



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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

	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>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)

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		

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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>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.</p> <p>A long-term lease is now in place which will bring further financial certainty.</p>
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.
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	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			
6	Peter Hodgkinson	Church Warden		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

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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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	To	Period end date
	01.01.2025		31.12.2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
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
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
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	



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):

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