

WHEATHAMPSTEAD CHAPEL COMMUNITY HUB

England & Wales · Charity number 1196844

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2021-11-30

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE, FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT: A) THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH; B) THE PROMOTION OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN HEALTHY RECREATION AND THE PROMOTION OF GOOD HEALTH FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF WHEATHAMPSTEAD, HERTFORDSHIRE, AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS BY THE PROVISION OF A COMMUNITY GYM AND THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION, ADVICE AND TRAINING IN SUBJECTS RELATING TO HEALTH INCLUDING EXERCISE AND HEALTHY LIVING; AND C) TO FURTHER THE NEEDS OF OR BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVED BY WHEATHAMPSTEAD UNITED CHURCH AND THE SURROUNDING AREA, WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER WITH THE SAID RESIDENTS AND ANY LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE SAID RESIDENTS.

Activities: We promote community participation in a range of activities including healthy exercise and recreation and Christian fellowship. We hold regular community meals to encourage the preparation of healthy food and the social benefits of eating with a wide range of individuals.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Religious Activities, Recreation
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Hertfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£221,080	£118,241	-	-
2024-03-31	£114,801	£84,679	-	-
2023-03-31	£112,299	£63,865	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
David Geoffrey Pangbourne FCA		2021-11-30
JULIE BELL		2021-11-30
Jacqueline Seller		2021-11-30
Mary Jane DELLER		2021-11-30
Rev Martyn Peter NEADS		2023-09-25
Richard Brett FCII		2021-11-30
Simon SOOTHILL		2023-09-25
Virginia Cooper		2025-11-20

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025
FOR
WHEATHAMPSTEAD CHAPEL COMMUNITY HUB C.I.O.**

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Iain Begg	appointed 25 January 2024
Julie Bell	
Richard Brett	
Mary Jane Deller	
Owain Alistair McKenzie	resigned 27 November 2023
Martyn Neads	appointed 25 September 2023
David Geoffrey Pangbourne	
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ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE

Wheathampstead Chapel Community Hub (WCCH). is a CIO and the body which operates the Chapel Gym, the Chapel Halls and Wheathampstead Community Kitchen.

The various elements of the Hub have been operating for about 3 years (as at 31 March 2025) and we're pleased to report each one is a considerable success.

The Chapel Gym

This proves to be increasingly popular with membership growing from 341 members as at 1 March 2024 to 401 members at the end of this financial year. This is a rise of about 18% in one year demonstrating the ongoing support of the community and how the Chapel Gym has met their needs.

Our Gym Manager resigned in early 2025, and this gave us an opportunity to restructure the staffing to include an Operations Manager to oversee activities for all parts of our charity, while retaining an important priority with gym related activity.

Numbers of visits to the gym continues to grow and now averages about 1,500 visits per month. The gym continues to run classes (open to members and non-members) within the gym and in the Chapel Halls - these classes have grown in popularity and now cover around 100 sessions a month.

We hold regular satisfaction surveys of our members, and this shows their high level of support for the Chapel Gym. There is a strong demand to open on Fridays, and we are giving this active consideration.

The Chapel Halls

The Chapel Halls consists of a main hall, three smaller rooms. a kitchen, toilets and storerooms. The main hall is used part of the time for gym-run fitness classes, and it is also regularly hired out to organisations (mostly not-for profit) and private individuals. Among the regular hirers is HACRO - a Hertfordshire based charity supporting the rehabilitation of offenders, and Recreation for the Retired.

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The Community Kitchen in the Chapel Halls is going from strength to strength. It is run by a team of volunteers, some of which come along to learn cookery skills, and put on a three course freshly prepared meal once a month. Local people, including many who suffer deprivation (whether financial or otherwise) are invited to the main hall to enjoy the meals that the volunteers have prepared. Any leftover meals are donated to the local FoodBank and charities like Azalea (that support women seeking refuge).

During mid 2024 the Community Kitchen extended its services to include a “Soup and Sarnies” lunchtime event once a month and this has proven very popular.

All sectors of the charity

These achievements of all three parts of activity of Wheathampstead Chapel Community Hub would not have been possible without the generosity of local people and businesses.

We were very fortunate to obtain a grant from VCSE Energy Efficiency Scheme Capital Grant in November 2024 to allow us to instal solar panels, Air Source Heat Pumps in the Chapel Halls and extra insulation and improved glazing.

This has already led to a noticeable increase in heat efficiency and a reduction in energy costs and we are delighted with the results.

FINANCIAL RESULTS

The charity’s income for the period was £221,080 (2024 - £114,801) and expenditure was £118,241 (2024 - £84,679) giving a surplus before depreciation of £102,834 (2024 - £30,121). The depreciation charge for the period is £21,584 (2024 -£10,961). The net surplus is £81,255 (2024 £19,160).

The reserves carried forward as at 31 March 2025 were £131,555 (2024 - £112,988).

The loan from one of the trustees, Julie Bell, bears no interest and was repaid in full.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation (C.I.O.) controlled by its governing document.

The objectives of the charity are:

- The advancement of the Christian faith;
- The promotion of community participation in healthy recreation;
- to further the needs of or benefit the residents of the community without distinction;
- to improve the conditions of life for the said residents.

The charity trustees manage the affairs of the C.I.O. and may exercise all the powers of the C.I.O.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The church building, hall, car park and other lands are leased from URC Thames North Synod Trust under a 20 year lease which commenced June 2022.

The lease has a break date at every 5 years when WCCH has the right to terminate the lease and when the URC Thames North Trust also has the right to terminate in the event of WCCH's insolvency having given 3 months notice.

The risk is therefore that if the charity became insolvent it could forfeit its lease.

The Trustees have adopted a policy of retaining reserves of £50,000 being £25,000 to cover 3 month’s operating costs, ensuring short term resilience and £25,000 for urgent building maintenance.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 23rd September 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Mary Jane Deller

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Mary Jane Deller - Chair

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF WHEATHAMPSTEAD CHAPEL COMMUNITY HUB C.I.O. FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

I report on the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 set out on pages 6 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of 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 required.

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 the 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 statements below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to 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.

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Date: 23 September 2025

WHEATHAMPSTEAD CHAPEL COMMUNITY HUB C.I.O.

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

		31 March 2025	31 March 2024		
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted fund	Total funds		
Notes	£	£	£		
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Collections and donations	2	8,362	-	8,362	7,619
Grants	3	76,417	-	76,417	2,000
Fund raising events	4	1,120	-	1,120	1,680
Subscriptions		110,003	-	110,003	86,258
Other income		6,382	-	6,382	2,477
Hall Hire income		18,796	-	18,796	14,767
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Total incoming resources		221,080	-	221,080	114,801
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of generating funds					
Costs of generating voluntary income		74,698	-	74,698	53,832
Fundraising costs		329	-	329	893
Charity running costs		40,404	-	40,404	27,471
Governance		2,810	-	2,810	2,483
Direct charitable spending		-	-	-	-
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Total resources expended		118,241	-	118,241	84,679
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE		102,839	-	105,839	30,122
Depreciation of fixed assets		(21,584)	-	(21,584)	(10,962)
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NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		81,255	-	81,255	19,160
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
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TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD		112,288	700	112,988	93,828
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		193,542	700	194,243	112,988
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**BALANCE SHEET
AT 31 MARCH 2025**

		31 March 2025		31 March 2024	
	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	6	143,282	-	143,282	91,296
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		143,282	-	143,282	91,296
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors		1,985	-	1,985	3,980
Cash at bank and in hand		49,899	700	50,598	35,509
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		51,884	700	52,584	39,489
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year		1,622	-	1,622	17,797
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NET CURRENT ASSETS		50,261	700	50,961	21,692
LONG TERM LIABILITIES					
Loan		-	-	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		193,543	700	194,243	128,386
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NET ASSETS		193,543	700	194,243	112,988
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds				193,543	112,288
Restricted funds				700	700
Endowment funds				-	-
TOTAL FUNDS					
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				194,243	112,988
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

2. COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Social fund donations	413	-
Donation income Chapel Kitchen	7,858	6,973
Donation income gym	91	646
	<u>8,362</u>	<u>7,619</u>

3. GRANTS

During the year, the charity received a VCSE Energy Efficiency Scheme Capital Grant of £74,967 for the purposes of improving the energy efficiency of the building. The grant was fully expended during the year and accordingly has not been treated a restricted grant.

The grant has been spent on the following:

	£
Installation of the building	27,283
Heat pumps to improve the air conditioning	8,200
Solar panels	37,761
Glazing improvements	1,722

The trustees are most grateful for this grant and expect the energy efficiency improvements which have been carried out to significantly reduce the running costs of the halls, gym and kitchen.

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4. FUND RAISING EVENTS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Business fundraising	342	296
Door to door fundraising	-	148
General fundraising	-	600
Defibrillator fundraising	-	636
Hall fundraising	500	-
Kitchen fundraising	278	-
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	1,120	1,680

5. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the period ended 31 March 2025 (2024-Nil).

6. ANALYSIS OF TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Buildings	Gym	Plant &	Total
	Improvements	Equipment	Machinery	2024
Cost	£	£	£	£
Opening	79,585	23,718	11,191	114,494
Additions	27,283	-	46,287	73,570
Disposals	-	-	-	-
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At 31 March 2025	106,868	23,718	7,478	188,064
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Depreciation				
Opening	8,898	9,244	5,056	23,198
Charge for the period	5,344	4,744	11,496	21,584
Disposals	-	-	-	-
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At 31 March 2025	14,242	13,988	16,552	44,782
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Net Book Value 31 March 2025	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	92,626	9,730	40,926	143,282
Net Book Value 31 March 2024	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	70,687	14,474	6,135	91,296

DEPRECIATION has been provided for on the straight line method as follows:

Buildings improvements	20 years
Gym Equipment	5 years
Plant & Machinery	5 years

7. EMPLOYEES

The number of employees on average during the period was 2. No employee received benefits of more than £60,000 per annum.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Maria Azcona	resigned 19 July 2023
Iain Begg	appointed 25 January 2024
Julie Bell	
Richard Brett	
Mary Jane Deller	
Owain Alistair McKenzie	resigned 27 November 2023
Martyn Neads	appointed 25 September 2023
David Geoffrey Pangbourne	
Jacqueline Seller	
Simon Soothill	appointed 25 September 2023
Rev Heather Whyte	resigned 25 September 2023

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The Chapel Gym

This proves to be increasingly popular with membership growing from 230 members as at 31 March 2023 to 341 members at the end of this financial year. This is a rise of about 50% in one year demonstrating the ongoing support of the community and how the Chapel Gym has met their needs.

Early in this period we appointed a new gym manager, and it is clear member satisfaction and engagement has increased.

Numbers of visits to the gym has grown from about 900 to 1,500 visits per month. The gym continues to run classes (open to members and non-members) within the gym and in the Chapel Halls – these classes have grown in popularity and now cover around 86 sessions a month. The Chapel Gym has introduced a new service to gym members allowing them to have a free discussion with a Personal Trainer once a month to plan their fitness programme.

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The Community Kitchen opened a new venture in February 2024 – where they attend the FoodBank once a month and offer soup and a warm meal to the clients. This has helped with social aspects of their welfare as well as extra nutrition.

All sectors of the charity

These achievements of all three parts of activity of Wheathampstead Chapel Community Hub would not have been possible without the generosity of local people and businesses.

FINANCIAL RESULTS

The charity's income for the period was £114,801 (2023 - £112,299) and expenditure was £84,679 (2023 - £63,865) giving a surplus before depreciation of £30,121 (2023 - £48,434). The depreciation charge for the period is £10,961 (2023 -£12,237). The net surplus is 19,161 (2023 £35,497).

The reserves carried forward as at 31 March 2024 were £112,988 (2023 - £93,828).

The loan from one of the trustees, Julie Bell, bears no interest and has been repaid since 31 March 2024.

Total funds donated in the previous period to the charity by the Wheathampstead United Church were £57,631.

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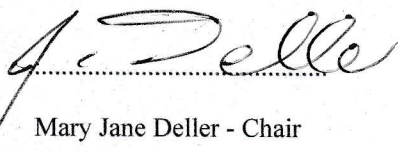
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The risk is therefore that if the charity became insolvent it could forfeit its lease.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 1st October 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Mary Jane Deller - Chair

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

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Date: 2nd October 2024

WHEATHAMPSTEAD CHAPEL COMMUNITY HUB C.I.O.

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

31 March 2024 30 Nov 2021 –
31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £	Total funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Collections and donations	2	7,619	-	7,619	22,760
Grants		2,000	-	2,000	17,400
Fund raising events	3	1,680	-	1,680	19,999
Subscriptions		86,258	-	86,258	35,251
Other income		2,477	-	2,477	1,985
Hall Hire income		14,767	-	14,767	14,904
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Total incoming resources		114,801	-	114,801	112,299
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of generating funds					
Costs of generating voluntary income		53,832	-	53,832	35,481
Fundraising costs		893	-	893	1,988
Charity running costs		27,471	-	27,471	21,434
Governance		2,483	-	2,483	4,962
Direct charitable spending		-	-	-	-
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Total resources expended		84,679	-	84,679	63,865
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE					
		30,122	-	30,122	48,434
Depreciation of fixed assets		(10,962)	-	(10,962)	(12,237)
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NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		19,160	-	19,160	36,197
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds transferred from Wheathampstead United Church		-	-	-	57,632
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TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD		93,128	700	93,828	-
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TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		112,288	700	112,988	93,828
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WHEATHAMPSTEAD CHAPEL COMMUNITY HUB C.I.O.

**BALANCE SHEET
AT 31 MARCH 2024**

		31 March 2024	31 March 2023
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
	Notes		
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	5	91,296	88,983
		<u>91,296</u>	<u>88,983</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors		3,980	-
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>34,809</u>	<u>24,412</u>
		38,789	24,412
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year		17,797	4,169
		<u>17,797</u>	<u>4,169</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>20,992</u>	<u>20,243</u>
LONG TERM LIABILITIES			
Loan		-	15,398
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>127,686</u>	<u>109,226</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>112,288</u>	<u>93,828</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds		112,288	93,128
Restricted funds		700	700
Endowment funds		-	-
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>112,988</u>	<u>93,828</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

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2. COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Social fund donations	-	570
Donation income restricted for Ukraine	-	700
Donation income Chapel Kitchen	6,973	4,003
Donation income gym	646	17,488
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	7,619	17,561

3. FUND RAISING EVENTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Business fundraising	296	6,080
Door to door fundraising	148	5,317
General fundraising	600	4,380
Defibrillator fundraising	636	720
Hall fundraising	-	3,303
Gym fundraising	-	200
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	1,680	19,999

4. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the period ended 31 March 2024 (2023-Nil).

WHEATHAMPSTEAD CHAPEL COMMUNITY HUB C.I.O.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

5. ANALYSIS OF TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Buildings Improvements	Gym Equipment	Plant & Machinery	Total 2024
Cost	£	£	£	£
Opening	73,775	16,878	10,567	101,220
Additions	5,810	6,840	624	13,274
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2024	<u>79,585</u>	<u>23,718</u>	<u>11,191</u>	<u>114,494</u>
Depreciation				
Opening	4,918	4,501	2,818	12,237
Charge for the period	3,980	4,743	2,238	10,962
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2024	<u>8,898</u>	<u>9,244</u>	<u>5,056</u>	<u>23,198</u>
Net Book Value 31 March 2024	<u><u>70,687</u></u>	<u><u>14,474</u></u>	<u><u>6,135</u></u>	<u><u>91,296</u></u>
Net Book Value 31 March 2023	<u><u>68,857</u></u>	<u><u>12,377</u></u>	<u><u>7,749</u></u>	<u><u>88,983</u></u>

DEPRECIATION has been provided for on the straight line method as follows:

Buildings improvements	20 years
Gym Equipment	5 years
Plant & Machinery	5 years

6. EMPLOYEES

The number of employees on average during the period was 2. No employee received benefits of more than £60,000 per annum.

WHEATHAMPSTEAD CHAPEL COMMUNITY HUB

England & Wales - Charity number 1196844

Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1196844

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD 30 NOVEMBER 2021 TO 31 MARCH 2023
FOR
WHEATHAMPSTEAD CHAPEL COMMUNITY HUB C.I.O.**

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WHEATHAMPSTEAD CHAPEL COMMUNITY HUB C.I.O.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE PERIOD 30 NOVEMBER 2021 TO 31 MARCH 2023

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Maria Azcona	appointed 30 November 2021
Julie Bell	appointed 30 November 2021
Richard Brett	appointed 30 November 2021
Mary Jane Deller	appointed 30 November 2021
Owain Alistair McKenzie	appointed 30 November 2021
David Geoffrey Pangbourne	appointed 30 November 2021
Jacqueline Seller	appointed 30 November 2021
Rev Heather Whyte	appointed 30 November 2021

ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE

Wheathampstead Chapel Community Hub C.I.O. (WCCH), the body which operates the Chapel Gym, the Chapel Halls and Wheathampstead Community Kitchen, was registered by the Charity Commission for England and Wales as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 30 November 2021. In June, the following year, it obtained from United Reformed Church Thames North Synod Trust a 20-year lease in respect of the site at Brewhouse Hill, Wheathampstead formerly occupied wholly by Wheathampstead United Church. On 24 June 2021 Wheathampstead United Church had received planning permission for a change of use of the church building at the front of the site from a place of worship to a gymnasium.

WCCH proceeded to arrange for the site to be used for several purposes. The former church has been converted into a gymnasium (the Chapel Gym). It now has 230 members and the number of visits for the purpose of exercise (mainly by members but also by guests) has now reached approximately 900 per month. Around 70 fitness classes are held in the gym itself each month and the former church hall. These supplement gym members' training regimes and are also open to non-members.

The opening of the gym has provided employment for the gym manager and facilities for fitness instructors. It has also attracted a number of willing volunteers. Many local people gave their time and effort free of charge to help refit and redecorate the buildings. Now that the gym is open many offer assistance in non-instructing roles, such as by meeting and greeting members and guests.

The Chapel Halls (the former church hall) consists of a main hall, three smaller rooms, a kitchen, toilets and store-rooms. The main hall is used part of the time for gym-run fitness classes and it is also regularly hired out to organisations (mostly not-for profit) and private individuals. The number of bookings was especially high during the first few months of operation while the Parish Council's village hall was being renovated. Among the regular bookers is HACRO, a Hertfordshire-based charity for the rehabilitation of offenders.

Wheathampstead United Church vacated the site in 2012, and for many years the congregation worshipped in other local churches while the Brewhouse Hill premises were vacant. They now conduct regular services back on the site, using two rooms at the back of the Chapel Halls.

The kitchen in the Chapel Halls was enlarged during the redecoration of the building (thanks to kind donations), and once a month it is used by the Community Kitchen. The aim is to teach people how to cook using fresh and sustainable ingredients. Local people, including many who suffer deprivation (whether financial or otherwise), are invited to the main hall to enjoy the meals that have been prepared.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE PERIOD 30 NOVEMBER 2021 TO 31 MARCH 2023

The grounds at the site include a car park and a garden area. Ukrainians living locally have been paid to help manage the garden. A plan will shortly be drawn up to make optimal use of the garden area for the benefit of the community.

The achievements mentioned above would not have been possible without the generosity of local people and businesses. We have conducted various fundraising campaigns which have produced enough money to renovate and refurbish the buildings (which were in a poor state of decoration and repair following several years of unoccupancy) and to equip the gym. People in the community were extremely generous. Meanwhile many businesses in the area provided building materials, other equipment and labour free of charge or at heavily discounted rates.

This goodwill has helped win a place for WCCH at the heart of the community, so underscoring the importance of personal fitness, and we have responded by making the gym and classes as affordable as possible. We have also established a social fund so that those who cannot afford gym prices can nevertheless become members and benefit from our facilities in the same way as everyone.

FINANCIAL RESULTS

The charity's income for the period was £112,299 and expenditure was £63,865 giving a surplus before depreciation of £48,434. The depreciation charge for the period is £12,237. The net surplus is £35,497.

Total funds donated to the charity by the Wheathampstead United Church were £57,631. The reserves carried forward as at 31 March 2023 were £93,828.

There is a long term loan from one of the trustees, Julie Bell, which bears no interest and has no set payment date.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation (C.I.O.) controlled by its governing document.

The objectives of the charity are:

- The advancement of the Christian faith;
- The promotion of community participation in healthy recreation;
- to further the needs of or benefit the residents of the community without distinction;
- to improve the conditions of life for the said residents.

The charity trustees shall manage the affairs of the C.I.O. and may exercise all the powers of the C.I.O.

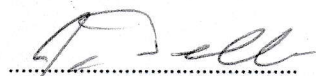
RISK MANAGEMENT

The church building, hall, car park and other lands are leased from URC Thames North Synod Trust under a 20 year lease which commenced June 2022.

The lease has a break date at every 5 years when WCCH has the right to terminate the lease and when the URC Thames North Trust also has the right to terminate in the event of WCCH's insolvency having given 3 months notice.

The risk is therefore that if the charity became insolvent it could forfeit its lease.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 25 September 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Mary Jane Deller - Chair

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF WHEATHAMPSTEAD CHAPEL COMMUNITY HUB C.I.O. FOR THE PERIOD 30 NOVEMBER 2021 TO 31 MARCH 2023

I report on the financial statements for the period 30 November 2021 to 31 March 2023 set out on pages 6 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of 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 required.

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 the 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 statements below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with 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 accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to 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.

Beverley Turner

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Date: 19 September 2023

WHEATHAMPSTEAD CHAPEL COMMUNITY HUB C.I.O.

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE PERIOD 30 NOVEMBER 2021 TO 31 MARCH 2023**

31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	Endowment fund £	Total funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Collections and donations	2	17,560	5,200	-	22,760
Grants		17,400	-	-	17,400
Fund raising events	3	19,999	-	-	19,999
Subscriptions		35,251	-	-	35,251
Other income		1,985	-	-	1,985
Hall Hire income		14,904	-	-	14,904
Total incoming resources		107,099	5,200	-	112,299
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of generating funds					
Costs of generating voluntary income		30,981	4,500	-	35,481
Fundraising costs		1,988	-	-	1,988
Charity running costs		21,434	-	-	21,434
Governance		4,962	-	-	4,962
Direct charitable spending		-	-	-	-
Total resources expended		59,365	4,500	-	63,865
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE		47,734	700	-	48,434
Depreciation of fixed assets		(12,237)	-	-	(12,237)
NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		35,497	700	-	36,197
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds transferred from Wheathampstead United Church		57,631	-	-	57,632
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		93,128	700	-	93,828

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**BALANCE SHEET
AT 31 MARCH 2023**

		31 March 2023			
	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	Endowment fund £	Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	5	88,983	-	-	88,983
		<u>88,983</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>88,983</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors		-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>23,712</u>	<u>700</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,412</u>
		23,712	700	-	24,412
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year		4,169	-	-	4,169
		<u>4,169</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,169</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>19,543</u>	<u>700</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,243</u>
LONG TERM LIABILITIES					
Loan		15,398	-	-	15,398
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>93,128</u>	<u>700</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>93,828</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>93,128</u>	<u>700</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>93,828</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds					93,128
Restricted funds					700
Endowment funds					<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS					<u>93,828</u>

WHEATHAMPSTEAD CHAPEL COMMUNITY HUB C.I.O.

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WHEATHAMPSTEAD CHAPEL COMMUNITY HUB C.I.O.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD 30 NOVEMBER 2021 TO 31 MARCH 2023**

5. ANALYSIS OF TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Buildings Improvements	Gym Equipment	Plant & Machinery	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
Transferred from Wheathampstead United Church	47,665	-	8,230	55,895
Additions	26,110	16,878	2,337	45,325
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2023	<u>73,775</u>	<u>16,878</u>	<u>10,567</u>	<u>101,220</u>
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