

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **10th June 20.** Period start date To. **31st March 2025** Period end date

Charity name: **Banstead Community Church**

Charity registration number: **1208604**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The objectives of the church as set out within its constitution are to proclaim, advance, practice and teach the Christian faith and in particular:- (a) to worship God; (b) to make known the gospel of salvation through Jesus Christ alone; (c) to teach Christian truth and doctrine as found only in the Bible and to refute error; (d) to encourage those who turn to Christ in repentance and faith to become His faithful, worshipping and obedient disciples; (e) to equip Christians for ministry and encourage them to use their talents and spiritual gifts for the glory of God; and (f) to express Christian faith by all means consistent with Bible teaching, including social action and community involvement..
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	During the year Banstead Community Church continued to pursue its charitable objects following the three- fold approach and established methods. i.) We actively seek to engage with the public in a variety of ways to explain the Christian faith, ii) present the message of the Gospel and iii) to demonstrate practical Christian living in ways that benefit the community. Members of the church are encouraged to persevere and grow in their faith, receiving pastoral care, teaching and opportunities to serve the fellowship and the community We seek to foster a sense of community, fellowship and belonging to part of God's family and this has been enhanced by affording more opportunities to meet in-person together, including 'Men's Equip'. and 'Women's Equip' fellowship groups and bi-monthly lunches held after the Sunday morning service . Our outreach to the community continued through 'Jelly Tots' our popular parents and toddlers group, 'Kids Zone'

		after-school club and walk-in Coffee Mornings in the Community Hall and holding services in various Residential Care homes in the area
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	In General, the Charity does not make grants, however may make gifts to other charities in need who carry out activities in in line with the constitution of Banstead Community Church
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Not applicable
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

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	As a church, we had been praying that the Lord would bring newcomers into our midst. Through the church year we have seen God graciously answering our prayers with the appearance of new faces in church on a Sunday morning became a regular occurrence. Banstead Community Church has a reputation for being a welcoming church and some visitors have become a regular part of our congregation, whilst others have gone on to become church members. We value the good relationship we have built up with the Community Junior School whose premises we use for Sunday services and some other meetings. The school welcomes our Pastor's regular participation in morning assemblies, by video, our annual provision of 'It's Your Move' booklets to school leavers to aid their transition to senior school and the church's help in running the cake stall at their annual fete. The Pastor has also been invited to take Harvest Thanksgiving

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		During the year, following registration of the charity, as a Charitable Organization, the Trustees have been, with legal support provided by Edward Connors solicitors , recommended by the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches [FIEC] to which Banstead Community Church is affiliates, progressing the transfer of the Assets from the original CUA charity [1110667] to the new CIO charity [1208604]. This was concluded on 31st March 2025 The Trustees give thanks to God for sustaining the church through the past year, and to all church members who continue to support the work of Banstead Community Church through prayer, giving and service. We continue to be encourage by recent signs of growth and look forward with confidence to the coming year
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	See above
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Not applicable
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Financially, the charity had no income or expenditure during the year ending 31 st March 2025, as it was still operating under its original CUA charity. Monetary Assets received from the CUA on completion of the Asset transfer was £ 174,328
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	It is the policy of the trustees to maintain the Unrestricted Fund at a level sufficient to cover expected and unexpected fluctuations in income and expenditure and future planned special expenditure. The charity aim is to have at least an additional 3 months' worth of expenditure (on top of the 3 months within the current account) calculated on the average annual budget for the coming year.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Approx £66,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

Additional information (optional)

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The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The charities principal source of funds is via voluntary donations from primarily its members together with legacies from past members
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Surplus funds are held in a savings account
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The principal risk facing the charity is a change in governance at the local community school where meetings are held resulting in alternative accommodation having to be found, and the associated differential in rental cost.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	The Charity Constitution and Church Handbook
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation [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	The Trustees are elected by the members of the church who meet the qualifications of Elder in accordance with the procedure set-out in the Church Handbook . Non-Elder Trustees may be appointed in accordance with the procedure set out in the Constitution

Additional information (optional)

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Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Set out in the Church Handbook
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Set out in the Church Handbook
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	Affiliated to the Fellowship of Evangelical Churches [FIEC]
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Banstead Community Church
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1208604
Charity's principal address	PO Box 44, Banstead, Surrey SM7 2WW Administered from 234 Chipstead Way, Woodmansterne, Banstead, SM7 3LQ

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	David Battley			Church Members
2	Peter Battley	Joint Treasurer		Church Members
3	Timothy Bongers	Pastor Evangelist		Church Members
4	Simeon Brook	Joint Treasurer		Church Members
5	Malcolm Cunnings			Church Members
6	Daniel Green	Pastor		Church Members
7	John Green	Secretary / Administrator		Church Members
8				

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

Director name		
NOT APPLICABLE		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
NONE		

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	NONE
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	NONE

Additional information (optional)**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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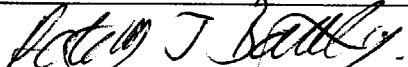
Other optional information

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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)	John D Green	PETER J BATTLE
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	Chair
Date	24/06/2025	24/06/25

BANSTEAD COMMUNITY CHURCH

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

BANSTEAD COMMUNITY CHURCH TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

The trustees present the annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Name and Registered number

The charity was registered on 10th June 2024 and is known by the name Banstead Community Church ('the church'). Its registered number is 1208604

Principal address

The church's principal address is:-

PO Box 44
Banstead
Surrey
SM7 2WW

Trustees

The trustees who served throughout the year are:-

David Battley	[non-elder Trustee]
Peter Battley	Treasurer
Timothy Bongers	Pastor Evangelist
Simeon Brook	
Malcolm Cunnings	
Daniel Green	Pastor
John Green	Secretary

Structure , governance and Management arrangements

The church's Governing Document is its constitution and handbook adopted on 5th May 2024

The trustees of the church are the Elders and non-Elder trustee who are appointed from the membership of the church and elected by fellow church members.

The appointment of a Pastor shall be reviewed by the trustees at least once every five years. Elders shall serve for a term of three years but may be re-appointed for further terms.

The trustees are required to meet a minimum of six times during the year.

The trustees have a responsibility for overseeing, facilitating, encouraging, directing and restraining all the activities of the church (both practical and spiritual) and in all things, seek to imitate the example of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The trustees have the power to appoint a Treasurer and a Secretary and other leaders from amongst the Membership.

BANSTEAD COMMUNITY CHURCH TRUSTEES' REPORT -YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025 (Cont/d.)

Objectives and activities

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Main activities and strategy for achieving the stated objectives

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Reserves policy

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Approved at Trustees meeting on 24th June 2025

BANSTEAD COMMUNITY CHURCH
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

		Restricted Fund [Mission] £	2024 Unrestricted Fund £	Total Fund £	2023 Total Funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES	Notes				
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	3		0.00	0.00	
Investment Income			0.00	0.00	
Total Incoming Resources			<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Charitable activities	4		0.00	0.00	
Governance costs	5		0.00	0.00	
Total Resources Expended			<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	
Net Income Resources [deficit]			<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1</u>
Total funds brought forward			0.00	0.00	
Transfer between funds			0.00	0.00	-
Total funds carried forward			<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	

NOTE

During the period 10th June 2024 to 31st March 2025, The Registered Charity 1208604 received No income or made any expenditure

BANSTEAD COMMUNITY CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET

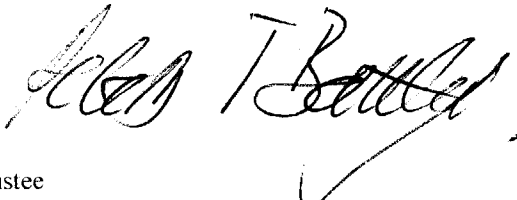
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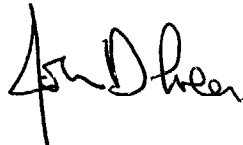
	Notes	2025	2024
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	8		
Cash at bank	9	£174,328	
TOTAL		£174,328	
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	10	-	
NET CURRENT ASSETS		£174,328	
REPRESENTED BY:			
Unrestricted fund	11	£174,328	
Restricted fund	11		
		£174,328	

NOTE

Fund Transferred to Registered Charity 1208604
Following merger and dissolution of CUA
Registered Charity 1110667] on 31st March 2025

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 24th June 2025 and signed on their behalf by:


Trustee
PETER J BATTLE


Trustee