



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 January 2022 Period start date To 31 December 2022
Period end date

Charity name: Linton Road Free Church

Charity registration number: 1194688

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The object of the charity is for the public benefit, the advancement of the Christian faith in Kent and such other parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the Charity Trustees may from time to time decide.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The charity (church) provides the following services and activities: - Regular worship services to which all are welcome Regular group meetings with prayer and Bible study; and Carrying outreach work both in the UK and abroad to include but not limited to- Providing gifts to "Friends of Helper" for children in Tanzania, providing education for local children and family support; Supporting the work of Starfish Malawi in caring and educating street children and those in poverty in Malawi; and Coffee Stop – Once a month for fellowship, visitors welcome.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees of the charity have had regards to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in regard to the activities of the Charity.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Not Applicable

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Not Applicable
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The primary contribution has been made by Sandra Parsons the Treasurer and Trustee, and Andrew and Ann Parfitt, church leader and Deacon respectively. From June 2022, Andrew was joined by a Ministry Partner, Garry Shoebrook who ministers to the fellowship once a month at the present time. The numbers attending is increasing and our finances reflect this. In addition, volunteers assist in the running of the charity and in the regular church services, prayer meetings and Bible studies and other activities
Other		Communion is led by various members of the fellowship besides the minister.

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	The numbers attending have increased since Andrew Parfitt became Pastor and the church has benefitted from his and other visiting speakers in the teaching ministry of the church. This has led to an improvement in the wellbeing of members and attendees at the church with good times of fellowship and friendship and pastoral care. We are very much a small family, and our church focus is Prayer, Care and the Word.

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	The charity falls under the £500,000 turnover for detailed financial accounting being a requirement. Considering the closure of the church during the covid pandemic, the financial position has improved so that the balance in hand as at 31 December 2022 was £13,761.33
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves are held to enable unforeseen payments and bills to be paid and to pay for maintenance of the church building
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£1,501.62
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None at this time – although most members and attendees are elderly. However, with the inception of Garry Shobbrook to the leadership team, there are no concerns regarding the continuation of worship at this church for many years to come. He is totally committed to his service to this fellowship and the wider community.

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	The principal source of funds is through members and attendees giving through bank accounts on a regular basis and freewill offerings at church services. Of course, as a charity, we now claim Gift Aid where possible from HMRC, which adds to our fiscal situation.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Not applicable
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The number of members over the age of 70 shows that this church is serving a need within the community, for worship within a quieter setting than most family churches. With the addition of the younger Ministry Partner, the church is aiming to expand and develop.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	The Constitution of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation.
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 trustees	Para 1.25	The existing Trustees elect volunteers who must subscribe and adhere to, in belief and lifestyle, the Statement of Faith.

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 Trustees are encouraged to have regard to the guidance for Trustees published by the Charity Commission and courses available for their ongoing training.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The church is an independent Free Church and is a member of the Evangelical Alliance.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	It has an established relationship with the Staplehurst Free Church for mutual support and 2 of the Trustees are members of the Staplehurst Free Church.
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Linton Road Free Church
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1194688
Charity's principal address	157 Linton Road, Loose, Maidstone, Kent ME15 0AL

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)
1	Sandra Rose Parsons	Treasurer		Trustees of Linton Road Free Church
2	Terence Robert Hawgood	Chairman		Ditto
3	Clive Jones			Ditto
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this fall 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

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

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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)

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Full name(s)

Terence Robert Hawgood	Sandra Rose Parsons
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Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Chair	Administrator/Treasurer
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Date

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Linton Road Free Church

Lloyds – Accounts Summary 2022

General Fund

Petty Cash Balance – 01/01/22	£1.12
Bank Balance	<u>£2,584.35</u>
Total Balance at 01/01/22	£2,585.47

Income from 2022 only	<u>£2,733.51</u>
Total Assets for 2022	£5,318.98

Expenditure 2022 – Ex Bank	£5,317.86
- Ex Cash	<u>£0.00</u>
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Total Balance at 31/03/22	£2,585.37
of which – cash	<u>£1.12</u>
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This balance transferred to HSBC on 31/03/2022

Account now closed

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