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# EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH SCARBOROUGH

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## 2025 Annual Report



**Ebenezer Baptist Church, Scarborough**  
**A Charitable Incorporated Organisation**  
**Registered Charity Number – 1202746**

**Ebenezer Baptist Church, Columbus Ravine, Scarborough YO12 7QZ**

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CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' annual report (including Directors' report) for the period

From: Period start date 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 To: Period end date 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025

Charity name: Ebenezer Baptist Church Scarborough

Charity registration number: 1202746

Company number: CE032015

## Objectives and activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The principal purposes of the Church are:-</p> <p>The advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination.</p> <p>The Church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world.</p>
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>The charity provides and maintains Ebenezer Baptist Church and its church hall for the purposes of holding regular public acts of worship, including religious instruction for children, young people, people with learning difficulties and adults of all ages in the main services.</p> <p>General pastoral support, discipleship, teaching and encouragement are through our home groups and fellowship groups and we offer prayer support through our Prayer Chain and Prayer Ministry Team.</p> <p>Through our Missionary Support programme, we help finance those training for and working in evangelism both at home and abroad, and local charities working to support those in need.</p> <p>Our church hall is made available to local residents and community groups at a modest rent.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>The trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit</p>

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	<p><b>Mission Support Policy</b> Ebenezer Baptist Church Scarborough will give 20% of voluntary income (offerings plus gift aid) to Mission outside our own church setting and ministry.</p> <p>Our aim is to advance the Kingdom of God, as envisioned by Christians, locally, in the UK and worldwide. We will do this by giving to organisations and individuals that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Preach the Christian gospel and bring people to Christ</li> <li>b) Support people practically where they are in need</li> </ul>
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Not applicable
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>None of our activities could run without the dedicated volunteers who give generously of their time, talents and money to carry on the ministry of the church.</p> <p>We are so grateful for those doing practical jobs like making tea, cleaning and maintaining the buildings, operating audio/video and streaming services, maintaining the website and FaceBook pages, producing the newsletter, accountancy, banking and other administration work; also those preaching, leading services and leading worship; those teaching and leading groups, those welcoming, pastoring, discipling others and all of us supporting one another in our Christian journey.</p>
Other		.

## Achievements and performance

<p>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.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>We believe that this has been a successful year for Ebenezer Baptist Church because there have been several significant achievements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Increase in membership: The number of members has declined in recent years due to several factors including the COVID pandemic. However, in 2025 we reversed this trend by increasing the numbers from 76 to 85, an increase of 9 (12%) which is very pleasing. Having more members means of course that we can reach out to our community with greater effect.</li><li>2. Our members have always been most generous in their giving and this has enabled us to increase our financial support for Christian outreach/mission both at home and abroad. It is particularly pleasing that we can give strong financial backing to The Rainbow Centre in Scarborough which offers help to the most deprived residents of Scarborough.</li><li>3. A great deal of work has been carried out to the Church building, the Church Hall and the Manse to ensure that the premises are safe, attractive and fit for our members and guests to use.</li><li>4. The Leadership Team consisting of Elders and Deacons has grown so that we now have three Elders and six Deacons. The number of planned Leadership meetings that support the running of the church and the important quarterly Members' Meetings has increased.</li><li>5. There has been an increase in the use of the Church Hall for social activities supporting mission. These activities include:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Friday Supper Club</li><li>• Faith on Friday lectures</li><li>• Men's breakfasts</li><li>• Barn Dance</li><li>• Crazy Golf</li></ul></li></ol>
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<p>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.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Junior Church, (often called Sunday School) offered during our Sunday worship service (10.30 to 12.00 ) to younger people in the congregation, has three age groups. There is a 0 to 5 group and a 5 to 11 group that both meet in the refurbished hall. The 11 to 17 group has returned to The Underground. We are praying for an increase in the number of children/youth to regularly attend. There is also a newly formed youth group meeting from 4.30 pm to 6.00 pm in the Church.</li> <li>7. Members meet during the week in house groups to further sustain their mission. The number of groups increased in 2025 which is very pleasing.</li> </ol>
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## Financial review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Our reserves are comfortably above the minimum reserve, and voluntary income increased by 12.7% this year.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>Because the church relies on donations, its income cannot be guaranteed, so it is important to have some working capital to meet its regular expenditure. As employers of staff, the church needs to be able to guarantee that they can be paid, even if income dips temporarily.</p> <p>It is unlikely that the church's income would cease completely within a short space of time. There may however be various circumstances under which it could be reduced.</p> <p>In the event of the church having to make staff redundant, the church should have sufficient funds to pay any office holders and/or employees made redundant their salaries and associated costs for the full term of their notice.</p> <p>The reserve is currently set at £25,000</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	The reserve at 31.12.2025 was £36,437
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

### 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	<p>We are an independent church, dependent on our congregation for finance. £121,225, which represents 93% of our income, came from individual donations and Gift Aid.</p> <p>Additional income comes from the letting of church premises to local groups &amp; individuals.</p>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Our investment policy is to invest any surplus funds in deposit accounts which provide benefits to support the Baptist Church, the wider Church family, or the local community.

A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>We believe that our Safeguarding &amp; Data Protection policies, employment contracts, volunteer agreements and risk assessments for activities are sufficiently robust to protect employees and volunteers and the people to whom we are ministering. We also have Health &amp; Safety and Counter-Terrorism Policies min operation.</p> <p>We have Trustee Indemnity Insurance cover to protect personal liability for actions carried out in accordance with their constitutional responsibilities</p>
Other		None

## Structure, governance and management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document:	Para 1.25	Trust Deed and Constitution last amended on 22nd January 2025
How is the charity constituted?	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	The Trustees of the church are elected by the Church Members, as set out in the Church Constitution.

### 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	New trustees are trained according to the guidelines issued by the Baptist Union and the Charity Commission. Training for Trustees, paid staff and volunteers continues through attending suitable courses and events arranged by the Baptist Union of Great Britain, Yorkshire Baptist Association and others.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	We are an independent church. The Trustees of the church are the Minister (ex officio), Church Secretary, Treasurer, the Elders and the Deacons, all of whom are elected by the Church Members.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	<p>We are members of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and the Yorkshire Baptist Association, and are affiliated to the Evangelical Alliance.</p> <p>EBC is a member of Churches Together in Scarborough and we join with the local and regional networks of New Wine for prayer, training and equipping events.</p>
Other		None

## Reference and administrative details

Charity name	<b>Ebenezer Baptist Church Scarborough</b>
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	<b>1202746</b>
Charity's principal address	<b>Ebenezer Baptist Church, Columbus Ravine, Scarborough YO12 7QZ</b>

### 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	Rev. John Gleghorn	Minister		
2	John Games	Elder		
3	Joanne Baker	Elder	23.04 to 31.12.2025	
4	William Holmes	Secretary (Chair)		
5	Phillip Gott	Treasurer		
6	Jane Taylor	Deacon		
7	Anna Welford	Deacon		
8	Billa Duggal	Deacon	23.04 to 31.12.2025	
9	Philip Nixon	Deacon	23.04 to 31.12.2025	
10	Janet Wilson	Deacon	01.01 to 23.04.2025	

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

Director name	None
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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year
<b>Yorkshire Baptist Association Incorporated.</b>	

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
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## Additional information (optional)

### Names and addresses of advisers (optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Accountant	Anna Wiffen FCCA FMAAT	Ashby Berry Coulsons Chartered Accountants, 2 Belgrave Crescent, Scarborough YO11 1UB
Legal Property & Trust Officer	Ann Chesworth	Yorkshire Baptist Association Incorporated 17-19 York Place, Leeds LS1 2EX

### 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

Not applicable
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## Other optional information

None
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## Declarations

The company has taken advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the report above.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report (including directors' report) above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees/directors

Signature(s)	<i>W. Holmes</i>	<i>Phillip R Gott</i>
Full name(s)	William Paul Holmes	Phillip Raymond Gott
Position (for example Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair & Church Secretary	Treasurer
Date	25 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	



Charity Name <b>Ebenezer Baptist Church</b>		No (if any) <b>1202746</b>
<b>Receipts and payments accounts</b>		
For the period from	Period start date 1st January 2025	To Period end date 31st December 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	100,187	-	-	100,187	94,968
Gift Aid	21,038	-	-	21,038	21,627
Grants Received	-	-	-	-	7,899
Income from Charitable Activities	2,418	-	-	2,418	638
Other Trading Activities	5,406	-	-	5,406	4,986
Investment Income	182	-	-	182	2,948
Other Income	1,190	161	-	1,351	1,094
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>130,421</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>130,582</b>	<b>134,160</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>130,421</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>130,582</b>	<b>134,160</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Raising Funds	417	-	-	417	205
Paid Staff and Volunteers	47,291	-	-	47,291	82,826
Other Ministry Expenses	4,559	-	-	4,559	8,194
Mission Support	23,890	-	-	23,890	21,000
Premises and Equipment	42,760	-	-	42,760	88,335
Administration	6,465	-	-	6,465	6,563
Governance	874	-	-	874	2,016
Other expenditure	-	260	-	260	475
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>126,256</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>126,516</b>	<b>209,614</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>126,256</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>126,516</b>	<b>209,614</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>4,165</b>	<b>- 99</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,066</b>	<b>- 75,454</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>- 99</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>32,371</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32,371</b>	<b>248,826</b>
<b>Manse Sale and Purchase</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 118,572</b>
<b>Transfer to Hope Whitby CIC</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 22,429</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>36,437</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>36,437</b>	<b>32,371</b>

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	CAF Bank Current Account	3,336	-	-
	CAF Bank Gold Deposit Account	12,994		
	Community First Credit Union	20,036	-	-
	Petty Cash	71	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>36,437</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Endowment funds to nearest £</b>
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	None	-	-	-
		<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	None		-	-
		<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Ebenezer Baptist Church, Columbus Ravine, Scarborough	General Fund	-	-
	Ebenezer Baptist Church Hall, Columbus Ravine, Scarborough	General Fund	-	-
	Manse at 25 Scardale Crescent, Scarborough	General Fund	-	-
	Note: The above properties are held in trust by Yorkshire Baotist Assocation		-	-
	Furniture, Fixtures & fittings in Church & Hall buildings	General Fund	-	-
	Computers, audio/visual, musical and other equipment in church premises	General Fund	-	-
		<b>Fund to which liability relates</b>	<b>Amount due (optional)</b>	<b>When due (optional)</b>
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	None		-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval
	Phillip R Gott	Phillip Raymond Gott		

## Fund Reports

<b>Income &amp; Expenditure by Fund</b>						
Year ended 31st December 2025	General Fund	Church Lights	Mustard S	Others	TOTAL	2024
<b>Income and Endowments</b>						
Donations and Legacies	99,532	300	355		100,187	94,968
Gift Aid	21,038				21,038	21,627
Grants					0	7,900
Income from Charitable activities	2,164		253		2,417	638
Other trading activities	5,407				5,407	4,986
Investments	182				182	2,947
Other Income	1,190			161	1,351	1,094
<b>Total Income and Endowments</b>	<b>129,513</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>£130,582</b>	<b>134,160</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>						
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>						
Fundraising Trading costs	417				417	205
Ministry: Paid staff & volunteers	47,291				47,291	82,826
Ministry: other expenses	4,141		419		4,560	8,194
Mission Support	23,890				23,890	21,000
Premises & Equipment	42,593	135	32		42,760	88,334
Administration	6,431		34		6,465	6,564
Governance	873				873	2,016
Other Expenditure				260	260	475
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>125,636</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>£126,516</b>	<b>209,614</b>
<b>Surplus/Deficit for the year</b>	<b>3,877</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>-99</b>	<b>4,066</b>	<b>-75,454</b>
Brought forward balance	29,704		2,667	0	32,371	248,826
Transfers to/from			-99	99	0	0
Manse Sale/Purchase					0	-118,572
Transfer to Hope Whitby CIC					0	-22,429
<b>Carried forward balance</b>	<b>33,581</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>2,691</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>£36,437</b>	<b>32,371</b>

### General Fund

Our total income was £20,513 more than was budgeted.

Donations increased by an amazing 12.7%, giving us an extra £15,290 this year. Receipts from events were £1,964. Letting of premises earned £5122. We received a £1,190 insurance claim for storm damage.

Our total expenditure was £16,636 more than was budgeted, mainly due to the roof replacement and refurbishment of the church hall upper floor, which cost £15,948. We also had storm damage to the guttering, which cost £1,290 (£1,190 received from Baptist Insurance).

The work to upgrade the manse was completed with UVPC Fascia, Soffit & Gutter costing £660 and a new Electrical Consumer Unit £527.

Fellowship events cost £1,460 and Outreach Events £769 (ticket sales of £1,964 received).

Thanks to the increased giving, we were able to increase our Mission Support from £21,000 to £23,890, giving an extra £770 each to Baptist Mission Society and Home Mission, £200 each to The Rainbow Centre and Westway Open Arms, and £1,000 to the fund to support Baptist ministry students displaced from Spurgeons College when it closed suddenly.

Equipment purchases included a mobile scaffolding tower £880 and an additional coffee machine £252. The cost of lighting and heating was £9,754.

Administration costs included Church broadband £1,058, Software £762, Licences £2,111, printing costs £1,308 and subscriptions £666.

Governance costs included auditors' fees £828 and Trustees' expenses £50.

## Church Lighting Fund

This fund was created to provide illumination for the church at night at an estimated cost of £610. This is being achieved through internal floodlights.

Donations of £300 were received, and the floodlights cost £135.

Wiring and installation costs are yet to be invoiced; any deficit will be met from the General Fund.

## Mustard Seed

We were grateful for legacy of £350 from the late Janet Gordon, a former member and Mustard Seed leader. Members' subscriptions for the Saturday meetings were £253.

Ministry expenses were: meals & refreshments £362 and resources £57. Equipment purchases were £32. Administration costs were: Stationery £6 and Postages £28.

## Collections for Other Causes

Mustard Seed support a child at the Stepping Stones Orphanage in India, a charity based in Scarborough, giving £20 per month (plus an additional £20 this year). Members are invited to make a contribution to the cost, and any shortfall is made up from Mustard Seed funds.

This year, £161 was collected and £260 was donated to Stepping Stones. The difference of £99 was transferred from Mustard Seed to balance the fund.

## Budget for 2026, as approved by the Church Members' Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026

Overall Charity	General	Church	Mustard	Charity	Budgeted	Actual
Budget for 2026	Fund	Lighting	Seed	TOTAL	2025	2025
<b>Income</b>						
Donations and Legacies	95,640	0		<b>95,640</b>	85,200	<b>100,187</b>
Gift Aid	21,360	0		<b>21,360</b>	19,800	<b>21,038</b>
Grants				<b>0</b>	0	
Income from Charitable activities	0		150	<b>150</b>	150	<b>2,417</b>
Other trading activities	4,300			<b>4,300</b>	3,900	<b>5,407</b>
Investments	100			<b>100</b>	100	<b>182</b>
Other Income	0			<b>0</b>	0	<b>1,351</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>121,400</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>121,550</b>	<b>109,150</b>	<b>130,582</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>						
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>						
Raising funds				<b>0</b>	0	<b>417</b>
Ministry: Paid staff & volunteers	50,500		50	<b>50,550</b>	47,550	<b>47,291</b>
Ministry: other costs	4,400		600	<b>5,000</b>	6,100	<b>4,559</b>
Mission Support	23,400			<b>23,400</b>	21,000	<b>23,890</b>
Premises & Equipment	43,000	315		<b>43,315</b>	26,700	<b>42,728</b>
Administration	7,000		100	<b>7,100</b>	7,100	<b>6,463</b>
Governance	1,300			<b>1,300</b>	1,300	<b>907</b>
Other Expenditure				<b>0</b>	0	<b>260</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>129,600</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>130,665</b>	<b>109,750</b>	<b>126,515</b>
<b>Surplus/Deficit for the year</b>	<b>-8,200</b>	<b>-315</b>	<b>-600</b>	<b>-9,115</b>	<b>-600</b>	<b>4,067</b>
Transfers to/from	<b>-150</b>	150	0	<b>0</b>	0	
Brought forward balance 1 January	33,581	165	2,692	<b>36,438</b>	32,371	32,371
<b>Carried forward balance at 31 December</b>	<b>25,231</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,092</b>	<b>27,323</b>	<b>31,771</b>	<b>36,438</b>

As our reserve carried forward from 2025 is £11,438 above our minimum reserve, the Trustees have authorised the go-ahead for the refurbishment of the church toilets in 2026, at an estimated cost of £20,000. We also need to replace the large screens in church, which have served us well for nearly 10 years and lay new flooring in the upstairs rooms and steps in the hall.

To pay for these projects and to cover the general running costs of the church, I estimate we will need to see an increase in regular donations of around 2.5% this year to maintain our reserve at £25,000.

Phillip Gott, Treasurer

## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ebenezer Baptist Church Charitable Incorporated Organisation ('the CIO')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31 December 2025

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the CIO 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 CIO's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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: *Wiffen*

Name: Anna Wiffen

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):  
FCCA, FMAAT

Address: Ashby Berry Coulsons Chartered Accountants, 2 Belgrave Crescent, Scarborough YO11 1UB

Date 26/03/2026