

HEAVEN ON SEVERN

England & Wales · Charity number 1203493

Details

Other names BEWDLEY SPIRITUALIST CHURCH

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2023-06-09

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE:(1) TO ADVANCE THE RELIGION OF SPIRITUALISM FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF BELIEFS AND PRACTICES APPEARING IN THE SCHEDULE ATTACHED HERETO, IN BEWDLEY AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD THAT THE CHARITY TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT, AND TO FULFIL SUCH OTHER PURPOSES WHICH ARE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES AND ARE CONNECTED WITH THE WORK OF THE CHARITY;(2) TO PROMOTE SOCIAL INCLUSION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY PREVENTING PEOPLE FROM BECOMING SOCIALLY EXCLUDED, RELIEVING THE NEEDS OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE SOCIALLY EXCLUDED AND ASSISTING THEM TO INTEGRATE INTO SOCIETY. FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS CLAUSE ?SOCIALLY EXCLUDED? MEANS BEING EXCLUDED FROM SOCIETY, OR PARTS OF SOCIETY, AS A RESULT OF ONE OF MORE OF THE FOLLOWING FACTORS: UNEMPLOYMENT; FINANCIAL HARDSHIP; YOUTH OR OLD AGE; ILL HEALTH (PHYSICAL OR MENTAL); SUBSTANCE ABUSE OR DEPENDENCY INCLUDING ALCOHOL AND DRUGS; DISCRIMINATION ON THE GROUNDS OF SEX, RACE, DISABILITY, ETHNIC ORIGIN, RELIGION, BELIEF, CREED, SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER RE-ASSIGNMENT; POOR EDUCATIONAL OR SKILLS ATTAINMENT; RELATIONSHIP AND FAMILY BREAKDOWN; POOR HOUSING (THAT IS HOUSING THAT DOES NOT MEET BASIC HABITABLE STANDARDS; CRIME (EITHER AS A VICTIM OF CRIME OR AS AN OFFENDER REHABILITATING INTO SOCIETY); AND(3) THE PROMOTION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT OF URBAN OR RURAL REGENERATION IN AREAS OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEPRIVATION (AND IN PARTICULAR BEWDLEY) BY THE PROVISION OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR THE PUBLIC AT LARGE OR THOSE WHO BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABLEMENT, POVERTY OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES, HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES AND SUCH OTHER MEANS AS MAY FROM TIME TO TIME BE DETERMINED SUBJECT TO THE PRIOR WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE CHARITY COMMISSIONERS FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.NOTHING IN THIS CONSTITUTION SHALL AUTHORISE AN APPLICATION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE CLO FOR THE PURPOSES WHICH ARE NOT CHARITABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARITIES ACT 2011

Activities: The advancement of the religion of Spiritualism.Social inclusion through the provision of space and activities for groups and individuals. Promoting public health through spiritual healing. Providing educational and training opportunities connected with Spiritual development and holistic healing.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Religious Activities, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-01	£13,097	£80,397	-	-
2024-04-01	£8,404	£5,435	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Janet Higginbotham	Chair	2023-06-09
Isabel Chapman		2023-06-09
Philip Harris		2025-05-08

HEAVEN ON SEVERN

England & Wales - Charity number 1203493

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 1st April June 2024 **to:** 31st March 2025

Charity Name: Heaven On Severn

Charity Registration Number: 1203493

Objectives and Activities

SORP (FRS 102)

The objectives of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation are:

1. To advance the religion of Spiritualism for the public benefit in Bewdley and other parts of the UK or the world that the charity trustees may from time to time think fit, and to fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected with the work of the charity.
2. To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society.
3. The promotion for the public benefit of urban or rural regeneration in areas of social and economic deprivation (and in particular Bewdley) by the provision of recreational facilities for the public at large or those who by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, poverty or social and economic circumstances, have need of such facilities.

Heaven On Severn was able to complete the purchase of the Wribbenhall Community Centre on 29th August 2024. Since then, we have worked to renovate and improve the fabric of the building and its facilities, in order to provide a safe and welcoming space for both Bewdley Spiritualist Church and members of the surrounding community, who are able to use the building for a range of clubs, events and meetings.

Bewdley Spiritualist Church has increased the number of church services that it has each month. The congregation has continued to increase in numbers for both the Divine services and the Healing services. The Ministers of the church have worked with the community, for example, by providing funeral services at the local crematorium, undertaking services at other nearby Spiritualist Churches and visiting the sick in local hospitals. The church services provide a valuable means of connecting with, and providing social inclusion for, anyone who is at risk of becoming socially excluded, due to illness, infirmity, age etc.

The Trustees acknowledge the valuable contribution made by the team of healers who volunteer to provide their healing services, free of charge. Each healer has undergone a lengthy period of training and is fully insured with the appropriate National Healing body.

In addition to the church services, several social events have been organised, to encourage those who do not have a religious belief to engage with others in their local community, for example at an afternoon tea, complementary therapy training event or workshop. Where Trustees are aware of those experiencing financial difficulties, attendance at these social or training events may be at a reduced cost or free of charge, to ensure that everyone who would benefit from attending, has the chance to do so.

The Centre provided a Community Warm Space from November – March, allowing those at risk of social exclusion on the grounds of poverty, age, infirmity or ethnicity to have a place where they would feel welcome. The warm space was available for them to attend twice a week, to enjoy warmth, friendship, companionship and free activities. The scheme attracted a regular clientele, who enjoyed the opportunity to come together in a safe and warm space.

The Centre has been opened up to community groups who want to meet and enjoy social time together. Key users include U3A groups for Textiles, Craft, Scrabble, Backgammon and Cribbage. The Centre is used by a range of other groups, including a Babies and Toddlers group, a local school for children with Special Educational Needs, and a slimming group. There is a low cost for hiring the Centre, to help cover our running costs, which enables smaller groups to afford to use it on a regular basis.

The Trustees have undertaken their duties with regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Achievements and Performance (SORP FRS 102)

The charity has organised fortnightly Divine Church Services, advancing the religion of Spiritualism. Attendance at these services has increased. Free spiritual healing is available after each Divine Service. Healing contributes to the physical, mental and emotional wellbeing of the congregation and is a key tenet of the religion. It is free of charge.

The charity has organised a monthly multi-denominational Healing Service that is open to any person who would like to promote their own health and wellbeing. It is free of charge. Attendance at the Healing Services has increased.

A monthly Spiritual Development circle is available to anyone who would like to develop their own awareness of Spiritual topics and Spiritual gifts. The circle is well attended and participants welcome the opportunity to meet with like-minded students, in a safe and encouraging environment.

An afternoon tea was organised, encouraging social inclusion amongst those at risk of social exclusion. They included those with physical disabilities, sensory impairments, very specialised dietary requirements, age related frailty, and cognitive impairment. The event was so popular, it will be repeated in the next financial year.

The Community Warm Space was successful and will be repeated next year. All participants were keen for this to be available for six months (September-March) in future. The participants included those with disabilities, age related physical or mental impairment, and those struggling financially.

The Ministry team, all of whom are trained and ordained volunteers, have worked to comfort the bereaved, to offer support to those in need and to advance the religion of Spiritualism through their work in Spiritualist Churches across the UK. Many hundreds of people have benefited from the work they have done.

Complementary Therapy Training Events and the Healing and Wellbeing Workshop have allowed groups of students to progress their knowledge of healing, or to give a safe space for the development of personal wellbeing. Events and Workshops are always well attended and competitively priced to encourage engagement.

The trustees recognise that the achievements and performance information follows the guidance given by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Financial Review

The position in the accounts reflects the fund raising that has taken place and income received from the hire of the Centre to other community groups and organisations. Currently, the majority of the Charity income is from donations received via the Church collection plate, organised events and donations from individuals.

We are aware that the Centre is in need of a substantial upgrade and will continue to fund raise to cover some of these future costs. In addition, we will continue to apply for grants from other organisations such as the National Lottery.

The Trustees have decided that there should always be a financial reserve of £10,000 in the bank to cover any emergencies that may arise.

The charity is registered for Gift Aid

The accounts have been prepared by Bridgepoint Accountants, 16 New Street, Stourport on Severn, Worcestershire, DY13 8UW.

Structure, Governance and Management

Heaven On Severn is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation whose only voting members are its charity trustees ('Foundation' Constitution).

Trustees are selected according to their skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO. Heaven On Severn has three trustees, each of whom will serve for three years from the time of their appointment.

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Name: Heaven On Severn

Registered Charity Number: 1203493

Charity's principal address: 3, Belvedere Crescent, Bewdley, Worcestershire, DY12 1JX

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

1. Janet Higginbotham, Chairman, 9th June 2023 to present
2. Isabel Chapman, 9th June 2023 to present
3. David Duffy Herbert 9th June 2023 – 16th April 2025

There are no Corporate trustees.


No trustees hold a title to property belonging to the charity

No funds are held as custodian trustees on behalf of others.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature 

Full name JANET KATHLEEN HIGGINBOTHAM

Position TRUSTEE

Date 6/1/2026



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Heaven on Severn

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/04/2024

To

31/03/2025

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 £
A1 Receipts					
Collections	2,134	-	-	2,134	1,096
Raffle	1,071	-	-	1,071	1,701
Sales	829	-	-	829	685
Donations	6,600	-	-	6,600	2,059
Events	450	-	-	450	2,785
Psychic News	13	-	-	13	77
Grants	611	-	-	611	-
Hire of Hall	1,389	-	-	1,389	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	13,097	-	-	13,097	8,404
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	13,097	-	-	13,097	8,404
A3 Payments					
Medium	235	-	-	235	440
Room Hire	229	-	-	229	628
Insurance	777	-	-	777	138
Sundries	8	-	-	8	36
Psychic News	-	-	-	-	63
Legal Fees	-	-	-	-	3,259
Small equipment	513	-	-	513	870
Rates	594	-	-	594	-
Accountancy	200	-	-	200	-
Water & Electricity	3,473	-	-	3,473	-
Repairs and renewals	830	-	-	830	-
Refuse collection	465	-	-	465	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	7,325	-	-	7,325	5,435
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Building incl costs of purchase	73,073	-	-	73,073	-
Sub total	73,073	-	-	73,073	-
Total payments	80,397	-	-	80,397	5,435
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 67,300.50	-	-	- 67,301	2,969
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	102,500	-	-	102,500	102,500
Cash funds this year end	35,200	-	-	35,200	105,470

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 £
B1 Cash funds	Bank	35,200	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	35,200	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

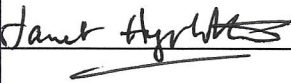
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Building	73,073	73,073	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Accountancy	Unrestricted	200	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Janet Higginbotham	02/12/2025

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Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 9th June 2023 **to:** 31st March 2024

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Heaven On Severn became a registered charity on 9th June 2023. During the financial reporting period up to 31st March 2024, the Trustees were able to work towards the first two of the charitable objectives.

During this time period they continued to hire a local community centre (which they were able to purchase on 29th August 2024) in order to provide a location for Spiritualist Church services. The congregation has continued to increase in numbers for both the Divine services and the Healing services. The Ministers of the church have worked with the community, for example, by providing funeral services at the local crematorium, undertaking services at other nearby Spiritualist Churches and sick visits to local hospitals. The church services provide a valuable means of connecting with, and providing social inclusion for, anyone who is at risk of becoming socially excluded, due to illness, infirmity, age etc.

In addition to the church services, several social events have been organised, to encourage those who do not have a religious belief to engage with others in their local community, for example at an afternoon tea, complementary therapy training event or workshop. Where Trustees are aware of those experiencing financial difficulties, attendance at these social or training events may be at a reduced cost or free of charge, to ensure that everyone who would benefit from attending, has the chance to do so.

The Trustees acknowledge the valuable contribution made by the team of healers who volunteer to provide their healing services, free of charge. Each healer has undergone a lengthy period of training and is fully insured with the appropriate National Healing body.

The Trustees have undertaken their duties with regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Achievements and Performance (SORP FRS 102)

The charity has organised monthly Divine Church Services, advancing the religion of Spiritualism. Attendance at these services has increased. Free spiritual healing is available after each Divine Service. Healing contributes to the physical, mental and emotional wellbeing of the congregation and is a key tenet of the religion. It is free of charge.

The charity has organised a monthly none/multi-denominational Healing Service that is open to any person who would like to promote their own health and wellbeing. It is free of charge. Attendance at the Healing Services has increased.

A monthly Spiritual Development circle is available to anyone who would like to develop their own awareness of Spiritual topics and Spiritual gifts. The circle is well attended and participants welcome the opportunity to meet with like minded students, in a safe and encouraging environment.

Two afternoon teas were organised, encouraging social inclusion amongst those at risk of social exclusion. They included those with physical disabilities, sensory impairments, very specialised dietary requirements, age related frailty, and cognitive impairment. The events were so popular, they will be repeated in the next financial year.

The Ministry team, all of whom are trained and ordained volunteers, have worked to comfort the bereaved, to offer support to those in need and to advance the religion of Spiritualism through their work in Spiritualist Churches across the UK. Many hundreds of people have benefited from the work they have done.

Complementary Therapy Training Events and the Healing and Wellbeing Workshop have allowed groups of students to progress their knowledge of healing, or to give a safe space for the development of personal wellbeing. Events and Workshops are always well attended and competitively priced to encourage engagement.

The trustees recognise that the achievements and performance information follows the guidance given by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Financial Review

The charity has been fundraising for many years, in order to achieve its goal to purchase a building from where it can provide a safe space for its own charitable activities, and that can be hired by other local community groups who need a suitable venue to run their own activities.

The position in the accounts reflects the fund raising that has taken place for 17 years and includes a legacy from a member of the congregation. Currently, the majority of the Charity income is from donations received via the Church collection plate, organised events and donations from individuals.

The funds will allow us to purchase the Wribbenhall Community Centre from the Community Housing Group, part of Wyre Forest District Council. The cost of the building is £70,000, and we are holding £7,000 to cover the solicitors' fees. We are aware that the building is in need of a substantial upgrade and will continue to fund raise to cover some of these future costs. Once the building is in our possession the Trustees will seek other sources of funding, for example, grants from the National Lottery. Following the purchase, there will be a modest income from renting out the premises to community groups.

The Trustees have decided that there should always be a financial reserve of £10,000 in the bank to cover any emergencies that may arise.

The charity is registered for Gift Aid and at the time the accounts have been prepared, we are awaiting conformation from HMRC of the total entitlement for this financial year.

The accounts have been prepared by Bridgepoint Accountants, 16 New Street, Stourport on Severn, Worcestershire, DY13 8UW.

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2. Isabel Chapman, 9th June 2023 to present
3. David Duffy Herbert, 9th June 2023 to present day.

There are no Corporate trustees.

No trustees hold a title to property belonging to the charity

No funds are held as custodian trustees on behalf of others.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature 

Full name JANET HIGGINBOTHAM

Position CHAIRMAN / TRUSTEE

Date 9/1/2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Heaven on Severn

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

09/06/2023

To

01/04/2024

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 £
A1 Receipts					
Collections	1,096	-	-	1,096	-
Raffle	1,701	-	-	1,701	-
Sales	685	-	-	685	-
Donations	2,059	-	-	2,059	-
Events	2,785	-	-	2,785	-
Psychic News	77	-	-	77	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	8,404	-	-	8,404	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	8,404	-	-	8,404	-
A3 Payments					
Medium	440	-	-	440	-
Room Hire	628	-	-	628	-
Insurance	138	-	-	138	-
Sundries	36	-	-	36	-
Psychic News	63	-	-	63	-
Legal Fees	3,259	-	-	3,259	-
Small equipment	870	-	-	870	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	5,435	-	-	5,435	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	5,435	-	-	5,435	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,969.12	-	-	2,969	-
A5 Transfers between funds	- 77,575	77,575	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	102,500.45	-	-	102,500	-
Cash funds this year end	27,895	77,575	-	105,470	-

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 £
B1 Cash funds	Bank	27,895	77,575	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	27,895	77,575	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

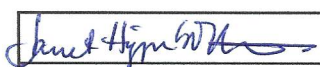
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Accountancy	Unrestricted	200	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Janet Higginbotham	09/01/2025