

## **Trustees' Annual Report for 2023**

### **H O Roe Charity**

**Charity Registration number 1190706**

**Address:** 61 Church Road, Stotfold, Hitchin SG5 4NE

#### **Trustees:**

Revd William Britt

Stephen Hardman

Jennifer Bennett

### **Structure & Management**

The H O Charity was registered as a CIO Foundation on 3 August 2020. Its trustees are the Vicar and two Churchwardens of St Mary the Virgin, the Church of England Parish Church in Stotfold, Bedfordshire. The H O Roe Charity is the governing body. It is assisted in the day-to-day running a community centre called the Roecroft Centre and the maintenance of a residential rental property at 97 Church Road by H O Roe Management Committee, which consists of the three Trustees of the H O Roe Charity, plus a treasurer, secretary and an appointed member, who are all appointed by the Trustees.

### **Activities and objectives in 2023**

Regular hiring at the Roecroft Centre was healthy and long-term tenants of the residential property continued.

The Charity continued to advance the Christian religion through grants to St Mary's Church to help fund an Associate Minister/Schools Chaplain.

The H O Roe Charity embarked on a major refurbishment of the Roecroft Centre by giving the former Victorian school an entrance, internal floors and toilets accessible to the disabled and added a catering kitchen. Grants were obtained and work began on 9 September 2023.

### **Financial Review:**

Total income for 2023, excluding grants for the refurbishment, was £27,840 compared to £26,099 in 2022. The hire income was reduced by the centre being closed for refurbishment during the last four months of the year.

Expenditure on maintenance and running costs of 97 Church Road and the Roecroft Centre (including a one-off charge on the carpark of £6,606), was £22,422.

By the end of 2023, the charity received £124,000 in grants for the refurbishment. By the end of the year, the Charity paid £164,190 on the project.

It ended the year with cash of £72,978, compared with £107,750 in 2022.

### **Governing document:**

CIO - FOUNDATION Registered 03 Aug 2020

What the charity does:

Religious Activities

Recreation

Who the charity helps:

No information available

How the charity helps:

Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space

Where the charity operates:

Central Bedfordshire

(1) TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION IN THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, STOTFOLD AND THE SURROUNDING AREA FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THROUGH THE HOLDING OF PRAYER MEETINGS, LECTURES, PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF RELIGIOUS FESTIVALS, PRODUCING AND/OR DISTRIBUTING LITERATURE ON CHRISTIANITY TO ENLIGHTEN OTHERS ABOUT THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION. (2) TO FURTHER OR BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, STOTFOLD AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD, 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.

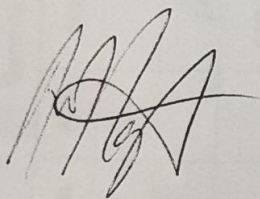
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Receipts and Payments for the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

Income		Expenditure	
Rocroft Centre Hire income	£13,793.25	Rocroft Centre maintenance & running costs	£17,723.68
97 Church Road Rental Income	£12,050.00	97 Church Road maintenance & running costs	£3,044.32
Rocroft Centre Refurb Grants	£124,000.00	Rocroft Centre refurb build costs	£158,094.06
Bank Interest Current	£20.52	Rocroft Centre Architect fees for refurb	£6,096.00
Bank Interest Deposit	£1,975.95	Bank Charges	£60.00
		General Expenditure	£1,594.20
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£151,839.72</b>		<b>£186,612.26</b>
<b>Opening Balances 01/01/2023</b>		<b>Closing Balances 31/12/2023</b>	
CAFBank Current A/c	£9,390.84	CAFBank Current A/c	£6,842.35
CAFBank Gold Deposit A/v	£98,359.52	CAFBank Gold Deposit A/v	£66,135.47
<b>Total</b>	<b>£107,750.36</b>		<b>£72,977.82</b>
		<b>Movement</b>	
		Opening Balance	£107,750.36
		Income	£151,839.72
		Expenditure	-£186,612.26
		<b>Net Total</b>	<b>£72,977.82</b>
		<b>Difference</b>	<b>£0.00</b>

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 financial statements do not accord with the accounting records; or
- the financial statements do 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.; or
- the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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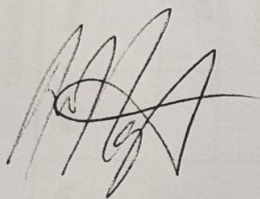
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