

# Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

## Annual Trustees' Report for 2020

### 1. Legal and Administrative Information

#### 1.1 Charity

The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers ("the Council") was founded in 1891 and is a registered charity, no.270036. Its address is that of its Secretary for the time being, namely 11 Bullfields, Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire, CM21 9DB. The constitution and conduct of the Council is governed by its Rules, last revised in May 2018, amended September 2020.

#### 1.2 Trustees

The Council's Trustees during 2020 were as follows:

President	Mr S J L Linford
Deputy President	Mr D Kirkcaldy
Secretary	Mrs M Bone
Treasurer	Mr A G Smith (to 5 September) Mr F M S Stracey (from 5 September)
Ordinary Trustee	Dr P R J Barnes
Ordinary Trustee	Ms A M Everett
Ordinary Trustee	Mr D L Smith
Ordinary Trustee	Mr C R Whittaker

At the Annual Meeting held by video conference on 5 September Mr S J L Linford was elected for a 3-year term. Mr D Kirkcaldy was re-elected for a 3-year term. Mr F M S Stracey was elected to complete Mr A G Smith's term expiring in September 2021.

#### 1.3 Principal Agents and Advisors

The Council's bankers are Lloyds Bank plc, Butler Place Branch, 1 Butler Place, Westminster, London, SW1H 0PR. Its Independent Examiners are Mr J D Cheesman (to May 2020) and Ms C A Stockmann. Its insurers are Ecclesiastical Insurance Group, Benefact House, 2000 Pioneer Avenue, Gloucester Business Park, Brockworth, Gloucester, GL3 4AW.

### 2. Objectives and Activities

#### 2.1 Charitable Objects (as defined in Rule 3.2):

To advance the practice, heritage and appreciation of bell ringing as an enjoyable mental and physical exercise and unique performing art for the public benefit of both church and community, in particular but not exclusively by:

##### *Communications and Relationships*

- a) encouraging the growth and public appreciation of bell ringing;

- b) representing the interests of bell ringing and ringers through promoting the development of strong relationships with the church, stakeholders, the media and others outside the bell ringing community;
- c) facilitating communication and cohesion amongst ringers and bell ringing societies to assist ringers in supporting each other and achieving their bell ringing objectives;
- d) using its efforts to foster the continuing recruitment and retention of ringers;

##### *Learning and Development*

- e) promoting excellence in ringing by encouraging relevant technical and leadership training;

##### *Stewardship and Management*

- f) encouraging sources of funding, products, expertise and facilities to support ringing and the availability of bell installations;
- g) sharing, promoting, and advising on best practice relating to the maintenance and improvement of bell installations and training facilities;
- h) promoting best practice relating to statutory compliance, safety and governance in relation to ringing;

##### *Technical and Taxonomy*

- i) defining and publishing technical standards in bell ringing;
- j) encouraging research and innovation in the advancement of bell ringing, its methodologies, tools and technologies;

##### *Historical and Archive*

- k) promoting the availability and appreciation of historic resources, publications and artefacts relating to the heritage of bell ringing and the role of individual ringers.

#### 2.2 Public Benefit

The public benefits from the following areas of activity of the Council:

- (i) the promotion of public worship by the ringing of church bells;
- (ii) the preservation of the tradition and heritage of change ringing;
- (iii) the encouragement and promotion of high standards of ringing;
- (iv) the provision of financial and specialist knowledge in the support of belfry repairs and maintenance;
- (v) the provision of guidance and specialist knowledge with regard to health and safety, safeguarding, noise control, data protection, fire risk assessment and insurance matters, as they relate to ringers and ringing;
- (vi) the preparation and publication of educational and training materials.

### 3. Structure, Governance and Management

#### 3.1 Executive

The Executive is responsible to the members, through the annual meeting, for the general running of the Council. It holds regular meetings during the year and is in contact by electronic means between meetings. Executive members, who are also the trustees, are directly elected by the members. They retire in rotation and are limited to a maximum of six years on the Executive unless the members resolve otherwise at an annual meeting. The Executive appoints the workgroup leaders and individual Executive members act as sponsors for workgroups.

#### 3.2 Working Groups

The Council has eight workgroups: (1) Volunteer and Leadership; (2) Historical and Archive; (3) Communications and Marketing; (4) Stewardship and Management; (5) Technical and Taxonomy; (6) Young Ringers – Schools and Youth Groups; (7) Young Ringers – Universities and Colleges; (8) Senior Stakeholder Liaison. Most of the work of the Council is carried out by these workgroups.

#### 3.3 Membership

The Council's membership comprises Representative Members (elected or appointed by affiliated societies); Small Society Representatives (elected or appointed by Registered Small Societies); the trustees, stewards and workgroup leaders who shall be ex-officio members if not otherwise members; and Fellows. Only Representative Members and Fellows (elected prior to 28 May 2018) may vote at an annual meeting. Applications by societies to affiliate are approved at an annual meeting. Applications to become a Registered Small Society are approved in accordance with the Rules and Standing Orders.

### 4. Progress and Achievements in 2020

2020 has been a remarkable year in ringing history throughout the world. The novel coronavirus that emerged in China at the start of the year, with only passing interest elsewhere at first, had by the end of March brought normal life pretty much to a halt in all territories in which we have rings of bells. Lockdowns started, churches closed, and a long sullen silence descended over communities so used to hearing the sound of church bells. For the first time since the start of the Second World War, the Council President had to send an announcement out to all ringers that ringing had to stop. This was a devastating blow for bell ringers, not just deprived of their core purpose of calling people to worship, but of many ringers' principal social activity.

The Council quickly assembled a small team to develop an understanding of what the virus meant for ringing and how ringing

might be adapted to be done safely. Trustees Simon Linford and Phillip Barnes (a recently retired Medical Director) were joined by Mark Regan of the Senior Stakeholder Liaison Workgroup and engaged with the 'House of Bishops Recovery Group' of the Church of England charged with giving advice to the Church. Advice was developed that enabled a limited return to ringing, with social distancing and time limits, when lockdown restrictions were limited in the summer. The joy of ringing normally for Christmas was short-lived, with lockdown following and continuing into 2021, with ringing not getting back to anything like normality until the middle of 2021.

Eight months of 2020 therefore had no meaningful ringing for the majority of bell ringers in the world, although ringers in Australia and New Zealand, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands, where infections stayed low, did manage to maintain some normality.

Ironically, the pandemic enabled the Council to develop new and strong relationships with key people in the Church of England which it had not had before. Likewise, many of the Council's affiliated societies have developed closer ties with Church leaders locally or in their country and also with their members. Societies that have maintained contact with their members, providing regular online ringing and training, have weathered the storm, and in some instances even got stronger. These new relationships put us in a stronger position to manage some of the challenges that lie ahead particularly in terms of the impact the pandemic has had on the acceleration of church closures.

Just before the suspension of ringing the Council was about to launch a major recruitment campaign in association with the Churches Conservation Trust, which sees bellringing as a strategically important activity in its churches. That relationship is getting stronger at a time when an increasing number of churches with bells are heading into their care. The Council also welcomes the affiliation of the Guild of Clerical Ringers which has changed its constitution in order to help with strengthening the relationships between ringers and the Church.

So many of the activities and initiatives of the Council have stalled as a result of the suspension of normal ringing activities, but perhaps just as remarkably many continued. Some workgroups, released from the need to actually go ringing, were even busier than usual, continuing to develop services, give advice, and recruit new members.

At the start of the year, the Executive released its new Strategic Priorities, to guide strategy and activities in 2020 and beyond:

1. Find alternative long term sources of recruits who have the potential to be good ringers
2. That no ringer should hit a barrier to their own progression
3. The pursuit of excellence in everything we do
4. The sound of church bells remains part of our cultural soundscape and is appreciated and understood

5. The pursuit of method ringing is not the only measure of success for a ringer
6. The Church continues to value our contribution.

Progress has been made on all of the Strategic Priorities throughout the year. Initiatives that continued included a six-round YouTube competition that engaged ringers in creating and showcasing videos of ringing, particularly bringing competition call change ringing into the spotlight; the 'Cast of 1000' project, intended to provide more opportunities to ringers to make progress in surprise major ringing, was launched online; Dickon Love has joined as a Dove Steward and has delivered a technological step-change in *Dove's Guide* capacity and features. One of the current strengths of the Council is the number of ringers who are volunteering to take on roles outside just Members.

Covid restrictions prevented the Council from having a physical face-to-face AGM, which had been planned to be in Nottingham in September. A number of affiliated societies had already held their AGMs successfully using the Zoom platform, and this was used by the Council, ably supported by Colin Newman running the technical support behind the scenes. There were 158 attendees, and many members said it was at least as effective as a physical meeting, and better in many ways. It certainly provided a forum in which more members were able to speak and present their views. The main piece of non-routine business was the passing of a motion to allow a new form of affiliation for smaller bellringing societies, intended to give the Council broader representation for instance from small university societies and young ringers' groups. These 'Registered Small Societies' can now join with fewer than 75 members, attend the AGM, but not vote.

The Council Executive has tackled one outstanding recommendation from the CRAG review and that is that the Council considers some form of direct membership of the Council. Three Trustees, Simon Linford, Alison Everett and David Kirkcaldy, held 15 consultation events all via Zoom, including nearly 200 ringers including many representative of affiliated societies. Some of the sessions were with young ringers and those at university. These were completed by the end of the year, and although they raised a number of issues that the Council and its affiliated societies should consider in terms of how things can be done better, there was no consensus on how any form of direct membership could be achieved, despite a majority of consultees seeing benefit in it. One very positive outcome of the consultation was that young ringers saw value in a single membership organisation for them, and a small group of young ringers has been formed to take this proposal forward in 2021.

The President's Blog, published fortnightly, has become a valuable and popular channel for connecting the activities of the Council with the wider ringing population. It exploits all the media channels the Council

has available to it, and has done much to raise the profile of the Council. The Council has been using its media channels more and more, with regular news stories promoted by its workgroups.

Our Safeguarding team has been expanded and we now have two very experienced Safeguarding Officers, Dave Bassford and Ann White. Unfortunately they have been quite active dealing particularly with problems generated by injudicious use of ringing social media.

The lack of a physical AGM removed the major item of expenditure from the Council's finances which means they remain very healthy, as we have reported in Section 6 here.

The Trustees of the Central Council are confident that progress and achievements will continue to be made across all the Council's stated Objects.

## 5. Statement of Policies

### 5.1 Reserves

- (i) **General Fund** – the balance on the General Fund is invested to produce income which, together with member societies' affiliation fees, provides sufficient funds to support the work and activities of the Council. The balance also facilitates cash flow and enables the development of new projects and initiatives. The Trustees have agreed that a minimum of £75,000 needs to be kept as a reserve in the general fund. This is in order to cover three years of overheads, provide adequate cash flow and give a reasonable level of contingency against any unforeseen financial risks. This fund is unrestricted.
- (ii) **Education Courses Fund** – the balance provides cash flow to enable the Volunteer and Leadership Workgroup to run various training courses; in general the costs are recouped from attendees. This is an unrestricted designated fund.
- (iii) **Bell Restoration Fund** – the balance is fully allocated to bell restoration projects and paid on satisfactory completion of the work. Grants are made in proportion to the types of applications received and in accordance with priorities agreed by the Council and reviewed annually. Members approved an increase in the maximum possible grant to £2,000 in May 2018. This is a restricted fund.
- (iv) **Fred E Dukes International Bell Fund** – Grants from the Fred E Dukes International Bell Fund are made in accordance with the terms of Mr Dukes' legacy. Grants are awarded from the interest on the legacy and reviewed annually. This is a restricted fund.
- (v) **Publications Fund** – the balance represents the stock of publications held and a cash balance to facilitate the production of new titles and the reprinting of existing publications. This is an unrestricted designated fund.

- (vi) **Library Fund** – this fund represents the value of the library as well as sundry income items and is restricted to use for the benefit of the library, which is maintained for use by Council members and affiliated societies.

## 5.2 Investment

Funds are invested in low risk investments and bank accounts. The need for regular income from investments is considered important to support the work of the Council.

## 5.3 Investment and Borrowing Powers

The Trustees have the power to invest money and adopt such measures as seem to them necessary in the interest of the Council. They do not have any power to borrow money, except by Council resolution.

## 5.4 Risk Assessment

The Trustees have identified and reviewed the major risks to which they believe the Council may be exposed and have taken steps to minimise and manage those risks.

The Council's banking deposits are fully protected by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). Expenditure is only incurred on receipt of relevant supporting documentation and proof of service delivery. Bank statements are electronically available to the Treasurer. The Treasurer provides a financial update to each Executive meeting, highlighting financial issues that need to be brought to the Executive's attention.

## 5.5 Expenses

Updated guidance on expenses was approved by the Executive in November 2019.

## 5.6 Safeguarding

The Council's guidance on safeguarding was revised in June 2019 and issued to soci-

eties and members. A safeguarding policy applicable to the Council and its own activities and events was prepared in January 2020 and placed on the website.

## 5.7 Conflicts of Interest

A revised policy was approved in June and came into effect on 1 October 2020. Members of the Executive are required to complete an annual declaration which is available to the members.

## 5.8 Data Protection (GDPR)

The guidance note on data protection was last reviewed in January 2018. A privacy notice is available on the website.

## 6. Review of Financial Activities

The accounts for 2020 show total funds at the year-end of £457,812, of which £259,748 is in restricted funds. Income for the year totalled £47,740 (including legacies of £25,000 from John Barnes and £50 in memory of John Collier both for bell restoration, together with publications and library sales of £8,927). The main expenditure was for grants for bell restoration of £5,550, and publication cost of sales of £5,848. The pandemic has resulted in a reduction in the sales of publications and corresponding reduction in the cost of sales.

The 2020 figures include further donations for the Kilifi project totalling £120.

No significant fundraising activity has been carried out during the year.

The Council had no employees during the year. All of its work is carried out on a voluntary basis.

It is confirmed that the Council's assets, together with the expected income for 2021, are available and will be adequate to fulfil the objects of the Council in that year. The 2021 financial estimates were approved by the Executive in October 2020 and they support the fact that the Trustees consider that the CCCBR is a going concern, i.e. that the Cent-

ral Council can meet its commitments for the foreseeable future. The Trustees have included considerations of the impact of the pandemic in both the short and long term within their conclusions.

Although the pandemic has had a huge impact on ringing as described earlier in the report, in terms of risk assessment there is a positive financial impact to the CCCBR. Longer term risks such as fewer ringers as we return to ringing tower bells are being addressed by some of the initiatives described in the report.

On reviewing the financial controls, aside from changes already mentioned, they are consistent with prior years.

## 7. Membership

At the close of the Annual General Meeting on 5 September 2020 the Council's membership comprised four Fellows, 14 Ex-officio Members and 170 Representative Members representing 66 affiliated societies. Since then two Ex-officio Members have retired; one Representative Member has become an Ex-officio Member, and one further Ex-officio Member has been added. Five Representative Members retired and their vacancies were filled. We regret to record the death of Jay Bunyan, a Representative Member for the Bath & Wells Diocesan Association since 2005. Subject to any further changes, at the start of the 2021 Council meeting there will be four Fellows, 14 Ex-officio Members and 177 Representative Members representing 66 affiliated societies. There are 22 vacancies.

## Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees on 15 May 2021.

S J L Linford  
President

# CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Registered Charity Number 270036

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Note	General Fund	Education Courses	Restoration Fund	Bell Fund	F Dukes Internat'l Bell Fund	Publications Fund	Library Fund	Total Funds 2020	Total Funds 2019
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income and Expenditure</b>										
<b>Incoming Resources</b>										
Affiliation fees		7,960							7,960	8,000
Other income		859							859	1,848
Subscriptions from friends of Library								1,374	1,374	1,444
Interest receivable	7	1,667		353		915	49	29	3,013	3,324
Sales of publications, books and CDs							6,689	2,238	8,927	25,889
Sales of jigsaw puzzles and prints										211
Sales of training video/dvd		10							10	17
Stock written back							226		226	566
Donations to Kilifi, Kenya	8			120					120	120
Gift Aid				30				92	122	136
Sale of PDF's										105
Library sundry Income								3	3	
Other donations				25,050				76	25,126	8,844
Council Meeting										10,768
		10,496	-	25,553		915	6,964	3,812	47,740	61,272
<b>Resources expended</b>										
Council meeting		309							309	15,701
Workgroup expenses	9	1,512						38	1,550	1,660
ART conference		500							500	1,943
Council and other committee costs							10		10	
Ringing Remembers project costs										71
Recruitment leaflets		8							8	61
Cost of publications sold							3,887	1,961	5,848	14,144
Cost of jigsaws										25
C'church Cath NZ - project cost										6,069
Library maintenance								829	829	388
Equipment costs								29	29	
Grants for bell restoration	10			4,550		1,000			5,550	19,225
Advertising							2,223	85	2,308	2,283
Storage and distribution	12						2,500		2,500	2,500
Stationery, postage and telephone		29						771	800	766
Insurance		2,466					377		2,843	2,856
Project Costs								26	26	
Depreciation - Library Collection								1,717	1,717	1,753
Depreciation - shelving								106	106	106
Paypal charges							130		130	371
Sundry expenses		313							313	343
		5,137	-	4,550		1,000	9,127	5,562	25,376	70,265
<b>Net incoming resources before transfers</b>		5,359	-	21,003		(85)	(2,163)	(1,749)	22,365	(8,993)
Transfers between funds										
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		5,359	-	21,003		(85)	(2,163)	(1,749)	22,365	(8,993)
Balances at 31 December 2019		160,787	1,950	38,462		79,726	32,131	122,391	435,446	444,439
Balances at 31 December 2020		166,146	1,950	59,465		79,641	29,968	120,642	457,812	435,446

## Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020

### 1. Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historic cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting by Charities.

### 2. Accounting policies

The accounts have been drawn up in accordance with the going concern, accruals, consistency and prudence concepts.

#### 2.1 Incoming resources

Interest is accounted for when receivable.

Donations, grants and legacies are accounted for as soon as the Council is notified of the legal entitlement and the amount due.

### 2.2 Resources expended

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis.

Grants are accounted for when paid over.

### 3. Consistency

The accounts are prepared on a consistent basis with the previous year and in accordance with the accounting policies.

### 4. Funds

The General Fund is unrestricted and includes designated funds raised and held for a particular purpose.



# CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Registered Charity Number 270036

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	General Fund	Education Courses	Bell Restoration Fund	F Dukes Internat'l Bell Fund	Publications Fund	Library Fund	Total Funds 2020	Total Funds 2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>								
<b>Tangible assets</b>								
Investments at cost	162,092		30,777	79,131			272,000	272,000
Library Collection						84,147	84,147	85,864
Library shelving						318	318	424
<b>Total fixed assets</b>	<u>162,092</u>		<u>30,777</u>	<u>79,131</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>84,465</u>	<u>356,465</u>	<u>358,288</u>
<b>Current assets</b>								
Stock					6,645	1,279	7,924	8,634
Debtors and prepayments	2,590		30	92		150	2,862	2,943
Cash on short term deposit and at bank	3,519	1,950	28,658	418	23,499	34,748	92,792	67,995
<b>Total current assets</b>	<u>6,109</u>	<u>1,950</u>	<u>28,688</u>	<u>510</u>	<u>30,144</u>	<u>36,177</u>	<u>103,578</u>	<u>79,572</u>
<b>Current liabilities</b>								
Creditors - amounts due within one year	(2,055)				(176)		(2,231)	(2,414)
<b>Net current assets</b>	<u>4,054</u>	<u>1,950</u>	<u>28,688</u>	<u>510</u>	<u>29,968</u>	<u>36,177</u>	<u>101,347</u>	<u>77,158</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	<u>166,146</u>	<u>1,950</u>	<u>59,465</u>	<u>79,641</u>	<u>29,968</u>	<u>120,642</u>	<u>457,812</u>	<u>435,446</u>
<b>Funds</b>								
Unrestricted	165,737						165,737	160,378
Unrestricted - designated	409	1,950			29,968		32,327	34,490
Restricted			59,465	79,641		120,642	259,748	240,578
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>166,146</u>	<u>1,950</u>	<u>59,465</u>	<u>79,641</u>	<u>29,968</u>	<u>120,642</u>	<u>457,812</u>	<u>435,446</u>

### Notes to the accounts continued

The Education Courses Fund and Publications Fund are unrestricted designated funds.

The Bell Restoration Fund, the Fred E Dukes International Bell Fund and the Library Fund are maintained for restricted purposes.

#### 5. Transfers between funds

No amounts have been transferred between funds.

#### 6. Tangible assets and intangible assets

The major tangible assets of the Council are the Investments in National Savings Income Bonds and the Library Collection. The Library Collection is valued at a replacement cost of £95,000. The revaluation was undertaken by Roger Barnes of Church Green Books as at 31 December 2014. The policy now is to revalue the collection every twenty years, but keeping the policy under review. It is being depreciated for accounting purposes at 2% on the reducing balance per annum. An asset register is maintained for other tangible assets. The policy is to treat assets of an individual cost up to £1,000 as fully depreciated in the year of purchase.

The major intangible asset of the Council is the copyright of *Dove's Guide*.

#### 7. Interest receivable

Interest, in a continued climate of low interest rates, was received from –

National Savings Bonds	£2,920
Central Board of Finance of the Church of England	
Deposit account	£76
Other	£16

Amounts received were lower than 2019.

#### 8. Donations and grants received

##### 8.1 Kilifi, Kenya

Donations have been received in respect of Kilifi, Kenya, for ropes and a training project. These are included in the Bell Restoration Fund as a restricted item and, together with any related gift aid, amounted to £150 in 2020, bringing the total now available to £807.

##### 8.2 Bell Restoration

During the year the Bell Restoration Fund received two donations totaling £25,050, the larger of these being £25,000 from the estate of the late John Barnes.

##### 8.3 Ringing Remembers

The balance, at 31 December 2020, of the Ringing Remembers Grant of £15,606 is held within general balances for future related work.

#### 9. Workgroup Expenses

Total workgroup expenses amounted to £1,550 across all activities, a reduction

from 2019. Of these expenses the Executive accounted for £423.

#### 10. Grants paid

During the year, the Fred E Dukes International Bell Fund paid one grant totaling £1,000. There is one outstanding grant commitment, with £2,308 available for new schemes.

During the year, the Bell Restoration Fund awarded no new grants. Eight grants totaling £4,550 were paid. Outstanding commitments total £22,200.

#### 11. Charitable commitments

There is one grant of £2,000 awarded but not yet paid by the Fred E Dukes International Bell Fund, and twenty one grants totaling £22,200 awarded but not yet paid by the Bell Restoration Fund. There is also a charitable commitment to Kilifi bell restoration in respect of the balance of donations received but not yet paid amounting to £807.

#### 12. Publications fund

Storage and distribution costs of £2,500 was paid to a Council member.

#### 13. Payments to trustees

There were no payments to Trustees.

#### 14. Emoluments of employees

The Council had no employees during the year.

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers**

I report on the accounts of The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers (charity no. 270036) for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on the attached pages.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiners**

My examination of the Trust's accounts was carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act, and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act. As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that is 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**

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 accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



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