

OAKRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1197400

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2022-01-10

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

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Activities

Objects: THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSES OF THE CHURCH ARE:- 3.1.1 THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE BAPTIST DENOMINATION. 3.1.2 THE CHURCH MAY ALSO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND CARRY OUT OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND/OR OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.

Activities: A Baptist Church which provides Sunday Worship and Bible study as well as activities for children and young people, social events and community outreach initiatives by showing God's love practically and generously through His people.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Buckinghamshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£59,825	£44,151	-	-
2024-12-31	£86,147	£82,495	-	-
2023-12-31	£44,834	£29,791	-	-
2022-12-31	£5,410	£2,884	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alison Irwin		2023-03-26
Angela Belinda Sinclair		2024-03-24
Dr Dilini Reynold		2022-03-20
Dr John William Hollman		2022-03-20
John Morgan		2023-03-26
John Sinclair		2024-03-24
Maureen Rose		2023-03-26
Pamela Bertha Hollman		2022-03-20
Philip Edward Rackstraw FCCA		2023-03-26
Sandra Angela Rackstraw		2023-03-26
Sheila Dodson		2022-03-20

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Mr P Rackstraw (Treasurer)

Mrs M Rose (Pastoral care co-ordinator)

Dr J Hollman

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Mr J Morgan

Mrs S Rackstraw

Dr D Reynold

Mr J Sinclair

Mrs A Sinclair

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FoodCycle community meals are hosted at the Church on a Wednesday evening which also links into the Fare Share network. The meals bring people together for good food and conversation by serving up free, wholesome vegetarian meals made from food that would have gone to waste. All meals are prepared by volunteers and open to everyone with no referral necessary. FoodCycle is about more than just food and aims to create a cycle of positive change in terms of reducing food waste, tackling loneliness, supporting mental health, encouraging healthy eating and supporting sustainable living. In 2025 one ton of food was saved from going to waste and 1,835 community meals were served.

The need for these food services continues to increase and the Church is a well-known and familiar venue for food outreach initiatives and considered a safe space to help those most in need within the community.

El-Bethel Tamil Ministry continue to use the building on a Sunday for their services of worship. The Bulgarian Church use the building on an ad-hoc basis.

On a Tuesday evening for the months of January, February and March we opened the Church for those linked with Wycombe Homeless Connection, providing a hot evening meal, shower and washing facilities, a comfortable warm bed and cooked breakfast for up to 12 people.

The Church has read the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and is satisfied that the activities outlined above clearly demonstrate that the charity is providing a benefit to the public.

Achievements and Performance

The Church does not measure the success of its programmes in numbers, including financial numbers, but in less tangible areas like fellowship, encouragement and participation. The Trustees recognise that these are difficult to measure but believe that 2025 was a positive year in the life of the Church, and that it will be able to continue its mission purposes in 2026.

At the beginning of the year the membership number was 34, at the end of the year the number was 32. 2 members died, 3 transferred to other Churches but we welcomed in 3 new members to the Oakridge fellowship.

On 7th December we shared in the joy of a baptism. The gentleman concerned has been meeting with us for some months now and was keen to be baptised to mark his return to the faith of his childhood and signal his commitment to follow the Lord Jesus Christ.

Average attendance at worship services was good with a slight increase towards the end of the year despite several members of the fellowship suffering from health and mobility issues. Attendance at the Bible study groups held was good. Overall numbers for Boy's Brigade and Girl's Association remained the same with around 40+ young people attending.

The Church has been encouraged by comments made by members of the community about the positive part the church plays in their lives and particularly in relation to the food provision programmes that run. The church is also seen as a reassuring beacon of light to many in the community in a very multicultural, multiethnic and multifaith area.

Financial Review

The Church continues to raise the funds which it needs to carry on its activities from within its members and congregation. No wider public appeal was made for funds during the year. The basic income for 2025 was £38,464.

The Church continued its financial commitment to the life of the wider church by making gifts of £8414 to national and international organisations, societies and individuals, with Christian aims and objectives compatible with the Church's own charitable purposes.

The Church is heavily dependent on its members and congregation working as volunteers and providing resources in all aspects of its activities, many of which run with little or no impact on Church expenditure but, nevertheless contribute substantially to the achievement of the objectives.

The basic running costs of the church continue to rise and the situation is reviewed on a regular basis at our Leadership Team meetings, held monthly. Essential repairs to the Church were carried out mindful of the proposed plans for the site.

The full financial situation is set out in the audited annual accounts and balance sheets for the year.

Future: The Church's plans to redevelop the site - update

Throughout the whole of 2025, efforts were focussed on financing the funding gap of approximately £1 million which was necessary in order to make the Church redevelopment project viable. Despite many meetings, the outcome remained the same i.e. that without planning permissions in place, the project could not be considered for grant funding from the Local Authority. This also applied to the primary grant funder (Homes England) who had committed funds for the project in principle but that too could not be confirmed, or increased, until planning was in place. Alternative funders were also approached but the fact remained that there was still a shortfall unless planning consent was obtained. The Church, therefore, needed to decide whether to continue with the planning application (and associated costs) despite the shortfall.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have established a Reserves Policy to enable the Church to function effectively and meet its obligations in the event of a decline in our income or a major cost, however this may be set aside if the planned rebuild goes ahead. At present having considered the relevant risks of changes in income and expenditure the Trustees have determined that the appropriate level of reserves should be around £10,000. At the end of December 2025, the church had a working balance of approximately £8,500 none of which is restricted or designated.

The Church has on deposit with the Baptist Union £700,000 (£500,000 being from the sale of the manse in 2022 held against the new build). The balance is from interest accrued and from a previous legacy. The legacy has no restrictions as to its use and some has been used to offset expenses related to the new build, mainly surveys and professional fees and to augment the income of the Church.

OAKRIDGE ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH CIO
CHARITY NUMBER 1197400
ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

**OAKRIDGE ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH CIO
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT TO THE PROPRIETOR
ON THE UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS OF OAKRIDGE ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH CIO**

I report on the accounts of Oakridge Baptist Church CIO for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities of Trustee and Examiners

As the church's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You consider that the audit requirements of Section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) as amended by s.28 of the Charities Act 2006 do not apply. It is my responsibility to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the Independent Examiners Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charities Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Church 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 explanation from trustees concerning such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given in the accounts.

Independent Examiners Statement

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

- Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the Act, as amended; to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; have been met or
- To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Calvin Hanks

Date 5/3/25

OAKRIDGE ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH CIO
CHARITY NUMBER 1197400
DETAILED TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	£	2025 £	£	2024 £
Income				
Offerories		21,093		20,875
Donations		1,370		5,840
Hall hire		9,581		7,965
Gift Aid reclaim		6,560		5,712
		<u>38,604</u>		<u>40,392</u>
Cost of sales				
Kitchen purchases	274		235	
	<u>274</u>		<u>235</u>	
		(274)		(235)
Gross profit	99.29%	38,330	99.42%	40,157
Expenses				
Training	90		-	
Rates and water	1,056		886	
Preaching expenses	1,020		910	
Insurance	2,780		2,706	
Light and heat	5,800		6,412	
Cleaning	4,688		4,534	
Repairs and maintenance	12,707		3,539	
Printing, postage and stationery	132		21	
Telephone	647		341	
Computer running costs	375		180	
Equipment purchased	216		682	
Website maintenance	234		226	
Missionary support	2,520		2,520	
Legal and prof fees - allowable	4,586		52,864	
CCLI Licence	861		826	
CBA donation	1,800		1,800	
BMS	2,200		2,200	
Sundry expenses	34		130	
Other donations	1,894		980	
Subscriptions	237		503	
		<u>(43,877)</u>		<u>(82,260)</u>
Surplus/Deficit		(5,547)		(42,103)
Other income				
Bank interest received		21,221		45,755
Net Deficit/Surplus for the year	40.60%	<u>15,674</u>	9.04%	<u>3,652</u>

OAKRIDGE ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH CIO
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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
Current assets					
Current Account		8,631		19,625	
Baptist Union deposit		711,313		665,550	
Net current assets			<u>719,944</u>		<u>704,270</u>
Capital account					
At 1 January 2025			704,270		700,618
Surplus/Deficit			<u>15,674</u>		<u>3,652</u>
			<u>719,944</u>		<u>704,270</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

1 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures, fittings & equipment £
Cost	
At 1 January 2025 & at 31 December 2025	68,963
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Depreciation	
At 1 January 2025 & at 31 December 2025	68,963
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Net book value	
At 31 December 2025	-
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/01/2025

To

31/12/2025



Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Offeratories	21,093	-	-	21,093	20,875
Room Hire	9,581	-	-	9,581	7,965
Donations	1,370	-	-	1,370	5,840
Fund Raising	-	-	-	-	-
Interest Received	21,221	-	-	21,221	45,755
Gift Aid reclaim	6,560	-	-	6,560	5,712
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	59,825	-	-	59,825	86,147
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	59,825	-	-	59,825	86,147
A3 Payments					
Training	90	-	-	90	40
Rates and water	1,056	-	-	1,056	886
Preaching expenses	1,020	-	-	1,020	910
Insurance	2,780	-	-	2,780	2,706
Light and Heat	5,800	-	-	5,800	6,412
Cleaning	4,688	-	-	4,688	4,534
Repairs and Maintenance	12,707	-	-	12,707	3,539
Printing, postage and stationery	132	-	-	132	21
Telephone	647	-	-	647	341
Computer running costs	375	-	-	375	180
Equipment purchases	216	-	-	216	682
Missionary support	2,520	-	-	2,520	2,520
Travel	-	-	-	-	-
Legal and Professional	4,586	-	-	4,586	52,864
Bad debt	-	-	-	-	-
CCLI	861	-	-	861	826
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Subscriptions	237	-	-	237	503
Sundry expenses	542	-	-	542	591
Sub total	44,151	-	-	44,151	82,535
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	44,151	-	-	44,151	82,535
Net of receipts/(payments)	15,674	-	-	15,674	3,612
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	15,674	-	-	15,674	3,612

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Metrobank	8631	-	
	Baptist Union deposits	706313	5,000	
	Doreen gift	-		-
	Total cash funds	714,944	5,000	-
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Total assets less liabilities		714,944	5,000	
D1 Capital account	Opening Balance	704,270	0	
	Assets introduced		0	
	Surplus for year	15,674		
	Total	719,944	5,000	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Alison Irwin	29/4/26
	Philip Rackstraw	29/4/26

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At the beginning of the year the membership number was 35, at the end of the year the number was 34, 2 having died and 1 new member having been received into the fellowship.

Average attendance at worship services declined slightly during the year due to ill health and mobility issues. Attendance at the Bible study group held at the church increased. There are still spaces in some sections of the Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association and active advertising is still taking place to try and fill these.

The Church has been encouraged by comments made by members of the community about the positive part the church plays in their lives and particularly in relation to the food provision programmes that run. The church is also seen as a reassuring beacon of light to many in the community in a very multicultural, multi- ethnic and multifaith area.

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Future: The Church's plans to redevelop the site - update

Following the initial pre-planning application phase of the proposed re-development project, and despite the fact that the project was much needed and lauded; it was clear from Buckinghamshire Council planning department that a further set of plans was required for any future planning application to be successful.

A revised scheme was drafted, agreed and approved by the Church Members; and the full planning application process was started.

Most issues surrounding the project moving forward related to lack of funding and a 'vision' document was drafted for use as a discussion document for potential funders and other interested parties.

In a spirit of neighbourliness, the Leadership Team met with members of the Jubilee Road Mosque committee to share the Church's vision which was well received and appreciated by them.

Many meetings and discussions have taken place during 2024 not least with Homes England (the redevelopment project's primary funder) and the Local Authority; however, a previous commitment to funding from Buckinghamshire Council was withdrawn due to budget constraints on long-term projects such as this which was disappointing.

The Church's position regarding the redevelopment project moving forward was therefore reviewed and, as funding still remained the biggest hurdle, it was decided by the Development/Leadership Teams, and agreed by the Church Members, to put the project on hold until capital funding streams

could be identified and secured in order to render the scheme viable in terms of being able to move forward with the planning application process.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

**OAKRIDGE ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH CIO
CHARITY NUMBER 1197400
INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT TO THE PROPRIETOR
ON THE UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS OF OAKRIDGE ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH CIO**

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- To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Calvin Hanks

Date 19/12/25

OAKRIDGE ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH CIO
CHARITY NUMBER 1197400
DETAILED TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
Income				
Offeratories		20,875		21,111
Donations		5,840		770
Hall hire		7,965		8,380
Gift Aid reclaim		5,712		5,586
Food bank donation		-		200
		40,392		36,047
Cost of sales				
Resource material		-	45	
Kitchen purchases	235		98	
	235		143	
		(235)		(143)
Gross profit	99.42%	40,157	99.60%	35,904
Expenses				
Training		-	40	
Rates and water	886		454	
Preaching expenses	910		800	
Insurance	2,706		2,621	
Light and heat	6,412		6,860	
Cleaning	4,534		2,981	
Repairs and maintenance	3,539		4,304	
Printing, postage and stationery	21		232	
Telephone	341		301	
Computer running costs	180		324	
Equipment purchased	682		57	
Website maintenance	226		-	
Missionary support	2,520		2,560	
Travelling expenses	-		58	
Legal and prof fees - allowable	52,864		1,520	
Bad and doubtful debts			400	
CCLI Licence	826		778	
CBA donation	1,800		1,800	
BMS	2,200		2,200	
Sundry expenses	130		247	
Other donations	980		880	
Subscriptions	503		231	
		(82,260)	(29,648)	
Surplus/Deficit		(42,103)		6,256
Other income				
Bank interest received		45,755		8,787
Net Deficit/Surplus for the year	9.04%	3,652	41.73%	15,043

OAKRIDGE ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH CIO
CHARITY NUMBER 1197400
BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
Current assets					
Current Account		4,178		16,281	
Baptist Union deposit		700,092		684,337	
Net current assets			<u>704,270</u>		<u>700,618</u>
Capital account					
At 1 January 2024			700,618		685,575
Surplus/Deficit			<u>3,652</u>		<u>15,043</u>
			<u>704,270</u>		<u>700,618</u>

OAKRIDGE ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH CIO
CHARITY NUMBER 1197400
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures, fittings & equipment £
Cost At 1 January 2024 & at 31 December 2024	68,963
Depreciation At 1 January 2024 & at 31 December 2024	68,963
Net book value At 31 December 2024	<u> </u>



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/01/2024	To	31/12/2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Offerories	20,875	-	-	20,875	21,111
Room Hire	7,965	-	-	7,965	8,380
Donations	840	5,000	-	5,840	770
Fund Raising	-	-	-	-	200
Interest Received	45,755	-	-	45,755	8,787
Gift Aid reclaim	5,712	-	-	5,712	5,586
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	81,147	5,000	-	86,147	44,834
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	81,147	5,000	-	86,147	44,834
A3 Payments					
Training	-	-	-	-	40
Rates and water	886	-	-	886	454
Preaching expenses	910	-	-	910	800
Insurance	2,706	-	-	2,706	2,621
Light and Heat	6,412	-	-	6,412	6,860
Cleaning	4,534	-	-	4,534	2,981
Repairs and Maintenance	3,539	-	-	3,539	4,304
Printing, postage and stationery	21	-	-	21	232
Telephone	341	-	-	341	301
Computer running costs	180	-	-	180	324
Equipment purchases	682	-	-	682	57
Missionary support	2,520	-	-	2,520	2,560
Travel	-	-	-	-	58
Legal and Professional	52,864	-	-	52,864	1,520
Bad debt	-	-	-	-	400
CCLI	826	-	-	826	778
CBA donation	1,800	-	-	1,800	1,800
BMS donation	2,200	-	-	2,200	2,200
Other donations	980	-	-	980	880
Subscriptions	503	-	-	503	231
Sundry expenses	591	-	-	591	390
Sub total	82,495	-	-	82,495	29,791
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	82,495	-	-	82,495	29,791
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,348	5,000	-	3,652	15,043
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	- 1,348	5,000	-	3,652	15,043

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Metrobank	4178	-	
	Baptist Union deposits	695092	5,000	
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	699,270	5,000	-

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-



Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Total assets less liabilities	699,270	5,000	
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D1 Capital account	Opening Balance	700,618	0	
	Assets introduced		0	
	Surplus for year	-1,348	5,000	
	Total	699,270	5,000	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Alison Irwin	24.3.2025
	Philip Rackstraw	24/3/2025

OAKRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1197400

Accounts



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Mr P Rackstraw (Treasurer)

Mrs M A Rose (Pastoral care co-ordinator)

Mr J Hollman

Mrs P Hollman

Mr J Morgan

Mrs S Rackstraw

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Property Trustees

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Mr C Hanks

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2023

The Trustees present their Annual Report for 2023

Structure, Governance and Management

The Church is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and is governed by a constitution based on the Approved Governing Document for Baptist Churches. Members of the Church are accepted in accordance with the constitution which requires them to be or to have been publicly baptised on the profession of faith in Jesus Christ or following other modes of baptism to renew their public profession of faith in Jesus Christ.

The members' meeting normally takes place six times per year and has responsibility for the overall policy of the church. In accordance with the constitution, the members appoint Trustees, who together with the Minister (when in post), Pastoral Care Co-ordinator, Church Secretary and Treasurer (who are also appointed by the members), are responsible for the day to day running of the Church's work and witness, and the financial and legal aspects of the charity. All members are encouraged to take an appropriate part in the spiritual and practical tasks involved in the furtherance of the charitable objective.

Relevant matters may be submitted to the Church meeting by the Trustees for guidance or may be raised by members in Church meetings for further consideration by the Trustees. Though the constitution permits decisions to be made at Church meetings by appropriate majorities, the Church seeks to work by consensus wherever possible.

Objectives and Activities

The principal purpose of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination to include the advancement of education, community service and such other general charitable purposes in such parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the Church shall determine.

To achieve the principal objective, which is set out above, the Church provides a variety of activities both to its membership and to the community generally. The aim is to show the love of Jesus Christ in both word and deed and to bring people into a closer relationship with Him as living Lord.

Central to the work and witness of the Church is the provision of regular public services of Christian worship. These services take place each Sunday at 10.30am with Communion being held one Sunday each month. There is a children's programme during the morning services.

There are also occasional services at other times which are advertised via Church notices, email, or text. The Church also has a website www.oakridgebaptist.org.uk

The Church has been blessed throughout 2023 through the weekly ministry of members and many other friends during a period of interregnum.

The Church seeks to be a friendly community, and anybody is welcome to attend any of these services.

The Church runs a series of Bible study groups for the growth of faith and discipleship; these are held at the Church and via Zoom. Further details can be obtained from the Trustees on request, or at the Sunday services of worship.

The Church holds a Boys' Brigade/Girls' Association which meets in the Church premises on a Thursday evening during school term times. These sessions provide opportunity for young people aged between 5 – 18 to enjoy time together and to receive Christian teaching on a regular basis.

The Church operates systems to ensure that all people working with children and vulnerable adults are appropriately vetted by the Disclosure and Barring Service.

A coffee morning meets alternate Tuesdays and is a time for the members and regular attenders of the Church to meet and share a time of fellowship.

The Church is an approved centre for the collection and distribution of surplus food via the Fare Share charity network. The 'Community Friendly Fridge Project' (CFF) runs parallel with this and is run by the Women's Cultural Arena charity and hosted at the Church, providing additional surplus food to the local community. Each week food parcels and hot meals are provided to 60+ people as well as seasonal community meals throughout the year (500+ people in total).

FoodCycle is also hosted at the Church and links into the Fare Share network. FoodCycle's vision is to make food poverty, loneliness and food waste a thing of the past for every community by creating welcoming spaces for people from all walks of life to meet, eat and have conversations; which in turn supports people's health and mental wellbeing. FoodCycle prepares, cooks and serves vegetarian 3-course meals using surplus ingredients; and in doing so promotes healthy, sustainable attitudes towards food and its impact on the environment and helps people to learn more about healthy eating options (average attendance 30+ per week).

The need for these food services has increased dramatically since the cost of living crisis and the Church is a well-known and familiar venue for food outreach initiatives and considered a safe space to help those most in need within the community.

From June to November, the Church hosted a weekly 'Movers & Shakers' session run by the Wycombe Multicultural Organisation which is a health and wellbeing initiative for people age 60+ to stay fitter for longer.

The Church is pleased to welcome fellow Christian groups, who use the building on a Sunday for their services of worship namely El-Bethel Tamil Ministry and a Bulgarian Church.

The Church has read the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and is satisfied that the activities outlined above clearly demonstrate that the charity is providing a benefit to the public.

Achievements and Performance

The Church does not measure the success of its programmes only in numbers, including financial numbers, but also in less tangible areas like fellowship, encouragement and participation. The Trustees recognise that these are difficult to measure but believe that 2023 was a positive year in the life of the Church, and that it will be able to continue its mission purposes in 2024.

At the beginning of the year the membership number was 38 but this had reduced to 35 by the end of the year as 1 member had died, 1 transferred membership and 1 resigned.

Average attendance at worship services remained steady during the year as did attendance at the Bible study groups. There were spaces in some sections of the Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association at the end of year, but advertising was taking place to try and fill these.

The Church has been encouraged by comments made by members of the community about the positive part the church plays in their lives and particularly in relation to the food provision programmes that run. The church is also seen as a reassuring beacon of light to many in the community in a very multicultural, multi-ethnic and multifaith area.

Financial Review

The Church continues to raise the funds which it needs to carry on its activities from within its members and congregation. No wider public appeal was made for funds during the year. The basic income for 2023 was £44,433.52 which was slightly higher than the previous year, due to increased room hire income.

The Church continued its financial commitment to the life of the wider church by making gifts of approximately £7,635.70 to national and international organisations, societies and individuals, with Christian aims and objectives compatible with the Church's own charitable purposes.

The Church is heavily dependent on its members and congregation working as volunteers and providing resources in all aspects of its activities, many of which run with little or no impact on Church expenditure, but nevertheless contribute substantially to the achievement of the objectives.

The increase in utility costs continued and the church reviewed the situation on a regular basis to ensure we were signed up to the best tariffs; essential repairs to the Church heating system were also carried out.

The full financial situation for the year is set out in annual accounts and balance sheets for the year.

Future: The Church's plans to redevelop the site

The pre-planning application phase of the proposed re-development of Church space and specialist accommodation for homeless and refugees was completed and areas for action/clarification identified. The partnership of J49 (the registered provider) and Oakridge Baptist Church (the freeholder) is an impressive combination of vision and ideals for the site in addressing the needs of vulnerable adults within the community. The Church and J49, intend the residential apartments to be an empowering and enabling experience for all residents. J49 is committed to social housing but also to what it terms, 'creative community living' – that is, a place where people thrive, where there are opportunities to network, grow skills and be resident in a community context with individual living space.

The new accommodation will become part of a local network of existing relationships that will give residents the chance to engage with the community if they want to. This will also provide access to services and opportunities around employment, local management and community project involvement that embeds a sense of co-operative living, responsibility and identity.

The apartments will have pre-arranged access to the Church community facilities on the site. It is intended that the indoor spaces will encourage positive relationships between the residents and users of the community space, and that outdoor spaces, including the community garden, will further the ambitions of J49 for a greener, kinder and more mindful world. The Church are working with J49 to ensure that the living accommodation is of high quality, safe, affordable and contributing to the environmental, social and economic well-being of the local area.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have established a Reserves Policy to enable the Church to function effectively and meet its obligations in the event of a decline in our income or a major cost, however this may be set aside if the planned rebuild goes ahead. At present having considered the relevant risks of changes in income and expenditure the Trustees have determined that the appropriate level of reserves should be around £10,000. At the end of December 2023, the church had a working balance of approximately £16,000 none of which is restricted or designated.

The Church has on deposit with the Baptist Union £683,935.83 (£500,000 being from the sale of the manse in 2022 held against the new build). The balance is from a previous legacy which will be used to offset the expenses of the new build. The legacy has no restrictions as to its use.

OAKRIDGE ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH CIO
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ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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Calvin Hanks

Date 2/3/24

OAKRIDGE ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH CIO
CHARITY NUMBER 1197400
DETAILED TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	£	2023 £	£	2022 £
Income				
Offerories		21,111		26,608
Donations		770		2,819
Hall hire		8,380		2,979
Fundraising		-		352
Gift Aid reclaim		5,586		7,411
Food bank donation		200		200
Surplus on sale of Mance		-		75,000
		<u>36,047</u>		<u>115,369</u>
Cost of sales				
Resource material	45		63	
Kitchen purchases	98		11	
	<u>143</u>		<u>74</u>	
		<u>(143)</u>		<u>(74)</u>
Gross profit	99.60%	<u>35,904</u>	99.94%	<u>115,295</u>
Expenses				
Staff pension costs	-		(345)	
Training	40		10	
Rates and water	454		896	
Preaching expenses	800		620	
Insurance	2,621		2,267	
Light and heat	6,860		4,465	
Cleaning	2,981		928	
Repairs and maintenance	4,304		3,305	
Printing, postage and stationery	232		45	
Telephone	301		407	
Computer running costs	324		210	
Equipment purchased	57		203	
Missionary support	2,560		2,340	
Travelling expenses	58		-	
Legal and prof fees - allowable	1,520		8,319	
Bank charges	-		141	
Bad and doubtful debts	400		-	
CCLI Licence	778		720	
CBA donation	1,800		1,800	
BMS	2,200		2,200	
Sundry expenses	247		2,426	
Other donations	880		2,844	
Subscriptions	231		226	
		<u>(29,648)</u>		<u>(34,027)</u>
Surplus/Deficit		<u>6,256</u>		<u>81,268</u>
Other income				
Bank interest received		8,787		770

OAKRIDGE ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH CIO
CHARITY NUMBER 1197400
DETAILED TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Net Deficit/Surplus for the year	41.73%	15,043	71.11%	82,038
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OAKRIDGE ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH CIO
CHARITY NUMBER 1197400
BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
Current assets					
Other debtors		-		400	
Current Account		16,281		19,625	
Baptist Union deposit		684,337		665,550	
		<u>700,618</u>		<u>685,575</u>	
Net current assets			<u>700,618</u>		<u>685,575</u>
Capital account					
At 1 January 2023			685,575	603,537	
Surplus/Deficit			15,043	82,038	
			<u>700,618</u>	<u>685,575</u>	

OAKRIDGE ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH CIO
CHARITY NUMBER 1197400
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures, fittings & equipment £
Cost	
At 1 January 2023 & at 31 December 2023	68,963
Depreciation	
At 1 January 2023 & at 31 December 2023	68,963
Net book value	
At 31 December 2023	-



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period
from

01/01/2023

To

31/12/2023


Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Offeratories	21,111	-	-	21,111	3,965
Room Hire	8,380	-	-	8,380	899
Donations	770	-	-	770	270
Fund Raising	200	-	-	200	125
Interest Received	8,787	-	-	8,787	151
Gift Aid reclaim	5,586	-	-	5,586	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	44,834	-	-	44,834	5,410
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	44,834	-	-	44,834	5,410
A3 Payments					
Training	40	-	-	40	-
Rates	454	-	-	454	-542
Preaching expenses	800	-	-	800	120
Insurance	2,621	-	-	2,621	-
Light and Heat	6,860	-	-	6,860	235
Cleaning	2,981	-	-	2,981	620
Repairs and Maintenance	4,304	-	-	4,304	945
Printing, postage and stationery	232	-	-	232	13
Telephone	301	-	-	301	39
Computer running costs	324	-	-	324	-
Equipment purchases	57	-	-	57	-
Missionary support	2,560	-	-	2,560	390
Travel	58	-	-	58	-
Legal and Professional	1,520	-	-	1,520	-
Bad debt	400	-	-	400	-
CCLI	778	-	-	778	-
CBA donation	1,800	-	-	1,800	451
BMS donation	2,200	-	-	2,200	550
Other donations	880	-	-	880	64
Subscriptions	231	-	-	231	-
Sundry expenses	390	-	-	390	-
Sub total	29,791	-	-	29,791	2,885
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	29,791	-	-	29,791	2,885
Net of receipts/(payments)	15,043	-	-	15,043	2,525
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	15,043	-	-	15,043	2,525

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	
B1 Cash funds	Baptist Union	684,337	-	665,550	
	Metrobank	16,281	-	19,625	
		-	-	-	
	Total cash funds	700,618	-	685,175	
B2 Other monetary assets	Details				
	Loan	-	-	400	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
B3 Investment assets	Details		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
				-	
				-	
				-	
				-	
Total assets less liabilities		700,618		685,175	
D1 Capital account	Opening Balance	685,575	0		
	Assets introduced		0	683,050	
	Surplus for year	15,043	0	2,525	
	Total	700,618	0	685,575	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Alison Irwin	8.4.24

OAKRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1197400

Accounts



Oakridge Baptist Church

Charitable Incorporated Organisation
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Charity Registration Number: 1197400

Registered Address: 43 Oakridge Road, High Wycombe HP11 2PH

Trustees

Mrs M A Rose (Pastoral care co-ordinator) (Appointed March 2022)
Mrs A Irwin (Secretary)
Mr P Rackstraw (Treasurer)
Mrs A Sinclair
Mr J Sinclair
Mrs J Coombs
Mrs S Dodson
Mrs K Lucas
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Property Trustees

The Baptist Union Corporation Ltd. Baptist House, 129 Broadway, Didcot, Oxfordshire OX11 8RT

Bankers

Metro Bank, High Wycombe

Independent Examiner

Mr C Hanks

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Annual Report for 2022

The trustees present their Annual Report for 2022

Structure, Governance and Management

The Church is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and is governed by a constitution based on the Approved Governing Document for Baptist Churches. Members of the Church are accepted in accordance with the constitution which requires them to be or to have been publicly baptised on the profession of faith in Jesus Christ or following other modes of baptism to renew their public profession of faith in Jesus Christ.

The members meeting normally takes place six times per year and has responsibility for the overall policy of the church. In accordance with the constitution, the members appoint Trustees, who together with the Minister (when in post), Pastoral Care Co-ordinator, Church Secretary and Treasurer (who are also appointed by the members), are responsible for the day to day running of the Church's work and witness, and the financial and legal aspects of the charity. All members are encouraged to take an appropriate part in the spiritual and practical tasks involved in the furtherance of the charitable objective.

Relevant matters may be submitted to the Church meeting by the Trustees for guidance or may be raised by members in Church meetings for further consideration by the Trustees. Though the constitution permits decisions to be made at Church meetings by appropriate majorities, the Church seeks to work by consensus wherever possible.

Objectives and Activities

The principal purpose of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination to include the advancement of education, community service and such other general charitable purposes in such parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the Church shall determine.

To achieve the principal objective, which is set out above, the Church provides a variety of activities both to its membership and to the community generally. The aim is to show the love of Jesus Christ in both word and deed and to bring people into a closer relationship with Him as living Lord.

Central to the work and witness of the Church is the provision of regular public services of Christian worship. These services take place each Sunday at 10.30am with Communion being held one Sunday each month. There are also occasional services at other times which are advertised via Church notices, email, or text. The Church also has a website www.oakridgebaptist.org.uk.

There is a children's programme during the morning services.

The Church has been blessed throughout 2022 through the weekly ministry of members and many other friends during a period of interregnum.

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The Church seeks to be a friendly community, and anybody is welcome to attend any of these services.

The Church runs a series of Bible study groups for the growth of faith and discipleship, these are held at the Church and via Zoom. Further details can be obtained from the Trustees on request, or at the Sunday services of worship,

The Church holds a Boys Brigade/Girls Association which meets in the Church premises on a Thursday evening during school term times. These sessions provide opportunity for young people aged between 5 - 18 to enjoy time together and to receive Christian teaching on a regular basis.

The Church operates systems to ensure that all people working with children and vulnerable adults are appropriately vetted by the Disclosure and Barring Service.

The Church collects, sorts, and distributes food to those in need in the local community on a weekly basis. The Church also hosts and supports the Community Fridge Project run by the Women's Cultural Arena, which provides parcels of food and hot meals either eaten on the premises or taken away.

A coffee morning offering a warm space, was started in November 2022, for the members and regular attenders of the Church to meet and share a time of fellowship.

The Church is pleased to welcome fellow Christian groups, who use the building on a Sunday for their services of worship namely El-Bethel Tamil Ministry and a Bulgarian Church.

The Church has read the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and is satisfied that the activities outlined above clearly demonstrate that the charity is providing a benefit to the public.

Achievements and Performance

The Church does not measure the success of its programmes only in numbers, including financial numbers, but also in less tangible areas like fellowship, encouragement and participation. The Trustees recognise that these are difficult to measure but believe that 2022 was a positive year in the life of the Church, and that it will be able to continue its mission purposes in 2023.

At the beginning of the year the membership number was 45 but this had reduced to 38 by the end of the year. We welcomed 1 new member on transfer from a church in Portugal, having publicly reaffirmed her faith in Jesus Christ. 3 members died during the year, 2 transferred to another church having moved and 3 resigned as they had moved away but had not yet settled sufficiently to transfer membership.

Average attendance at worship services remained steady during the year as did attendance at the Bible study groups. There were spaces in some sections of the Boys

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Brigade and Girls Association at the end of year, but advertising was taking place to try and fill these.

The Church has been encouraged by comments made by members of the community about the positive part the church plays in their lives and particularly in relation to the food provision programmes that run. The church is also seen as a reassuring beacon of light to many in the community in a very multicultural, multi-ethnic and multifaith area.

Financial Review

The Church continues to raise the funds which it needs to carry on its activities from within its members and congregation. No wider public appeal was made for funds during the year. The basic income for 2022 was £40,369 which was slightly lower than the previous year, partly due to the limited income of the membership and the increased cost of living.

The Church continued its financial commitment to the life of the wider church by making gifts of approximately £6500 to national and international organisations, societies and individuals, with Christian aims and objectives compatible with the Church's own charitable purposes.

The Church is heavily dependent on its members and congregation working as volunteers and providing resources in all aspects of its activities, many of which run with little or no impact on Church expenditure, but nevertheless contribute substantially to the achievement of the objectives.

The increase in utility costs obviously impacted on the latter part of the year and the church is actively reviewing the situation on a regular basis to ensure we are signed up to the best tariffs.

The full financial situation for the year is set out in annual accounts and balance sheets for the year.

Future Plans

The Church had a set of plans drawn up which involve demolishing the existing building and rebuilding a very different structure which would not only incorporate a functioning church and worship space but also a 3-bedroom flat for a minister and 'pods' which would be utilised for transitional housing for 13 residents. The food outreach programmes would also be accommodated. By the end of 2022 all relevant stakeholders had been identified and clarification of the exact specification was taking place with a view to pre-planning being sought in Spring 2023.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have established a Reserves Policy to enable the Church to function effectively and meet its obligations in the event of a decline in our income or a major

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cost, however this may be set aside if the planned rebuild goes ahead. At present having considered the relevant risks of changes in income and expenditure the Trustees have determined that the appropriate level of reserves should be around £10,000. At the end of December 2022, the church had a working balance of approximately £20,000 none of which is restricted or designated.

The Church has on deposit with the Baptist Union £665,555 (£500,000 being from the sale of the manse in 2022 held against the new build). The balance is from a previous legacy which will be used to offset the expenses of the new build. The legacy has no restrictions as to its use.

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

10/01/2022

To

31/12/2022

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Offerories	3,965	-	-	3,965	-
Room Hire	899	-	-	899	-
Donations	270	-	-	270	-
Fund Raising	125	-	-	125	-
Interest Received	151	-	-	151	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	5,410	-	-	5,410	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	5,410	-	-	5,410	-
A3 Payments					
Speakers and Preachers	120	-	-	120	-
Rates	542	-	-	542	-
Light, Heat and Power	235	-	-	235	-
Postage and stationery	13	-	-	13	-
Telephone	39	-	-	39	-
Repairs and maintenance	945	-	-	945	-
Cleaning	620	-	-	620	-
Baptist Missionary Society	550	-	-	550	-
Missionary support	390	-	-	390	-
CBA donation	450	-	-	450	-
Other donations	64	-	-	64	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	2,884	-	-	2,884	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,884	-	-	2,884	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,525	-	-	2,525	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	2,525	-	-	2,525	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Baptist Union	665,550	-	-
CCXX R1 accounts (SS)	Metrobank 1	19,625	-	21/04/2023

	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Total cash funds	685,175	-	-

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
	Rachael Spencer	400	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	Details		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-


		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
C1 Liabilities	Details		-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Total assets less liabilities	685,575	-	
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D1 Capital account	Assets introduced	683,050	-	
	Surplus for period	2,525	-	
	Total	685,575	-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	ALISON DIANE IRWIN	23.4.23