



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the year from 1 October 2024 to 30th September 2025

Kirby Laing Centre for Public Theology in Cambridge

Charity registration number: 1191741

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	To advance the Evangelical Christian Religion, in particular (but without limitation) through fostering and nurturing Christian scholarship in public theology and ethics that is open to and engaging with society as a whole, and through the development of an intellectual community of Christian scholars, and through publishing research.
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.	Monthly or bi-monthly virtual events. • Face to face events at Society of Biblical Literature with Annual Meal attended by some 100 people. • Free publications at popular and accessible levels: The Big Picture (TBP) and Ethics in Conversation. TBP is published at least three times per year, free online and for sale in hard copy. • Frequent speaking engagements by the Director.

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.
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Additional information

Policy on grant making	The charity administers a number of grants to students under different schemes. The charity has adopted procedures for each of the different schemes.
Contribution made by volunteers	The activities of the charity have been enhanced by the contribution of volunteers who have assisted with the coordination of research activities and the development of fundraising.
Other	Research continues to develop, most notably through some 17 research hubs, our Scripture Collective series of books with Zondervan Academic, and the Director's books and writings.

Achievements and Performance

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.	The last financial year was a complex and successful one for the Charity. Its objectives were fulfilled in a growing and further-reaching way. Those people attending events, reading material, watching videos or listening to podcasts have been informed and inspired on matters relating to religion and how to live well and sustainably. Our events, publications, and research hubs serve our core constituency of Christians scholars seeking to orient their work towards how then shall we live? During the year, there were significant changes in personnel, with new trustees joining and previous ones departing, recognising that Trustees who were able to be more closely involved would be
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	appropriate. The Charity also changed Treasurer and bookkeeper, recognising that financial control processes needed improving as is demonstrated by the small negative balance at year end. Since year-end, a new Chair has been appointed with a brief to ensure that those changes are complete and are routinely followed while diligently pursuing the Charity's objectives.
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Additional information

Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	In addition to its multi-year funding from our principal donor, KLC has met its fundraising objectives although delays to anticipated grants caused short term issues at the end of the year.
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the year	During the year total income received was £223,447 of which £58,009 was restricted income. Total expenditure was £243,762 of which £19,905 was from restricted funds.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	The charity holds at least two months of financial reserves at all times. It is believed that this is sufficient.
Amount of reserves held	£0
Reasons for holding zero reserves	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	

Additional information

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	The charity's principal source of funds is currently the Kirby Laing Foundation.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	The charity's principal risks are:

	1. failing to secure further funding from the Kirby Laing Foundation and from alternative sources. 2. the current Director being unable to continue in post and not being able to recruit a successor of similar stature and reputation.
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Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document	Constitution
How is the charity constituted?	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	New trustees are appointed by the existing trustees. The existing trustees have active regard to diversity when considering the appointment of new trustees.

Additional information

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	New trustees are encouraged to undertake charity trustee training provided by Stewardship Services.
New trustees are encouraged to undertake charity trustee training provided by Stewardship Services	The formal structure of the CIO is that there is a board of trustees overseeing the work of the Director and the contractors who assist him in his work and in the wider activities of the CIO.
Relationship with any related parties	The CIO has developed strategic partnerships with BibleMesh, the Association of Christian Economists, Union Theological College, Belfast and with the Missional Training Center, Arizona, USA. In addition, the CIO is an Associate Member of the Cambridge Theological Federation.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Kirby Laing Centre for Public Theology in Cambridge
Other name the charity uses	KLC

Registered charity number	1191741
Charity's principal address	41 Landau Way March PE15 8YB

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)
William Paul Olhausen		Resigned 8th March 2024	
David Halliday McIlroy	Chair		
Craig Gerald Bartholomew	Director		
Andrew Philip Campbell		Appointed 1st December 2022	
David Martin James Ball	Treasurer		
John Andrew Kirk			

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

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above. Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature(s)
Full Names(s)

Chair	Director

Date:



CHARITY COMMISSION
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KIRBY LAING CENTRE FOR PUBLIC THEOLOGY IN CAMBRIDGE			Charity No.	1191741	
Annual accounts for the year					
	01-Oct-24	to	30-Sep-25		

Section A Statement of financial activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Prior year funds £
Incoming resources					
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	159,979	58,009	-	217,988	258,404
Charitable activities	250	-	-	250	7,947
Other trading activities	4,134	-	-	4,134	4,304
Investments	1,076	-	-	1,076	993
			-	-	-
Total	165,438	58,009	-	223,447	271,648
Resources expended (Note 6)					
Expenditure on:					
Employment costs	85,511	9,033	-	94,544	99,209
Charitable activities	102,797	8,891	-	111,687	127,075
Support and operations	30,241	1,982	-	32,224	58,542
Compliance	5,307	-	-	5,307	1,370
Total	223,856	19,905	-	243,762	286,196
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)	(58,418)	38,103	0	(20,315)	(14,548)
Net gains/(losses) on investments	0	0	0	0	0
Net income/(expenditure)	(58,418)	38,103	0	(20,315)	(14,548)
Extraordinary items	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0
Other recognised gains/(losses):					
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	0	0	0	0	0
Other gains/(losses)	0	0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds	(58,418)	38,103	0	(20,315)	(14,548)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	42,861	20,726	-	63,587	78,134
Total funds carried forward	(15,558)	58,829	-	43,272	63,586

Section B Balance sheet as at 30 September 2025

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total this year £	Total last year £
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	-	-	-	-	-
Tangible assets	-	-	-	-	-
Heritage assets	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-
Current assets					
Stocks	-	-	-	-	-
Debtors	54,544	-	-	54,544	1,565
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	(42,828)	58,830	-	16,002	81,036
Total current assets	11,716	58,830	-	70,546	82,601
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	27,274		-	27,274	4,466
Net current assets/(liabilities)	(15,558)	58,830	-	43,272	78,135
Total assets less current liabilities	(15,558)	58,830	-	43,272	78,135
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets or liabilities	(15,558)	58,830	-	43,272	78,135
Funds of the Charity					
Endowment funds	-			-	-
Restricted income funds (Note 3)		58,830		58,830	76,733
Unrestricted funds	(15,558)		-	(15,558)	1,402
Revaluation reserve				-	-
Total funds	(15,558)	58,830	-	43,272	78,135
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees					
			Print Name		Date of approval
			Mr. Anthony Barron		16/07/2026
			Dr Craig Bartholomew		16/07/2026

Note 1 Basis of preparation

This section should be completed by all charities.

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

- and with*

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 the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014
- and with*

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 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)
- and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

1.2 Going concern

If there are material uncertainties related to events or conditions that cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, please provide the following details or state "Not applicable", if appropriate:

An explanation as to those factors that support the conclusion that the charity is a going concern;

Disclosure of any uncertainties that make the going concern assumption doubtful;

Where accounts are not prepared on a going concern basis, please disclose this fact together with the basis on which the trustees prepared the accounts and the reason why the charity is not regarded as a going concern.

Not applicable

Not applicable

Not applicable

1.3 Change of accounting policy

The accounts present a true and fair view and the accounting policies adopted are those outlined in note 1.

Yes*

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 * -Tick as appropriate
No*

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Please disclose:

<i>(i) the nature of the change in accounting policy;</i>	Not applicable
<i>(ii) the reasons why applying the new accounting policy provides more reliable and more relevant information; and</i>	Not applicable
<i>(iii) the amount of the adjustment for each line affected in the current year, each prior year presented and the aggregate amount of the adjustment relating to years before those presented, 3.44 FRS 102 SORP.</i>	Not applicable

1.4 Changes to accounting estimates

No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting year (3.46 FRS 102 SORP).

Yes*

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 * -Tick as appropriate
No*

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Please disclose:

<i>(i) the nature of any changes;</i>	Not applicable
<i>(ii) the effect of the change on income and expense or assets and liabilities for the current year; and</i>	Not applicable
<i>(iii) where practicable, the effect of the change in one or more future years.</i>	Not applicable

1.5 Material prior year errors

No material prior year error have been identified in the reporting year (3.47 FRS 102 SORP).

Yes*

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 * -Tick as appropriate
No*

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Please disclose:

<i>(i) the nature of the prior year error;</i>	Not applicable
<i>(ii) for each prior year presented in the accounts, the amount of the correction for each account line item affected; and</i>	Not applicable
<i>(iii) the amount of the correction at the beginning of the earliest prior year presented in the accounts.</i>	Not applicable

Note 2

Accounting policies

2.1 INCOME

Recognition of income

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Yes	No	N/a
☒	☒	☒

Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.

Yes	No	N/a
☒	☒	☒

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP).

Yes	No	N/a
☒	☒	☒

In the case of performance related grants, income must only be recognised to the extent that the charity has provided the specified goods or services as entitlement to the grant only occurs when the performance related conditions are met (5.16 FRS 102 SORP).

Yes	No	N/a
☒	☒	☒

Legacies

Legacies are included in the SoFA when receipt is probable, that is, when there has been grant of probate, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy are either within the control of the charity or have been met.

Yes	No	N/a
☒	☒	☒

Government grants

The charity has received government grants in the reporting period

Yes	No	N/a
☒	☒	☒

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

Yes	No	N/a
☒	☒	☒

Contractual income and performance related grants

This is only included in the SoFA once the charity has provided the related goods or services or met the performance related conditions.

Yes	No	N/a
☒	☒	☒

Donated goods

Donated goods are measured at fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so.

Yes	No	N/a
☒	☒	☒

The cost of any stock of goods donated for distribution to beneficiaries is deemed to be the fair value of those gifts at the time of their receipt and they are recognised on receipt. In the reporting period in which the stocks are distributed, they are recognised as an expense at the carrying amount of the stocks at distribution.

Yes	No	N/a
☒	☒	☒

Donated goods for resale are measured at fair value on initial recognition, which is the expected proceeds from sale less the expected costs of sale, and recognised in 'Income from other trading activities' with the corresponding stock recognised in the balance sheet. On its sale the value of stock is charged against 'Income from other trading activities' and the proceeds from sale are also recognised as 'Income from other trading activities'.

Yes	No	N/a
☒	☒	☒

Goods donated for on-going use by the charity are recognised as tangible fixed assets and included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.

Yes	No	N/a
☒	☒	☒

Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as income from donations when receivable.

Yes	No	N/a
☒	☒	☒

Donated services and facilities

Donated services and facilities are included in the SoFA when received at the value of the gift to the charity provided the value of the gift can be measured reliably.

Yes	No	N/a
☒	☒	☒

Donated services and facilities that are consumed immediately are recognised as income with an equivalent amount recognised as an expense under the appropriate heading in the SoFA.

Yes	No	N/a
☒	☒	☒

Support costs

The charity has incurred expenditure on support costs.

Yes	No	N/a
☒	☒	☒

Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Yes	No	N/a
☒	☒	☒

Income from interest, royalties and dividends

This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

Yes	No	N/a
☒	☒	☒

Income from membership subscriptions

Membership subscriptions received in the nature of a gift are recognised in Donations and Legacies.

Yes	No	N/a
☒	☒	☒

Membership subscriptions which gives a member the right to buy services or other benefits are recognised as income earned from the provision of goods and services as income from charitable activities.

Yes	No	N/a
☒	☒	☒

Settlement of insurance claims

Insurance claims are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP) and are included as an item of other income in the SoFA.

Yes	No	N/a
☒	☒	☒

Investment gains and losses

This includes any realised or unrealised gains or losses on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

Yes	No	N/a
☒	☒	☒

2.2 EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

Liability recognition	Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.	Yes ✓	No ✓	N/a ✓
Governance and support costs	Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.	Yes ✓	No ✓	N/a ✓
	Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.	Yes ✓	No ✓	N/a ✓
Grants with performance conditions	Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.	Yes ✓	No ✓	N/a ✓
Grants payable without performance conditions	Where there are no conditions attaching to the grant that enables the donor charity to realistically avoid the commitment, a liability for the full funding obligation must be recognised.	Yes ✓	No ✓	N/a ✓
Redundancy cost	The charity made no redundancy payments during the reporting period.	Yes ✓	No ✓	N/a ✓
Deferred income	No material item of deferred income has been included in the accounts.	Yes ✓	No ✓	N/a ✓
Creditors	The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts	Yes ✓	No ✓	N/a ✓
Provisions for liabilities	A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date	Yes ✓	No ✓	N/a ✓
Basic financial instruments	The charity accounts for basic financial instruments on initial recognition as per paragraph 11.7 FRS102 SORP. Subsequent measurement is as per paragraphs 11.17 to 11.19, FRS102 SORP.	Yes ✓	No ✓	N/a ✓

2.3 ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity	These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least	Yes ✓	No ✓	N/a ✓
	They are valued at cost.	Yes ✓	No ✓	N/a ✓
Intangible fixed assets	The depreciation rates and methods used are disclosed in note 9.2.	Yes ✓	No ✓	N/a ✓
	The charity has intangible fixed assets, that is, non-monetary assets that do not have physical substance but are identifiable and are controlled by the charity through custody or legal rights. The amortisation rates and methods used are disclosed in note 9.5	Yes ✓	No ✓	N/a ✓
Heritage assets	They are valued at cost.	Yes ✓	No ✓	N/a ✓
	The charity has heritage assets, that is, non-monetary assets with historic, artistic, scientific, technological, geophysical or environmental qualities that are held and maintained principally for their contribution to knowledge and culture. The depreciation rates and methods used as disclosed in note 9.6.1.4.	Yes ✓	No ✓	N/a ✓
Investments	They are valued at cost.	Yes ✓	No ✓	N/a ✓
	Fixed asset investments in quoted shares, traded bonds and similar investments are valued at initially at cost and subsequently at fair value (their market value) at the year end. The same treatment is applied to unlisted investments unless fair value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment.	Yes ✓	No ✓	N/a ✓
	Investments held for resale or pending their sale and cash and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than 1 year are treated as current asset investments	Yes ✓	No ✓	N/a ✓
Stocks and work in progress	Stocks held for sale as part of non-charitable trade are measured at the lower or cost or net realisable value.	Yes ✓	No ✓	N/a ✓
	Goods or services provided as part of a charitable activity are measured at net realisable value based on the service potential provided by items of stock.	Yes ✓	No ✓	N/a ✓
	Work in progress is valued at cost less any foreseeable loss that is likely to occur on the contract.	Yes ✓	No ✓	N/a ✓
Debtors	Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.	Yes ✓	No ✓	N/a ✓
Current asset investments	The charity has investments which it holds for resale or pending their sale and cash and cash equivalents with a maturity date less than one year. These include cash on deposit and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than one year held for investment purposes rather than to meet short term cash commitments as they fall due.	Yes ✓	No ✓	N/a ✓
	They are valued at fair value except where they qualify as basic financial instruments.	Yes ✓	No ✓	N/a ✓

Note 3 **Charity funds**

Details of material funds held and movements during the year to 30 September 2025

Fund names	Type PE, EE R or U *	Purpose and Restrictions	Fund balances brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	Fund balances carried forward £
General Funds	U	General Charitable Activities - Unrestricted	42,860	165,438	(223,856)		0	(15,559)
BM&E Research Fund	R	To support a research post in business, marketing and entrepreneurship	2709.00	0	0		0	2,709
Directors Research Fund	R	To support academic research at the discretion of the Director of KLICE	1,651	0	0		0	1,651
Arts Project	R	Exploring the arts from a Christian perspective, not least through the English face of artway.eu	0	11,015	(11,015)		0	0
Public Leadership Programme - General	R	For student bursaries and support through the KLICE Grantee Scheme	178	0	0		0	178
Public Leadership Programme - Anderson/Law	R	For student bursaries and support through the KLICE Grantee Scheme	1,110	0	0		0	1,110
Public Leadership Programme - Business Award	R	For student bursaries and support through the KLICE Grantee Scheme	69	0	0		0	69
Sinai Project	R	To fund a forthcoming conference and work on the indexes for a forthcoming book on the Sinai event	9,244	0	0		0	9,244
Book Project	R	Fund for writing biography of Kirby Laing	0	5,000	(891)		0	4,109
Kuyper Fund	R	Fund support work on the theology of Abraham Kuyper	0	31,983	(8,000)		0	23,983
Mathematics Fund	R	Supports the work of KLC Maths Research Hub	0	7,331	0		0	7,331
Scripture Collective	R	Funds for three annual seminars including an annual meal and related work on aspects of biblical studies	5,767	2,680	0		0	8,446
Total Funds			63,587	223,447	(243,762)	0	0	43,272

* Key: PE - permanent endowment funds; EE - expendible endowment funds; R - restricted income funds, including special trusts, of the charity; and U - unrestricted funds



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

KIRBY LAING CENTRE FOR PUBLIC THEOLOGY IN CAMBRIDGE

On accounts for the year
ended

30th Sept 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1191741

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/09/2025.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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").

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 (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

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

Signed:

Date: 16th July 2026

Name:

John Greaves

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

Address:

15 Cabbage Moor, Great Shelford, Cambridge, CB22 5NB

Section B	Disclosure
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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.

Significant elements of income from Kirby Laing Foundation (KLF) have been provided to Kirby Laing Centre (KLC) after 2024 2025 year end.

However this is historically a dependable source of annual income (£100k / yr) over the last 5 years, so has been included in the 2024 2025 accounts