



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1/1/2023 to 31/12/2023

Charity name: The Meeting Place, Westbourne

Charity registration number: 1192915

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination. Also to advance education and carry out other charitable purposes.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Hosting gatherings which promote physical, mental and emotional wellbeing. Hosting children's groups. Letting of hall for local community activities.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The guidance - https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/610943/PB2_Running_a_charity.pdf - has been emailed to the Trustees for scrutiny and reference when making decisions at Trustees meetings.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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.	Para 1.20	Ran 80 1.5 hour supervised parent/carer and toddler sessions for pre-school children benefitting around 200 children/150 families. Combatting loneliness through weekly walking and monthly film club groups for retired locals benefitting around 50 people. Hosted Sunday afternoon teas benefitting around 100 individuals. Provided guitar lessons for locals. Offered space for local business start-ups at reduced rates. Hosted Parish Council meetings, Greening Westbourne, WI, Yoga, children's dance and performing arts groups.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Stable
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	N/a
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	0
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Level of funds does not warrant
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	0
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	CIO Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	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	Para 1.25	Section 14.1.1 of the Meeting Place constitution states that The Meeting Place Partners' (members) Meeting shall appoint Charity Trustees.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Meeting Place, Westbourne
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1192915
Charity's principal address	The Meeting Place North Street Westbourne West Sussex PO10 8SP

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	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/a

Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>NRA</i>	<i>K Newman</i>
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Full name(s)	Neil Richard Attewell	Katy Newman
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Pioneer Minister	Trustee
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Date	12/3/24
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The Meeting Place, Westbourne Income and Expenditure 2023			
INCOME		£	EXPENDITURE
SCBA/HMF Grant	13,383.96	Pioneer's Salary & Payroll fee	16,077.56
Grants	9,176.94	Programmes	2,962.68
Hall Hire	8,447.00	Pension	2,799.48
Bequest	5,000.00	Heat and Light	1,795.93
Programmes	4,183.73	Cleaning	1,064.20
Warren Park Church Gift	1,200.00	Insurance	651.65
Refunds in	435.34	Fees	474.70
Giving	405.52	Water	412.64
		Repairs & Renewals	400.79
		Conference	335.00
		Broadband	305.63
		Office	150.55
		Gifts to Volunteers	113.00
		Travel	35.50
Total Income	42,232.49	Total Expenditure	27,579.31
Surplus from operations to 31.12.23:-			
01.01.23 Bank Balance b/fd	14,471.51		
01.01.23 Petty Cash b/fd	276.27		
01.01.23 Sub-total	14,747.78		
Add income for year	42,232.49		
Less expenditure for year	27,579.31		
Less transfer to savings for year	23,500.00		
31.12.23 Balance (Cash and bank) c/fd	5,900.96		
Balance Sheet as at 31.12.23:-			
31.12.23 Kingdom Bank Savings		23,500.00	
31.12.23 Kingdom Bank interest recd		414.28	
31.12.23 Kingdom Bank sub-total		23,914.28	
31.12.23 Co-op Bank Balance	5,375.68		
31.12.23 Petty cash balance	525.28		
Sub total:	-	5,900.96	
Total funds available c/fd:		29,815.24	
Independent Examiners Report			
I do not express an opinion as to the adequacy of the Reserve Fund. Subject to the above, in my opinion the statement of Income & Expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2023 is a fair summary as evidenced by the information and explanations supplied to me.			

Name: Ian Hedges

Signature:



Date: 29/02/2024



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

The Meeting Place, Westbourne

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31/12/2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1192915

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023.

**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 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.

Signed:

Date:

29th February 2024

Name:

Ian Hedges

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

ACMA CGMA

Address:

3 Grant Road, Farlington, PO6 1DU

Section B

Disclosure

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.