
FATHER'S HOUSE SHAFTESBURY

UNAUDITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Trustees	Philip E Read (Chair of Trustees) Nina Feasey John Balfour Fergusson Andrew Stewart Baddeley
Charity registered number	1197047
Principal office	CHRISTY'S LANE SHAFTESBURY SP7 8PH
Bankers	HSBC Plc The Commons Shaftesbury Dorset SP7 8JX

FATHER'S HOUSE SHAFTESBURY

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the FATHER'S HOUSE SHAFTESBURY for the year 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objects and activities for public benefit

The objects of the charity are to apply its funds for such exclusively charitable purposes as the trustees may think fit in accordance with the trust deed. The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

The main objectives of the charity are as follows:

1. To advance Christianity in the County of Dorset and elsewhere by any means or medium that is or may become available in accordance with the Statement of Doctrine.
2. To relieve people who are in need because of:
 - a. sickness or poor health;
 - b. youth or age;
 - c. financial hardship; or
 - d. some other disadvantage by any charitable means as the trustees think fit and including (where appropriate but not by way of limitation) the provision of advice; the promotion of good practices to combat such conditions and the provision of resources to alleviate or prevent such need
3. The advancement of education both general and vocational for children and adults on the basis of Christian principles

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

- These accounts are the second of the new CIO, which was established in April 2023.
- After informing the membership of financial challenges face by Father's House a 'breakthrough offering' was taken on 26th May 2024. Approximately £16,000 was given.

Visiting Speakers

During the year we have had a number of visiting speakers: Rebecca Friedlander, Andrew Canon, Duncan Lee & Morne Smit, God First Church, Christchurch, a team from the Lighthouse Church in Poole, and Marcus Letts.

Ministry outside the Church

- We sent speakers from Father's House to preach regularly at Brewham Baptist Church.
- There has been continued support for, and regular contact with the Churches in Takoradi, Ghana led by Emmanuel Boamah-Agyekum; Delhi led by Raymond Massey and the work in Bangalore led by Paul & Eunice Singh.
- The Church has also supported the Letts family.
- Financial support has also been given to Paul Mainwaring, Paul Skelton, and Andrew Canon's ministries.

Conferences/Events

- Father's House ran six 'Encounter weekends' at Lox Lane during the year.
- The Children's camp runs every year by Weymouth Church, took place Lox Lane in July 2024.
- In September Lox Lane hosted a Leaders Day and an Encounter day (open to all) with Paul Mainwaring and Andrew Cannon.

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Life of the Church

There are activities run during the week for church members, which are also accessible to the wider community. These include live weekday morning devotions, prayer and worship sessions, women's meetings, men's meetings and healing seminars.

There are also regular 'Hubs' (planned gatherings in the church building or people's homes) offering a wide range of opportunities for the encouragement and support of attendee's spiritual life as well as giving an opportunity for building relationships within the church.

In October 2024 two trips to Bernards Acre, a Christian retreat, were arranged. One specifically for men and then the second open to whole families.

In November Lox Lane hosted a Father's House Bonfire night.

An Alpha Course ran January – March 2025 and resulted in 7 people being baptised on 20th April 2025.

Children's Ministry

Children's Ministry plays an important part in the work of the Church, with an excellent Sunday school (Kingdom Kids), Little Monkeys Toddler Group, Little Acorns Pre-School. Plus a Youth group at Lox Lane (led by Steve & Rachel Scott) and another at Father's House (led by Dan & Millie Bajorat),

Little Acorns pre-school has continued to operate this year, but the decision was made to close it at the end of the academic year 2025. The decision was made by the trustees due to the considerable challenge on the finances. We are not alone; an increasing number of settings are closing due to financial unviability. Little Acorns has only been able to continue to run and offer a high standard of care and education to the children and families, in the last two years due to the financial support of the Church. This has involved both underwriting the core running costs, e.g. heating and maintenance and alongside sponsoring the Pre-school from the Father's House finances.

Lox Lane Encounter Centre bookings continued to be low. The decision was made to add the Farmhouse to the 2 self-contained flats in the Courtyard advertised via Airbnb. This has proved to be a small but helpful addition to the overall income.

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In the Community

- Involvement with the **Churches Together, Shaftesbury** (CTS) continued, with Father's hosting the regular CTS committee meetings as well as a CTS Starlight Party (alternative to Halloween), the CTS United service in January 2025 and the CTS Shrove Tuesday Quiz.
- Father's House continued to act as host to the charity '**Open House**', which includes '**Store House**' and '**Open Fridge**'. Open House was started by Father's House but became a separate charity in 2019. Father's House supports Open House with an office in the building and as a venue for the weekly drop in; as well as providing space for two storage containers in the car park – one for the Open Fridge and one for Store House furniture and white goods storage.
- Father's House also hosted the **Christmas meal**, put on by Open House for the clients who have used their services over the course of the year.
- Father's House carpark has been used by Open House for Car boot sale in July 2024 to raise their profile and money for their work.
- Father's House hosted a weekly men's mental health group, **Talk Club**.
- Father's House has also offered the use of the building to the **Rethink mental health charity** for their monthly meetings.
- Father's House also regularly rents space to **NHS Blood donors** and a **Whitehorse**, a local company offering First Aid training.
- In September 2024 Father's House opened its doors to the **Shaftesbury Carnival** participants, providing a space for them to wait, to change and access to refreshments. This was possible with the help of willing volunteers.
- A Father's House member, Richard Atkinson runs regular **Acoustic Café's** at Father's House, open to the community.

Financial review

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

Reserves policy

The intention is to maintain sufficient free reserves in order to maintain the current level of activity by means of annual operating surplus and careful maintenance of assets.

The free cash balance available to the church after taking into account of the restricted fund balance is £7,084.

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Structure, governance and management (continued)

a. Constitution

FATHER'S HOUSE SHAFTESBURY is a registered charity, number 1197047, and is constituted under a Trust deed.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 9 January 2026 and signed on their behalf by:



Philip E Read (Chair of Trustees)

FATHER'S HOUSE SHAFTESBURY

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of FATHER'S HOUSE SHAFTESBURY ('the Charity')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the Trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity'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 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

Since the Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants UK, which is one of the listed bodies.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the Charity has prepared the accounts in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT (CONTINUED)
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Signed:

Dated: 9 January 2026



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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	437,923	-	437,923	482,412
Total income		437,923	-	437,923	482,412
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	3	443,029	-	443,029	487,580
Total expenditure		443,029	-	443,029	487,580
Net movement in funds		(5,106)	-	(5,106)	(5,168)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		583,915	13,985	597,900	603,068
Net movement in funds		(5,106)	-	(5,106)	(5,168)
Total funds carried forward		578,809	13,985	592,794	597,900

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 13 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	6	589,228	616,106
		<u>589,228</u>	<u>616,106</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	7	-	3,323
Cash at bank and in hand		21,069	3,427
		<u>21,069</u>	<u>6,750</u>
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	(17,503)	(24,956)
		<u>3,566</u>	<u>(18,206)</u>
Net current assets / liabilities			
		<u>592,794</u>	<u>597,900</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			
		<u>592,794</u>	<u>597,900</u>
Net assets excluding pension asset			
		<u>592,794</u>	<u>597,900</u>
Total net assets		<u>592,794</u>	<u>597,900</u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	9	13,985	13,985
Unrestricted funds	9	578,809	583,915
		<u>592,794</u>	<u>597,900</u>
Total funds		<u>592,794</u>	<u>597,900</u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 09 January 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Philip E Read (Chair of Trustees)

The notes on pages 13 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

FATHER'S HOUSE SHAFTESBURY meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

1.2 Income

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

1.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

1.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £NIL or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. Accounting policies (continued)**1.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation (continued)**

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, on a reducing balance basis.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Freehold property	-	
Office equipment	-	25%

1.5 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.6 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.7 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as a finance cost.

1.8 Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1.9 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

2. Income from donations and legacies

	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds General	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Donations	0	236,356	236,356	272,804
Gift Aid tax reclaimed	0	39,462	39,462	46,307
Bank Interest	0	30	30	41
Young People	0	0	0	503
Father's House Conference	0	0	0	18,417
Income from Lox Lane	0	70,090	70,090	69,173
Pre School Income	0	84,360	84,360	73,828
Other Income	0	7,625	7,625	1,339
	0	437,923	437,923	482,412

3. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds General	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Other Ministry Costs	0	13,436	13,436	97,193
Wages and salaries	0	245,469	245,469	244,177
Social Security Costs	0	7,210	7,210	5,453
Other Pension Costs	0	3,088	3,088	2,915
Pre-School	0	1,812	1,812	74,273
Independent examiner's fee	0	1,650	1,650	7,200
Grants to Ministries and missions	0	45,178	45,178	56,369
Premises costs	0	60,299	60,299	0
Admin & Office Costs	0	17,356	17,356	0
Legal, Professional and Insurance	0	9,834	9,834	0
Telephone & Mobile Charges	0	1,538	1,538	0
IT Software and consumables	0	6,825	6,825	0
Bank Charges	0	2,456	2,456	0
Depreciation	0	26,878	26,878	0
	0	443,029	443,029	487,580

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4. Independent examiner's remuneration

	2025 £	2024 £
Fees payable to the Charity's independent examiner for the independent examination of the Charity's annual accounts	<u>1,650</u>	<u>7,200</u>

5. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year ended 31 March 2025, trustee Andrew Baddeley received salary of £33,090 (2024: £33,090) in relation to work done on behalf of the ministry.

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6. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Office equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 April 2024	572,307	214,402	786,709
At 31 March 2025	<u>572,307</u>	<u>214,402</u>	<u>786,709</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2024	-	170,603	170,603
Charge for the year	-	26,878	26,878
At 31 March 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>197,481</u>	<u>197,481</u>
Net book value			
At 31 March 2025	<u>572,307</u>	<u>16,921</u>	<u>589,228</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>572,307</u>	<u>43,799</u>	<u>616,106</u>

7. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Due within one year		
Other debtors	-	3,323
	<u>-</u>	<u>3,323</u>

8. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Bank loans	10,595	10,996
Other creditors	5,258	13,960
Accruals and deferred income	1,650	-
	<u>17,503</u>	<u>24,956</u>

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9. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Funds	583,915	437,923	(443,029)	578,809
Restricted funds				
Restricted Fund	13,985	-	-	13,985
Total of funds	597,900	437,923	(443,029)	592,794

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9. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2023 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Transfers in/out £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2024 £</i>
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	589,021	458,328	(456,406)	(7,028)	583,915
Restricted funds					
Restricted Fund	14,047	24,084	(31,174)	7,028	13,985
Total of funds	603,068	482,412	(487,580)	-	597,900