

Christians Together in Fleet and Church Crookham
Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

The trustees who are also members of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

The charity was registered on 8th September 2020 and finances were transferred from its predecessor "Churches Together in Fleet and Church Crookham" on 1st April 2021. The report covers the period 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objects of the CIO are

1. The advancement of the Christian faith for the public benefit.
2. To further such charitable purposes as are exclusively charitable and connected to the charitable work of the charity in particular but not exclusively the relief of need in the communities of Fleet, Church Crookham and the surrounding area for those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, financial hardship or other disadvantage.

Public benefit

The charity runs two significant projects for the benefit of the community (the trustees having regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit):

1. Fleet Angels, a Christian nightlife initiative and outreach project, the aim of which is to reduce anti-social behaviour, to be a neutral presence whilst being a positive influence, and to provide non-judgemental and caring support to those who are 'out on the town', and those working in the night-time economy, in Fleet town centre, while "giving an account of the hope that is in us" when asked. Fleet Angels is a partner in the Safer North Hampshire partnership.
2. Hart Foodbank, a Trussell Trust food bank operating in Fleet, Darby Green, Odiham and Hook with the aim of providing emergency food and support to people living in crisis locally. The foodbank also operates a Fleet-located community pantry and a mobile pantry (from 2025 operating out of Fleet), serving local residents of Hart through the Foodbank network.

The performance of these projects is covered under Achievement and Performance below.

The following comments cover the period January 2024 – December 2024.

In April 2024 we said goodbye to our Hart Foodbank Manager *Katherine Deamer* and appointed joint managers Diana Fleet (operations) and Susan Hyland (New Projects). At the same time Kate Wakely was appointed Support Officer providing support to our managers while continuing to run the Community Static Pantry located in Fleet.

In May 2024 – Foodbank Sunday was held at Fleet Baptist Church to introduce our new management team and to let the Church members know about the most recent initiatives of the Foodbank.

Also in May 2024 we said goodbye to Rev Steven Franklin, who was retiring from his role as Vicar of Christ Church in Church Crookham. We took the opportunity to combine this with our annual Unity service at which all Christians in Fleet and Church Crookham were invited to come together in a service of worship and thanks for the unity we continue to experience through our Church communities in Fleet and Church Crookham.

At the end of August 2024 Zinc Popworld, the major night club for youth in the town, closed. This resulted in a re-think of how the Fleet Angels served the night time economy. Initially till November, night time patrols were undertaken but instead of the usual 2AM finish, the patrols were limited to 12PM. The closure of the club resulted in a significant reduction in the night time activity and a shift from a focus on the Emporium Car park to the Prince Arthur end of Fleet. Consequently the Fleet Angels moved their base of operations to LivingStones, with a view to operating from that area until the night club re-opened. The closure of the club also triggered a re-evaluation of the effectiveness of the project, which concluded that, although serving diminished numbers, the project should still continue until a further re-assessment when the night club re-opened.

The AGM for Christians Together was held on 10th October 2024. Three new candidates for the role of Trustees were proposed and accepted, Rev Helen Everard (Fleet United Reformed Church), Deacon James Snyder (Catholic Community) and Sue Rinaldi (Fleet Baptist). The remaining 3 Trustees offered, and were accepted, to continue in-roll for a further year. A new volunteer treasurer was appointed, Nigel Coleman. Thanks were offered to John Cobb, who had faithfully served as Treasurer since 2016.

In late November, the charity, at the invitation of the local Christmas Festival organisers, re-ran the live walk-through nativity, enagaging with local families in the re-creation of the nativity story, and nativity themed crafts. At the same event Fleet Angels were able to fully support visitors to the Fleet Christmas Festival with a stall giving away free hot drinks and cakes. Hundreds of visitors were supported by both the walk-through nativity and Fleet Angels service. Both of these activities have now become a regular feature of the town's Christmas Festival.

Throughout the period, Zoom-based meetings of the local Church leaders and ministers continued, with physical breakfast meetings happening on an approximately monthly basis. These weekly meetings are the primary mechanism for sharing information between the members of the charity.

In addition the trustees of the charity met bi-monthly with leaders of local projects to monitor and direct the progress of the charitable activities directly associated with Christians Together in Fleet and Church Crookham and to communicate with other affiliated works being carried out by the FACCTS and LivingStones charities.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

In addition to the joint community and spiritual events occurring throughout the year the regular projects also proceeded in accordance with their respective objectives.

Fleet Angels 2024

1. The project has been led by Janet Alston since January 2023. The project began being able to field three teams of volunteers each month. The value of the Project is appreciated by members of the public, door staff of night venues and local businesses. No Grants were received or applied for in the period. The covid-enforced pause (2020 – 2021) in the project meant that sufficient funds were available to not require any additional fund raising.

Hart Foodbank 2024

2. Hart Foodbank – In the 12 months of 2024

- 1589 Food Parcels were given away (18% less than 2023). Feeding 3530 people (27% less than 2023). Note the reduction in numbers of clients fed was a specific objective of the foodbank and a direct result of the introduction of More Than Food initiatives (see later) and the availability of a community pantry.
- Hart Foodbank received and gave away 37,000 kg of food and household products.
- Hart Foodbank was supported by 130 volunteers.
- Hart Foodbank continuously employed 4 part time staff employed for a total of 82.5 hours per week.
- Hart Foodbank received referrals from 51 referral agencies referring clients to us for help.
- There have been 92 different groups organizing collections for the Foodbank and 30 permanent collection points.
- In addition to the Emergency Food provided by Foodbank, by the end of 2024 the newly established community pantry had signed up 123 members and was regularly serving over half of those members. The pantry supplied 8,925 Kg of food to its members, and 1,980 Kg of food to Foodbank clients who are entitled to use the community pantry for fresh food top ups.

From September 2022 a mobile Food Larder was established, that visits our Darby Green Foodbank every Thursday. This is run by Fareshare and until March 2023 was funded by Hart Foodbank, but this is now self-funding from membership fees.

In February 2023 Hart Foodbank received a significant grant from The Trussell Trust to establish a Financial Inclusion function within the Foodbank. The work associated with this grant began in June 2023. In June 2024 we received funding for the 2nd year of this project. We are anticipating that the funding will continue to support this work until June 2026.

In October 2023 we received a further grant from Trussell Trust that allowed us to employ a Foodbank Support Officer to work, with our then manager Katherine, and to permit a clear strategic planning focus to emerge within the Foodbank. This grant was renewed in October 2024 and provides support till October 2025.

Hart District council continues to support us with a grant to cover our rent costs for our central food warehouse.

In late March 2024 Hampshire council provided us with a grant for the purchasing of food to support those in food poverty using funding from the governments household support fund, this was used to fund food provision through the community pantry.

Various other significant donations, in the period, enabled us to undertake several new projects addressing the wider needs of our clients. We continue to group these projects under the title "More Than Food". In 2024 these included benefit and debt advice, as well as signposting to a number of partner agencies and charities. These initiatives have been directly responsible for reducing the number of clients continually dependent on Food Bank Support.

Donations of food and funds received by Foodbank continued to be very generous reflecting the value placed on the work by all in the community.

Angel Bombing 2024

3. Angel Bombing, originally initiated by Fleet Methodist Church and supported by others, drew a large number of favourable responses on Facebook again this year. The team followed the recent model in the way that knitted angels were distributed, being gifted to children's groups rather than hidden around the town.

Two Pillars 2024

4. A new project initiative being run by two local Christians. The project seeks to establish a community of Christian worshippers who intentionally come together to worship and build community among themselves. The project intends to run bi-monthly Friday night worship events throughout the local area, making use of Church buildings and private homes, with a focus on contemporary worship.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The results for the year are as set out in the annexed Statement of Financial Activities.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The affairs of the CIO have been directed by a board of Trustees, which meets regularly for this purpose. The Trustees meet bi-monthly to review and direct the ministries supported by the charity.

Trustees are appointed by the members.

1) At every annual general meeting of the members of the CIO, one-third of the charity trustees shall retire from office. If the number of charity trustees is not three or a multiple

of three, then the number nearest to one-third shall retire from office, but if there is only one charity trustee, he or she shall retire;

1. The charity trustees to retire by rotation shall be those who have been longest in office since their last appointment or reappointment. If any trustees were last appointed or reappointed on the same day those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree among themselves) be determined by lot;
2. The vacancies so arising may be filled by the decision of the members at the annual general meeting; any vacancies not filled at the annual general meeting may be filled as provided in sub-clause (4) of this clause;
3. The members or the charity trustees may at any time decide to appoint a new charity trustee, whether in place of a charity trustee who has retired or been removed in accordance with clause 15 (Retirement and removal of charity trustees), or as an additional charity trustee, provided that the limit specified in clause 12(3) on the number of charity trustees would not as a result be exceeded
4. A person so appointed by the members of the CIO shall retire in accordance with the provisions of sub-clauses (2) and (3) of this clause. A person so appointed by the charity trustees shall retire at the conclusion of the next annual general meeting after the date of his or her appointment, and shall not be counted for the purpose of determining which of the charity trustees is to retire by rotation at that meeting.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1191200

Registered office

c/o LivingStones

277 Fleet Road

Fleet

Hampshire

GU51 3BT

Trustees

Rev Patrick Butler

William Parker

Rev Helen Everard

Deacon James Snyder

Susan Rinaldi

Mark Mabin

Independent Examiner

Simon Mansell

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 11/09/2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Patrick Butler



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

Christians Together in Fleet and Church Crookham

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1191200

Set out on pages

Form CC16a (two pages)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

17 August 2025

Name:

Simon Mansell

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

FCCA

Address:

22 Harrow Road

Fleet

GU51 1JD

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

N/A



Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01/01/2024

To

31/12/2024

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					
	-	-	-	-	-
Donations	1,200	57,156	-	58,356	-
Gift Aid	381	4,639	-	5,020	-
Grants	-	62,037	-	62,037	-
Interest	167	780	-	947	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	1,748	124,612	-	126,360	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,748	124,612	-	126,360	-
A3 Payments					
Project Leader Salaries		39,554	-	39,554	-
Expenses	11	1,997	-	2,008	-
Food Bank Operating Expenses		13,773	-	13,773	-
Rental of Space			-	-	-
Insurance		1,140	-	1,140	-
FareShare		7,726	-	7,726	-
Outreach Events	338	169	-	508	-
Financial Inclusion		37,331	-	37,331	-
Operating Expenses	143		-	143	-
			-	-	-
Sub total	493	101,690	-	102,183	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	493	101,690	-	102,183	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,255	22,922	-	24,177	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	1,143	124,515	-	125,658	-
Cash funds this year end	2,398	147,437	-	149,835	-

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				
	Hart Food Bank	-	134,107	-
	Fleet Town Centre Project	-	13,144	-
	Anna Chaplaincy	-	186	-
		-	-	-
	General	2,398		-

	-	-	-
Total cash funds	2,398	147,437	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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Unrestricted funds
to nearest £

Restricted funds
to nearest £

Endowment funds
to nearest £

Details

Nil	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B2 Other monetary assets

Details

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Nil		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Hart Food Bank had 14,422.25kg of donated items in storage awaiting distribution. This is valued at a total of £21,633.38 at £1.50 per kg per the Trussell Trust's guidelines and is equivalent to 12 months supply.	Hart Food Bank	-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
Nil		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

B5 Liabilities

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval
