

**Fulwood Old Chapel (Unitarian)
Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts**

From 1 October 2024 to 30 September 2025

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Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The object of the CIO is the promotion and practice of religion in accordance with the object of the General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches (Registered Charity No. 250788) as stated in its constitution from time to time in force.
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	The main activities during the year have been: i) conducting regular acts of worship in accordance with the Chapel's object; ii) conducting or enabling special services (namings, weddings, funerals and memorial services); (iii) maintaining the Chapel premises; and (iv) providing a location for activities of local community groups. Community Wellness Services are supported by Age UK in running a weekly fitness group; Sheffield City Council finances a very well used breastfeeding support group; and the NHS supports South Yorkshire Chaplaincy and Listening Service in providing art therapy and bereavement groups. There are also privately-run art and lacemaking groups and regular meditation events as well as monthly WI meetings. The Chapel continues to support Friends of the Porter Valley in providing the premises for their Christmas wreath-making workshop and Fair.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The relevant guidance has been followed.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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.	Para 1.20	The activities enumerated above have provided a focus for both spiritual sustenance and community cohesion in the local area. Maintenance of the Chapel premises, including redecoration and improvements to and re-staining of the Chapel floor, has greatly lightened the Chapel and continued to ensure a quality environment for the above activities to take place.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The Chapel's finances remain in a healthy state. As a result, we continue to be able to pay our visiting preachers at a higher rate than the minimum recommended by the General Assembly of the Unitarian Church.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The aim behind building up our reserves is to put the Chapel in a position at a later date to consider employment of either a part-time minister or an administrative assistant, or both.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£187,654
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	n/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	n/a

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	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Constitution.
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	Association CIO.
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	Election by the membership.

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	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Fulwood Old Chapel (Unitarian)
Other name the charity uses	Fulwood Old Chapel
Registered charity number	1207656
Charity's principal address	8 Whiteley Lane, Sheffield S10 4GL

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	Jane Moore	Chair		
2	Robert Ince	Vice Chair		
3	Tim Simkins	Secretary		
4	Peter Rowson	Treasurer		
5	Rod Cumming			
6	Marie Fitzpatrick			
7	Anne Rayner			
8	Janet Rowson			
9	Caroline Thorpe			
10	Sarah Welsh			

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

Director name		
n/a		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
n/a		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	n/a
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	n/a

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
n/a		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

n/a

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

n/a

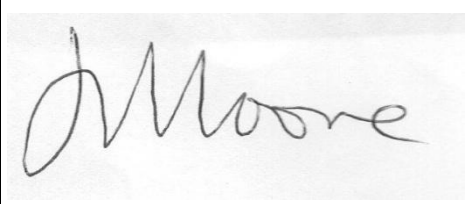
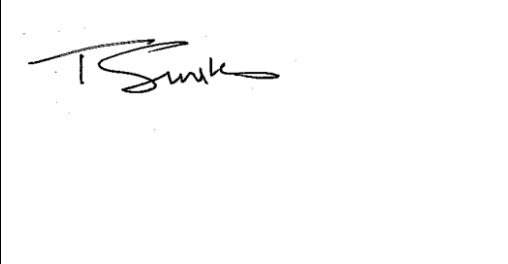
Other optional information

n/a

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Jane Moore	Tim Simkins
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Secretary
Date	15 June 2026	

		Fulwood Old Chapel (Unitarian)		
		Registered Charity No. 1207656		
Receipts & Payments Accounts for the year to 30th September 2025				
2023-24				2024-25
£	Funds at start of year			£
23,431.78	CAF Bank Accounts			34,347.65
43,412.88	IFSL CAF Income & Growth Fund (accumulation units)			57,676.70
71,285.29	Newton Growth & Income Fund			85,899.99
138,129.95				177,924.34
	Receipts			
21,703.88	Donations & Legacies			5,547.00
2,393.79	Retiring Collections			2,469.97
1,725.00	Special Services			1,300.00
13,815.50	Hiring The Old School Room			13,473.75
1,826.25	Gift Aid			2,235.50
10,263.04	Grants Received in the Year			4,000.00
320.30	Events			160.00
2,393.50	Interest received from Funds & Bank A/c			2,464.86
0.00	Donations to cost of Messenger			0.00
0.00	Sundries			0.00
54,441.26				31,651.08
	Payments			
2,595.18	Building costs			3,272.22
4,236.69	Cleaning costs & Garden Maintenance			4,095.00
4,921.74	Utilities Heating Electricity Water			5,688.83
4,642.00	Visiting Preachers Fees & Expenses			5,583.00
2,335.00	Organist (Marie)			2,180.00
0.00	Administrator			402.50
1,330.00	General Assembly Quota			1,505.00
3,071.68	Donations & Payments – Appeals			2,855.00
1,480.60	Messenger Costs			1,406.40
370.00	Gen Assembly AGM exp for FOC reps.			780.00
425.90	Publicity & Stationary			68.60
0.00	Cost of Inquirer & Unitarian			46.00
126.56	Household Consumables			180.90
2,604.29	Sundry Expenses			2,405.80
1,300.75	Special Services			725.00
16.00	Cost of Events in the Chapel			0.00
69.00	Bank A/c Fees			69.25
0.00	Organist (Other)			0.00
29,525.39				31,263.50
24,915.87	Surplus (Shortfall) on normal activities			387.58
	Funds at end of year			
34,347.65	CAF Bank Accounts			24,735.23
57,676.70	IFSL CAF Income & Growth Fund (accumulation units)			65,897.38
85,899.99	Newton Growth & Income Fund*			97,021.50
177,924.34				187,654.11
The following investments were made during the period:				
IFSL CAF ESG Income & Growth Fund (accumulation units)				£5,000
Newton Growth & Income Fund (income units)*				£5,000

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 2025

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Fulwood Old Chapel (Unitarian)

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of Fulwood Old Chapel (Unitarian) (FOCU) for the period 1 October 2024 to 30 September 2025, which are attached on two pages.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity Trustees of FOCU 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 FOCU accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 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 in respect of FOCU 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

Name: Peter Tisch

Date 27th October 2025

Relevant qualification: Retired Assistant Director of Finance, Sheffield Health Authority

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