

Parochial Church Council of St Peter's Highfields
Annual Report 2024

Background

St Peter's Highfields PCC has the responsibility of cooperating with the Rector in promoting the whole mission of the church - pastoral, evangelistic and ecumenical, and works with St Philip's as part of the Benefice of St Peter Highfields and St Philips Leicester. The PCC is a registered charity, number 1193247.

Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Elected members serve for upto three years and are then eligible to be re-elected. During the year the following people served the PCC.

Rector -	Rev'd Jonathan Surridge (chair)
Deacon -	Rev'd Caroline Brown
Church Wardens -	Delroy Davis - first appointed 2019 Elizabeth Gray (Safeguarding) - first appointed 2020
Mission and Administration -	Cathryn Parsons (including Treasurer)
Members -	Jesus Brito (Head Server) elected 2022 Anita Fogarty (Secretary) elected 2023 Christopher Gray (Organist) elected 2021 Jennifer Hillhouse (Event Host) elected 2023 Cynthia Simon (Deanery Synod) elected 2022 Geraldine Robbins elected 2021 Tony Punter elected 2023 Hannah Walkom cooped 2022 Dennise Johnson (resigned) Euan Johnson (resigned)
Architect -	Richard Brooks
Independent Examiner -	Tony Marvin
Cook -	Cameron Forbes (resigned) and Hannah Walkom (resigned)

Rector's Report

2023 saw a continued rebuilding of the church following Covid, and saw us face up to a number of challenges, especially around the significant increase in the cost of gas and electricity and the withdrawal of a grant from Leicester Diocese which had covered the bulk of the cost of employing the Administrator and Mission work, although the actual impact will not be felt until 2024. Bookings for private parties increased, as did demand for the Saturday feed provided in partnership with Midland Langar Seva Society (MLSS).

Attendance at Sunday Services has slowly increased, and numbers joining online have remained constant. Investment has been made in our online streaming, and work continued on improving the building.

Worshipping Community

St Peter's has a steady group of loyal congregation members who attend most Sundays - either in church or online, and a large number of people who attend sporadically. A number of people attend for a short time, such as asylum seekers, or stay with us whilst they find confidence and either move on, or are able to move on themselves. We have supported a number of people in this position throughout the year.

Regular worship is held on Sunday at 11am, and Tuesday at 10am. Average attendance on Sunday is 35-40, and Tuesday's is 10-12. On Sunday, typically 11 people join us live on line, with many more taking part by watching later on. At harvest we collected over ¼ tonne of food, and raised £720, in partnership with St Philips. This was split between MLSS and One Roof.

Our Home

Overall, the building remains "at risk" on the National Heritage Register, and is likely to do so for some time. Work has commenced on some of the Priority One repairs - in particular the floor to the rear of the church which was raising up, has been examined and the drainage nearby has been improved which should stop the problems of flooding at the rear of the church. The gutters and valley over the organ loft were cleared, and some blockages removed which should reduce the problem of flooding over the organ loft, but there remains a problem that the drains in that part of the building can not accommodate sudden down pours of rain; one such incident washed much of the remaining gravel from the car park and a request from the council that we prevent the rest washing down the road. This was removed in July, and work will be needed on the car park surface sooner or later.

Community Payback spent the summer working on the site, including some gardening, painting the internal halls and toilets, and the metal railings. Approval was received to remove the lime tree that is impacting on the rear kitchen, but the work could not be undertaken because of nesting birds and then rising sap - this will need to be completed early in 2024.

Hiring of the hall and rear of church have become a significant source of funding. Work will be needed to improve the lighting - switching to LED in the hall, and completion of the lighting installation in the rear of the church. The PCC also needs to be mindful over the state of the floor; in the rear of the church it is wearing badly and the tiles are coming loose. Across the whole church there is a lack of insulation across the floor. An asbestos survey needs to be undertaken as well.

The electricity across the site is 100% renewable, generated from the Hornsea One windfarm, about 20 miles from the Yorkshire coast.

Our Neighbours

The church remains prominent in the community and bookings for private use have continued to increase, up about one third on the previous year. Bookings tend to be made later than, for example, St Philips, and the PCC will need to manage the careful balance between maximising income whilst still supporting local families who do not have the money for large celebrations.

Over the course of the year, the number of people receiving a free meal on a Saturday night has steadily increased. Over 350 hot meals were provided on Christmas Eve, and we continued our partnership with MLSS by introducing a similar provision on a Wednesday lunchtime. Over the cold months of winter we hosted film nights.

We said farewell to Cameron Forbes with mixed emotions - he brought an excitement and vitality to our Tuesday and Friday lunches and we were thrilled he was moving on to work at the Kings' Coffee Shop, but sad to see him leave. Hannah took over as cook but then left to take up a full time roll at the University Hospitals Trust. Our Parish Lunches have struggled since and the PCC needs to continue to reflect on what God is calling us to do around these areas.

We continued to host Leicester Community Radio, and hosted their winter fayre and volunteer awards night. We welcomed pupils from a number of local schools including Sparkenhoe Primary, Uplands Infants, Highfields Primary, Madani and also the U3A Architects group. The St Philips Centre also used the church as a base for a number of inter-faith school visits.

Ourselves

Worshipping communities continue to grow, albeit it slowly, and some people join us and then move out of the area. We are always encouraged when people either choose to stay at St Peter's, or we hear of how they have joined another church.

Our main service is on Sunday at 11am which is a communion service. To be as inclusive as possible, we use communion wine that has been fermented from grapes and then had the alcohol removed so that it is suitable for all. We also meet on Tuesdays at 10am for communion, and online for Morning Prayer at 9.30 on Tuesday to Friday.

During the year we studied "Lydia" by Paula Goodier, and a number of people we confirmed when Bishop Martyn held a confirmation service at St Margaret's. We ran a number of film nights, during Lent, with a Christian message, started the Journey in Faith (JiF) course and welcomed Josh Crick DeBoom as our Ordinand (training to be a priest). Our vicar, Jonathan, got married to Cathryn in a beautiful service led by Bishop Martyn Snow.

We said farewell to Lowell Fred Thomas, Roy Kenneth Brotherson, Cordeth Ballamy, Enid Malcom, Tristan Connel, Inez Piney, Ralph Christian, Francis Viola Herbert, Kathleen Samuels, Gerry Burke, Alan Anderson Thomas, Lawrence Richards, Reuben Baptiste, Julie Campbell, Joseph Brown and Glyne Stuart. May they all rest in peace, and rise in glory.

Our Finances

We went into 2023 knowing that it would be a challenging year. We had set a variety of actions in place (some which will continue into 2024) to help manage the finances better.

Overall, the accounts show a loss of £11,000 based on the receipts and payments. In real terms, although this shows a dramatic increase over 2022, because of an overpayment in gas and electric in previous years, this reduced the total expenditure for 2022, and the overspend is of a similar magnitude. Obviously, we are not in a position to operate year in and out with a deficit budget, and work will need to be undertaken to correct

this in due course. But, in light of a doubling of expenditure on gas and electricity (reduced because of better management of heating and lighting), this was a good outcome. The PCC have set a similar deficit for 2024

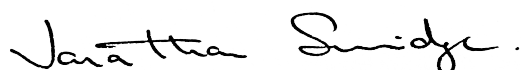
In the midst of austerity, that impacts particularly harshly on deprived parishes such as St Peter's, there has been a great demonstration of generosity. Overall financial giving increased by 44 per cent compared to 2022, including an increase in those using the **Parish Giving Scheme** which is a very efficient way of giving for those who have a regular income. The church received no legacy income; this is a source of much support for some churches.

For 2024, the PCC took the difficult decision to reduce the Parish Share giving to the diocese. This was taken after much prayerful consideration, and the diocese removing the support for our mission and administration work. Reflection included an examination of what the impact would be if we maintained the Parish Share, and what action we would need to take in order to set a balanced budget. The PCC had previously informed the diocese of the difficulties that the church would face if the support was cut, and is particularly frustrating as the Diocese receives considerable support from the Church Commissioners to assist the most deprived parishes, of which St Peter's is one. Our Parish Share for 2024 is offered as £800.

Thank-you

St Peter's Highfields has proudly and humbly served the parish and its communities for 149 years. We could not do what we do without the massive support of a whole range of volunteers or are either members of the church or support the activities of the church. Most of us do this work because of our faith. We have also been generously supported financially by many individuals - thank you. We know that times are challenging, and appreciate the sacrifices you make to maintain this support. We have also received support from a range of other places. We are part of the Church of England, and in 2023 the Diocese of Leicester covered the cost of our Admin and Mission work, and provided the Rector. We also would like to say thank you to our other partners - The Asda Foundation who donated £1000 to help keep the Lounge open, and fund the soup and bread we provided; Community Matters fund (most of which we dealt with in 2024), the Church Urban Fund whose grant of £1534 enabled us to train ourselves and MLSS in emergency First Aid, Conflict Training and Food Hygiene, and also £6992.95 which was Crowdfunder including a very generous £2249.95 from individuals which was boosted with £980 from the Aviva Cost of Living Boost, £940 from Sovereign Thriving communities and £2823 from the Coop Warm Spaces.

For 2024, we are already boosted by the announcement of £9217 from Community Matters which will help those who are homeless or living in poor housing, and £25,596 from the National Lottery Community Fund.



Rev Jonathan Surridge
Rector
May 2024

Treasurers Report to the AGM, 22nd May 2023

The formal accounts for our financial year 2023 are presented below along with the comparison for the preceding 12 months.

Formal notes and Interpretation for accounts

1. The accounting period for St Peter's Highfields is from 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023
2. Gift Aid claims: HMRC gift aid tax refunds during the year £580.58
Automatic monthly HMRC gift aid tax refunds from the Parish Giving scheme returned £1335.82 for 2023

Notes to accounts

1. These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with The Charities Act (England and Wales) 2011
2. There are currently two active Account Funds:
 - General fund – (Unrestricted)
 - Grant fund (Restricted). Includes:
 - Church Urban Fund: Near Neighbours Training Grant. £1534 for Emergency First Aid, Conflict Training and Food Hygiene.
 - National Grid Electricity Distribution: Community Matters Fund, "Insulating warm rooms and people" £9217
3. Category break down:
 - Donations, appeals etc, Ukraine, Harvest, Cheque donations, Symphonia Concert, Easy Fundraising, Refreshments and Private Donations
 - Non-recurring grants: includes restricted (as above) and non-restricted grants:
 - Asda Foundation – Warm Room costs, £1000
 - St Peter's Highfields Living Room – Crowdfunder £6992.95
Crowd £2249.95
Aviva Cost of Living Boost £980
Coop Warm Spaces £2823
Sovereign Thriving Communities £940
 - Salaries
J. Hillhouse (parties, cleaning and support), H. Walkom (Cook),
 - Running Expenses: small equipment, disposables, shelves, gardening
 - Parish training and mission: Christingle, Christmas and Easter, Loros, P.C.C Away Day, Grant training costs, Gift
 - Giving to external charities: One Roof, M.L.S.S
 - Maintenance: boilers, gutters, painting, hall update, electrical installation updates, drains, fire extinguishers, skip, tiles, plumbing, general
 - Contracts and Licenses: church suite, giving plates, website, accounting software, streaming license, permissions, mobile phone sim
 - ICT and Technology: Computer towers, tablet and associated equipment

4. Utilities / Gas and Electric

Gas and Electric rate changes occur in October of each year. A substantial increase in October 2022 on all three meters of rates per unit and standing charge had a significant impact on the 2023 finances.

Table 1 shows the rate of increase.

	Oct 21- Sept 22		Oct 22 – Sept 23		Oct 23 – Sept 24	
	Per Unit	Standing charge	Per unit	Standing Charge	Per unit	Standing Charge
Electric rooms	14.77p	£0.78/day	33.38p	£1.35/day	25.48p	£2.39/day
Electric – church	Not recorded	£0.49/day	33.15p	£0.57/day	25.38p	£0.95/day
Gas	1.95p	£3.33/day	8.48p	£7.29/day	4.88p	£7.74/day

Table 1

In 2023 Utilities was broken down into separate nominal accounts to improve monitoring

For 2022 the combined cost of utilities was £9457.27

For 2023 the combined cost of utilities was £21,673.79

A reduction in the rates was secured for October 2023 – September 2024

To reduce use of Gas, improved control systems have been fitted to the church boilers.

5. Grants

St Peter's would like to give thanks to the following organisations for Grants Awarded in 2023:

Church Urban Fund – Near Neighbours £1534

National Grid Electricity Distribution – Community Matters Fund £9217

Asda Foundation - £1000

Aviva Cost of Living Boost £980

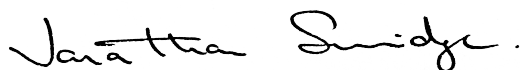
Coop Warm Spaces £2823

Sovereign Thriving Communities £940

Local Giving, National Lottery Community Fund – Community Organisations Cost of Living Fund

Warm Welcome to our Neighbours £25,596.44 awarded in 2023, showing in 2024 accounts.

St Peter's would also like to thank all the individuals who have generously given in 2023.



Rev Jonathan Surridge
Rector

Cathryn Parsons
Treasurer

St Peter's Highfields
Receipts and Payments Account
For the period from 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts						
Planned giving	11,802.89	-	-	-	11,802.89	8,438.17
Collections and other giving	7,253.48	-	-	-	7,253.48	5,503.77
Other voluntary receipts	2,679.16	-	10,375.58	-	13,054.74	11,964.61
Gift Aid recovered	1,916.40	-	-	-	1,916.40	637.37
Other receipts	7,186.99	-	-	-	7,186.99	573.65
Activities for generating funds	16,911.34	-	-	-	16,911.34	12,475.50
Receipts from church activities	5,254.83	-	(1,276.00)	-	3,978.83	6,922.86
Total Receipts	53,005.09	-	9,099.58	-	62,104.67	46,515.93
Payments						
Missionary and Charitable Giving	2,792.51	-	177.34	-	2,969.85	13,272.34
Parish Share	8,000.00	-	-	-	8,000.00	8,000.00
Clergy and Staffing costs	5,975.56	-	-	-	5,975.56	3,020.00
Church Running Expenses	31,034.01	-	2,121.66	-	33,155.67	15,899.02
Church Repairs & Maintenance	10,830.29	-	3,289.20	-	14,119.49	6,785.25
Governance Costs	6,037.48	-	-	-	6,037.48	6,366.59
Total Payments	64,669.85	-	5,588.20	-	70,258.05	53,343.20
Excess of receipts over payments before transfer	(11,664.76)	-	3,511.38	-	(8,153.38)	(6,827.27)
Transfers:						
Gross transfers between funds - in	4,474.86	1,016.21	4,518.19	-	10,009.26	-
Gross transfers between funds - out	(662.16)	(8,122.29)	(1,224.81)	-	(10,009.26)	-
Excess of receipts over payments before other gains	(7,852.06)	(7,106.08)	6,804.76	-	(8,153.38)	(6,827.27)
Net movement in funds	(8,476.04)	(7,106.08)	6,804.76	-	(8,777.36)	(6,827.27)
Reconciliation of funds						
Excess of receipts over payments at beginning of the year	44,900.32	7,106.08	2,412.24	-	54,418.64	61,245.91
Excess of receipts over payments for the year	36,424.28	-	9,217.00	-	45,641.28	54,418.64

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Analysis of Receipts and Payments Selected period: 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
Receipts						
Planned giving						
0101 - Gift Aid - Bank	1,180.00	-	-	-	1,180.00	2,080.00
0102 - Parish Giving Scheme	5,384.44	-	-	-	5,384.44	2,669.29
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	1,746.04	-	-	-	1,746.04	866.89
0201 - Other planned giving	3,492.41	-	-	-	3,492.41	2,821.99
Planned giving Totals	11,802.89	-	-	-	11,802.89	8,438.17
Collections and other giving						
0301 - Loose plate collections	6,213.56	-	-	-	6,213.56	3,723.34
0302 - Online and card machine	829.82	-	-	-	829.82	-
0401 - All other giving and voluntary receipts	-	-	-	-	-	1,780.43
0501 - One-off Gift Aid gifts	210.10	-	-	-	210.10	-
Collections and other giving Totals	7,253.48	-	-	-	7,253.48	5,503.77
Other voluntary receipts						
0550 - Donations appeals etc	1,542.16	-	(375.42)	-	1,166.74	2,106.26
0701 - Legacies	-	-	-	-	-	-
0801 - Recurring grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	1,137.00	-	10,751.00	-	11,888.00	9,858.35
Other voluntary receipts Totals	2,679.16	-	10,375.58	-	13,054.74	11,964.61
Gift Aid recovered						
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	1,916.40	-	-	-	1,916.40	637.37
Gift Aid recovered Totals	1,916.40	-	-	-	1,916.40	637.37
Other receipts						
0901 - Other funds generated (fundraising)	184.04	-	-	-	184.04	-
0910 - Crowdfunding	6,992.95	-	-	-	6,992.95	-
1310 - Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	-	-
1311 - Any other income	10.00	-	-	-	10.00	573.65
1313 - Share of cost - LCR Radio	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other receipts Totals	7,186.99	-	-	-	7,186.99	573.65
Activities for generating funds						
1210 - Hire of Halls/Building	16,911.34	-	-	-	16,911.34	12,475.50
1211 - Funds from trading (sales)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Activities for generating funds Totals	16,911.34	-	-	-	16,911.34	12,475.50
Investment Income						
1020 - Bank and building society interest	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment Income Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-

					Total	
	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Receipts from church activities						
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	3,789.01	-	(1,276.00)	-	2,513.01	3,598.44
1312 - Meals	1,265.82	-	-	-	1,265.82	3,278.75
1314 - Staff cost contributions	200.00	-	-	-	200.00	45.67
Receipts from church activities Totals	5,254.83	-	(1,276.00)	-	3,978.83	6,922.86
Receipts Grand Totals	53,005.09	-	9,099.58	-	62,104.67	46,515.93
Payments						
Cost of generating funds						
1710 - Costs of applying for grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
1730 - Fundraising activities costs and payment	-	-	-	-	-	-
2385 - Transaction Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cost of generating funds Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missionary and Charitable Giving						
1801 - Giving to external charities/missions	913.37	-	-	-	913.37	605.00
2202 - Food Costs - Mission	1,879.14	-	177.34	-	2,056.48	1,741.44
2203 - Grant Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-	10,925.90
Missionary and Charitable Giving Totals	2,792.51	-	177.34	-	2,969.85	13,272.34
Parish Share						
1910 - Ministry parish share etc	8,000.00	-	-	-	8,000.00	8,000.00
Parish Share Totals	8,000.00	-	-	-	8,000.00	8,000.00
Clergy and Staffing costs						
2001 - Salaries, wages and honaria	5,786.09	-	-	-	5,786.09	2,857.70
2002 - Staff Pension	-	-	-	-	-	-
2101 - Clergy and staff expenses	189.47	-	-	-	189.47	162.30
Clergy and Staffing costs Totals	5,975.56	-	-	-	5,975.56	3,020.00
Church Running Expenses						
2170 - Education	-	-	-	-	-	-
2201 - Parish training and mission costs	998.11	-	1,356.66	-	2,354.77	96.59
2380 - Running costs	431.02	-	-	-	431.02	306.33
2381 - Worship/Altar Supplies	1,253.06	-	-	-	1,253.06	1,193.63
2382 - Organ Tuning and Maintenance	1,848.00	-	-	-	1,848.00	648.00
2383 - Organist	2,340.00	-	405.00	-	2,745.00	2,270.00
2384 - cleaning supplies	463.30	-	-	-	463.30	502.52
2386 - Contracts and Licenses	1,246.38	-	-	-	1,246.38	942.69
2387 - ICT and Technology	500.35	-	360.00	-	860.35	481.99
2388 - Organist Funeral	280.00	-	-	-	280.00	-
2401 - Utilities - Gas, electric, water, phone	-	-	-	-	-	9,457.27
2402 - Gas	13,384.80	-	-	-	13,384.80	-
2403 - Electricity	7,159.85	-	-	-	7,159.85	-
2404 - Water	104.76	-	-	-	104.76	-
2405 - Phone / Broadband	1,024.38	-	-	-	1,024.38	-

		Total				
	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Church Running Expenses Totals	31,034.01	-	2,121.66	-	33,155.67	15,899.02
Hall Running Costs						
Hall Running Costs Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Church Repairs & Maintenance						
2701 - major repairs	-	-	-	-	-	-
2702 - Architect	-	-	-	-	-	-
2720 - interior and exterior decorating	677.82	-	434.75	-	1,112.57	-
2785 - Maintenance	10,152.47	-	2,854.45	-	13,006.92	6,785.25
Church Repairs & Maintenance Totals	10,830.29	-	3,289.20	-	14,119.49	6,785.25
Hall Repairs & Maintenance						
2888 - Maintenance hall	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hall Repairs & Maintenance Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Building work						
2920 - New building work	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Building work Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Governance Costs						
2301 - Governance costs examination/audit fee	54.76	-	-	-	54.76	900.00
2302 - Insurance	5,982.72	-	-	-	5,982.72	5,466.59
Governance Costs Totals	6,037.48	-	-	-	6,037.48	6,366.59
Payments Grand Totals	64,669.85	-	5,588.20	-	70,258.05	53,343.20

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Balance Sheet detailed

	As at 31/12/2023	As at 31/12/2022
Current assets		
6501: Bank current account	44,452.36	54,340.93
6502: Cash Book	252.32	0.22
6505: Bank deposit account	-	-
6590: Petty Cash	40.00	79.49
Total Current assets	44,744.68	54,420.64
Liabilities		
6699: Agency collections	(896.60)	2.00
Total Liabilities	(896.60)	2.00
Net Asset surplus (deficit)	45,641.28	54,418.64
Reserves		
Excess/(deficit) to date	(8,153.38)	(6,827.27)
Z01: Starting balances	54,418.64	61,245.91
Z03: Gains and losses own use	(623.98)	-
Total Reserves	45,641.28	54,418.64

Represented by Funds

General (Unrestricted)	36,424.28	44,900.32
Designated	-	7,106.08
Restricted	9,217.00	2,412.24
Total	45,641.28	54,418.64

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by fund) As at: 31 December 2023

		Balance	Previous balance
Cash At Bank And In Hand			
6501: Bank current account			
Grant Funding	Restricted	9,217.00	3,222.70
Project Fund	Designated	-	6,089.87
Project Fund	Restricted	-	(1,615.01)
General fund	Unrestricted	36,131.96	44,585.17
Agency collection	Restricted	(896.60)	2,058.20
		44,452.36	54,340.93
6502: Cash Book			
General fund	Unrestricted	252.32	-
Agency collection	Restricted	-	0.22
		252.32	0.22
6505: Bank deposit account			
Project Fund	Restricted	-	(1,224.81)
Project Fund	Designated	-	1,016.21
General fund	Unrestricted	-	208.60
		-	-
6590: Petty Cash			
Grant Funding	Restricted	-	(27.06)
General fund	Unrestricted	40.00	106.55
		40.00	79.49
	Cash At Bank And In Hand	44,744.68	54,420.64
Agency Accounts			
6699: Agency collections			
Agency collection	Restricted	(896.60)	2.00
		(896.60)	2.00
	Agency Accounts	(896.60)	2.00
	Grand Total	45,641.28	54,418.64



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

P.C.C. OF ST. PETER'S HIGHFIELD

On accounts for the year
ended

31st DECEMBER, 2023

Charity no
(if any)

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

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

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

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:

12 March 2024

Name:

J. A. MARVIN

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

Chartered Accountant