835	1,835		2,210
Insurance		1,306	1,306		1,212
Print post stationery and phone		907	907		1,196
Computer and software costs		76	76		186
Music licences		476	476		535
Youth and evangelism		564	564		1,040
Miscellaneous		573	573		2,307
Depreciation	-	-	-	2,152	178
	<u>4,336</u>	<u>60,000</u>	<u>64,336</u>	<u>8,182</u>	<u>63,262</u>
Overheads					
FIEC membership		967	967	-	967
	<u>-</u>	<u>967</u>	<u>967</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>967</u>

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4 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Buildings	Furniture fixtures and equipment	Total
Cost			
B/Fwd 1 April 2024	720,000	6,923	726,923
Additions	-	-	-
C/Fwd 31 March 2025	<u>720,000</u>	<u>6,923</u>	<u>726,923</u>
Depreciation			
B/Fwd 1 April 2024	-	6,923	6,923
Charge for year	-	-	-
C/Fwd 31 March 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>6,923</u>	<u>6,923</u>
Net book value 31 March 2025	<u>720,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>720,000</u>

5 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Rent prepaid	-	5,046
Gift aid claim	4,453	4,547
Prepayment - insurance	838	803
	<u>5,291</u>	<u>10,396</u>

6 Bank account

	2025	2024
	£	£
Barclays current account	6,078	2,464
Barclays business savings account	77,109	73,394
	<u>83,187</u>	<u>75,858</u>

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7 Creditors

	2025	2024
	£	£
PAYE and pension due	-	345
Accrued gas and electricity	329	436
	<u>329</u>	<u>781</u>

8 Restricted funds

Funds were received from the Solar Farm towards a replacement boiler. Specific offerings totalling £600 including gift aid were also received and forwarded to Romanian Mission.

9 Related party transaction

Mr Grant Spratley, who resigned as a Trustee during the year, received payments for his services as Pastor of the church as follows:

Salary	£22,319
Pension contribution	£316

Mr Spratley also had use of the manse which was rented by the church at a cost of £24,850.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF VERWOOD ROAD EVANGELICAL CHAPEL C.I.O.
ON ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025 SET OUT ON PAGES 1 TO 5

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31st March 2025

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 Louise Hallsworth

Date 04-Sep-25