

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

**From:** 1<sup>st</sup> April June 2024      **to:** 31<sup>st</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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, 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023 to present
2. Isabel Chapman, 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023 to present
3. David Duffy Herbert 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023 – 16<sup>th</sup> 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 JANE KATHLEEN HIGGINBOTHAM

Position TRUSTEE

Date 6/1/2026



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Heaven on Severn

1203493

## Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period  
from

01/04/2024

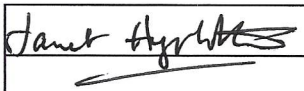
To

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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
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	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>13,097</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,097</b>	<b>8,404</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>13,097</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,097</b>	<b>8,404</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
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	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>7,325</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,325</b>	<b>5,435</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Building incl costs of	-	-	-	-	-
purchase	73,073	-	-	73,073	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>73,073</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>73,073</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>80,397</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>80,397</b>	<b>5,435</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 67,300.50</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 67,301</b>	<b>2,969</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>102,500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>102,500</b>	<b>102,500</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>35,200</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,200</b>	<b>105,470</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>	Bank	35,200	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	35,200	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Building	73,073	73,073	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	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