Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 14/08/2024 **To** 13/08/2025

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:

- Occasional newsletter sent to front line workers supporting communities on social housing estates.
- 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 700 front line church leaders based on social housing estates receive newsletters providing resources and support for their work in the communities in which they serve.
- Around 5 local groups are operating to provide a means for local leaders to support and learn from each other. New groups are being encouraged and new contacts made through links with Church of England diocesan estate focal leads and others.

- 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 others’ stories through website, videos and podcasts.
- The Executive Director/Chair of Trustees represents the charity at events with key partners eg Church Urban Fund, Churches Together in England (of which the charity is a Body in Association)
- London regional conference in February 2025 with over 40 attendees.
- Retreat held in November 2024 for practioners.
- Northern conference held in September 2024 at Sheffield Cathedral attended by a mix of practioners and support organisations

Financial Review

Financial position at the end of the period

Total receipts:	£ 18,703.00
Total expenditure:	£ 29,351.69
Net deficit:	£ 10,684.69

There are no designated funds at the end of the period.

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

The charity had reserves of £12,592.55 at the end of the financial year of which £0 were designated.

Additional information

The charity received one grant during the year from the Church of England (£14.3k) that covered some of the cost of employment of the two part-time members of staff during 2024-25.

The trustees are aware of the need to identify additional sources of income to maintain and/or expand the paid staff team.

The p/t Executive Director resigned in January 2025 for personal reasons. The p/t Support Officer ended her p/t contract in June 2025 and was available on a zer0-hours basis until end August 2025 before she takes up full-time employment elsewhere.

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
Registered Address	62-64 Battery Road West Thamesmead LONDON SE28 0JT
Bank	Metrobank

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)
Eunice Attwood			
Patricia Brown			
David Champness	Treasurer		
Lynne Cullens	Chair until 15/11/24		
Andrew Dorton			
Clare King			
Jonathan Macy	Chair from 15/11/24		
Emily McDonald		Resigned 28/7/25	
Nigel Poole		Resigned 28/7/25	
Dean Pusey			
Andrew Turner			

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members

Sara Barron (Executive Director) left on 10th January 2025.

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	*Jonathan Macy*	*DAV Champness*
Full name(s)	Rev Jonathan Macy	Mr David Champness
Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Trustee and Treasurer
Date	27/11/24	27/11/24

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
	14/08/2024		13/08/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Grants	14,341	-	-	14,341	23,542
Donations	1,502	-	-	1,502	1,669
Tax refund for gift aided donations	322	-	-	322	775
Conference	2,217	-	-	2,217	5,484
Book Royalties	-	-	-	-	-
Other grants	-	-	-	-	-
Misc	321	-	-	321	5
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	18,703	-	-	18,703	31,475
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	18,703	-	-	18,703	31,475
A3 Payments					
Research	4,500	-	-	4,500	1,542
Conference costs	2,156	-	-	2,156	3,892
Salaries	15,668	-	-	15,668	18,468
Other Employment costs	3,106	-	-	3,106	5,665
Website and IT	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance	190	-	-	190	173
Equipment	76	-	-	76	477
Staff Expenses	2,919	-	-	2,919	3,791
Legal fees		-	-	-	-
Bank Charges	240	-	-	240	240
Memberships	77			77	75
Trustee Expenses	420	-	-	420	44
Sub total	29,352	-	-	29,352	34,367
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	29,352	-	-	29,352	34,267
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 10,649	-	-	- 10,649	- 2,891
A5 Transfers between funds			-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	23,241		-	23,241	26,132
Cash funds this year end	12,592	-	-	12,592	23,241

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	12,592	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	12,592	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

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

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

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

	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
		Mr David Champness	27-Nov-25
		Rev Jonathan Macy	27-Nov-25

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	13/08/2025	**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 **13/08/2025.**

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").

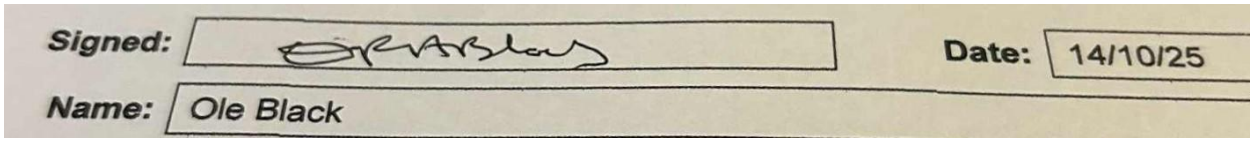
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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.



Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	MA, MSc, Retired senior government economic statistician
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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.	