

NENE VALLEY VINEYARD

CHARITY NUMBER: 1207527

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

TRUSTEES REPORT

THE TRUSTEES PRESENT THEIR ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Trustees:	Stephen Gee (Chair) Thomas Andrew Nicholson Bruce McLauchlan Madeleine Robins
Registered Charity Number:	1207527
Working Names:	Nene Valley Vineyard
Registered Office:	Nene Valley Vineyard 38 Marshall's Road Raunds NN9 6ET
Bankers:	CAF Bank 25 Kings Hill Ave Kings Hill West Malling ME 19 4JQ
Independent Examiner:	A J Carter & Co 22b High Street Witney OX28 6RB
Key Management:	Thomas & Ashleigh Nicholson (Licensed Pastors)
Website:	www.nenevalley.church

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

GOVERNING DOCUMENT

Nene Valley Vineyard is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.
Charity Registration No. 1207527.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

The day-to-day management of the church and activities are delegated to our Lead Pastors, Thomas and Ashleigh Nicholson. Thomas Nicholson is also a trustee.

APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES

A new trustee may be appointed by a resolution of the Trustees passed at a meeting of Trustees at which there is a majority of the Trustees present and such resolution shall be recorded in the minutes and signed by the new Trustee and by the chairman of the meeting and such records shall be conclusive evidence of his / her appointment.

RELATIONSHIP WITH VINEYARD CHURCHES UK & IRELAND

Nene Valley Vineyard is a member of Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland, (Charity No. 1099748) which functions as a resource for similar churches. In particular, they provide significant resources, training and pastoral oversight. Membership also allows Thomas & Ashleigh Nicholson to be licensed accredited pastors who have the right to use the trademarked "Vineyard" name.

The association provides pastoral care for the Lead Pastors and family, and an external reference concerning church affairs and doctrine. Nene Valley Vineyard grants 5% of its annual unrestricted income to Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland each year.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

The charity Trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the charity. The Trustees meet together at least three times a year and are responsible for all major decisions taken in relation to running the church and the activities provided by the charity. The day-to-day management of the church and activities is delegated to Lead Pastors Tom & Ashleigh Nicholson and the staff and leadership team.

OUR VISION

Our Vision can be summed up in three ways:

"Practicing the way of Jesus, together, for the renewal of the Nene Valley"

1. PRACTICING THE WAY OF JESUS

We want to be apprentices of Jesus. Being with him. Becoming like him. Doing the things that he did. And if we do this, we believe that our lives, and the life of our communities will be changed for the good of everyone.

2. TOGETHER

We need each other. Simple. To become like Jesus, we need other people to encourage, challenge and love us. To knock the edges off. To walk together. Share meals together. Be for one another.

3. FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE NENE VALLEY

If all we do is build a great church, we've missed the mark. We believe we are to shape this vibrant and expanding region through every person playing their part, bringing God's kingdom everywhere, in every way.

OUR VALUES

1. PRESENCE

The people of God should be shaped by the presence of God. Changed by the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit in us and through us. Not striving to be better, but resting in his presence and letting him take us on a journey. Seeing God's kingdom, his healing power comes where we go.

2. FORMATION

We want to be moulded into the image of Jesus. And this doesn't happen by accident. We want to engage rhythms and practices that help us live the radical lives Jesus has for us. And we recognise we cannot be formed into his image alone, much of that shaping can only happen in relationships with other people.

3. FAMILY

We want to live lives of selfless love, pouring out for one another regardless of race, religion, education, wealth or anything else. We want to be warm, welcoming, understanding – where ultimately church isn't a place we go, but a people we belong to and give ourselves for.

4. GENEROSITY

Jesus is endlessly generous. And we want to be generous to those around us. To heal the broken-hearted, pour love on the hurting, to alleviate pain and poverty. He is our provider, and we can never out-give him.

5. RENEWAL

The story of Christianity is all about God repairing and making-new all of creation. And God invites us into that story. We pray for and act for renewal and goodness in our neighbourhoods, workplaces and institutions in all sorts of ways, big and small. Everyone gets to play.

6. MULTIPLICATION

We are convinced that planting churches means we can do more of the work of the kingdom in more places. We want to train, encourage and send out new church leaders to plant exciting, diverse and nimble church communities across the Nene Valley and beyond.

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

At the beginning of this financial year, we established Nene Valley Vineyard as an independent CIO as we continued to grow and meet our charitable objectives. We are grateful to God for his faithfulness.

Our Sunday mornings continued to welcome more people of all ages to worship and be part of our community in a variety of ways, with an average of 133 people in attendance, whilst 149 adults registered us as their church home.

Over the year we ran an Alpha Course to help those exploring faith understand the basics of the Christian message, a Bible Course for those wanting to expand their knowledge of the Bible, and trialled a Freedom in Christ course for those who wanted to explore how God might heal and restore them personally. More than 60 individuals engaged with one or more of these courses, seeking to strengthen their relationship with Jesus.

Our Friday Youth Drop-in continued to grow, as did our church-focused youth work which has become increasingly and wonderfully diverse. A number of our young people were able to attend Vineyard's summer youth festival, Dreaming The Impossible.

Our volunteer-led small group, called Communities, have continued, and have been engaged with by over 50% of the church on a regular basis.

We appointed Associate Pastors in early 2024 to accommodate growth, and though on a voluntary basis, this has made a remarkable difference to our structure. We also appointed a new Designated Safeguarding Lead and formed a new Safeguarding Team to help champion how we safeguard our young people and vulnerable adults.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Income received by the charity for the period ending 31st March 2025 totalled £138,999. This included restricted income totalling £9,513.

Expenditure for the period amounted to £95,321, resulting in a surplus of £43,678.

The charity has not given any guarantees and has not provided its assets as security for any liabilities.

GOING CONCERN

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

FUND RAISING

Nene Valley Vineyard is very careful and sensitive in how we raise funds. We do not employ or work with professional fundraisers, nor do we solicit donations on the street, via phone calls or letters. We invite those who are part of our church to support the work and where a person is not able to financially support the work we respect this.

Generosity is an important part of our understanding of God's character and his will for us is to flourish in this area. This is taught with care at various points in the year during our weekly Sunday service. It is very important to us that an individual never feels compelled to give and we are always clear that whatever they may decide to give is between them and God.

We may also apply for grants where they are appropriate and won't conflict with our charitable objectives.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Trustees have implemented appropriate policies to manage the internal finances of the charity. The systems of internal control are designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss. They include:

- a) an annual Budget considered by the Trustees;
- b) regular consideration by the Trustees of financial reports;
- c) delegation of authority and segregation of duties;
- d) Identification and management of risks.

The trustees aim to review on a regular basis the adequacy of the system and the main risks that the Church may find arising. The trustees believe that maintaining the free reserves, combined with

appropriate reviews of the controls over key financial systems, provides sufficient resources in the event of unexpected adverse conditions.

SUMMARY

The Trustees consider that they have complied with the Charities Act 2011 and that the church and its membership are meeting the charitable objectives that were determined when the church was formed. As it grows, it is expected that the church's community will have further opportunities to increase its activity and influence.

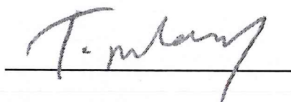
RESERVES POLICY

The reserves policy set by the Trustees has a long term aim to carry net unrestricted income equal to a minimum of 3 months' committed expenditure. Committed expenditure will include all contractual agreements, all salary expectations plus any direct debits, ensuring the charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The Trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

TRUSTEES' APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL REPORT

The annual report was approved by the trustees on 17th December 2025.

[As Signed]

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'T. Nicholson', is written over a horizontal line.

Thomas Nicholson
Signed on behalf of the trustees board

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENT ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

		Unrestricted funds -£-	Restricted funds -£-	Total 2025 -£-
Income receipts:				
Donations and Legacies:	notes 2+3	129,486	9,513	138,999
Total Receipts:		129,486	9,513	138,999

		Unrestricted funds -£-	Restricted funds -£-	Total 2025 -£-
Payments on:				
Charitable Activities:	notes 4	81,567	4,059	85,656
Purchase of Van		9,695	-	9,695
Total Payments:		91,262	4,059	95,321

Net Receipts/(Payments)	38,224	5,454	43,678
Cash funds as at last year end	-	-	-
Cash funds at this year end	38,224	5,454	43,678

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT PERIOD ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

	Unrestricted funds -£-	Restricted funds -£-	Total 2025 -£-
Cash Funds			
Cash at Bank	38,224	5,454	43,678
	38,224	5,454	43,678
Other Monetary Assets			
Gift Aid due to charity	4,663	788	5,451
	4,663	788	5,451
Assets retained for the charity's own use			
Van Purchase	9,695	-	9,695
	9,695	-	9,695
Liabilities			
Falling due within one year			
Independent Examination Fee	1,000	-	1,000
Pension	253	-	253
PAYE & NI	2,094	-	2,094
	3,347	-	3,347

The accounts were approved by the trustees on 17th December 2025 and were signed on their behalf by:

[As Signed]



Thomas Nicholson
Trustee

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

1. Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

Unrestricted Funds:	These are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the charity
Designated funds:	These are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes. The trustees adopted a medium-term aim to see 10% of our voluntary income set apart to be given away by 31st March 2027 to activities which benefit those outside of our community. There is no legal obligation to set apart these funds; this is simply a long term policy agreed by the trustees.
Restricted funds:	These are available for use subject to restrictions imposed by the donor or through terms of an appeal.

2. Analysis of Income Receipts

	Unrestricted funds -£-	Restricted funds -£-	Total 2025 -£-
Donations & legacies:			
Donations and gifts	121,373	8,156	129,529
Gift Aid	7,940	107	8,047
Grants		1,250	1,250
Other	126		126
Interest on deposit account	47		47
Total	129,486	9,513	138,999
Total Receipts	129,486	9,513	138,999

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025 (CONT.)

3. Grants Received

	Unrestricted funds -£-	Restricted funds -£-	Total 2025 -£-
Groundwork	-	1,000	1,000
Raunds Town Council	-	250	250
Total	-	1,250	1,250

4. Analysis of Payments

	Unrestricted funds -£-	Restricted funds -£-	Total 2025 -£-
Payments on charitable activities			
Personnel Costs: (Staff & Pastoral)	35,517	-	35,517
Operational Costs	28,692	-	28,692
Ministry Costs	12,541	314	12,855
Purchase of Van	9,695		9,695
Outwards Costs	4,817	3,745	8,562
Total Payments	91,262	4,059	95,321

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025 (CONT.)

5. Movement of Funds

	Opening balance 2024 -£-	Receipts 2025 -£-	Payments 2025 -£-	Closing balance 2025 -£-
Restricted Funds				
Groundwork	-	1,000	1,000	-
Raunds Town Council		250	250	-
Christmas	-	2,338	1,695	643
DTI	-	313	313	-
Hardship	-	5,611	800	4,811
	-	9,513	4,059	5,454
Unrestricted Funds	-	129,486	91,262	38,224
Total	-	138,999	95,321	43,678

Restricted Funds and the use of these funds are as follows:

Groundwork: Funds for Dot to Tot.

Raunds Town Council: Funds for Christmas Gifts Giveaway.

6. Transactions with Trustees

None of the trustees received any fees for their services as Trustees. T Nicholson is a Trustee but also engaged in Ministry for the Church, for which employment costs of £32,281 was made during the year, this includes all employer costs. Included in this amount, employer pension contributions of £853 were made.

These payments are permitted by section 6 (2g) of the charities governing document.

Except for the reimbursement of expenses incurred when acting as agent for the charity, no expenses were paid to, or for, the trustees.

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST
MARCH 2025 (CONT.)**

7. Transactions with Related Parties

The following is a summary of organisations and individuals, which are related to Nene Valley Vineyard together with details of the transactions made with them during the year.

Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland (Charity No. 1099748) connects churches with common values and practices, providing spiritual guidance and oversight to Vineyard church leaders. We use the name Vineyard with their permission and give them 5% of our voluntary income to help support their work.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Nene Valley Vineyard for the period ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed the 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 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 in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 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.



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