



**CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From 01/07/2023   Period start date   To 30/06/2024   Period end date**

**Charity name: Rochdale Hope Chapel Heritage Centre**

**Charity registration number: 1199472**

## **Objectives and Activities**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The restoration, maintenance and preservation of the land and building known as Rochdale Hope Chapel for the benefit and use of the public.</li><li>2. The advancement of public education and interest in the historic and cultural significance of Rochdale Hope Chapel.</li></ol>
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	<p>During 2023-2024 trustees have:</p> <p>Obtained Listed Building Consent (LBC) for commencing the restoration work needed on the Rochdale Hope Chapel Heritage Centre (RCHCHC) to ensure that this would be carried out in an appropriate and sympathetic manner.</p> <p>Identified companies and individuals with the necessary skills and experience to undertake the work needed to meet the requirements of the LBC. In addition to this was sourcing specialist materials for the renovation works such as the lime plaster, the colour matched distemper paint, and replacement windowsills. This was aided by the RHCHC chairman relocating to Rochdale to oversee the works that needed to take place.</p> <p>Established links with individuals and congregations worshipping in Holland who had expressed an interest in the work of the RHCHC by freely volunteering their time and donating monies to the Heritage Centre.</p> <p>Developed and launched the website promoting the work of the Charity. See: <a href="https://rochdalehopechapel.org.uk/">https://rochdalehopechapel.org.uk/</a></p>

		<p>Obtained 'exempt status' under the Listed Places of Worship Scheme for reclaiming VAT on the eligible elements of the restoration work being undertaken at the Heritage Centre.</p> <p>Established links with the Gospel Standard Trust (GST) publications who kindly offered copies of surplus books containing links to Rochdale and the surrounding area for the work of the Heritage Centre. Work, in anticipation of the opening of the Heritage Centre in late 2024, commenced on republishing the autobiography of John Kershaw who was the minister of Rochdale Hope Chapel for more than 52 years in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. In addition, the Charity has collected a range of artefacts and memorabilia that will be incorporated into the Heritage Centre exhibits.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the public benefit accruing from establishing the Rochdale Hope Chapel Heritage Centre.

#### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Not applicable
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Not applicable
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	During this period volunteers, both from the UK and overseas, assisted with the restoration work including helping with decorating, plaster, roof and window repairs, cleaning the property the maintenance of the outside areas.
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The main achievement of the Charity during this second reporting period has been obtaining the listed building consent so that works were able to commence on restoring the Rochdale Hope Chapel (a Grade II* listed building) as part of the planned opening of the RHCHC in late 2024. The Heritage Centre will be a record in testimony to the impact that nonconformists had on Rochdale and the surrounding area in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries particularly in supporting those in poverty and being a voice for the poor and needy during this time.</p> <p>Wherever possible the Charity has sought to use local and regional suppliers in the restoration work and thereby supporting the regional economy.</p> <p>Allied to this has been the promotion of the RHCHC through its website and raising awareness by word of mouth to supporters in the UK and Holland.</p> <p>The Charity has also obtained a number of items that will be central to the Heritage Centre including an original portrait of John Kershaw, his Bible, and written material and other items from various diverse sources that will form part of the displays at the Heritage Centre.</p>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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

Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Income over the reporting period was in excess of expenditure.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	This was the second year of the Charity's activity and the intention will be, as appropriate, to hold reserves to cover three months operating expenditure.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£5,313.46 in the deposit account
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None identified that the present time

## Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Donations from individuals and other charities
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Any surplus monies are held in the CAF Bank Gold Account
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Ensuring sufficient numbers of trustees with an appropriate skills and experience base
Other		



## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	All trustees appointed every three years.  New trustees identified and invited by the trustees to serve on the Board Of Trustees

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	The current trustees have been imposed for two years and the rota for re-election will commence in June 2024.  If and when new trustees are appointed, existing trustees will follow best practice and draw on the experience of one of the trustees in their involvement in recruiting and inducting new trustees to two other charities
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	None at the present time
Other		No reportable serious incidents occurred during this reporting period

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Rochdale Hope Chapel Heritage Centre
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1199472
Charity's principal address	7 High Firs Gardens, Halterworth, Romsey, Hampshire SO51 5QA

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Roland Knight	Chairman		
2	Michael Riley			
3	Michael Ridout	Treasurer		
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### Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

### Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

### Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Nil
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

Nil/Not applicable



**Other optional information**

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**Declarations**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Roland Laurence Knight	Michael David Ridout
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman	Treasurer
Date	April 11 2025	

## Rochdale Hope Chapel Heritage Centre (Charity No. 1199472)

**Statement of financial activities**  
for the year ended 30 June 2024

30/06/2024  
2024

30/06/2024  
2024

### Incoming Resources

Donations	£17,505.18	
Grants	£16,522.00	
Other	£2,385.08	
Interest Current A/C	£12.74	
Interest Deposit A/C	£61.85	£36,486.85

### Resources Expended

Repairs and Renewals	£21,450.91	
Utilities	£708.91	
Administration	£774.00	
Bank Charges	£60.00	
Foreign Payment Charge	£78.00	
Website	£392.80	
Equipment	£904.79	
Travel	£624.65	
Subsistence	£403.05	£25,397.11

**Net Incoming/(Outgoing Resources for the Year)**

£11,089.74

Fund Balance b/f

£559.59

Fund Balance c/f

£11,649.33

Represented by

Current Account

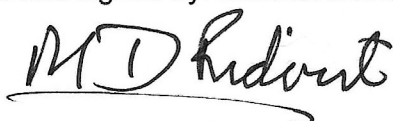
£6,335.87

Deposit Account

£5,313.46

£11,649.33

Prepared and signed by: Michael David Ridout (Trustee/Treasurer)



Date: 10-April-2025

Countersigned by: Roland Laurence Knight (Trustee/Chairman)



Date: 11-April-2025





Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

Rochdale Hope Chapel Heritage Centre

On accounts for the year  
ended

30 June 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

119947

Set out on pages

One

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **30 / 06 / 2024**.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

Signed:

Date:

11/04/2025

Name:

Paul Cooper

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

ICAEW

Address:

49d Middleton Way, Fen Drayton, CB24 4SU

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**