

FROME DISSENTERS' CEMETERY CIO

England & Wales · Charity number 1202338

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2023-03-16

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

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Activities

Objects: TO SECURE THE CONSERVATION, MAINTENANCE, OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF FROME DISSENTER'S CEMETERY AND ITS HISTORIC BUILDINGS, MEMORIALS, TOMBS AND OTHER HISTORIC PHYSICAL FEATURES FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT AND AS A CEMETERY FOR THE DECENT BURIAL OF THE DEAD.TO SECURE THE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE HISTORIC LANDSCAPE, PLANTS AND NATURAL LIFE AT FROME DISSENTER'S CEMETERY FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT.

Activities: 1. The provision of burial and cremated remains plots for a fee.2. The provision of historical information relating to the Cemetery and its founding dissenting congregations.3. The establishment of a nature trail and wildlife areas in the cemetery for the benefit and wellbeing of visitors and said wildlife.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Somerset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£11,103	£51,171	-	-
2023-12-31	£22,365	£456	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
James Parsons		2022-11-13
Kim Louise Cuss		2022-11-13
MARK CRISPIN DORRINGTON		2022-11-13
Philip Ralph Gray		2023-05-17
Robert Douglas Brown ma		2023-06-06
William Lockhart Murdoch		2023-09-19

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ANNUAL REPORT OF FROME DISSENTERS' CEMETERY CIO 2024

This year has seen a great deal of activity both on grounds maintenance and the nature trail/linear orchard.

We have continued to provide both burial plots and plots for cremated remains. However most of the burial plots have now been sold, but there remains space in the Ashes Plot section.

Our long standing volunteer, Andy, has now moved away from Frome, but in his place we now have two more regular volunteers, Hector and Paul. In addition we have had volunteers who were Duke of Edinburgh Award participants, working (with a parent) for 3 months at a time. We express our gratitude to them and the Trustees who have attempted to keep the grounds in a reasonably tidy condition.

In October we received the Report of the quinquennial inspection. This has shown a lot of necessary work to make the Chapel more user friendly and to prevent further deterioration. We now have to obtain Listed Building Consent, quotations for the works and funds to pay for it!

The Wednesday Volunteers no longer meet, but the regular Saturday team of Eddie, Hector and Paul, have once again done sterling work on cutting the grass and working on the bottom half of the nature trail/orchard, despite the many wet Saturdays!

Other activities during 2024 were the monthly "Walk and Talk" sessions; the laying of wreaths on the CWGC and other graves remembering and honouring Service personnel, on the anniversary of their deaths; and probably the highlight of the year, hosting "The Dissenters' Company" in their 3 nights of "A Christmas Carol" the week-end before Christmas. We also participated in the Frome Festival "Hidden Gardens" when approximately 150 visitors looked around the site and culminating with the Annual Service on Sunday afternoon led by Rev Clarissa Notice of Frome Baptist Church.

At the time of this report we still await confirmation of the transfer of the old Trusts assets, (land, buildings, etc.) by the Land Registry.

In closing this report we place on record our grateful thanks to a founding Trustee, David Open, who was for some 15 years the sole volunteer keeping the grounds under control. David passed away in September, 2 weeks short of his 89th Birthday. RIP David.

Frome Dissenters Cemetery CIO

End of Year Financial Statements

31 December 2024

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	286	—	—	286	19,465
Other trading activities	10,710	—	—	10,710	2,900
Other income	107	—	—	107	—
Total income	11,103	—	—	11,103	22,365
Expenditure on:					
Expenditure on charitable activities	51,771	—	—	51,771	456
Total expenditure	51,771	—	—	51,771	456
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(40,667)	—	—	(40,667)	21,908
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	—	—	—	—
Gross transfers between funds - out	—	—	—	—	—
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	(40,667)	—	—	(40,667)	21,908
Total funds brought forward	21,908	—	—	21,908	—
Total funds carried forward	(18,758)	—	—	(18,758)	21,908
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	(18,758)	—	—	(18,758)	21,908

Balance sheet

	Total funds	Prior year funds
Current assets		
Debtors	759	—
Cash at bank and in hand	23,131	21,908
	23,891	21,908
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	42,650	—
	42,650	—
Net current assets less current liabilities	(18,758)	21,908
Total assets less current liabilities	(18,758)	21,908
Total net assets less liabilities	(18,758)	21,908
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
General fund	(18,758)	21,908
Funds of the church	(18,758)	21,908

Statement of assets and liabilities

	This year	Last year
Cash at bank and in hand		
Co-op Current Account		
General fund (Unrestricted) -	13,023	21,908
	13,023	21,908
Co-op Savings Account		
General fund (Unrestricted) -	10,107	—
	10,107	—
Total for Cash at bank and in hand	23,131	21,908
Debtors		
Accounts Receivable		
General fund (Unrestricted) -	759	—
	759	—
Total for Debtors	759	—
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year		
Accounts Payable		
General fund (Unrestricted) -	(42,650)	—
Total for Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	(42,650)	—
Grand total	(18,758)	21,908

Fund movement by type

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Journals	Closing
General - General fund							
Unrestricted	21,908	11,103	51,771	—	—	—	(18,758)
Sub-total for General	21,908	11,103	51,771	—	—	—	(18,758)
Grand total	21,908	11,103	51,771	—	—	—	(18,758)

Analysis of income and expenditure

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Total Last year
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Donations and legacies						
13 - Donations	286	—	—	—	286	—
17 - Grants	—	—	—	—	—	19,465
Total	286	—	—	—	286	19,465
Other trading activities						
14 - Rent	4,750	—	—	—	4,750	1,750
15 - Plot Sales	5,200	—	—	—	5,200	850
16 - Events	760	—	—	—	760	300
Total	10,710	—	—	—	10,710	2,900
Other income						
18 - Interest	107	—	—	—	107	—
Total	107	—	—	—	107	—
INCOME TOTAL	11,103	—	—	—	11,103	22,365

EXPENDITURE

Expenditure on charitable activities

01 - Office and Administration	318	—	—	—	318	179
02 - Tools and Equipment	3,741	—	—	—	3,741	207
03 - Insurance	986	—	—	—	986	—
04 - Legal and Professional	2,724	—	—	—	2,724	70
05 - Buildings Repairs and Maintenance	42,650	—	—	—	42,650	—
06 - Grounds Repairs and Maintenance	1,350	—	—	—	1,350	—
Total	51,771	—	—	—	51,771	456
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	51,771	—	—	—	51,771	456
GRAND TOTAL	(40,667)	—	—	—	(40,667)	21,908

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FROME DISSENTERS CEMETERY

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees

for the year ended 31st December 2024

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2024, which are set out on the attached accounts

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year (under S 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- a) examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act
- b) to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act; and
- c) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

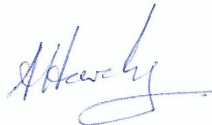
Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity 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 explanations from you as trustees concerning any 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 these accounts.

Independent examiner's report

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
 - a) proper records are kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act: and
 - b) accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act: or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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ANNUAL REPORT OF FROME DISSENTERS' CEMETERY CIO 2023

This first year has been a year of transition and consolidation; transition from the original 1851 Trust to the new 2023 CIO, and consolidation of the work and maintenance; enhancement of the Cemetery, so that it is more than just a place where the dead are laid to rest, and becomes a place where people can walk in quiet contemplation, and be at one with nature and God's creation.

Plans have been made to repair and restore the Chapel; the linear orchard and nature trail is slowly taking shape with the support of Frome Town Council, the Town Rangers, and the Wednesday Volunteers; and the lease on the cottage now has less than 4 years to completion. On reversion of the lease it is hoped that the ground floor flat can be converted into a Heritage and Educational Resource Centre, highlighting not only the Cemetery's history but also that of the founding Dissenting Congregations.

Amongst our Volunteers is Emma, our Minute Secretary, who has, along with her husband Darren. and two children put in some excellent work, strimming, clearing brambles etc.. Thank you. Her two brothers have also helped admirably, installing a new seat in memory of the Date family, tidying and repairing the family grave and some work on the chapel.

The regular Saturday team of Andy and Eddie, augmented by other occasional volunteers, have done sterling work on cutting the grass and starting clearance of the bottom half of the nature trail/orchard, despite the many wet Saturdays!

Other activities during 2023 were the monthly "Walk and Talk" sessions; the laying of wreaths on the CWGC and other graves remembering and honouring Service personnel, on the anniversary of their deaths; and probably the highlight of the year, hosting "The Dissenters' Company" in their tribute to the late Crysse Morrison by performing once again "Midsummer Dusk", Crysse's drama based on characters commemorated in the Cemetery.

Administrative tasks have included the registering of the CIO with the Charity Commission; transferring the old Trusts assets, land, buildings, money etc. and we place on record our grateful thanks to Rosemary Parr and to Neil Howlett for providing their legal services and expertise.

**Frome Dissenters Cemetery
End of Year Financial Statements**

Year ending 31st December 2023

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	19,465	—	—	19,465	—
Other trading activities	2,900	—	—	2,900	—
Total income	22,365	—	—	22,365	—
Expenditure on:					
Expenditure on charitable activities	456	—	—	456	—
Total expenditure	456	—	—	456	—
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	21,908	—	—	21,908	—
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds – in	—	—	—	—	—
Gross transfers between funds – out	—	—	—	—	—
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	21,908	—	—	21,908	—
Total funds brought forward	—	—	—	—	—
Total funds carried forward	21,908	—	—	21,908	—
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	21,908	—	—	21,908	—

Balance sheet

	Total funds	Prior year funds
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	21,908	—
Net current assets less current liabilities	21,908	—
Total assets less current liabilities	21,908	—
Total net assets less liabilities	21,908	—
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
General fund	21,908	—
Funds of the church	21,908	—

Statement of assets and liabilities

Fund movement by type

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Journals	Closing
General - General fund							
Unrestricted	—	22,365	456	—	—	—	21,908
Sub-total for General	—	22,365	456	—	—	—	21,908
Grand total	—	22,365	456	—	—	—	21,908

Analysis of income and expenditure

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Total Last year
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INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS

Donations and legacies

13 - Donations	—	—	—	—	—	—
17 - Grants	19,465	—	—	—	19,465	—
Total	19,465	—	—	—	19,465	—

Other trading activities

14 - Rent	1,750	—	—	—	1,750	—
15 - Plot Sales	850	—	—	—	850	—
16 - Events	300	—	—	—	300	—
Total	2,900	—	—	—	2,900	—
INCOME TOTAL	22,365	—	—	—	22,365	—

EXPENDITURE

Expenditure on charitable activities

01 - Office and Administration	179	—	—	—	179	—
02 - Tools and Equipment	207	—	—	—	207	—
03 - Insurance	—	—	—	—	—	—
04 - Legal and Professional	70	—	—	—	70	—
05 - Buildings Repairs and Maintenance	—	—	—	—	—	—
06 - Grounds Repairs and Maintenance	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	456	—	—	—	456	—
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	456	—	—	—	456	—
GRAND TOTAL	21,908	—	—	—	21,908	—

Independent examiners' report to the Trustees of Frome Dissenters Cemetery CIO

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.


Basis of independent examiners' report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and the seeking of explanations from you as trustees concerning any 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 by the accounts.

Independent examiners' statement

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with s130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


Andrew Hardy

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