



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/07/2024 Period start date To 30/06/2025 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">1. The restoration, maintenance and preservation of the land and building known as Rochdale Hope Chapel for the benefit and use of the public.2. The advancement of public education and interest in the historic and cultural significance of Rochdale Hope Chapel.
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>Continued the restoration work commenced in 2023/2024 to bring the Hope Chapel building to a standard as befits a Grade II* listed building through using materials and craftsmen (paid and volunteers) who were conscientious in the work undertaken within and outside the building as well as the grounds.</p> <p>Held an Opening Event on Friday, 20 December 2024 which involved advertising and raising awareness of the Heritage Centre in the UK and Holland. Also invitations were extended to places of worship in the immediate and surrounding area to join with those gathered to view the building and understand the work of the Rochdale Hope Chapel Heritage Centre.</p> <p>Built on and strengthened the links established, in 2023/2024, 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>After seeking legal help a Loan Agreement using the Charity Commission guidance within ss 124-126 of the Charities Act 2011 was entered into with an individual in</p>

		Holland. The process of ratifying the Loan Agreement was undertaken, on the advice of solicitors, by non-conflicted trustees in the best interests of the charity to relieve the debt/charge incurred by one of the founding trustees in acquiring the building prior to the establishment of the Charity. This is also helped ensure the ownership of the building the future generation.
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 ensure there is/has been 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 Holland, 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 two main achievements of the Charity during this third reporting period has been firstly, continuing the works commenced in 2023/2024 as a result of obtaining listed building consent to restore 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 as previously reported will be a record in testimony to the impact that nonconformists had on Rochdale and the surrounding area in the 19th and 20th centuries particularly in supporting those in poverty and being a voice for the poor and needy during this time.</p> <p>Secondly, holding an Opening Event on Friday, 20 December 2024 when 200 people from Holland and the UK held services of thanksgiving, in the afternoon and evening, to acknowledge the help given both of individuals but more importantly Almighty God in the restoration and commencing of the work of the Heritage Centre and the importance of "that ye may tell it to the generation following" Psalm 48:13. Those attending the event were able to see the work that had been undertaken and meet trustees and others together with sharing a meal at a local eatery. A collection was also taken to help further the work of the Charity.</p> <p>The Charity, wherever possible, continues to use local and regional suppliers in the restoration work and thereby contributing to the economy and the area.</p> <p>The Charity continues to collect artefacts relating to the purpose of the Heritage Centre that will be used in illustrating the work of those that had concern for the spiritual and physical well-being of those in Rochdale and surrounding areas during the 19th and 20th century together with highlighting its relevance today.</p> <p>As reported, under Objectives and Activities, the ownership of the Rochdale Hope Chapel building is now vested with the Charity. Thereby securing the building for future generation.</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	During the reporting period expenditure was in excess of income. Thankfully, the Charity had accumulated reserves to underpin the shortfall. A significant cost in the operating loss was, due to circumstances, bringing forward the start of work on sealing an external wall to prevent ingress of moisture.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	This was the third 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	£4,922.35 (cash available)
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 at the present time. The trustees are confident that income will exceed expenditure in 2025/2026.

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 to further the work of the charity and its next development stages.
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, after interview, formally 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 in post for two years and the rota for re-election commenced 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		
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				
11				
12				
13				
14				
15				
16				
17				
18				
19				
20				

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
Not applicable		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
Not applicable		

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

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

--

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Nil/Not applicable

Other optional information

--

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full names

Roland Laurence Knight

Michael David Ridout

Position

Chairman

Treasurer

Date

April 22 2026

Rochdale Hope Chapel Heritage Centre					
Statement of financial activities		30/06/2025	30/06/2025		
for the year ended 30 June 2025					
Incoming Resources		2025	2025		
Donations		£13,635.43			
Grants		£10,467.00			
Interest Bank A/Cs		£73.33	£24,175.76		
Resources Expended					
Repairs and Renewals		£16,044.44			
Utilities		£2,426.11			
Bank Charges		£60.00			
Foreign Payment Charge		£30.00			
Website		£260.85			
Security Alarm System		£1,252.24			
Equipment		£735.81			
Administration		£6,736.69			
Opening Event		£3,356.60	£30,902.74		
Net Incoming/(Outgoing Resources for the Year)			-£6,726.98		
Fund Balance b/f			£11,649.33		
Fund Balance c/f			£4,922.35		
Represented by					
Current Account			£3,051.43		
Deposit Account			£1,870.92		
			£4,922.35		

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



Date: 21-April-2026

Countersigned by: Roland Laurence Knight (Trustee/Chairman)



Date: 22-April-2026

Rochdale Hope Chapel Heritage Centre				
Balance sheet (30 June 2025)				
			2025	2025
			£	£
Fixed assets				
RHCHC Building			£50,000.00	
Current assets				
CAF Cash Account			£3,051.43	
CAF Gold Account			£1,870.92	£54,922.35
Long-Term Liability				
Capital Loan			£50,000.00	£50,000.00
Net Assets				£4,922.35
Represented by				
Accumulated Income and expenditure				£4,922.35

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

 M D Ridout

Date: 21-April-2026

Countersigned by: Roland Laurence Knight (Trustee/Chairman)

 R Knight

Date: 22-April-2026



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 2025

Charity no
(if any)

119947

Set out on pages

One and two

(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 / 2025**.

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: 21/04/2026

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.