



ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CHARITY COMMISSION ON THE AFFAIRS OF CHURCH ON THE GREEN NEIGHBOURHOOD FOUNDATION

For the year ending 31 December 2024

This report has two sections:

- 1: Business Review covering Legal and Administrative Information and the Report of Trustees of the CIO
- 2: Financial Review, Accounts covering Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and Notes forming part of the financial statement

Section 1: Business Review

Reference and administration information

Name: Church on the Green Neighbourhood Foundation

Registered number: 1192717

Registered address:

The Old Vicarage, Briggate, Silsden, West Yorkshire BD20 9JS

Trustees as at 1.1.24: Mr Greg Thomson (Chair), Mrs Amiri Agbai (Treasurer), Rev Canon Michael Cansdale, Mrs Elizabeth Ford, Mr Howard Carter

Legal advisor: Mr Jeremy Mark Green, The Old Vicarage, Briggate, Silsden, West Yorkshire BD20 9JS

Bankers: Co-operative Bank, 1 Balloon Street, Manchester M60 1GP

Aims and objectives of the CIO

1. To advance the Christian religion for the public benefit in Keighley, West Yorkshire;
2. To develop the capacity and skills of the members of the socially and economically disadvantaged community of Keighley, West Yorkshire, in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs to participate more fully in society;
3. To provide community meeting 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 of Keighley.

Focus of our work during 2024

The trustees met on five occasions during the year to conduct essential business of the CIO. Business covered three areas: (i) Governance, Policy and Procedures; (ii) Strategy, Actions and Future Plans; and (iii) Outreach and Delivering Public Benefit

Governance, Policy and Procedures

Two trustees resigned and were replaced during the year. The Rev Michael Cansdale moved to take up a new church appointment elsewhere; Mr Howard Carter retired on grounds of ill-health. They were replaced by the Rev Jonathon Berry and Mr Jeremy Mark Green, the latter in addition to his existing duties as legal advisor.

The Privacy Policy, Anti-Money-Laundering Policy and Risk Register were each updated and approved by the trustees during the year.

The Business Plan was completely reviewed and adopted by the trustees in December. Thanks are due to a senior academic at the University of Leeds for her external support and guidance.

Work began during the year in reviewing and re-writing the Fundraising Strategy, to ensure it is in place once major fundraising begins. It is anticipated that this document will be presented to the trustees for adoption early in 2025.

Strategy, Actions and Future Plans

The trustees worked on the identified strategy for the CIO's work in 2024 and laid down plans for 2025.

The former Methodist Hall (now renamed St. Andrew's Community Hall) was purchased in March 2024, made possible with a generous grant from the Fenton Trust, to whom the trustees are extremely grateful.

Halliday Clark of Ilkley, the CIO's appointed architects, delivered a draft design concept based on the current Statement of Need. The trustees undertook a series of consultations with the church congregation and the wider Keighley community on this document, leading to various changes being made to reflect the comments received. The final proposed design concept plans, which received overwhelming support, show how the church and hall buildings will be modernised and extended to become fit for purpose as a place of worship and as a hub for community and social activities in Keighley.

Following approval of the design concept, a large number of technical reports were commissioned, reviewed and approved by the trustees and the Keighley PCC, culminating in the CIO filing a full planning application with Bradford Council in December, with a response anticipated early in Spring 2025.

These documents will also form the basis of an application for a church facility, anticipated to be filed in the Summer of 2025.

The trustees were pleased to launch the CIO's website in August, which can be viewed at www.churchonthegreen.uk. A large number of the project documents have been uploaded to keep all interested parties up to date with progress.

Plans for 2025 include further consultation with the Diocesan Advisory Committee at the Diocese of Leeds, The Church Buildings Council, other statutory bodies, the local town council, local

businesses, current and potential users of the community hall, individuals and groups from within the church congregation, as well as with the local MP and the general public.

The Statement of Significance and Statement of Need will require further updating, prior to lodging the formal faculty application in the Summer of 2025, with a view to obtaining formal faculty approval by the end of 2025.

It is anticipated that a professional fundraising consultant will be engaged during 2025 to complement the existing skill set available to the trustees. Following approval of the Fundraising Strategy and appointment of a fundraising consultant, detailed major fundraising work can commence, as soon as the faculty application has been approved.

Outreach and delivering public benefit

The post-pandemic upward momentum continues. Numbers have continued to increase both in corporate worship and engagement with the various disadvantaged groups in the community of Keighley.

Collective worship for the public benefit of Keighley, including civic services such as Remembrance Day, Annual Carol Service, Brownies and Guides Thinking Day Service have all figured in the past year.

Holiday clubs at Christmas, Easter and Summer for primary age school children continue, attracting approximately one hundred children to each club.

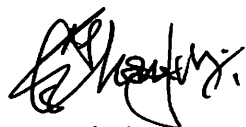
The number of volunteers engaged in community activity remains very good. The Welcome Cafe continues to provide valuable service to the community. The weekly Grubs-Up service to the homeless and those experiencing social and economic hardship continues to be a key provision in the community.

Over thirty (30) individuals, including the trustees, are now engaged voluntarily in some aspect of the charity, including fundraising and providing expert professional advice

Facilities in the adjacent hall has meant the numbers of groups meeting there has returned to pre-pandemic levels, eg drug addiction support; dementia friendly support; weight and healthy living support; alcohol addiction support; Brownies. Each one of these groups provides opportunity for trained volunteers to be involved in service to the Keighley community.

Additionally, since the acquisition of the now designated Community Hall, it is also used on a weekly basis for children and youth groups on Sundays.

[End of Section 1]


22/7/25
Chair

Section 2: Financial review

The financial statements of the Church on the Green Neighbourhood Foundation have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, together with applicable accounting standards, the current Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities (Charities SORP), and FRS102 with the Regulations' "true and fair" provisions.

Receipts & Payments Accounts

Receipts and payments accounts are statements that summarise the movement of funds into and out of the CIO during the financial year.

1. Grants & Donations

During the financial year, the charity was actively engaged in a number of initiatives. A major highlight was the submission of the Project Beacon planning application to Bradford Council. The Trustees have also been in close liaison with the Leeds Diocesan Advisory Committee in relation to the proposed application for a faculty, expected to be formally applied for in 2025. To support the charity's objectives, several fundraising events were also organised across the parish, helping to generate additional income.

A fundraising campaign launched in the autumn raised £271 to date. In addition, the charity received a donated car with the condition that 25% of the eventual sale proceeds be transferred to the Parish of Keighley.

Total donations received during the year amounted to £36,706, comprising £35,806 in one-off donations and £900 in recurring donations. This reflects an overall increase of 17% compared to the previous year (2023: £31,135). Gift Aid claims on donations totalled £5,943, representing a significant increase from £1,884 claimed in the previous year.

The planning application process necessitated the commissioning of several professional reports. To cover part of these professional fees, the charity secured a loan of £50,000 against the car pending its sale. The sale took place, and the loan repaid in full, after the end of the financial year but before final approval of this report.

2. Payments

During the year, £22,984 from the donation received from the Fenton Trust was transferred to the Parish of Keighley to assist with the purchase of the Community Hall. The hall forms a vital component in the delivery of the Project Beacon initiative.

Architects' fees accounted for 53% of the charity's total payments during the year, with an additional 15% allocated to other professional services required to complete the necessary reports for the planning application.

The charity's website, www.churchonthegreen.uk, has been successfully launched. A balance payment of £325 was made to the developer, and an ongoing website management fee of £35 per month has been agreed.

Total expenditure for the year amounted to £76,754, compared to £5,639 in the previous financial year (2023).

No trustee received any remuneration or expense reimbursement during the financial year.

Reserves

The charity does not have reserves to cover its operations.



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FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01-Jan-24	To	Period end date 31-Dec-24
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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, legacies and grants	36,706	-	-	36,706	31,135
Fundraising events	271	-	-	271	-
Interest on deposit accounts	-	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid claimed	5,943	-	-	5,943	1,884
Previous year Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	1,250
Sub-total (Gross income for AR)	42,920	-	-	42,920	34,269
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Loan received	50,000	-	-	50,000	-
Sub total	50,000	-	-	50,000	-
Total receipts	92,920	-	-	92,920	34,269
A3 Payments					
Funds for the Community Hall	22,984	-	-	22,984	-
Professional fees (Architects)	40,923	-	-	40,923	5,040
Other Professional fees	11,254	-	-	11,254	-
Preplanning Application	180	-	-	180	-
Website Design & Maintenance	465	-	-	465	325
Insurance	152	-	-	152	130
Printing	96	-	-	96	144
Examiner Fees	222	-	-	222	-
Other fees (car insurance)	478	-	-	478	-
Sub total	76,754	-	-	76,754	5,639

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)

		-	-	-	-	-
	<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-
	<i>Total payments</i>	76,754	-	-	76,754	5,639
	<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	16,165	-	-	16,165	28,630
A5 Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end		33,652	-	-	33,652	5,022
	<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	49,817	-	-	49,817	33,652

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		49,817	-	-
	<i>Total cash funds</i>	49,817	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets		-	-	-
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		-	-	-
		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	
		TRUSTEE	22.7.25	

CHURCH ON THE GREEN NEIGHBOURHOOD FOUNDATION

(CIO)

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Church on the Green Neighbourhood Foundation

I report on the accounts of the charity for the twelve month period ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 1- 6

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

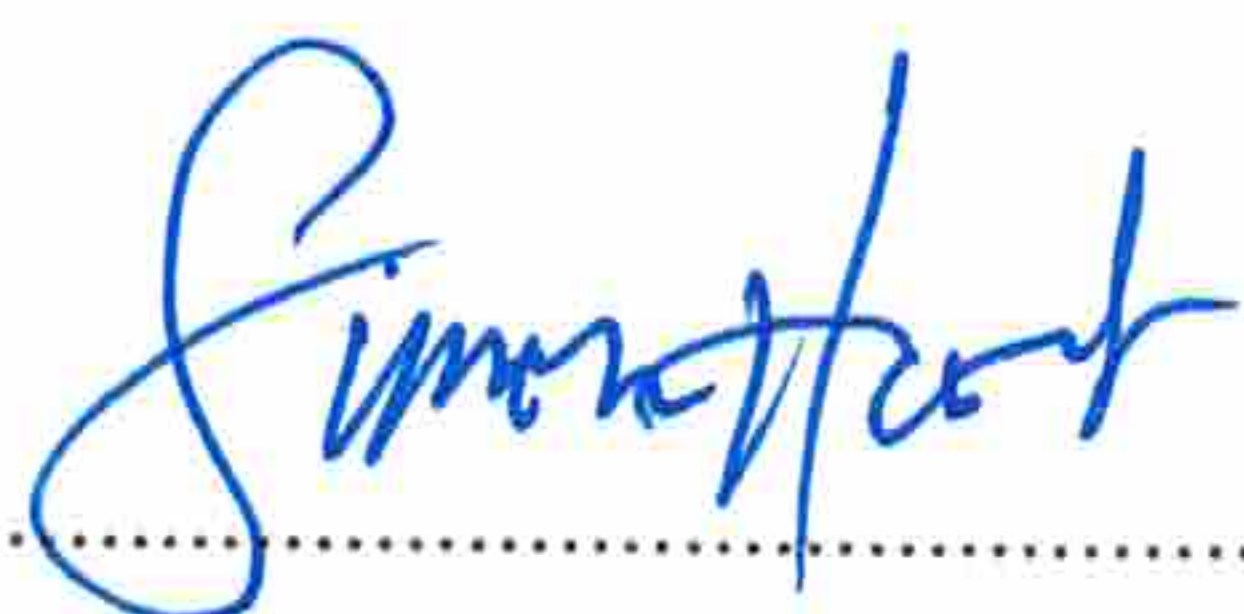
In connection with of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep proper accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met, or

2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



15/05/2025

S Hart FCCA

Date