



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st April 2023 Period start date To 31st March 2024
Period end date

Charity name: Freedom Church Preston

Charity registration number: 1199159

Objectives and Activities

| | SORP reference | |
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| Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document | Para 1.17 | Promoting in the Church with the mission mission of pastoral support, evangelistic outreach, social and economic. |
| Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts. | Para 1.17 and 1.19 | <input type="checkbox"/> Regular public worship open to all. <input type="checkbox"/> The provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation. <input type="checkbox"/> Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved and Feeding of the Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups such as bible studies <input type="checkbox"/> The provision of a youth club with a Christian ethos. <input type="checkbox"/> Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and meetings, and the distribution of literature. <input type="checkbox"/> Providing Mental Health Support through small group support sessions. |
| Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit | Para 1.18 | The Trustees |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

| | SORP reference | |
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| Policy on grant making | Para 1.38 | |
| Policy on social investment including program related investment | Para 1.38 | |
| Contribution made by | Para 1.38 | |

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| volunteers | | |
| Other | | |

Achievements and Performance

| | SORP reference | |
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| Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole. | Para 1.20 | <p>Main Achievements of the Freedom Church:</p> <p>Spiritual Growth and Support: The Freedom Church has facilitated spiritual growth and provided support to its members through various activities such as worship services, prayer groups, counselling, and pastoral care.</p> <p>Community Outreach: Through outreach programs, Freedom Church has made significant strides in addressing social issues such as homelessness, addiction, and hunger. This includes initiatives like Night Feeds and community development projects.</p> <p>Health and Wellness: By promoting holistic well-being, Freedom Church has contributed to the mental, and emotional health of its members and the wider community. This includes counseling services and support groups.</p> <p>Missionary Work: Through missionary activities, the church has spread its message of love, compassion, and service to communities around the church fostering cross-cultural understanding and cooperation.</p> <p>Impact on Beneficiaries and Society as a Whole:</p> <p>Personal Transformation: Many beneficiaries have experienced personal transformation, finding hope, purpose, and healing through their involvement with the charity. This has led to improved relationships, restored families, and enhanced overall well-being.</p> <p>Social Cohesion: The charity's activities have fostered a sense of belonging and community among its members, breaking down barriers of isolation and loneliness. This has resulted in stronger social networks and support systems within the community.</p> <p>Alleviation of Suffering: Through its various outreach efforts, the church has alleviated suffering and provided practical assistance to those in need, offering a safety net for the most vulnerable members of society and demonstrating the love and compassion of Christ in action.</p> <p>Promotion of Values: By promoting values such as love, kindness, generosity, and justice, the charity has contributed to the moral and ethical fabric of society, inspiring positive change and</p> |

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| | | <p>influencing attitudes and behaviours towards a more compassionate and just world. In summary, Freedom Church has made significant achievements in nurturing spiritual growth, addressing social needs, empowering individuals, and promoting positive values, thereby making a tangible difference in the lives of its beneficiaries and contributing to the well-being of society as a whole.</p> |
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| Achievements against objectives set | Para 1.41 | |
| Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set | Para 1.41 | |
| Investment performance against objectives | Para 1.41 | |
| Other | | |

Financial Review

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| Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period | Para 1.21 | The reserve in the church has grown |
| Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held | Para 1.22 | Reservation of minimum One month rent to enable a contingency plan to be made if needed. |
| Amount of reserves held | Para 1.22 | £250 |
| Reasons for holding zero reserves | Para 1.22 | |
| Details of fund materially in deficit | Para 1.24 | |
| Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern | Para 1.23 | |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising) | Para 1.47 | |
| Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted | Para 1.46 | |
| A description of the principal risks facing the charity | Para 1.46 | |
| Other | | |

Structure, Governance and Management

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| Description of charity's trusts: | | |
| Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter) | Para 1.25 | |
| How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO) | Para 1.25 | CIO |
| Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees | Para 1.25 | Initially a vote from the members of the Church – further appointed trustees come from a vote between the trustees. |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees | Para 1.51 | |
| The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works | Para 1.51 | |
| Relationship with any related parties | Para 1.51 | |
| Other | | |

Reference and Administrative details

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| Charity name | Freedom Church Preston |
| Other name the charity uses | |
| Registered charity number | 1199159 |
| Charity's principal address | 94 Greenside Avenue, Blackburn. BB24TG |
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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

| | Trustee name | Office (if any) | Dates acted if not for whole year | Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any) |
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| 1 | Rachael Whittaker | | | |
| 2 | Danielle Whittaker | | | |
| 3 | Philip Parmley | | | |
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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| Description of the assets held in this capacity | |
| Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects | |
| Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets | |

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

| Type of adviser | Name | Address |
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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| Signature(s) | Rachael Whittaker | |
| Full name(s) | Rachael Whittaker | |
| Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) | Chair | |
| Date | 22.01.25 | |