Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 14/08/2021 **To** 13/08/2022

Charity name: National Estate Churches Network

Charity registration number: 1192423

Objectives and Activities

The purposes of the charity are the advancement of education through developing and promoting Christian faith communities for the purpose of shaping church policy and supporting community development, learning, social cohesion, sustainability and well-being in the social housing estates of England and Wales.

The main activities of the charity in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts:

- Monthly newsletter sent to front line workers supporting communities on social housing estates.
- Regular social media posts to Facebook and Twitter promoting resources to support front line workers.
- Facilitation of local groups of front-line workers.
- Website highlighting resources for those in estates ministry to use and sharing positive stories of ministry to encourage others through written articles/video interviews and podcasts.
- Conferences to support Christians who work/live in social housing estates.
- One to one support via phone/e-mail contact to direct front line workers to relevant resources/specific sources of support.

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commissioner on public benefit.

The charity does not make any grants

The charity is grateful to the volunteer local hub leaders as well as to the trustees who lead the strategic direction of the organisation.

Achievements and Performance

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:

- Over 650 front line church leaders based on social housing estates receive the monthly newsletter providing resources and support for their work in the communities in which they serve.
- Over 20 local groups are operating to provide a means for local leaders to support and learn from each other.

- Updated website including ‘NECN directory’ to assist estate church leaders in finding resources for leadership training, supporting their communities through social action projects, specialist ministries etc.
- Inspiring and encouraging church leaders on social housing estates by sharing other’s stories through website, videos and podcasts.
- Undertaking research with practitioners about their calling to estates ministry, the joys and challenges, and barriers/reservations to starting out - research will be used to produce resources for those new to estates ministry.
- NECN workstreams aim to link frontline workers with the trustees to feedback issues on the ground and help direct the charity’s work. The workstreams and their achievements this year are:
  - Children, Youth and Families: Highlights CYF issues and resources and produces content for NECN Newsletter.
  - Resources: In 2022 the London conference was well received, and planning is underway for a national conference in 2023.
  - Partnerships: A list of key partners has been produced who NECN could work with, specifically to support churches through the cost-of-living crisis and trustees are in the process of contacting these organisations.
  - Communications: Produces/shares online content for Christians living/working in estates.
  - Groups: Aims to support local group leaders/co-ordinators.

Financial Review

Financial position at the end of the period

Total receipts:	£29,732.90
Total expenditure:	£31,768.47
Net outgoings:	£-2,035.57

Designated funds are as follows:

- £600 Grant from Society of Retreat Conductors for retreat postponed in May 2020 due to Covid. Awaiting a suitable opportunity to undertake a retreat

Unrestricted funds provide a cash-flow buffer and supports the general operations of the charity.

The charity had reserves of £6,139.84 at the end of the financial year of which £600 were designated.

The charity is in receipt of a significant grant that covers the cost of employment of the two part-time staff members. This grant ends during the 2022/23 financial year. Trustees are investigating other sources of funding to be able to continue with the paid staff.

Additional information

The charity’s principal source of funds for this period was AllChurches Trust (now known as Benefact Trust).

The principal risk facing the charity is the challenge of securing enough funding in 22/23 to maintain a paid staff team.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity's governing document is a foundation constitution. The charity is a CIO

New trustees are elected to post by the charity's existing trustees.

Additional information

The charity has informal partnership arrangements with over 40 para-church organisations that support front line work of churches in social housing estates.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	National Estate Churches Network
Other name the charity uses	NECN
Registered charity number	1192423
Charity's principal address	c/o Barking Lodge Verulam Avenue Walthamstow LONDON E17 8ES

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)
Emma Ash		Resigned 09/12/2021	
Eunice Attwood		Appointed 09/12/2021	
David Champness	Treasurer		
Lynne Cullens	Chair		
Andrew Dorton			
Clare King			
Jonathan Macy		Appointed 24/05/2022	
Lynne Norman		Resigned 09/12/2021	
Nigel Poole			
John Rafferty			
Robb Sutherland			
Andrew Turner			

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members

Sara Barron (Executive Director)

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	L S Cullens L S Cullens (Nov 25, 2022 09:13 GMT)	Dave C (Nov 24, 2022 19:18 GMT)
Full name(s)	Rt Rev Lynne Cullens	Mr David Champness
Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Trustee and Treasurer
Date	Nov 25, 2022	Nov 24, 2022

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
National Estate Churches Network	1192423

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	14/08/2021		13/08/2022

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					
Grants	26,634		-	26,634	16,131
Donations	2,743	-	-	2,743	2,833
Tax refund for gift aided donations	-	-	-	-	250
Conference	357	-	-	357	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	29,733	-	-	29,733	19,214
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	29,733	-	-	29,733	19,214
A3 Payments					
Church Army	4,500		-	4,500	9,000
Salaries	15,474		-	15,474	6,428
Other Employment costs	4,280		-	4,280	2,394
Website and IT	1,978	-	-	1,978	779
Insurance	190	-	-	190	785
Equipment	893	-	-	893	599
Other Expenses	1,701	1,047	-	2,748	
Legal fees	1,440	-	-	1,440	-
Bank Charges	266	-	-	266	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	30,722	1,047	-	31,769	19,985
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	30,722	1,047	-	31,769	19,985
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 989	- 1,047	-	- 2,036	- 771
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	6,529	1,647	-	8,175	8,946
Cash funds this year end	5,540	600	-	6,140	8,175

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	Metro Bank Account	5,540	600	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	5,540	600	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	L S Cullens L S Cullens (Nov 25, 2022 09:13 GMT)	L S Cullens	Nov 25, 2022
	Dave C (Nov 24, 2022 19:18 GMT)	Dave C	Nov 24, 2022

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name National Estate Churches Network		
On accounts for the year ended	13/08/2022	**Charity no (if any)**	1192423
Set out on pages	5-6		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **13/08/2022.**

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.

Signed:	OpBlack OpBlack (Dec 8, 2022 10:08 GMT)	**Date:**	Dec 8, 2022
Name:	Ole Black		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	MA, MSc, Retired senior government economic statistician		
Address:	12 The Hawthorns, Caerleon Newport NP18 1LX		

Section B	Disclosure
	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.	I have completed a full examination of the accounts. I was given paper and electronic access to banking records, receipts and all the spreadsheets used to generate the accounts. I need to point out that there was a gap in the banking statements towards the end of the banking with HSBC. This was due to records being lost as the holder moved home. There was a missing statement from 14 October 2021 to 27 November 2021 and at the closure of that account after 27 December 2021. The amounts are covered appropriately in the accounting spreadsheets. Most are standard monthly payments and as such are not a concern. The only one I cannot confirm is a debit of £15.74 at the end of the year which appears to be due to bank charges as the HSBC account was slightly overdrawn in December.

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