

ABBNEY HALL CHARITY

England & Wales · Charity number 262926

Details

Other names CHURCH HOUSE CHARITY

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1971-09-14

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

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE FURTHERANCE OF THE RELIGIOUS AND OTHER CHARITABLE WORK OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH.

Activities: Furthering the work of the Church of England in the city of Plymouth. The abbey hall is used for church related activities and for letting to the public in order to gain income to cover expenditure.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Religious Activities, Amateur Sport, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** CITY OF PLYMOUTH
- Plymouth City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£50,071	£46,045	-	-
2024-12-31	£52,919	£64,595	-	-
2023-12-31	£82,032	£59,130	-	-
2022-12-31	£44,735	£53,481	-	-
2021-12-31	£27,195	£24,512	-	-
2020-12-31	£25,961	£30,126	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mac Forsyth		2021-04-27
Malcolm Prideaux		2017-04-24
Peter Hodgkinson		2023-04-26
Rev Joseph Dent		2013-09-01
Rita Whyte		2022-04-26

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st January 2025 Period start date To 31st December 2025
Period end date

Charity name: Abbey Hall Charity

Charity registration number:262926

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The furtherance of the religious and other charitable work of the Anglican Church of England in the city of Plymouth.</p> <p>To provide a premises to be enjoyed as a place of assembly in the City of Plymouth and the neighbourhood that makes a substantial contribution to the social, cultural and economic life and well-being of the city.</p> <p>The use of the premises will be without distinction of political, religious or other opinions.</p> <p>The premises may be used for meetings, lectures and classes and for the purpose of physical exercise and training and other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation.</p>
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	<p>The Abbey Hall Charity's main purpose is primarily to provide a venue for church related activities and for letting to community organisations.</p> <p>This space is made available to all community groups and has over a number of years built up a substantial number of organisations to which the hall is let on a regular basis. The ability to pay for each group is taken into account and concessions are made to support organisations that have little or no income. This contributes towards Principle 2 of the public benefit guidance, which states in Principle 2c that people are not excluded from benefiting by reason of poverty.</p> <p>The types of activity carried out in the Abbey</p>

		<p>Hall by community groups include health-related activities, sport, dance, education and training.</p> <p>The House of Prayer Baptist Church continue to make use of the building on Sunday for their services and every Wednesday for their Bible study groups.</p> <p>St Andrew's Church related activities include Bible study groups children and youth groups; the parent and toddler group Noah's Ark which although is a church run activity reaches out with support into the community and a Dementia Group. There is a Brownies/Guide Group as well as all of the regular church groups who meet in the hall.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees of the Abbey Hall have acted at all times with regard to the principles of Public Benefit as described in the guidance issued by the Charity Commission. There is an identifiable public benefit to the operation of the hall as a charity as required in Public Benefit Principle 1. The benefit is the use of the hall by community groups at an affordable cost.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The Charity does not make grants of any kind
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	The charity does not hold any financial reserves other than those used in the maintenance of the hall.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>Volunteers manage the hall on a day to day basis.</p> <p>The Trustees are all volunteers</p>
Other		

Achievements and Performance

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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	<p>The Trustees continue to maintain the building to be able to let it out to groups and for use as a meeting space for the various church groups. The work carried out this year includes repairs to the marble steps leading down to the lower hall and bringing both the fire and electric systems up to current legislation.</p> <p>We continue to have a high number of community groups use the premises.</p> <p>Guides and Brownies House of Prayer Baptist Church U3A Art Group Macular Disease Society Lighthouse Club Zumba Dance/Keep Fit New Plymouth Forum Mad about Swing PGS Theatre Group Noah's Ark Parent and Toddler Group Law Society Dance Classes In Stitches Tai Chi</p>

Additional information (optional)

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

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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity continues to operate within its core income. A portion of the building is let to a hospitality business which is thriving and the income has become more stable over the year and continues to improve helping the charity to maintain the building. A long-term lease is now in place which will bring further financial certainty.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	There are currently no reserves.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	The trustees wish to see the charity back on its feet fully and able to self-fund its activities. They will then consider a reserves policy.
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Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

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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	None identified at present
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Governing Document
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	
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	<p>New Trustees are appointed by the existing Trustees when required within the limitations set out in the Governing document.</p> <p>Ex-Officio Trustees are appointed by the Diocese as a result of their appointment to their substantive role with St Andrew's Minster Church.</p>

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	All Trustees will have completed the required Diocesan Safeguarding training along with any other relevant training agreed by the Trustees.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	n/a
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	n/a
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Abbey Hall Charity
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	262926
Charity's principal address	Catherine Street Plymouth PL1 2DA

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	Mac Forsyth			
2	Malcolm Prideaux			
3	Joe Dent			Diocese of Exeter
4	Rita Whyte	Church Warden		Diocese of Exeter
5	Janet Greaves-Stocker			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

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)

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Full name(s)

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Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

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Date

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Abbey Hall Charity
Abbey Hall Charity

No (if any)
262926

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01.01.2025	To	Period end date 31.12.2025
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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					
Church Donation	15,000	-	-	15,000	16,250
Restaurant Rent	15,125	-	-	15,125	16,500
Hire of hall	18,226	-	-	18,226	20,169
General donations	1,720	-	-	1,720	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	50,071	-	-	50,071	52,919
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	50,071	-	-	50,071	52,919
A3 Payments					
Utilities	10,122	-	-	10,122	12,062
Insurance	6,871	-	-	6,871	6,696
Caretaker	7,989	-	-	7,989	7,957
Maintenance	18,576	-	-	18,576	2,772
PPL/PRS	1,111	-	-	1,111	1,111
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	722
Lease Costs	1,376	-	-	1,376	1,532
Refurbishment	-	-	-	-	31,743
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	46,045	-	-	46,045	64,595
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	46,045	-	-	46,045	64,595
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,026	-	-	4,026	- 11,676
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	12,401	-	-	12,401	-
Cash funds this year end	16,427	-	-	16,427	11,676

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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	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			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name THE ABBEY HALL CHARITY

On accounts for the year ended

31 DECEMBER 2025

Charity no (if any)

262926

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust'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 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
• the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: R Peters

Date: 24 April 2026

Name: MR ROBERT JOHN PETERS

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Address:

219 WESTFIELD, PLYMPTON, PLYMOUTH. PL7 2EW

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

Director name		


Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

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)	JOSEPH M DENT	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR.	
Date	25.6.25	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Abbey Hall Charity

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01.01.2024	To	31.12.2024
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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					
Church Rent	16,250	-	-	16,250	13,432
Restaurant rent	16,500	-	-	16,500	16,800
Hire of hall	20,169	-	-	20,169	14,914
Donations	-	-	-	-	30,660
Rebates	-	-	-	-	6,226
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	52,919	-	-	52,919	82,032
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	52,919	-	-	52,919	82,032
A3 Payments					
Utilities	12,062	-	-	12,062	15,235
Insurance	6,696	-	-	6,696	8,833
Maintenance	2,772	-	-	2,772	17,970
PPL/PRS Licence	1,111	-	-	1,111	889
Miscellaneous	722	-	-	722	3,093
Lease costs	1,532	-	-	1,532	1,753
Caretaker's services	7,957	-	-	7,957	5,591
Refurbishment	31,743	-	-	31,743	5,765
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	64,595	-	-	64,595	59,130
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	64,595	-	-	64,595	59,130
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 11,676	-	-	- 11,676	22,902
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	24,077	-	-	24,077	1,175
Cash funds this year end	12,402	-	-	12,402	24,077

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

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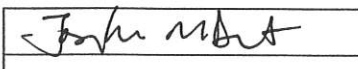
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
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			-	
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			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	JOSEPH M DENT	25.6.25



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name
The Abbey Hall Charity

On accounts for the year ended

31st December 2024 Charity no (if any) 262926

Set out on pages

remember to include the page numbers of additional annexes

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Signed: Jonathan S Hurdie

Date: 26/02/2025

Name: Jonathan S Hurdie

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

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Address:

31 Kingswood Park Avenue
Plymouth PL3 4NQ

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st January 2023 Period start date To 31st December 2023
Period end date

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Charity registration number:262920

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Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	The trustees wish to see the charity back on its feet fully and able to self-fund its activities. They will then consider a reserves policy.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

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	The only source of funding for the charity is its income from the lease of the lower part of the building to a business and from the hiring of the hall by various community groups and organisations.
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	None identified at present
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Governing Document
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	
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	<p>New Trustees are appointed by the existing Trustees when required within the limitations set out in the Governing document.</p> <p>Ex-Officio Trustees are appointed by the Diocese as a result of their appointment to their substantive role with St Andrew's Minster Church.</p>

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	All Trustees will have completed the required Diocesan Safeguarding training along with any other relevant training agreed by the Trustees.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	n/a
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	n/a
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Abbey Hall Charity
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	262920
Charity's principal address	Catherine Street Plymouth PL1 2DA

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	Mac Forsyth			
2	Malcolm Prideaux			
3	Joe Dent			Diocese of Exeter
4	Rita Whyte	Church Warden		Diocese of Exeter
5	Janet Greaves-Stocker			
6	Peter Hodgkinson	Church Warden	01.05.2023	Diocese of Exeter
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	<p style="text-align: center;"> <i>John M. Dea</i> <i>Joseph M. Dea</i> </p>
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	<p style="text-align: center;"> <i>Chairman</i> <i>13.6.24</i> </p>

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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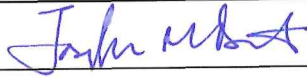
Other optional information

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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)	JOSEPH M DENT	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	
Date	13.6.24	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Abbey Hall Charity

262926

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01.01.2023	To	Period end date 31.12.2023
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	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					
Rent and other hire charges	13,432			13,432	10,000
Restaurant rent	16,800			16,800	16,688
Hire of hall	14,914			14,914	18,048
Donations	30,660			30,660	
Rebates	6,226			6,226	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	82,032			82,032	44,735
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	82,032	-	-	82,032	44,735
A3 Payments					
Utilities	15,235			15,235	13,247
Insurance	8,833			8,833	6,896
Maintenance	17,970			17,970	10,009
PPL/PRS Licence	889			889	1,361
Miscellaneous	3,093			3,093	555
Lease costs	1,753			1,753	5,624
Caretaker's services	5,591			5,591	6,373
Refurbishment	5,765			5,765	9,416
Sub total	59,130			59,130	53,481
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Sub total					-
Total payments	59,130			59,130	53,481
Net of receipts/(payments)					
A5 Transfers between funds					-
A6 Cash funds last year end	1,175			1,175	9,921
Cash funds this year end	24,077			24,077	1,175

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Total cash funds		-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK

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

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

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

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
				-
B5 Liabilities			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
The Abbey Hall Chraity

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

262926

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/12/2023**.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust'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 Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date: 02/05/2024

Name:

Matthew Fulton

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

AAT / Part CIPFA

Address:

282 Westfield, Plymouth, PL7 2ER

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

ABBAY HALL CHARITY

England & Wales - Charity number 262926

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st January 2022 Period start date To 31st December 2022
Period end date

Charity name: Abbey Hall Charity

Charity registration number:262920

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The furtherance of the religious and other charitable work of the Anglican Church of England in the city of Plymouth.</p> <p>To provide a premises to be enjoyed as a place of assembly in the City of Plymouth and the neighbourhood that makes a substantial contribution to the social, cultural and economic life and well-being of the city.</p> <p>The use of the premises will be without distinction of political, religious or other opinions.</p> <p>The premises may be used for meetings, lectures and classes and for the purpose of physical exercise and training and other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation.</p>
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	<p>The Abbey Hall Charity's main purpose is primarily to provide a venue for church related activities and for letting to community organisations.</p> <p>This space is made available to all community groups and has over a number of years built up a substantial number of organisations to which the hall is let on a regular basis. The ability to pay for each group is taken into account and concessions are made to support organisations that have little or no income. This contributes towards Principle 2 of the public benefit guidance, which states in Principle 2c that people are not excluded from benefiting by reason of poverty.</p> <p>The types of activity carried out in the Abbey Hall by community groups include health-</p>

		<p>related activities, sport, dance, education and training.</p> <p>The House of Prayer Baptist Church make use of the building on Sunday for their services.</p> <p>St Andrew's Church related activities include the parent and toddler group Noah's Ark which although is a church run activity reaches out with support into the community. There is a Brownies/Guide Group as well as all of the regular church groups who meet in the hall.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees of the Abbey Hall have acted at all times with regard to the principles of Public Benefit as described in the guidance issued by the Charity Commission. There is an identifiable public benefit to the operation of the hall as a charity as required in Public Benefit Principle 1. The benefit is the use of the hall by community groups at an affordable cost.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The Charity does not make grants of any kind
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	The charity does not hold any financial reserves other than those used in the maintenance of the hall.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>Volunteers manage the hall on a day to day basis.</p> <p>The Trustees are all volunteers</p>
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	<p>We continue with our programme of refurbishment and upgrade of the premises. The boiler has been replaced with a modern more fuel-efficient boiler.</p> <p>We continue to have a high number of community groups use the premises with an additional group joining us on a weekly basis.</p> <p>Guides and Brownies House of Prayer Baptist Church U3A Art Group Macular Disease Society Lighthouse Club Zumba Dance/Keep Fit New Plymouth Forum Mad about Swing PGS Theatre Group Noah's Ark Parent and Toddler Group Law Society Dance Classes In Stitches Tai Chi</p>

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	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Despite many set backs in recent years the charity is now managing to operate within its core income. Now that a portion of the building has been let to a new business the income has become more stable over the year and continues to improve. A long-term lease is planned which will bring further financial certainty.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	There are currently no reserves.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	The trustees wish to see the charity back on its feet fully following the pandemic and able to self-fund its activities. They will then consider a reserves policy.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

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	The only source of funding for the charity is its income from the lease of the lower part of the building to a business and from the hiring of the hall by various community groups and organisations.
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 (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Governing Document
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	
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	New Trustees are appointed by the existing Trustees when required within the limitations set out in the Governing document. Ex-Officio Trustees are appointed by the Diocese as a result of their appointment to their substantive role with St Andrew's Minster Church.

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	All Trustees will have completed the required Diocesan Safeguarding training along with any other relevant training agreed by the Trustees.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	n/a
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	n/a
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Abbey Hall Charity
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	262920
Charity's principal address	Catherine Street Plymouth PL1 2DA

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	Mac Forsyth			
2	Malcolm Prideaux			
3	Joe Dent			Diocese of Exeter
4	Rita Whyte	Church Warden		Diocese of Exeter
5	Janet Greaves-Stocker			
6	Peter Hodgkinson	Church Warden	01.05.2023	Diocese of Exeter
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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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)		
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)		
Date		



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Abbey Hall Charity

262926

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01.01.2022	To	Period end date 31.12.2022
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	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					
Rent and other hire charges	10,000			10,000	
Restaurant rent	16,688			16,688	
Hire of hall	18,048			18,048	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	44,735			44,735	
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	44,735	-	-	44,735	-
A3 Payments					
Utilities	13,247			13,247	-
Insurance	6,896			6,896	-
Maintenance	10,009			10,009	-
PPL/PRS Licence	1,361			1,361	-
Miscellaneous	555			555	-
Lease costs	5,624			5,624	-
Caretaker's services	6,373			6,373	-
Refurbishment	9,416			9,416	-
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Sub total	53,481			53,481	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Sub total					-
Total payments	53,481			53,481	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,175			1,175	-
A5 Transfers between funds					-
A6 Cash funds last year end	9,921			9,921	-
Cash funds this year end					-

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Total cash funds		-	-
	(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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
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			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Abbey Hall Charity

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

262926

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2022.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust'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 Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date: 04/07/2023

Name:

Matthew Fulton

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

AAT – Part CIPFA

Address:

31 Henry Avent Gardens

Plymouth

PL9 8GQ

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

ABBHEY HALL CHARITY

England & Wales - Charity number 262926

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **1st January 2021** Period start date To **31st December 2021** Period end date

Charity name: **Abbey Hall Charity**

Charity registration number: **262920**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The furtherance of the religious and other charitable work of the Anglican Church of England in the city of Plymouth.</p> <p>To provide a premises to be enjoyed as a place of assembly in the City of Plymouth and the neighbourhood that makes a substantial contribution to the social, cultural and economic life and well-being of the city.</p> <p>The use of the premises will be without distinction of political, religious or other opinions.</p> <p>The premises may be used for meetings, lectures and classes and for the purpose of physical exercise and training and other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation.</p>
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	<p>The Abbey Hall Charity's main purpose is primarily to provide a venue for church related activities and for letting to community organisations.</p> <p>This space is made available to all community groups and has over a number of years built up a substantial number of organisations to which the hall is let on a regular basis. The ability to pay for each group is taken into account and concessions are made to support organisations that have little or no income. This</p>

		<p>contributes towards Principle 2 of the public benefit guidance, which states in Principle 2c that people are not excluded from benefiting by reason of poverty.</p> <p>The types of activity carried out in the Abbey Hall by community groups include health-related activities, sport, dance, education and training.</p> <p>The House of Prayer Baptist Church make use of the building on Sunday for their services.</p> <p>St Andrew's Church related activities include the parent and toddler group Noah's Ark which although is a church run activity reaches out with support into the community. There is a Brownies/Guide Group as well as all of the regular church groups who meet in the hall.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>The Trustees of the Abbey Hall have acted at all times with regard to the principles of Public Benefit as described in the guidance issued by the Charity Commission. There is an identifiable public benefit to the operation of the hall as a charity as required in Public Benefit Principle 1. The benefit is the use of the hall by community groups at an affordable cost.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The Charity does not make grants of any kind
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	The charity does not hold any financial reserves other than those used in the maintenance of the hall.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>Volunteers manage the hall on a day to day basis.</p> <p>The Trustees are all volunteers</p>
Other		

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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	<p>We continue with our programme of refurbishment and upgrade of the premises. The boiler has been replaced with a modern more fuel-efficient boiler.</p> <p>We continue to have a high number of community groups use the premises with an additional group joining us on a weekly basis.</p> <p>Guides and Brownies House of Prayer Baptist Church U3A Art Group Macular Disease Society Lighthouse Club Zumba Dance/Keep Fit New Plymouth Forum Mad about Swing PGS Theatre Group Noah's Ark Parent and Toddler Group Law Society Dance Classes In Stitches Tai Chi</p>

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	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>Despite many set backs in recent years the charity is now managing to break even with it's finances. Now that a portion of the building has been let to a new business the income has become more stable over the year and continues to improve.</p> <p>A long term lease is planned which will bring further financial certainty.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

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	The only source of funding for the charity is its income from the lease of the lower part of the building to a business and from the hiring of the hall by various community groups and organisations.
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 (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	
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	<p>New Trustees are appointed by the existing Trustees when required within the limitations set out in the Governing document.</p> <p>Ex-Officio Trustees are appointed by the Diocese as a result of their appointment to their substantive role with St Andrew's Minster Church.</p>

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	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Abbey Hall Charity
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	262920

Charity's principal address	Catherine Street Plymouth PL1 2DA

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	Mac Forsyth			
2	Malcolm Prideaux			Diocese of Exeter
3	Joe Dent			Diocese of Exeter
4	Rita Whyte		26.04.2022	Diocese of Exeter
5	Janet Greaves-Stocker			
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Corporate trustees - names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

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)

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Full name(s)

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Position (eg
Secretary, Chair, etc)

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Date

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01.01.2021	To	Period end date 31.12.2021
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	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
A1 Receipts				
Rent and other hire charges	24,239	-	-	24,239
Doantions	156	-	-	156
Sale of furniture	1,400	-	-	1,400
Loan from Sta Andrew's Minster Church	1,400	-	-	1,400
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	27,195	-	-	27,195
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	27,195	-	-	27,195
A3 Payments				
Maintenance	2,895	-	-	2,895
Insurance	7,107	-	-	7,107
Utilities	5,253	-	-	5,253
Mayflower	2,559	-	-	2,559
Miscellaneous	101	-	-	101
Loan repayment - St Andrew's Minster	400	-	-	400
Caretaker's services	6,197	-	-	6,197
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	24,512	-	-	24,512
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total payments	24,512	-	-	24,512
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,683	-	-	2,683
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	7,238	-	-	7,238
Cash funds this year end	9,921	-	-	9,921

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Lloyds general current account	9,921	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total cash funds	9,921	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK

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

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name

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to the nearest £**

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Endowment funds
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Current value (optional)

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Current value (optional)

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When due (optional)

Date of approval

examiners).

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CG32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for

Disclosure

Section B

Address: 75 Court Road
Newton Ferrers
Plymouth, PL8 1BZ

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):
Fellow of Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

Name: W Robert Styling

Signed: *W Robert Styling*
Date: 14/08/2022

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.
* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records the Act or
- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of

Independent examiners statement

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust'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 Act. I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

("the Act").

Responsibilities and basis As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of report the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2021

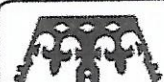
Set out on pages 1 & 2 of Receipts and Payments Accounts

On accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021
Charity no 262926 (if any)

Report to the trustees/members of Abbey Hall Charity

Independent Examiner's Report

Section A



ABBAY HALL CHARITY

England & Wales - Charity number 262926

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	01	2020		31	12	2020

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	The Abbey Hall Charity
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	262926
Charity's principal address	Catherine Street
	Plymouth
	Devon
	Postcode PL1 2DA

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	Rev. Joe Dent	Rector		The Minster Church of St Andrew
2	Malcolm Prideaux	Church Warden		The Minster Church of St Andrew
3	Mac Forsyth			The Minster Church of St Andrew
4	Bill Duncan			The Minster Church of St Andrew
5	Janet Greaves-Stocker			The Minster Church of St Andrew
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Scheme of 14 th November 1983
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	By appointment

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees; • the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works; • relationship with any related parties; • trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.
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Section C**Objectives and activities****Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

The furtherance of the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England in the city of Plymouth.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The Abbey Hall Charity's main purpose is primarily to provide a venue for church related activities and for letting to community organisations.

The Trustees and Management Committee of the Abbey Hall acted at all times with regard to the Principles of Public Benefit as described in the Public Benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission. There is an identifiable public benefit to the operation of the Abbey Hall Charity as required in Principle 1 of the Public Benefit guidance. This benefit is the use of affordable high quality community space within the centre of Plymouth.

This space is made available to all community groups and has over a number of years built up a substantial number of organisations to which the hall is let on a regular basis. The ability to pay is taken into account and concessions are made to support organisations that have little or no income and are of benefit to the community. The types of activity carried out in the Abbey Hall by community groups include health-related activities, sport, dance, education and training.

The House of Prayer Church make use of the building on Sunday for their services.

Regular activities are

- the parent and toddler group Noah's Ark which although is a church run activity reaches out with support into the community.
- Thursday Groups – for older people including dance groups
- Macular Degeneration Society
- Mad about Swing
- Exercise Classes

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

The Abbey Hall Management Committee oversees the day to day running of the Abbey Hall on behalf of the Trustees. This committee is made up entirely of volunteers who meet regularly throughout the year.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Section D**Achievements and performance****Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

We continue with our programme of refurbishment and upgrade of the premises. The trustees are actively seeking financial support through grants to replace the existing boiler. This is now our main priority.

We continue to have a high number of community groups use the premises with an additional group joining us on a weekly basis.

Guides and Brownies
House of Prayer Baptist Church
U3A Art Group
Macular Degeneration Society
Lighthouse Club
Zumba Dance/Keep Fit
New Plymouth Forum
PGS Theatre Group
Noah's Ark Parent and Toddler Group
Dance Classes
Tai Chi

Public Benefit

There are two key principles of public benefit and, within each principle there are some important factors that must be considered in all cases. These are:

Principle 1: There must be an identifiable benefit or benefits

Principle 1a It must be clear what the benefits are

Principle 1b The benefits must be related to the aims

Principle 1c Benefits must be balanced against any detriment or harm

Principle 2: Benefit must be to the public, or section of the public

Principle 2a The beneficiaries must be appropriate to the aims

Principle 2b Where benefit is to a section of the public, the opportunity to benefit must not be unreasonably restricted:

- by geographical or other restrictions; or
- by ability to pay any fees charged

Principle 2c People in poverty must not be excluded from the opportunity to benefit

Principle 2d Any private benefits must be incidental

The principles of public benefit apply to all charities, whatever their aims. Each charity must be able to demonstrate that its aims are for the public benefit. Public benefit decisions are about whether an individual organisation is a charity and not about whether particular types of charity or groups of charities, as a whole, are for the public benefit.

Principles of Public Benefit

Principle 1: There must be an identifiable benefit or benefits

Principle 1a It must be clear what the benefits are

It must be clear what benefits to the public arise from carrying out a charity's aims. Examples of different sorts of benefit include providing housing for the homeless or giving medical care to the sick. It should be possible to identify and describe the benefits provided but that doesn't mean they must be able to be quantified or measured; non-quantifiable benefits will be taken in account as long as it is clear what they are.

Most benefits are self evident but sometimes we may need evidence depending on the type of benefit provided. Sometimes benefit can be shown by a consensus of objective and informed opinion. In some cases we may ask for evidence of independent, expert opinion from someone suitably qualified. It will usually be for the organisation's trustees to provide evidence that their organisation's aims are for the public benefit but we may sometimes need to check evidence from other sources.

Principle 1b The benefits must be related to the aims

Benefits must be related to the charity's aims, so benefits which arise from the charity's work that are not related to its aims will not be taken into account. Where a charity has more than one aim, each of those aims has to meet the public benefit requirement; it will not be enough if only some do.

Principle 1c Benefits must be balanced against any detriment or harm

Finally, benefits must be balanced against any detriment or harm which arises. Examples of detriment or harm could include something that is damaging to the environment or mental or physical health or encourages hatred towards others. In judging whether this detriment occurs, we would need to see real evidence; we will not just

assume it. Where there is more detriment than benefit, or where the organisation has aims that are illegal or is a sham, it would not be charitable.

Principle 2: Benefit must be to the public, or section of the public

Principle 2a The beneficiaries must be appropriate to the aims

While this sounds like a statement of the obvious, who constitutes the ‘public’ or ‘a section of the public’ varies according to the charitable aims. Sometimes a charity’s aims are intended to benefit the public generally, sometimes a specific section of it. Who benefits, and how, will depend on the organisation’s aims. Considering who the charity’s aims are mainly intended to benefit is important when deciding whether the public benefit requirement is met.

It is not a simple matter of numbers, but the number of people who can potentially benefit must not be insignificant. The ‘class’ of people who can benefit must be sufficiently large or open given the charitable aim being carried out. The actual number of people who can benefit at any one time can be quite small as long as anyone who could qualify for the benefit is eligible. So, for example, it is fine to offer only a small number of rooms in a care home as long as anyone who is eligible to apply can be considered for those limited places.

It is important that the opportunity to benefit is not unreasonably restricted given the nature of the charity’s aims and the resources it has. If the benefit is to a ‘section of the public’, rather than the public generally, then the restrictions must be reasonable and relevant to the charity’s aims. If they are not, this will affect public benefit.

Principle 2b Where benefit is to a section of the public, the opportunity to benefit must not be unreasonably restricted:

- **by geographical or other restrictions; or**
- **by ability to pay any fees charged**

Ways in which restrictions might apply to the ‘class’ of people who can benefit include geographical restrictions, those involving charitable need, such as poverty, age or ill-health, and those involving personal characteristics, such as gender, race or religion for example. We will consider the circumstances in each case when deciding whether that restriction is reasonable. At the extreme, charities must not be seen as ‘exclusive clubs’ that only a few can join. So, where the aims of a charity are more closed, inward-looking and exclusive, greater justification for the restriction may need to be provided.

Many different sorts of charities can, and do, charge for their services or facilities. Charities can charge fees that more than cover the cost of those services or facilities, provided that the charges are reasonable and necessary to carry out the charity’s aims, for example, in maintaining or developing the service provided. However, where, in practice, the charging restricts the benefits only to people who can afford to pay the fees charged, this may result in the benefits not being available to a sufficient section of the public.

Principle 2c People in poverty must not be excluded from the opportunity to benefit

The fact that the services will be charged for and therefore provided **mainly** to people who can afford to pay does not necessarily mean the organisation’s aims are not for the public benefit. However, if an organisation excluded people from the opportunity to benefit because they could not pay the fees, then its aims would not be for the public benefit. In particular, people in poverty must not be excluded from the **opportunity** to benefit. So it would not, for example, be enough to reduce very high fees slightly to enable more ‘middle income’ people to benefit, if people in poverty were still excluded from the opportunity to benefit.

In general, the lower the fees that are charged, the greater the opportunity there is likely to be for most people to have the opportunity to benefit. But where the fees charged are, of necessity perhaps, very high, then trustees of those charities will have to think about other ways in which people who cannot afford those fees can benefit in some material way related to their charity’s aims. This does not mean charities have to offer services for free, or offer concessions on fees, although clearly that would help. There could be other ways of benefiting people

who cannot afford the fees in a way that is related to the aims. For example, one way of doing this might be an independent school working in partnership with a local state school, or an arts charity might broadcast concerts or operatic performances via TV or radio to a wider audience. What matters is that people unable to pay are not excluded from the opportunity to benefit, whether or not they actually choose to take up the opportunity.

Principle 2d Any private benefits must be incidental

Where people or organisations benefit from a charity, other than as a beneficiary, then those sorts of ‘private’ benefits must be incidental, which means they are a necessary result, or by-product, of carrying out the charity’s aims. Where private benefits are more than incidental this might mean the organisation is set up for private, rather than public, benefit and so might not be charitable.

Reporting on your charity’s public benefit

Charity trustees have a new duty to report in their Trustees’ Annual Report on their charity’s public benefit. The level of detail you will need to provide in your public benefit report will depend on whether your charity is above or below the audit threshold. An audit is required when a charity’s gross income in the year exceeds £500,000, or where income exceeds £100,000 and the aggregate value of its assets exceeds £2.8 million. Most charities already explain their activities in their Trustees’ Annual Report and so this information now needs to be set in the context of the charity’s aims to show how in practice the aims have been carried out for the public benefit.

Trustees will also need to confirm that they have had regard to our public benefit guidance where relevant

For smaller charities, below the audit threshold, trustees are required to include a brief summary in their Trustees’ Annual Report of the main activities undertaken in order to carry out the charity’s aims for the public benefit. Trustees can, of course, provide fuller public benefit statements if they wish.

For larger charities, above the audit threshold, trustees are required to provide a fuller explanation in their Trustees’ Annual Report of the significant activities undertaken in order to carry out the charity’s aims for the public benefit, as well as their aims and strategies. They are required to explain the charity’s achievements, measured by reference to the charity’s aims and to the objectives set by the trustees. It is up to the charity’s trustees to decide how much detail they want to provide to clearly illustrate what their charity has done in the reporting year to meet the requirement; the Commission will not be prescriptive about the number of words or pages needed. But a charity that said nothing on public benefit in its Trustees’ Annual Report, or produced only the briefest statement with no detail, would be in breach of the public benefit reporting requirement.

Assessing public benefit

The Charity Commission will assess whether the aims of all organisations applying to register as charities are for the public benefit. Charities that are already registered have to continue to meet the public benefit requirement. We will do this by carrying out research studies on the extent to which different types of charity are meeting the requirement and by working with representative professional and umbrella bodies and with users of those charities.

In some cases we may need to carry out detailed assessment of individual charities. Where that needs to happen we will advise the trustees on what needs to change in order to meet the public benefit requirement, and give clear reasons and advice on what happens next where it is not possible for the organisation to meet the requirement. No charity will be expected to make changes overnight and we will take reasonable account of how much time and resources might be needed by a charity that needs to make changes in order to meet the requirement. A charity or anyone affected by one of our public benefit decisions, that disagrees with it, can seek a review of that decision using our internal decision review procedures and, if they consider it necessary, can make a further appeal to the new Charity Tribunal and, ultimately, to the courts. However, by working constructively with charity trustees and undertaking extensive public consultation on our public benefit guidance, we would hope such circumstances would be rare.



Abbey Hall Charity		262926		CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	Period start date 01.01.2020	To	Period end date 31.12.2020	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Rent & Other Hire Charges	18,280	-	-		
Mayflower 400 Income		295	-		
Boiler Fund		4,244	-		
Other		3,400	-		
Loan	7,681	-	-		-
		-	-		-
		-	-		-
		-	-		-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	25,961	7,939	-		42,205
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Sale of shares	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	25,961	7,939	-	-	42,205
A3 Payments					
Maintenance	5,424	-	-		
Insurance	7,068	-	-		
Utilities	9,096	-	-		
Mayflower	138	-	-		
Misc Expenses	460	-	-		
Loan repaymen	900	-	-		
Caretaker Wages	6,242	-	-		
Security	798	-	-		
		-	-		-
Sub total	30,126	-	-		41,422
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	30,126	-	-	-	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,774		-		
A5 Transfers between funds	2,125		-		-
A6 Cash funds last year end	5,588		-		
Cash funds this year end	859	6,379	-		5,588

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	Abbey Hall Bank Account	858	-	
	Prysten House Bank Account	6379	-	
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	7,237	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	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			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name Abbey Hall Charity		
On accounts for the year ended	31 st December 2020	Charity no (if any)	262926
Set out on pages	In attached document <small style="text-align: right;">(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)</small>		

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act have not been met ; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:		Date: 30/04/2021
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Name: MATTHEW FULTON

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): AAT

Address: 31 HENRY AVENT GARDENS
PLYMOUTH

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

[Empty disclosure box]