CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (PLYMOUTH)

England & Wales · Charity number 282803

Details

Other names	PLYMOUTH DIOCESAN CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY LIMITED, CCSP, PUTTING ALL CHILDREN FIRST
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	01546053
Registered	1981-07-10
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CHARITY ("THE OBJECTS') ARE TO RELIEVE THE CHARITABLE NEEDS ANDPROMOTE THE CARE AND WELFARE OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS AND FAMILIES ESPECIALLY THOSE OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC FAITH

Activities: The charity operates within the RC Diocese of Plymouth, which covers Cornwall, Devon and parts of Dorset & in accordance with its core values of love, justice & forgiveness it*Operates an Essential Grant Programme to help families with children in dire need.*Supports families of all faiths and none.*Encourages children to think about the needs of others less fortunate.

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Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- Bournemouth
- Cornwall
- Devon
- Dorset
- Plymouth City
- Poole
- Torbay

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£143,275	£147,889	-	-
2024-12-31	£129,467	£118,020	-	-
2023-12-31	£155,122	£98,687	-	-
2022-12-31	£65,420	£143,936	-	-
2021-12-31	£93,611	£117,276	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dame Bernadette Fearnley	Chair	2024-05-20
ANDREA MARGARET RODGERS		2016-06-06
Adele Towsey		2024-11-26
Deacon Timothy Van Kroonenburg		2020-10-12
Helen Brown		2022-11-09
Marina Macari		2024-01-08
Robert Paice		2023-07-11

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Accounts

Company registration number: 01546053
Charity registration number: 282803

Catholic Childrens Society (Plymouth)

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

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Catholic Childrens Society (Plymouth)

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Catholic Childrens Society (Plymouth)

Reference and Administrative Details

Chair	B S Fearnley
Trustees	A M Rodgers H Brown M T Shepherd M Macari D T V Kroonenburg R Paice A L Towsey B S Fearnley
Secretary	R Paice
Charity Registration Number	282803
Company Registration Number	01546053
	The charity is incorporated in England and Wales.
Registered Office	St Boniface House Ashburton Devon TQ13 7JL
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Catholic Childrens Society (Plymouth)

Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements and auditors' report of the charitable company for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Structure, governance and management

Organisational structure

The Society is a company limited by guarantee, not having share capital, and governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. [In the event of the Company being wound up, the liability of each member is limited to £10.

Control of the Society and its property and funds are vested in a Committee, whose Members, Chair and Deputy Chair are formally appointed by the Roman Catholic Bishop of Plymouth and who constitute the charity trustees of the Society and directors under company law and are known as the Board of Trustee Directors.

Canon Paul Cummins was the Diocesan Administrator, up until the 29.11.25 when Bishop Nicholas Hudson was installed. Appointments of new CCSP Trustees were approved by the then Diocesan Administrator and from November the Bishop.

Nature of governing document

Details of the structure of the Charity and its Governing Document are given above. The business of the Society is managed by this Board, which may consult with the Bishop/Acting President on the business of the Society whenever it is deemed appropriate, and which must do so on any matter which significantly affects the character and ethos of the Society. The Board meets as often as considered necessary to manage the business of the Society but must meet at least three times a year. The Board may delegate any of its functions to sub-committees, (provided at least two members of each sub-committee are members of the main committee) and regulate them as appropriate and in addition may appoint sub-committees to act purely in an advisory capacity. The Board review and set up sub-committees where needed, an example of this being sub-committees were created for an action plan, topics being CCSP moving forward and reviewing finances, expenses, fundraising and communication with the Bishops Office. Face to face meetings take place, along with Teams meetings where appropriate, as well as some phone conversations.

Trustees' Report

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Recruitment of members takes place from advertisements placed across the Catholic Diocese of Plymouth, as we have an expectation that members will live within the area in which the charity provides its services. The Board members are recruited from all backgrounds, faiths, and experiences, and although some have specialist skills and knowledge to share with the Board it is considered of primary importance that the members have an interest in the care and welfare of children, young people, and families.

Candidates for membership of the Board are invited to attend one or two Board Meetings as observers, to meet existing members and gain an insight into the workings of the Charity and its Board. At that time and on appointment to the Board, they are supplied with a copy of the last Statutory Financial Statements of the Charity, a copy of its Memorandum and Articles and Charity Commission publications explaining their responsibilities as Trustee Directors. New Board Members complete declarations accepting membership of the Charity and of their willingness to act as Trustee Directors of the Charity and are vetted in accordance with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

All new Board members are encouraged to ask questions at Board meetings, and where appropriate to seek additional training or guidance on any aspect of the Society's work. Members of staff and Trustees are available for any questions.

Arrangements for setting key management personnel remuneration

Trustee Directors receive no remuneration for their work governing and supporting the charity, although due to the large area covered and to ensure recruitment and retention of Board members, reasonable travel expenses are reimbursed.

Staff

During 2025 the Society employed three paid staff, all of whom worked part time.

• **Pro-active Parenting Lead/Rainbows Director** - providing and facilitating all Pro-active Parenting courses to support parents/carers and liaising with schools. The Pro-active Parenting member of staff is also trained to deliver Rainbows GB bereavement and loss training: to support members of staff in CAST schools to deliver the rainbows programme to children.

• **Fundraiser & Communications Officer** - obtaining all grants and funding for the charity and updating parishioners/Diocese/supporters of the work CCSP carry out through the year.

• **Administrator. Finance and Essential Grants Manager** - Essential grant programme, admin for Trustees/charity and finances.

• **Grants Officer** - Essential Grant Programme, this role is temporary/6-month contract from August 2025 - due to the demand of the EGP and will be reviewed by Trustees accordingly.

Patron

Our sincere thanks go to Professor Shelia the Baroness Hollins who is our Patron, she is regularly updated.

Trustees' Report

Volunteers

Throughout the Diocese, a few people in parishes volunteer to help the Society by acting as coordinators for the annual appeal collection. Others have given much time and effort to fundraising and publicity. The Society is most grateful to all who have given help in any way.

CCSP plans to continue to actively promote the Parish Volunteer role.

Other relationships

The Society is supported by the Plymouth Diocesan Trust, also a Registered Charity (No. 213227). The Diocesan Trust provides the accommodation occupied by the Society's Registered Office and expects reimbursement for the office consumables such as stationery, telephone. and postage. A small sum is payable for other administrative services provided by the Diocese such as payroll and personnel support. The Society is exceedingly grateful for the support the Diocese offers in this way.

Caritas

Caritas continues to thrive and develop.

It supports and shares the Mission of the Catholic Church. supporting the network of social action charities and parishes within the Plymouth Diocese. We have a strong partnership with Caritas Plymouth. As one of the founder members of the Caritas team we are helping to draw this initiative forward, helping to reach more disadvantaged families' and children. We have worked collaboratively with Caritas in identifying the needs of families in crisis in the Dioceses. Helping those of faith and of none.

Compliance with the governing document and current statutory requirements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the governing document of the Society, current statutory requirements, and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS102): Accounting and Reporting by Charities. The Board of Trustee Directors have complied with their duty and with due regard to the guidance on public benefit given by the Charity Commission when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance was relevant.

Investment Powers

Under the Memorandum and Articles, the Charity has the power to deposit or invest funds in any manner (but to invest only after obtaining advice and having regard to the suitability of investments and the need for diversification). The Charity holds a policy on ethical investment and has a statement of investment principle and risk of which our investment advisors are aware.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The objectives of the Society are to relieve the charitable needs of children, young persons, and families of those of the Catholic faith, those of all faiths and none.

Catholic Childrens Society (Plymouth)

Trustees' Report

Objectives, strategies and activities

The stated objective of the Society is to support family life across the Catholic Diocese of Plymouth, which covers all of Cornwall, Devon, and part of Dorset.
Currently this is achieved by the provision of the Pro-active Parenting Project, Rainbows bereavement and loss training, the Good Shepherd Programme for schools, and an Essential Grant Programme.
These are all supported by various fundraising initiatives and donations from schools, parishes, and individuals, as well as from a number of grant giving organisations. Our investment strategy provides reserves to ensure there are sufficient funds available to support these activities for at least the coming financial year in the event of a financial deficit caused by lack of income. This is necessary due to the fluctuating nature of our grant giving, which is dependent on need and can vary greatly month to month.

The Pro-active Parenting Project is designed to support parents and carers. The programmes cover differing age ranges so that parents or carers have a choice of platform to suit their needs. Efforts are made to overcome any barriers to participation, such as literacy or language, and venues are selected to cover a wide-ranging area and with appropriate facilities for all participants.

These programmes are provided free of charge to all parents and carers and although voluntary donations to help defray expenses are welcomed, they are not expected. CCSP also has an SLA agreement with CAST [Plymouth CAST, Multi Academy Trust], in order to be able to offer the Pro-active Parenting Courses within these schools.

As local authority budgets are cut further, the number of non-statutory parenting programmes provided by local authorities continue to fall year on year. The Pro-active Parenting project strives to bridge the gap for parents by providing programmes in their locality.

The Pro-active Parenting member of staff is also trained to deliver Rainbows GB bereavement and loss training to support members of staff in CAST schools to deliver the rainbows programme to children.

The Board of Trustee Directors review the Project to ensure cost efficiency, value for money, along with effectiveness and impact are being met.

Our Good Shepherd programme is promoted in schools to encourage young people to think of the needs of others. Along with the organisation of sponsored events to raise awareness and funds for CCSP.

We also purchased essential items for families through our Essential Grant Programme. Helping to support families of all faiths or none. All grant applications the Society receive are assessed on individual/families/carers need; in order that CCSP can be sure that all donations/funding received are being used with consideration and efficiency.

Applications must be supported by a professional agency supporting the family, an example of this being a school, housing association, or medical professional. Guidance is offered to applicants and referees through documents publicly available on our website or on request. The main criteria for acceptance remains that the item required must directly benefit children within the family, and be of an essential nature, and not available through statutory aid. The Essential Grant programme will continue to be reviewed.

The Board of Trustee Directors have provided all these services and complied with their duty and with due regard to the guidance on public benefit given by the Charity Commission when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance was relevant.

Catholic Childrens Society (Plymouth)

Trustees' Report

Achievements and performance
Another busy and successful year for the charity. Our commitment as a board of directors is to provide good governance, wisdom, and discernment in how we spend the charity's money, for the good of the families and children most in need in our diocese.

Our Fundraiser has worked hard to reach her target set during her annual appraisal, and went beyond expectations, due to some generous legacies, the success of funding applications, fundraising events, crowdfunders, alongside many more parishes contributing their no longer wanted items to our orange box scheme. Without the support of our generous parishes, we would be impoverished. We keep our families, parishes, parishioners, and all generous benefactors in our prayers.

Thanks go to all our employees, our Fundraiser, our Pro-active Parenting Facilitator and registered director for Rainbows GB Bereavement and Loss and our Administrator. We, the trustees, acknowledge that we are very fortunate to have such a dedicated team. Each of our employees is assigned a mentor, who carries out yearly appraisals, with targets set for the coming year. All employees have opportunities for appropriate CPD throughout the year. We see this as vital to update and extend their skills through training opportunities.

Our Essential Grants Programme this year has seen a very high number of applications for help, necessitating extra support in the administration of this area. This need reflects the cost-of-living crisis and many more families and professionals hearing about our work. From August 2025, we have employed an additional part time employee to support the administration of grants.

Requests for support through the Essential Grants Programme come from all over our diocese, and through these we have helped so many families, of faith and no faith. Each application is carefully evaluated by a small panel of trustees, with an answer being given to families and goods delivered where possible within a two-week timeframe. When an application is complex, it goes before the full board. Many more requests for help have come from kinship carers, families with disabilities, those fleeing domestic abuse, families where a parent/carer has lost a job and asylum seekers.

Our Pro-active Parenting worker has found that pastoral support assistants in schools are helping families where there is a need for parenting/caring support, meaning there has been less work for her in this area, this year. This employee was asked to produce a report on the efficacy and value for money of this work. Using data collection, looking at need and from their evaluation, a report has been written and presented to the trustees. The need is there, but parents/carers look upon schools to provide that support as they know the staff.

Twenty-three CAST schools are now registered as Rainbows GB sites and this need is increasing.

Many of the CAST schools fundraise for our charity through the Good Shepherd programme or through their own initiatives. We are very grateful for their continued support. Our Pro-active Parenting support worker has shared ideas with schools on how to raise money for us and there are some imaginative projects in the pipeline.

We give thanks to Canon Paul Cummins, Diocesan Administrator, who has continued to act as our president, in the absence of a new Bishop and we gratefully acknowledge this. Bishop Nicholas Hudson was installed in November, and the charity very much look forward to meeting him and working with him.

Our patron Professor Sheila the Baroness Hollins is updated regularly and informed of our work. We thank her for being our patron.

Use of volunteers

The number of parishes getting more involved with our fundraising initiatives continues to increase as we travel around the Diocese with our annual events including our Annual Mass and our 'Rise to Our Cause' Ascension Day fundraiser.

We continue to promote the role of the Parish Volunteer throughout the Diocese, where we look for one parishioner or even a small number of people in a parish to volunteer to help the charity by acting as coordinators for our annual appeal and crib appeal, as well as other diocesan wide fundraising events. We recruited one new Parish Volunteer last year and spoke to a few others about the possibility of taking on the role in their parish and we have improved communication with the Parish Volunteers we already have and would like to continue to formalise this vital role. The charity is very grateful to all our loyal supporters who continue to help raise much needed funds.

Legacies

During 2025 CCSP received 2 legacies for which we are extremely grateful. This enables us to continue to support families within the Diocese, this also supports the charity's future. We are grateful for those people who left a donation in their will for CCSP, we are thankful for the support we receive.

Summary of achievements in 2025 - Pro-active Parenting/Rainbows.

Continuing professional Development

All diocesan mandatory training was completed and up to date. There has been opportunity to train and widen the skills set to meet the needs of families and people we come into contact with this year including Domestic Abuse Champion Training, meaning that we are trained to support those that have experienced DA and can appropriately signpost as a DA safe organisation.

DASH training was completed, meaning that a professional assessment can be made for appropriate referrals. On the basis of this training CCSP is now part of Standing Tall in the Torbay area to support the children and families in that part of the diocese

Time has been taken to research the provision of pastoral support to children and families in the diocese in comparison to other areas and CCSP has produced a study with recommendations for future planning.

Pro-Active Parenting

We advertise directly with the school, as well as through the CAST portal, and promote through social media, and share in our newsletters and through the diocese. It is becoming increasingly difficulty for schools to get parents to attend. Despite offering off school grounds, parents are lacking time to attend, and there is a culture of shame that is hard to break through. It is now common practice for the school to have a pastoral worker full time, and they tend to work and support parents one to one which is preferred by parents, the local authority also offers a version of parenting support sessions that are free for the school and parents to access. As a result, there have been 5 schools that have taken up Pro-Active parenting this year.

Rainbows

We offer bereavement and loss training to staff in our Catholic schools, enabling them to deliver the peer support style Rainbows, Sunbeams and Spectrum programs. We have registered and provided whole school CPD at 7 sites this year as well as facilitator training at these 7 schools. Out of 35 CAST schools in the diocese, we have 23 registered sites.

Trustees' Report

Good Shepherd
Our Good Shepherd program continues to encourage children in our Catholic schools to think of others. It was decided to not go ahead with the Jubilee of sport event because the CES were already planning a similar event, so this year Good Shepherd was combined with the St Aloysius fundraiser and the fact that it was the 10th anniversary of CAST. CCSP produced a celebration assembly as well as teaching resources for EYFS right through to KS5 as individual lessons to celebrate, ensuring that the themes were in line with the 7 principles and support the gospel values. The activities also raised funds for CCSP. At the last count this was over £3000.

Summary of achievements in 2025 - Fundraising

2025 was another wonderful year for CCSP as we received a record-breaking combined amount of fundraising from all our annual events such as our Annual Appeal, Crib Appeal, Great Big Diocesan Quiz, Orange Box and ink cartridge recycling schemes, our Crowdfunder Prize Draw and our Wills Week. We are very grateful for all the support we continue to receive from all our loyal parishes, Catholic schools, individuals, and annual grant funders throughout the Diocese.

'Giving Hope to All - Putting All Children First' was the theme of our 2025 Annual Appeal, which raised just over £12,000 compared to £21,000 in the previous year and just over £17,000 in both 2023 and 2022. In addition, we received almost £9,500 in donations to our Crib Appeal at the end of 2024/start of 2025 compared to just over £10,000 in the previous year and just over £8,000 the year before.

We are grateful to the Cornwall Community Foundation as we received another £2,000 from their Surviving Winter Fund for the fourth year running and we also received an additional £4,000 from their Crisis Fund. We were also successful in receiving another £10,000 from the Day for Life Fund for the second year running and £2,500 from the Ladies Aid Society in Plymouth. The amount received from our regular annual grant funders rose considerably last year as we received almost £13,000 compared to just over £10,000 in the previous year.

Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor in Dorset from which we received £24,000 from one small donation, another record was set with our Orange Box recycling scheme, where supporters donate their unwanted items such as stamps, jewellery, silver etc which is subsequently turned into cash. Over £35,000 was raised in 2025 compared to the record set the previous year of almost £6,000 and just over £5,500 in 2023 and £3,500 in 2022. Our Orange Box recycling scheme is gaining momentum and more parishes, and individual donors are donating their unwanted trinkets, which we are extremely grateful to receive. Following the relaunch of our ink cartridge recycling scheme in 2024 where we raised £532.50 compared to £206 in 2023, in 2025 we raised almost £400. We will continue to promote these two recycling initiatives as not only do they raise funds for the charity, but we are also helping to reduce landfill.

Nine parishes took part in our 2025 Great Big Diocesan Quiz which raised almost £1,400 compared to just over £1,500 in the previous year from eight parishes. We held our third Crowdfunder Prize Draw to win a Ninja Air Fryer bundle, which raised £540 compared to £550 and £405 in the previous two years. We would like to thank HBH Woolacotts and the School Wear Shop in Plymouth as they donated this year's prize of a Ninja AirFryer and a £100 supermarket voucher.

Trustees' Report

Our third 'Rise to Our Cause' event on Ascension Thursday was held at St Cuthbert Mayne in Launceston which raised just over £600 compared to £540 and £450 in the first two years. This annual event is a wonderful opportunity to travel around the Diocese and meet new supporters as the previous two events were held at Buckfast Abbey and St Mary's in Poole. Thank you to everyone involved at St Cuthbert Mayne in Launceston for making last year's event so successful and for the amazing hot buffet provided. Our Guest Speaker was Phil McCarthy, whose presentation on his own pilgrimages to Rome and Istanbul delighted everyone present.

We have now held two Wills Weeks following the success of our first ever Wills Week in 2024 although the event last year raised slightly less than the first year. However, Tozers have confirmed that Wills Weeks become more popular as the years go by, so we are hopeful that this year's event will be the most successful yet. Thank you to Tozers for providing their time and to those supporters who have taken advantage to write a new will or re-write an old one to benefit our charity.

Our new website was launched at the start of the year, thanks to a very generous legacy left by a former Trustee. The new website has received great feedback as it is now much easier to navigate, and forms can be completed online as well as donations can now be made through the new website. We continue to review the website and make improvements following feedback we receive from our end users.

Annual Mass

This year's Annual Mass was held at St John the Baptist in Camborne thanks to Fr Jaraslaw and the children of St John's Catholic Primary School. It was a beautiful mass, which included readings by some of the Year 6's and the most wonderful singing from the whole school. Our Annual Mass is our way of continuing to thank all our supporters as well as highlighting the important work that we do. We like to travel around the Diocese to meet new supporters, and we look forward to visiting St Mary's in Axminster in 2026.

Summary of achievements in 2024 • Essential Grant Programme • EGP

The number of applications processed in 2025 was higher than it has been in previous years, which shows there continues to be a high demand for the EGP with many families in need within the Diocese. The cost-of-living crisis continues to impact on families, along with family dynamics changing due to ill health, a change in family circumstances, bereavement, and moving home. We have also seen a marked increase in the number of applications from families fleeing their home countries with no belongings and seeking refuge in this country having to start from scratch.

The number of applications received has increased considerably to 282, of which 269 were considered by the panel and 214 of these were processed. This is the number of families/carers who have been supported by the charity during 2025. The number of children within a family with additional needs has doubled and the number of adults/applicants who have a disability has almost doubled from the figures the previous year. We envisage that this number will continue to increase as the cost-of-living is becoming too great for many of the families living within the Diocese.

• Of the 214 applications approved and processed ion 2025, the number of children benefiting directly from item/s purchased was 162
• The number of children within a family with additional needs was 54
• The number of adults/applicants who have a disability or additional needs was 43
• The number of items purchased for families/carers (uniform is classed as one item) was 481

The number of items purchased has risen from 354 in 2024 and an example of the items provided in 2025 include baby clothing and shoes, baby equipment, beds and mattresses, car seats, children's clothing and footwear, chests of drawers, heated clothes airers, condenser tumble dryers, cookers, fridge/freezers, microwaves, prams & double buggies, rugs, school uniforms including school shoes, sensory clothing, sofas, stairgates, tables and chairs, vacuum cleaners, wardrobes, washing machines, weighted vests and a year 6 residential.

	2022	2023	2024	2025
Number of grants received and considered	396	211	186	269
Number of grants suspended/not processed due to budget	56	22	32	13
Total number of grant applications received	452	233	218	282
Applications declined/cancelled or no longer needed	166	63	45	55
Total number of grants approved and funded	230	148	141	214

Trustees' Report

The Plymouth Diocese covers all of Devon, Cornwall, and parts of Dorset. Most applications received and considered were from Devon and in particular Plymouth, however the number of applications from Cornwall has increased as last year we only received 21 applications.

- Devon applications **202**
- Cornwall applications **60**
- Dorset applications **7**

The charity continues to look at the ways we support families and is continually looking for new ways to promote the Essential Grants Programme to make families and the professional agencies who support those families most in need aware of how we can help all families throughout the Diocese. Upon receipt of a completed application form from a family as well as a reference form completed by a professional supporting the family, the panel of trustees considers each application. If approved, funds are not transferred directly to the family, as the charity purchases the items required, having sourced the best deals available at the time, and then the items are delivered to the family homes.

Unfortunately, due to budget restrictions and the sheer volume of applications the charity receives, the Board of Trustees has set a maximum monthly spend limit, which can sometimes mean that if this limit is reached, some applications may have to be suspended towards the end of the month. The total suspended in 2025 was 13 which is less than in previous years. Referees are then asked to re-submit their suspended applications the following month, as we do not maintain a waiting list. This was not an easy decision for the Board of Trustees to make, but based on finances, donations and reserves, this action had to be taken. However, this remains under constant review.

Last year, we worked with the professionals who completed the EGP applications in order to streamline our procedures, and we are hopeful of having just one combined application form following feedback from many professionals.

We receive many grateful messages from the families we support and the professionals who support them and we endeavor to let our loyal supporters know in our newsletters and on our Social Media pages. This feedback not only encourages more donations, but it assists with applications for external funding. **The charity is extremely grateful for all donations, funding, grants, and legacies that it receives, as this vital money enables the charity to continue with the Essential Grants Programme by helping families within the Plymouth Diocese. Thank you.**

Financial review

Incoming Resources

The Society's incoming resources in the year were £ 143,275 (2024: £129,467). Of this amount £89,994 (2024: £74,975) came from Voluntary Sources. Legacies of £11,000 was received in this period (2024: £ 8,192). Grants totalling £36,884 (2024: £41,620) were secured this year as a result of the efforts of the fund raiser.

Resources Expended

The Society spent £147,242 (2024: £118,020) . Charitable expenditure of £119,423 (2024: £92,124) in the current year comprises £20,733 (2024: £19,967) spent on Pro-active parenting, (the family support project). Grants to individuals and other institutions increased to £58,670 from £39,881 in 2024. The costs of Governance of the Society were £7,470 (2024 £6,016) and £27,819 (2024: £25,896) was applied to generate funds for the Society, including the cost of the fundraiser.

Trustees' Report

Net Movement in Funds

The net decrease in realised funds for the year was £3.967 (2024 increase of £11,447). Further details on the results for the year and on the movement in funds may be found in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 15 of the financial statements.

Investment policy and objectives

Having regard to the level of reserves and reserves policy, the Directors operate a policy of keeping funds sufficient for day-to-day functioning in current accounts, with the balance administered by investment fund managers – Raymond James/Wren Sterling [previously known as Stockdale Asset Management]. This year the Directors have allocated part of the investments to ensure the Society has sufficient reserves to cover contractual obligations to its staff and suppliers should the Society become unintentionally insolvent.

Policy on reserves

This section of the Directors' Report should be read in conjunction with note 15 to the financial statements. The Society is involved in several projects, the foremost being Pro-active Parenting, (supporting parents/carers and families), which is a permanent feature of the Society's work and its major financial commitment.

The Charity has total unrestricted reserves at 31 December 2025 of £279,278 (2024 - £261,033) and restricted reserves of £10,000 (2024 - £15,000). The Directors consider this level of reserves appropriate (i) to cushion existing activities from unexpected fluctuations in incoming resources, (ii) to enable maintenance and improvement of the projects currently being run and (iii) to enable them to make one-off grants as and when appropriate. A designated reserve has been allocated to ensure that the Society is in a position to meet its contractual obligations to staff and suppliers should any unforeseen event occur which threatens the resources of the Society.

Plans for future periods

Aims and key objectives for future periods

- Continue to find alternative and innovative ways of fundraising as well as supporting our existing ways to get involved
- Continue to apply for grant funding from new sources as well as our regular funders
- Continue to promote the importance of regular donations, especially through our new website and also our 50:50 club Helping Hands
- Continue to work with our schools and parishes to ensure more support for our fundraising initiatives
- Continue to promote the Parish Volunteer role and investigate ways to encourage more recruits such as the production of a Parish Volunteer newsletter and zoom meetings to provide support and training to the Parish Volunteers we have recruited

Catholic Childrens Society (Plymouth)

Trustees' Report

Trustees and officers

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:	A M Rodgers
	H Brown
	M T Shepherd
	M Macari
	D T V Kroonenburg
	R Paice
	A L Towsey
	B S Fearnley
Chair :	B S Fearnley
Secretary:	R Paice

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 20.12.26 and signed on its behalf by:

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B S Fearnley
Chair and trustee

Catholic Childrens Society (Plymouth)

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Catholic Childrens Society (Plymouth) ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Catholic Childrens Society (Plymouth) as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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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Date: 20/04/26

Catholic Childrens Society (Plymouth)

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2025 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3	104,878	33,000	137,878	123,187
Charitable activities	4	1,172	-	1,172	-
Investment income	5	4,225	-	4,225	6,280
Total income		110,275	33,000	143,275	129,467
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	6	(28,466)	-	(28,466)	(25,896)
Charitable activities	7	(81,423)	(38,000)	(119,423)	(92,124)
Total expenditure		(109,889)	(38,000)	(147,889)	(118,020)
Gains/(losses) on investment assets		24,320	-	24,320	5,129
Net income/(expenditure)		24,706	(5,000)	19,706	16,576
Net movement in funds		24,706	(5,000)	19,706	16,576
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		261,033	15,000	276,033	259,457
Total funds carried forward	15	285,739	10,000	295,739	276,033

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2024 is shown in note 15.

Catholic Childrens Society (Plymouth)

(Registration number: 01546053)
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	2,129	1,864
Investments	12	244,396	200,708
		246,525	202,572
Current assets			
Debtors	13	512	796
Cash at bank and in hand		55,901	79,447
		56,413	80,243
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	14	(7,199)	(6,782)
Net current assets		49,214	73,461
Net assets		295,739	276,033
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		10,000	15,000
Unrestricted income funds			
Designated Funds		23,421	23,864
General Funds		262,318	237,169
Total unrestricted funds		285,739	261,033
Total funds	15	295,739	276,033

For the financial year ending 31 December 2025 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements on pages 15 to 30 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 20.4.26 and signed on their behalf by:

B S Fearnley
Chair and trustee

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

1 Charity status

The charity is limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales, and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

The address of its registered office is:
St Boniface House
Ashburton
Devon
TQ13 7JL

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates
The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)) (issued in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation
Catholic Childrens Society (Plymouth) meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern
The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

Income and endowments
All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Donated services and facilities

Income from donated goods is recorded only once the proceeds of the sales have been realised. Until such time as the goods are sold, it is not possible to confirm reliably what their market value wll be. This is due to the nature of the market for the types of items received, such as antiques and collectors items.

Investment income

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £100.00 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Electrical equipment	20% reducing balance
Other equipment (including collection boxes)	20% reducing balance

Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments, other than programme related investments, are included at market value at the balance sheet date. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their market value at the start of the year, or their subsequent cost, and are charged or credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period of disposal.

Unrealised gains and losses represent the movement in market values during the year and are credited or charged to the Statement of Financial Activities based on the market value at the year end.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Borrowings

Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs. Interest-bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the Statement of Financial Activities over the period of the relevant borrowing.

Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the charity has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Financial instruments

Classification

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.
Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the charity after deducting all of its liabilities.

Recognition and measurement

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the charity intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the charity, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

Debt instruments

Debt instruments which meet the following conditions are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method:

Debt instruments that are classified as payable or receivable within one year on initial recognition and which meet the above conditions are measured at the undiscounted amount of the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received, net of impairment.

With the exception of some hedging instruments, other debt instruments not meeting these conditions are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

Commitments to make and receive loans which meet the conditions mentioned above are measured at cost (which may be nil) less impairment.

Investments

Investments in non-convertible preference shares and non-puttable ordinary or preference shares (where shares are publicly traded or their fair value is reliably measurable) are measured at fair value through profit or loss. Where fair value cannot be measured reliably, investments are measured at cost less impairment.

Investments in subsidiaries and associates are measured at cost less impairment. For investments in subsidiaries acquired for consideration including the issue of shares qualifying for merger relief, cost is measured by reference to the nominal value of the shares issued plus fair value of other consideration. Any premium is ignored.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £
Donations and legacies;			
Legacies and bequests	11,000	-	11,000
Appeals and donations	13,261	-	13,261
Donations - Patchwork	1,500	-	1,500
Donations - Fundraising	17,956	-	17,956
Crib offerings	8,726	-	8,726
Grants, including capital grants;			
Grants - Fundraising	3,884	33,000	36,884
Diocesan collections - Fundraising	13,350	-	13,350
Sales of donated goods	35,201	-	35,201
	104,878	33,000	137,878

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations - Patchwork	1,500	-	1,500
Legacies	8,192	-	8,192
Donations - Fundraising	22,510	-	22,510
Crib offerings	8,781	-	8,781
Appeals and donations	20,254	-	20,254
Grants, including capital grants;			
Grants - Fundraising	5,620	36,000	41,620
Diocesan collections - Fundraising	20,330	-	20,330
	87,187	36,000	123,187

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £
Rainbows	1,172	1,172

5 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Interest receivable and similar income;			
Interest receivable on bank deposits	2,927	2,927	1,727
Other income from fixed asset investments	1,298	1,298	4,553
	4,225	4,225	6,280

6 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Fundraising expenses	6,917	6,917	6,032
Fundraising wages	19,619	19,619	18,410
Investment management costs	1,930	1,930	1,454
	28,466	28,466	25,896

7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	Designated £	General £	£	£	£
Direct charitable running costs	-	29,703	-	29,703	22,994
Patchwork Family Support Project	-	20,733	-	20,733	19,967
Direct grant funding of individuals and other institutions	-	20,670	38,000	58,670	39,881
Rainbows	-	2,011	-	2,011	850
Sundry costs	-	253	-	253	2
Indirect support costs	-	159	-	159	183
Other	-	424	-	424	2,231
Governance costs	443	7,027	-	7,470	6,016
	443	80,980	38,000	119,423	92,124

8 Analysis of governance and support costs

	Unrestricted funds		Total 2025	Total 2024
	Designated £	General £	£	£
Accountant's remuneration	-	1,284	1,284	963
Independent Examiner's remuneration	-	3,468	3,468	4,596
Legal fees	-	2,275	2,275	-
Depreciation, amortisation and other similar costs	443	-	443	457
	443	7,027	7,470	6,016

9 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	Unrestricted fund			
	Charitable Activities 2025 £	Raising Funds 2025 £	2025 £	2024 £
Staff costs during the year were:				
Wages and salaries	38,950	17,624	56,574	51,101
Pension costs	4,410	1,995	6,405	5,735
	43,360	19,619	62,979	56,836

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2025 No	2024 No
Employees	3	3

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

10 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Furniture and equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 January 2025	10,920	10,920
Additions	708	708
At 31 December 2025	11,628	11,628
Depreciation		
At 1 January 2025	9,056	9,056
Charge for the year	443	443
At 31 December 2025	9,499	9,499
Net book value		
At 31 December 2025	2,129	2,129
At 31 December 2024	1,864	1,864

12 Fixed asset investments

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other investments	244,396	200,708

Other investments

	Listed investments	Total
	£	£
Cost or Valuation		
At 1 January 2025	200,708	200,708
Cash investment	20,000	20,000
Additions	256,512	256,512
Disposals	(232,824)	(232,824)
At 31 December 2025	244,396	244,396
Net book value		
At 31 December 2025	244,396	244,396
At 31 December 2024	200,708	200,708

13 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accrued income	512	796

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	590	-
Other creditors	1,192	1,239
Accruals	5,417	5,543
	7,199	6,782

15 Funds

	Balance at 1 January 2025 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Other recognised gains/ (losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2025 £
Unrestricted funds					
General					
General Funds	237,169	110,275	(109,446)	24,320	262,318
Designated					
Tangible fixed assets	1,864	-	(443)	-	1,421
Trustee designated	22,000	-	-	-	22,000
	23,864	-	(443)	-	23,421
Total unrestricted funds	261,033	110,275	(109,889)	24,320	285,739
Restricted funds					
Direct Grant Funding	15,000	33,000	(38,000)	-	10,000
Total funds	276,033	143,275	(147,889)	24,320	295,739

	Balance at 1 January 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/ (losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2024 £
Unrestricted funds						
General						
General Funds	230,832	93,467	(91,563)	(696)	5,129	237,169
Designated						
Tangible fixed assets	1,625	-	(457)	696	-	1,864
Trustee designated	22,000	-	-	-	-	22,000
	23,625	-	(457)	696	-	23,864
Total unrestricted funds	254,457	93,467	(92,020)	-	5,129	261,033
Restricted funds						
Direct Grant Funding	5,000	36,000	(26,000)	-	-	15,000
Total funds	259,457	129,467	(118,020)	-	5,129	276,033

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

i) The net book amounts of unrestricted funds invested in tangible fixed assets
(ii) Details of the Patchwork Family Support Project are explained in the Trustees Report. In 2011 the Trustees decided to designate funds to secure the future of the Patchwork family support project, consequently a transfer amounting to a further two years annual expenses was made from the general fund to cover 2014 and 2015. It also includes incoming resources in the form of donations from participants of Patchwork courses. (The equipment used for the project is included in the Tangible Fixed Assets Fund).
(iii) The net surplus/(deficit) after transfers to the designated funds represents, if in surplus, funds available for use at the discretion of the Directors to further expand the activities of the Society.
(iv) Grants or donations received with restrictions over their use.

16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total funds at 31 December 2025
	General	Designated		
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	-	2,129	-	2,129
Fixed asset investments	224,396	-	-	224,396
Current assets	46,413	-	10,000	56,413
Current liabilities	(7,199)	-	-	(7,199)
Total net assets	263,610	2,129	10,000	275,739

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total funds at 31 December 2024
	General	Designated		
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	-	1,864	-	1,864
Fixed asset investments	200,708	-	-	200,708
Current assets	65,243	-	15,000	80,243
Current liabilities	(6,782)	-	-	(6,782)
Total net assets	259,169	1,864	15,000	276,033

17 Related party transactions

During the year the charity made the following related party transactions:

Neither the Trustee Directors nor any persons connected with them receive any form of remuneration other than reimbursement at a fixed rate per mile for motor car travel and for other expenses incurred in the course of their duties as Trustee Directors. The entitlement was exercised by 3 Trustee Directors (2024:4). The Trustee Directors were reimbursed £1,294 for expenses during the year (2024: £252). Total costs of £2,446 were paid to the Diocesan Trust which was made up of the following; £l,000 to Plymouth Diocesan Trust (2024: £1,000) for bookkeeping and administrative support. The remainder of the costs were paid for general use of the admin costs as supplied by the Diocese.

No grants were given to the Diocese during the year.. At the balance sheet date the amount due to the Diocese was £1,133 (2024 - £646).

CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (PLYMOUTH)

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Catholic Childrens Society (Plymouth)

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

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Catholic Childrens Society (Plymouth)

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Catholic Childrens Society (Plymouth)

Reference and Administrative Details

Chairman	B S Fearnley
Trustees	A M Rodgers H Brown M T Shepherd M Macari D T V Kroonenburg R Paice A L Towsey B S Fearnley
Secretary	R Paice
Charity Registration Number	282803
Company Registration Number	01546053
	The charity is incorporated in England and Wales.
Registered Office	St Boniface House Ashburton Devon TQ13 7JL
Independent Examiner	Westcotts Plym House 3 Longbridge Road Plymouth Marsh Mills Devon PL6 8LT
Solicitors:	Tozers LLP Broadwalk House Southernhay West Exeter Devon EX1 1UA

Catholic Childrens Society (Plymouth)

Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Structure

The Society is a company limited by guarantee, not having share capital, and governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. [In the event of the Company being wound up, the liability of each member is limited to £ I0].

Control of the Society and its property and funds are vested in a Committee, whose Members, Chair and Deputy Chair are formally appointed by the Roman Catholic Bishop of Plymouth and who constitute the charity trustees of the Society and directors under company law and are known as the Board of Trustee Directors.

However, at present the Plymouth Diocese are without a Bishop. Canon Paul Cummins is the Diocesan Administrator, who can appoint new trustees to CCSP.

Governance, Decision-making and Recruitment and Appointment of Trustee Directors

Details of the structure of the Charity and its Governing Document are given above. The business of the Society is managed by this Board, which may consult with the Bishop/Acting President on the business of the Society whenever it is deemed appropriate, and which must do so on any matter which significantly affects the character and ethos of the Society. The Board meets as often as considered necessary to manage the business of the Society but must meet at least three times a year. The Board may delegate any of its functions to sub-committees, (provided at least two members of each sub-committee are members of the main committee) and regulate them as appropriate and in addition may appoint sub-committees to act purely in an advisory capacity. The Board review and set up sub-committees where needed, an example of this being sub-committees were created for an action plan, topics being CCSP moving forward and reviewing finances, expenses, fundraising and communication with the Bishops Office. Face to face meetings take place, along with Teams meetings where appropriate, as well as some phone conversations.

Recruitment of members takes place from advertisements placed across the Catholic Diocese of Plymouth, as we have an expectation that members will live within the area in which the charity provides its services. The Board members are recruited from all backgrounds, faiths, and experiences, and although some have specialist skills and knowledge to share with the Board it is considered of primary importance that the members have an interest in the care and welfare of children, young people, and families.

Candidates for membership of the Board are invited to attend one or two Board Meetings as observers, to meet existing members and gain an insight into the workings of the Charity and its Board. At that time and on appointment to the Board, they are supplied with a copy of the last Statutory Financial Statements of the Charity, a copy of its Memorandum and Articles and Charity Commission publications explaining their responsibilities as Trustee Directors. New Board Members complete declarations accepting membership of the Charity and of their willingness to act as Trustee Directors of the Charity and are vetted in accordance with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

All new Board members are encouraged to ask questions at Board meetings, and where appropriate to seek additional training or guidance on any aspect of the Society's work. Members of staff and Trustees are available for any questions.

Trustee Directors receive no remuneration for their work governing and supporting the charity, although due to the large area covered and to ensure recruitment and retention of Board members, reasonable travel expenses are reimbursed.

Catholic Childrens Society (Plymouth)

Trustees' Report

Staff

During 2024 the Society employed three paid staff, all of whom worked part time.

- Pro-active Parenting Lead/Rainbows Director - providing and facilitating all Pro-active Parenting courses to support parents/carers and liaising with schools. The Pro- active Parenting member of staff is also trained to deliver Rainbows GB bereavement and loss training: to support members of staff in CAST schools to deliver the rainbows programme to children.
- Fundraiser & Communications Officer - obtaining all grants and funding for the charity and updating parishioners/Diocese/supporters of the work CCSP carry out through the year.
- Administrator, Finance and Essential Grants Manager - Essential grant programme, admin for Trustees/charity and finances.

Patron

Our sincere thanks go to Professor Shelia the Baroness Hollins who is our Patron, she is regularly updated.

Volunteers

Throughout the Diocese, a few people in parishes volunteer to help the Society by acting as coordinators for the annual appeal collection. Others have given much time and effort to fundraising and publicity. The Society is most grateful to all who have given help in any way.

CCSP plan to continue to actively promote the Parish Volunteer role.

Other relationships

The Society is supported by the Plymouth Diocesan Trust, also a Registered Charity (No. 213227). The Diocesan Trust provides the accommodation occupied by the Society's Registered Office and expects reimbursement for the office consumables such as stationery, telephone, and postage. A small sum is payable for other administrative services provided by the Diocese such as payroll and personnel support. The Society is exceedingly grateful for the support the Diocese offers in this way.

Caritas

Caritas continues to thrive and develop.

It supports and shares the Mission of the Catholic Church, supporting the network of social action charities and parishes within the Plymouth Diocese. We have a strong partnership with Caritas Plymouth. As one of the founder members of the Caritas team we are helping to draw this initiative forward, helping to reach more disadvantaged families' and children. We have worked collaboratively with Caritas in identifying the needs of families in crisis in the Dioceses. Helping those of faith and of none.

Compliance with the governing document and current statutory requirements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the governing document of the Society, current statutory requirements, and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS102): Accounting and Reporting by Charities. The Board of Trustee Directors have complied with their duty and with due regard to the guidance on public benefit given by the Charity Commission when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance was relevant.

Catholic Childrens Society (Plymouth)

Trustees' Report

Investment Powers

Under the Memorandum and Articles, the Charity has the power to deposit or invest funds in any manner (but to invest only after obtaining advice and having regard to the suitability of investments and the need for diversification). The Charity holds a policy on ethical investment and has a statement of investment principle and risk of which our investment advisors are aware.

Objectives

The objectives of the Society are to relieve the charitable needs of children, young persons and families of those of the Catholic faith, those of all faiths and none.

Activities Undertaken by the Society in connection with the objectives stated.

The stated objective of the Society is to support family life across the Catholic Diocese of Plymouth, which covers all of Cornwall, Devon, and part of Dorset.

Currently this is achieved by the provision of the Pro-active Parenting Project, Rainbows bereavement and loss training, the Good Shepherd Programme for schools, and an Essential Grant Programme.

These are all supported by various fundraising initiatives and donations from schools, parishes, and individuals, as well as from a number of grant giving organisations. Our investment strategy provides reserves to ensure there are sufficient funds available to support these activities for at least the coming financial year in the event of a financial deficit caused by lack of income. This is necessary due to the fluctuating nature of our grant giving, which is dependent on need and can vary greatly month to month.

The Pro-active Parenting Project is designed to support parents and carers. The programmes cover differing age ranges so that parents or carers have a choice of platform to suit their needs. Efforts are made to overcome any barriers to participation, such as literacy or language, and venues are selected to cover a wide-ranging area and with appropriate facilities for all participants.

These programmes are provided free of charge to all parents and carers and although voluntary donations to help defray expenses are welcomed, they are not expected. CCSP also has an SLA agreement with CAST [Plymouth CAST, Multi Academy Trust], in order to be able to offer the Pro-active Parenting Courses within these schools.

As local authority budgets are cut further, the number of non-statutory parenting programmes provided by local authorities continue to fall year on year. The Pro-active Parenting project strives to bridge the gap for parents by providing programmes in their locality.

The Pro-active Parenting member of staff is also trained to deliver Rainbows GB bereavement and loss training to support members of staff in CAST schools to deliver the rainbows programme to children.

The Board of Trustee Directors review the Project to ensure cost efficiency, value for money, along with effectiveness and impact are being met.

Our Good Shepherd programme is promoted in schools to encourage young people to think of the needs of others. Along with the organization of sponsored events to raise awareness and funds for CCSP.

We also purchased essential items for families through our Essential Grant Programme. Helping to support families of all faiths or none. All grant applications the Society receive are assessed on individual/families/carers need; in order that CCSP can be sure that all donations/funding received are being used with consideration and efficiency.

Applications must be supported by a professional agency supporting the family, an example of this being a school, housing association or medical professional. Guidance is offered to applicants and referees through documents publicly available on our website or on request. The main criteria for acceptance remains that the item required must directly benefit children within the family, and be of an essential nature, and not available through statutory aid. The Essential Grant programme will continue to be reviewed.

The Board of Trustee Directors have provided all these services and complied with their duty and with due regard to the guidance on public benefit given by the Charity Commission when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance was relevant.

Summary of achievements in 2024, report from the Acting Chair of Trustees.

This has been one of our most successful years for fundraising, certainly since the pandemic. As our charity has become better known throughout the diocese of Plymouth, more organisations are applying for our essential grants for some of the most vulnerable families in the diocese. As ever our essential grants are open to families in need, of faith or no faith. Our most challenging demographic areas are Torbay, Plymouth, Cornwall, parts of North Devon and some small areas of Dorset.

Headteachers, SENDCOs and pastoral support workers in CAST and non-CAST schools have been able to apply for essential grants on behalf of individual families. In response and in thanks, many schools are holding fundraising events for CCSP.

Our requests continue to come from many different professionals, the CAB, mental health, health visitors, peri mental health workers, DA support services and many more. As the cost-of-living crisis continues to impact the whole of our diocese, so many more families are struggling from day to day. We continue to help, families with disabilities, families impacted by very serious and unexpected illness, those who have suffered the impact of bereavement, pregnant women, those with very serious mental health needs, asylum seekers, DA survivors and so many more.

Our Pro-active Parenting support worker, Sarah Davies, has been able to get into more schools to offer the benefit of her training and expertise. In her second role as a registered director for Rainbows GB bereavement and loss, she has trained staff in a number of schools to deliver bereavement and loss programmes to children. She has also responded to the needs of schools where tragedy has happened, for example when a member of staff has died.

As Acting Chair, I feel, it is very important for our charity to move forward, this is particularly so in how we gain and manage our funds. We are always cognizant, that all we do aligns with the charity's ethics, objects and mission statement. All Trustees and employees have taken part in safeguarding training. We have offered CPD opportunities to all three of our employees, which have been successful in supporting their different areas of work for the charity. Each employee has an annual appraisal.

Historically the Bishop of the diocese is also our President, giving validation and support to the work of our charity, however the diocese has been without a Bishop for more than two years, but we are grateful for the support of Canon Paul Cummins, Diocesan Administrator who continues in the role of president of CCSP.

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We have been effective in our efforts to provide more outreach to Cornwall and Dorset but there is more to be done. In the coming year our summer fundraising event will be in Cornwall, as will our annual mass. We continue to visit and give ·presentations at Deanery meetings and work in collaboration with Caritas workers in all areas of the diocese.

As Acting Chair, I have been part of the Caritas advisory group, working with a number of· partner charities, which give mutual awareness and support. Caritas is a Catholic Social Action Charity, active in our diocese.

We are keen to increase our number of Trustees and encourage diversity in the makeup of our Board. We are always looking to recruit Trustees to complement the skill set within the current board.

We are so very grateful to our many loyal donors who support our annual appeals but also fundraising in parishes. This may take the form of Lenten lunches, Cribfests, raffles etc. or individuals who donate on a regular or one-off basis. We are so grateful to our supporters who recognise the impact of the charity's work in all we try to achieve. We are also thankful for legacies received during this financial year

Summary of achievements in 2024 - Pro-active Parenting/Rainbows.

Continuing professional Development

There has been the opportunity to have some further training to aid the courses that I deliver that we have managed to obtain for travel costs only by joining other consortiums of services as well as the annual training required by the diocese.

- ASSIST training by Pete's Dragon
- Mental Health First Aid by First Aid England
- Assessing Mental Capacity Training
- Children with epilepsy training
- Conflict Resolution Training
- Managing Anxiety training
- Therapeutic Parenting
- Cyber security understanding cyber risk. Diocese Training
- Cyber security staying safe online. Diocese Training
- Data Privacy Diocese Training
- Personal Safety Diocese Training
- Fire Safety Diocese Training
- Risk Assessments Diocese Training
- Electrical Safety Diocese Training
- Manual Handling Diocese Training
- Slips and Trips Diocese Training
- Your Health and Safety Diocese Training
- Display Screen Equipment Diocese Training

Pro-Active Parenting

We successfully ran courses in several schools including:

- St Johns Penzance
- St Mary's Camborne
- St Joseph Exmouth
- St Mary's Buckfast
- Our Lady's Torquay
- Our Lady's Teignmouth
- St Peters Plymouth
- St Mary's Dorchester

Promoting the courses that we have to offer has gone well, advertising through the CAST portal and direct communications with schools via email. It is becoming increasingly difficult for schools to find the space and for parents to attend. The aim for the future is to look at the ability to run courses off the school grounds.

Rainbows

We offer bereavement and loss training to staff in our Catholic schools, enabling them to deliver the peer support style Rainbows, Sunbeams and Spectrum programme. We offered continued support for Weymouth, training their facilitators in January 2024 and Our ladies in Torquay, both whole school CPD as well as facilitator training in February, as well as some online training for St Peters Bournemouth. One to one school support was given in Torquay in December.

Out of 25 CAST schools and 3 independents in the diocese we have 22 registered sites, with more to come in 2025 towards the goal of every school offering this support and service.

Good Shepherd

Our Good Shepherd program continues to encourage children in our Catholic schools to think of others.
Sleep on the floor 2024 ran and we had participation from several schools. School involvement continues to be low, but we find that if schools have not run the actual initiative, then they will do a fundraiser of some kind for us in the year.

We have offered other planned fundraisers like the CAST anniversary drop down day material with very limited support. The plan for 2025 is to minimize workload by combining Jubilee of Sport and the Good Shepherd with the St Aloysius non uniform day in hope that more schools will support.

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Volunteers

We managed to make some new contacts in Dorset last year as we visited Weymouth and Poole for a couple of our annual events. We recruited two new Parish Volunteers, and had interest from a few more, it is pleasing to see that more parishes are running their own innovative fundraising ideas, even without the formal role of a Parish Volunteer.

We continue to promote the role of the Parish Volunteer throughout the Diocese, where we look for one parishioner or even a small number of people in a parish to volunteer to help the charity by acting as coordinators for our annual appeal and crib appeal, as well as other diocesan wide fundraising events. We are considering the production of a Parish Volunteer newsletter and zoom meetings to provide support and training to the Parish Volunteers we have recruited. The charity is very grateful to all our loyal supporters who continue to help raise much needed funds.

Over the last two years, we have now visited all five Deanery meetings to actively promote how parishes can help us with our fundraising, and we plan to ask to attend these Deanery meetings every three years.

Legacies

During 2024 CCSP received 2 legacies for which we are extremely grateful. This enables us to continue to support families within the Diocese, this also supports the charity's future. We are grateful for those people who left a donation in their will for CCSP, we are thankful for the support we receive.

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Summary of achievements in 2024 - Fundraising

2024 was a wonderful year for CCSP as our Annual Appeal, crib appeal, Great Big Diocesan Quiz, orange box recycling scheme and ink cartridge recycling scheme all raised record breaking totals. We are extremely grateful for all the support we receive throughout the Diocese.

'Believe, Love, Share - Transforming Lives' was the theme of our 2024 Annual Appeal, which raised well over £20,000 compared to just over £17,000 in both 2023 and 2022. We continue to use a QR code wherever possible, which has helped to make it much easier for donations to be made. In addition, we received a record number of donations to our Crib Appeal at the end of 2023/start of 2024 and received just under £9,000 compared to just under £7,000 in 2023 and just over £3,500 in 2022.

We are grateful to the supporters of the National Lottery as we received a further grant of £14,000 last year as well as another £2,000 from the Cornwall Community Foundation for the third year running. We were also successful in receiving £10,000 from the Day for Life Fund and £5,000 from the Green Hall Foundation. Included with the total grant income of £41,620 (2023 £31,152) was amounts received from our regular annual grant funders of £10,000 which has risen considerably compared to last year.

Another record was set with our orange box recycling scheme, where supporters donate their unwanted items such as stamps, jewellery, silver e.t.c. which is subsequently turned into cash. Almost £6,000 was received compared to just over £5,500 in 2023 and £3,500 in 2022. We have also actively promoted our recently relaunched ink cartridge recycling scheme and raised £532.50 last year compared to £206 in 2023.

Eight parishes took part in our 2024 Great Big Diocesan Quiz which raised just over £1,500 and a further two parishes held their quiz night after the main event bringing the total raised to almost £3,000, which is our best GBDQ total to date.

Following the success of our inaugural 'Rise to Our Cause' event on Ascension Thursday at Buckfast Abbey in 2023, last year's event was held at St Mary's in Poole which gave us the opportunity to meet many new supporters in Dorset. Thank you to everyone involved at St Mary's for making us all feel so welcome and for the wonderful buffet you provided. Our Guest Speaker was David Wells, and the event raised £540 compared to £450 the previous year. This is now an annual event, and our 2025 event will be held at St Cuthbert Mayne in Launceston, as we will be moving around the Diocese to meet more new CCSP supporters.

Following the success of our first ever Wills Week in the summer where £725 was received in donations from parishioners who supported us during the week, we are in the process of arranging a second Wills Week for April 2025. Thanks to a generous legacy left by a former trustee, our brand-new website was launched towards the end of the year. Having listened to feedback from our supporters, our new website is now much easier to navigate, and forms can be completed online, as well as donations can also now be made through the new website.

We are very grateful to all our loyal supporters in our parishes and schools for their continued support of the charity.

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Annual Mass

This year's Annual Mass took place at St Joseph's in Weymouth thanks to Fr Anthony and the children of St Augustine's Roman Catholic Primary School. It was a beautiful mass led by the children, celebrating the important role they have in spreading love, joy and the importance of family. Our Annual Mass is our way of thanking all our supporters, as well as highlighting the important work that we do, and we look forward to visiting St John the Baptist in Camborne in 2025.

Plans for the Year Ahead

- Continue to find alternative and innovative ways of fundraising as well as supporting our existing ways to get involved
- Continue to apply for grant funding from new sources, as well as our regular funders
- Continue to promote the importance of regular donations especially through our new website, also our 50:50 club Helping Hands
- Continue to work with our schools and parishes to ensure more support of our fundraising initiatives
- Continue to promote the Parish Volunteer role and investigate ways to encourage more recruits, such as the production of a Parish Volunteer newsletter and zoom meetings to provide support and training to the Parish Volunteers we have recruited

Summary of achievements in 2024 - Essential Grant Programme - EGP

There continues to be extreme demand for the EGP, as there remains a high level of families in need within the Diocese. The cost-of-living crisis has impacted on families, along with family dynamics changing due to ill heath, a change in family circumstances, bereavement, and moving home.

The number of applications received was 218, of which 186 were considered by the panel, and 141 of these were processed, this is the number of families/carers supported by CCSP during 2024. Although this number appears to have reduced from previous years, the number of children who benefited from this support continues to rise, and the number of items purchased has increased.

- Of the 141 applications approved and processed, the number of children benefiting directly from item/s purchased was 143.
- The number of children within a family with additional needs was 26.
- and the number of adults/applicants who have a disability or additional needs was 22.
- 354 items were purchased for families/cares in 2024. [uniform is classed as one item].

An example of items provided in 2024 are - cookers, washing machines, fridge-freezers, school uniform/clothing, shoes/trainers, beds/mattresses, cots/mattresses, and many baby items.

	2022	2023	2024
Number of grants received and considered	396	211	186
Number of grants suspended/not processed due to budget	56	22	32
Total number of grant applications received	452	233	218
Applications declined/cancelled or no longer needed	166	63	45
Total number of grants approved and funded	230	148	141

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The Plymouth Diocese covers all of Cornwall, Devon, and part of Dorset. Although it is noted that most applications received and considered were from Devon, Plymouth being the highest area.
o Cornwall applications 21
o Devon applications 159
o Dorset applications 6

CCSP continue to look at ways of supporting families and making them and professional agencies aware of the EGP throughout the Diocese.

Funds are not transferred directly to a family or referee, items are purchased and delivered to the family home, or in the case of school uniform CCSP can sometimes arrange for children/families/carers to go directly to a school uniform/clothing shop.

All applications are considered by a CCSP panel. Unfortunately, due to budget restrictions an amount of money must be allocated to the EGP a month, it does mean that if this is reached some applications have had to be suspended. This total for 2024 was 32. Referees are asked to re-submit applications in the following month, there is no waiting list. This has not been an easy decision for the Trustee Directors to make, but based on finances, donations and reserves this action had to be taken but remains under constant review.

We receive many lovely messages of thanks from the agencies we deal with, and the families we have supported. It is wonderful to have this feedback, both for CCSP, our donators and supporters, this also helps to support any funding applications CCSP submit.

We are extremely grateful for all donations, funding, and legacies that CCSP receive, as this enables the charity to continue with the Essential Grant Programme and support families within the Plymouth Diocese. Thank you.

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Statement of Directors Responsibility

The Trustees (who are also directors of Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Directors Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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Investment Policy

Having regard to the level of reserves and reserves policy, the Directors operate a policy of keeping funds sufficient for day to day functioning in current accounts, with the balance administered by investment fund managers Stockdale Asset Management This year the Directors have allocated part of the investments to ensure the Society has sufficient reserves to cover contractual obligations to its staff and suppliers should the Society become unintentionally insolvent.

Reserves

This section of the Directors' Report should be read in conjunction with note 14 to the financial statements. The Society is involved in several projects, the foremost being Pro-active Parenting, (supporting parents/carers and families), which is a permanent feature of the Society's work and its major financial commitment. The regular annual incoming resources of the Charity (i.e. excluding legacies and grants which are intermittent, unexpected sources of income), are usually approximately £60,000. Excluding grant-making activities, (which, again, are intermittent in nature), the regular annual resources expended by the Charity were approximately £52,000. The Charity has total unrestricted reserves at 31 December 2024 of £261,033 (2023 - £254,457) and restricted reserves of £15,000 (2023 - £5,000). The Directors consider this level of reserves appropriate (i) to cushion existing activities from unexpected fluctuations in incoming resources, (ii) to enable maintenance and improvement of the projects currently being run and (iii) to enable them to make one-off grants as and when appropriate. A designated reserve has been allocated to ensure that the Society is in a position to meet its contractual obligations to staff and suppliers should any unforeseen event occur which threatens the resources of the Society.

Incoming Resources

The Society's incoming resources in the year were £129,467 (2023: £155,122). Of this amount £74,975 (2023: £109,796) came from Voluntary Sources. Legacies of £8,192 was received in this period (2023: £ 41,439). Grants totalling £41,620 (2023: £24,400) were secured this year as a result of the efforts of the fundraiser.

Resources Expended

The Society spent £118,020 (2023: £98,688) on expenditure. Charitable expenditure of £91,668 (2023: £60,680) in the current year comprises £30,184 (2023: £27,957) spent on Pro-active parenting, (the family support project). Grants to individuals and other institutions increased to £42,974 from £31,329 in 2023. The costs of Governance of the Society were £4,639 (2023: £6,880) and £36,854 (2023: £30,499) was applied to generate funds for the Society, including the cost of the fundraiser.

Net Movement in Funds

The net increase in realised funds for the year was £11,447 (2023: increase of £56,434). Further details on the results for the year and on the movement in funds may be found in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 16 of the financial statements.

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Trustees and officers

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:	A M Rodgers
	H Brown
	M Marszalek (resigned 1 January 2025)
	V L Magor (resigned 22 April 2024)
	M T Shepherd
	M Macari (appointed 8 January 2024)
	D T V Kroonenburg
	R Paice
	A L Towsey (appointed 26 November 2024)
	B S Fearnley (appointed 20 May 2024)
Chairman:	B S Fearnley (appointed 20 May 2024)
Secretary:	R Paice

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 28.4.25 and signed on its behalf by:



B S Fearnley
Chairman and trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Catholic Childrens Society (Plymouth) ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Catholic Childrens Society (Plymouth) as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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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Date: 28.4.25

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2024 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3	87,187	36,000	123,187	151,235
Investment income	4	6,280	-	6,280	3,887
Total income		93,467	36,000	129,467	155,122
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	5	(25,895)	-	(25,895)	(22,178)
Charitable activities	6	(65,668)	(26,000)	(91,668)	(75,836)
Other expenditure	7	(457)	-	(457)	(673)
Total expenditure		(92,020)	(26,000)	(118,020)	(98,687)
Gains/(losses) on investment assets		5,129	-	5,129	16,569
Net income		6,576	10,000	16,576	73,004
Net movement in funds		6,576	10,000	16,576	73,004
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		254,457	5,000	259,457	186,453
Total funds carried forward	17	261,033	15,000	276,033	259,457

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2023 is shown in note 17.

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(Registration number: 01546053)
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

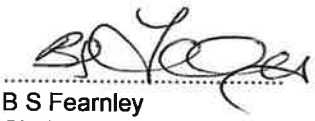
	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	12	1,864	1,625
Investments	13	200,708	192,480
		202,572	194,105
Current assets			
Debtors	14	796	4,502
Cash at bank and in hand	15	79,447	69,512
		80,243	74,014
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	16	(6,782)	(8,662)
Net current assets		73,461	65,352
Net assets		276,033	259,457
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		15,000	5,000
Unrestricted income funds			
Designated Funds		23,864	23,625
General Funds		237,169	230,832
Total unrestricted funds		261,033	254,457
Total funds	17	276,033	259,457

For the financial year ending 31 December 2024 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements on pages 16 to 31 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on ..28.4.25.....and signed on their behalf by:



B S Fearnley
Chairman and trustee

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

1 Charity status

The charity is limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales, and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

The address of its registered office is:
St Boniface House
Ashburton
Devon
TQ13 7JL

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates
The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)) (issued in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation
Catholic Childrens Society (Plymouth) meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern
The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

Income and endowments
All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Investment income

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Taxation
The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets
Individual fixed assets costing £0.00 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation
Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Electrical equipment	20% reducing balance
Other equipment (including collection boxes)	20% reducing balance

Fixed asset investments
Fixed asset investments, other than programme related investments, are included at market value at the balance sheet date. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their market value at the start of the year, or their subsequent cost, and are charged or credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period of disposal.

Unrealised gains and losses represent the movement in market values during the year and are credited or charged to the Statement of Financial Activities based on the market value at the year end.

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Borrowings
Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs. Interest-bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the Statement of Financial Activities over the period of the relevant borrowing.

Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the charity has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Financial instruments

Classification

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.
Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the charity after deducting all of its liabilities.

Recognition and measurement

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the charity intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the charity, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

Debt instruments

Debt instruments which meet the following conditions are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method:

Debt instruments that are classified as payable or receivable within one year on initial recognition and which meet the above conditions are measured at the undiscounted amount of the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received, net of impairment.

With the exception of some hedging instruments, other debt instruments not meeting these conditions are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

Commitments to make and receive loans which meet the conditions mentioned above are measured at cost (which may be nil) less impairment.

Investments

Investments in non-convertible preference shares and non-puttable ordinary or preference shares (where shares are publicly traded or their fair value is reliably measurable) are measured at fair value through profit or loss. Where fair value cannot be measured reliably, investments are measured at cost less impairment.

Investments in subsidiaries and associates are measured at cost less impairment. For investments in subsidiaries acquired for consideration including the issue of shares qualifying for merger relief, cost is measured by reference to the nominal value of the shares issued plus fair value of other consideration. Any premium is ignored.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Donations and legacies;			
Legacies and bequests	8,192	-	8,192
Appeals and donations	20,254	-	20,254
Donations - Patchwork	1,500	-	1,500
Donations - Fundraising	22,510	-	22,510
Crib offerings	8,781	-	8,781
Grants, including capital grants;			
Grants - Fundraising	5,620	36,000	41,620
Diocesan collections - Fundraising	20,330	-	20,330
	87,187	36,000	123,187

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations - Good shepherd	726	-	726
Donations - Patchwork	1,500	-	1,500
Legacies	41,439	-	41,439
Donations - Rainbows	587	-	587
Donations - Fundraising	40,422	20,000	60,422
Crib offerings	6,752	-	6,752
Grants, including capital grants;			
Grants - Fundraising	24,400	-	24,400
Diocesan collections - Fundraising	15,409	-	15,409
	131,235	20,000	151,235

4 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Interest receivable and similar income;			
Interest receivable on bank deposits	1,727	1,727	528
Other income from fixed asset investments	4,553	4,553	3,359
	6,280	6,280	3,887

5 Expenditure on raising funds

a) Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Donations	24,441	24,441	21,500
Investment management costs	1,454	1,454	678
	25,895	25,895	22,178

6 Total expenditure

	Activity undertaken directly £	Activity support costs £	2024 £	2023 £
Patchwork Family Support Project	20,039	10,145	30,184	27,957
Direct grant funding of individuals and other institutions	42,974	-	42,974	31,329
Rainbows	822	-	822	1,394
Fundraising	24,467	12,387	36,854	30,448
Investment managers costs	1,455	-	1,455	679
Indirect support costs	3,316	2,415	5,731	6,880
	93,073	24,947	118,020	98,687

7 Other expenditure

	Unrestricted funds Designated £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Depreciation, amortisation and other similar costs	457	457	673
	457	457	673

8 Analysis of support costs

Support costs allocated to raising funds

	Other support costs	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£
Accountancy fees - independent examination	1,100	1,100	1,000
Accountancy fees - other work	2,800	2,800	2,755
Cost of trustees expenses	161	161	549
Administrative support costs	578	578	625
Other support costs	-	-	1,951
Costs of generating voluntary income	10,163	10,163	8,634
Patchwork charitable expenditure	10,145	10,145	7,928
	24,947	24,947	23,442

9 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net incoming resources for the year include:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation of fixed assets	457	673

10 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	51,101	48,718
Pension costs	5,735	5,459
	56,836	54,177

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2024 No	2023 No
Employees	3	3

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

11 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

12 Tangible fixed assets

	Furniture and equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 January 2024	10,224	10,224
Additions	696	696
At 31 December 2024	10,920	10,920
Depreciation		
At 1 January 2024	8,599	8,599
Charge for the year	457	457
At 31 December 2024	9,056	9,056
Net book value		
At 31 December 2024	1,864	1,864
At 31 December 2023	1,625	1,625

13 Fixed asset investments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other investments	200,708	192,480

Other investments

	Listed investments	Total
	£	£
Cost or Valuation		
At 1 January 2024	192,480	192,480
Additions	83,550	83,550
Disposals	(75,322)	(75,322)
At 31 December 2024	200,708	200,708
Net book value		
At 31 December 2024	200,708	200,708
At 31 December 2023	192,480	192,480

14 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accrued income	796	4,502

15 Cash and cash equivalents

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash at bank	79,447	69,512

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other creditors	1,239	2,014
Accruals	5,543	6,648
	6,782	8,662

17 Funds

	Balance at 1 January 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/ (losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2024 £
Unrestricted funds						
General						
General Funds	230,832	93,467	(91,563)	(696)	5,129	237,169
Designated						
Tangible fixed assets	1,625	-	(457)	696	-	1,864
Trustee designated	22,000	-	-	-	-	22,000
	23,625	-	(457)	696	-	23,864
Total unrestricted funds	254,457	93,467	(92,020)	-	5,129	261,033
Restricted funds						
Direct Grant Funding	5,000	36,000	(26,000)	-	-	15,000
Total funds	259,457	129,467	(118,020)	-	5,129	276,033

	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/ (losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
Unrestricted funds						
General						
General Funds	163,128	135,122	(83,014)	(973)	16,569	230,832
Designated						
Tangible fixed assets	1,325	-	(673)	973	-	1,625
Trustee designated	22,000	-	-	-	-	22,000
	23,325	-	(673)	973	-	23,625
Total unrestricted funds	186,453	135,122	(83,687)	-	16,569	254,457
Restricted funds						
Direct Grant Funding	-	20,000	(15,000)	-	-	5,000
Total funds	186,453	155,122	(98,687)	-	16,569	259,457

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

i) The net book amounts of unrestricted funds invested in tangible fixed assets
(ii) Details of the Patchwork Family Support Project are explained in the Trustees Report. In 2011 the Trustees decided to designate funds to secure the future of the Patchwork family support project, consequently a transfer amounting to a further two years annual expenses was made from the general fund to cover 2014 and 2015. It also includes incoming resources in the form of donations from participants of Patchwork courses. (The equipment used for the project is included in the Tangible Fixed Assets Fund).
(iii) The net surplus/(deficit) after transfers to the designated funds represents, if in surplus, funds available for use at the discretion of the Directors to further expand the activities of the Society.
(iv) Grants or donations received with restrictions over their use.

18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total funds at 31 December 2024
	General £	Designated £	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	-	1,864	-	1,864
Fixed asset investments	200,708	-	-	200,708
Current assets	65,243	-	15,000	80,243
Current liabilities	(6,782)	-	-	(6,782)
Total net assets	259,169	1,864	15,000	276,033

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total funds at 31 December 2023
	General £	Designated £	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	-	1,625	-	1,625
Fixed asset investments	192,480	-	-	192,480
Current assets	69,014	-	5,000	74,014
Current liabilities	(8,662)	-	-	(8,662)
Total net assets	252,832	1,625	5,000	259,457

19 Related party transactions

During the year the charity made the following related party transactions:

Neither the Trustee Directors nor any persons connected with them receive any form of remuneration other than reimbursement at a fixed rate per mile for motor car travel and for other expenses incurred in the course of their duties as Trustee Directors. The entitlement was exercised by 4 Trustee Directors (2023:6). The Trustee Directors were reimbursed £252 for expenses during the year (2023: £549). Total costs of £2,395 were paid to the Diocesan Trust which was made up of the following; £l,000 to Plymouth Diocesan Trust (2023: £1,000) for bookkeeping and administrative support. The remainder of the costs were paid for general use of the admin costs as supplied by the Diocese.

No grants were given to the Diocese during the year.. At the balance sheet date the amount due from was £646 (2023 - £2,448).

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Accounts

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Catholic Childrens Society (Plymouth)

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

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Catholic Childrens Society (Plymouth)

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Reference and Administrative Details

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Secretary	V L Magor
Charity Registration Number	282803
Company Registration Number	01546053
	The charity is incorporated in England and Wales.
Registered Office	St Boniface House Ashburton Devon TQ13 7JL
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Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Structure

The Society is a company limited by guarantee, not having share capital, and governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. [In the event of the Company being wound up, the liability of each member is limited to £ I0].

Control of the Society and its property and funds are vested in a Committee, whose Members, Chair and Deputy Chair are formally appointed by the Roman Catholic Bishop of Plymouth and who constitute the charity trustees of the Society and directors under company law and are known as the Board of Trustee Directors.

However, at present the Plymouth Diocese are without a Bishop as Bishop Mark O'Toole has moved to a new post, leaving an Acting President, Canon Paul Cummins as Diocesan Administrator, who can appoint new trustees to CCSP.

Governance, Decision-making and Recruitment and Appointment of Trustee Directors

Details of the structure of the Charity and its Governing Document are given above. The business of the Society is managed by this Board, which may consult with the Bishop/Acting President on the business of the Society whenever it is deemed appropriate, and which must do so on any matter which significantly affects the character and ethos of the Society. The Board meets as often as considered necessary to manage the business of the Society but must meet at least three times a year. The Board may delegate any of its functions to sub-committees, (provided at least two members of each sub-committee are members of the main committee) and regulate them as appropriate and in addition may appoint sub-committees to act purely in an advisory capacity. During 2022 the Board reviewed and set up sub-committees where needed, an example of this being sub-committees were created for an action plan, topics being CCSP moving forward and reviewing finances, expenses, fundraising and communication with the Bishops Office. Face to face meetings take place, along with Teams meetings where appropriate, as well as some phone conversations.

Recruitment of members takes place from advertisements placed across the Catholic Diocese of Plymouth, as we have an expectation that members will live within the area in which the charity provides its services. The Board members are recruited from all backgrounds, faiths, and experiences, and although some have specialist skills and knowledge to share with the Board it is considered of primary importance that the members have an interest in the care and welfare of children, young people, and families.

Candidates for membership of the Board are invited to attend one or two Board Meetings as observers, to meet existing members and gain an insight into the workings of the Charity and its Board. At that time and on appointment to the Board, they are supplied with a copy of the last Statutory Financial Statements of the Charity, a copy of its Memorandum and Articles and Charity Commission publications explaining their responsibilities as Trustee Directors. New Board Members complete declarations accepting membership of the Charity and of their willingness to act as Trustee Directors of the Charity and are vetted in accordance with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

All new Board members are encouraged to ask questions at Board meetings, and where appropriate to seek additional training or guidance on any aspect of the Society's work. Members of staff and Trustees are available for any questions.

Trustee Directors receive no remuneration for their work governing and supporting the charity, although due to the large area covered and to ensure recruitment and retention of Board members, reasonable travel expenses are reimbursed.

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Staff

During 2023 the Society employed three paid staff, all of whom worked part time.

- Pro-active Parenting Lead/Rainbows Director - providing and facilitating all Pro-active Parenting courses to support parents/carers and liaising with schools. The Pro- active Parenting member of staff is also trained to deliver Rainbows GB bereavement and loss training: to support members of staff in CAST schools to deliver the rainbows programme to children.
- Fundraiser & Communications Officer - obtaining all grants and funding for the charity and updating parishioners/Diocese/supporters of the work CCSP carry out through the year.
- Administrator, Finance and Essential Grants Manager - Essential grant programme, admin for Trustees/charity and finances.

Patron

Our sincere thanks go to Professor Shelia the Baroness Hollins who is our Patron, she is regularly updated.

Volunteers

Throughout the Diocese, a few people in parishes volunteer to help the Society by acting as coordinators for the annual appeal collection. Others have given much time and effort to fundraising and publicity. The Society is most grateful to all who have given help in any way.

CCSP plan to continue to actively promote the Parish Volunteer role.

Other relationships

The Society is supported by the Plymouth Diocesan Trust, also a Registered Charity (No. 213227). The Diocesan Trust provides the accommodation occupied by the Society's Registered Office and expects reimbursement for the office consumables such as stationery, telephone, and postage. A small sum is payable for other administrative services provided by the Diocese such as payroll and personnel support. The Society is exceedingly grateful for the support the Diocese offers in this way.

Caritas

Caritas continues to thrive and develop.

It supports and shares the Mission of the Catholic Church, supporting the network of social action charities and parishes within the Plymouth Diocese. We have a strong partnership with Caritas Plymouth. As one of the founder members of the Caritas team we are helping to draw this initiative forward, helping to reach more disadvantaged families' and children. We have worked collaboratively with Caritas in identifying the needs of families in crisis in the Dioceses. Helping those of faith and of none.

Compliance with the governing document and current statutory requirements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the governing document of the Society, current statutory requirements, and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS102): Accounting and Reporting by Charities. The Board of Trustee Directors have complied with their duty and with due regard to the guidance on public benefit given by the Charity Commission when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance was relevant.

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Investment Powers

Under the Memorandum and Articles, the Charity has the power to deposit or invest funds in any manner (but to invest only after obtaining advice and having regard to the suitability of investments and the need for diversification). The Charity holds a policy on ethical investment and has a statement of investment principle and risk of which our investment advisors are aware.

Objectives

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Activities Undertaken by the Society in connection with the objectives stated.

The stated objective of the Society is to support family life across the Catholic Diocese of Plymouth, which covers all of Cornwall, Devon, and part of Dorset.

Currently this is achieved by the provision of the Pro-active Parenting Project, Rainbows bereavement and loss training, the Good Shepherd Programme for schools, and an Essential Grant Programme. These are all supported by various fundraising initiatives and donations from schools, parishes, and individuals, as well as from a number of grant giving organisations. Our investment strategy provides reserves to ensure there are sufficient funds available to support these activities for at least the coming financial year in the event of a financial deficit caused by lack of income. This is necessary due to the fluctuating nature of our grant giving, which is dependent on need and can vary greatly month to month.

The Pro-active Parenting Project is designed to support parents and carers. The programmes cover differing age ranges so that parents or carers have a choice of platform to suit their needs. Efforts are made to overcome any barriers to participation, such as literacy or language, and venues are selected to cover a wide-ranging area and with appropriate facilities for all participants.

These programmes are provided free of charge to all parents and carers and although voluntary donations to help defray expenses are welcomed, they are not expected. CCSP also has an SLA agreement with CAST [Plymouth CAST, Multi Academy Trust], in order to be able to offer the Pro-active Parenting Courses within these schools.

As local authority budgets are cut further, the number of non-statutory parenting programmes provided by local authorities continue to fall year on year. The Pro-active Parenting project strives to bridge the gap for parents by providing programmes in their locality.

The Pro-active Parenting member of staff is also trained to deliver Rainbows GB bereavement and loss training to support members of staff in CAST schools to deliver the rainbows programme to children.

The Board of Trustee Directors review the Project to ensure cost efficiency, value for money, along with effectiveness and impact are being met.

Our Good Shepherd programme is promoted in schools to encourage young people to think of the needs of others. Along with the organization of sponsored events to raise awareness and funds for CCSP.

We also purchased essential items for families through our Essential Grant Programme. Helping to support families of all faiths or none. All grant applications the Society receive are assessed on individual/families/carers need; in order that CCSP can be sure that all donations/funding received are being used with consideration and efficiency.

Applications must be supported by a professional agency supporting the family, an example of this being a school, housing association or medical professional. Guidance is offered to applicants and referees through documents publicly available on our website or on request. The main criteria for acceptance remains that the item required must directly benefit children within the family, and be of an essential nature, and not available through statutory aid. The Essential Grant programme will continue to be reviewed.

The Board of Trustee Directors have provided all these services and complied with their duty and with due regard to the guidance on public benefit given by the Charity Commission when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance was relevant.

Summary of achievements in 2023, report from the Acting Chair of Trustees.

Evaluations of our work as we came out of the pandemic showed the impact of changes on the domestic and world economy on our investments, with less money coming in all round. With this in mind action plans were created in the various areas of work, with targets to look at ways of making our services more efficient and thus saving money and streamlining our services where possible. These have been revisited every three months to look at the progress being made. We have started to experience some post pandemic buoyancy after a challenging three years which saw fewer donations, difficulty in attracting grants and an inability to get into schools. Over the last year as trustees, we have been able to move forward, visit parishes and our Fundraiser and Pro-active parenting facilitator have been able to get back into schools to share our **work. Now we** are ready to begin a careful expansion phase.

Many more CAST schools have been able to apply for essential grants on behalf of individual families. In response and in thanks, many schools are holding fundraising events for CCS e.g. collections at school and for example at carol services.

Our requests continue to come from many different professionals supporting families, families of faith or none from different areas of the diocese. As the cost-of-living crisis hits hard, families feel the effects of the post pandemic phase and the impact on lives of those already working against the odds. Who are we helping? Families with disabilities, those who have suffered the impact of bereavement, unexpected illness, pregnant women, asylum seekers, DA survivors and so many more.

The charity's facilitator continues to be innovative in her approach to her work.

As Acting Chair, I feel, it is vital that our Trustees remain active and vibrant in their approach to working on the board. All Trustees and employees were invited to take part in CPD – which took the form of input from Trauma Informed Practice, Plymouth. This practice seeks to understand and respond to the impact of trauma on people's lives.

We are about to launch a new website enabled through part of a legacy from a former Trustee. Money spent in this area is vital to ensure our services are up to date, accessible and efficient. Our aim being to continue to modernise, adapt and change to keep our charity vibrant, cost effective and responsive to the needs of our families.

Historically the Bishop of the diocese is also our President, giving validation and support to the work of our charity, however the diocese has been without a Bishop for more than eighteen months, but we are grateful for the support of Canon Paul Cummins, Diocesan Administrator.

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We are keen to have more effect and impact in Cornwall and Dorset. In order to do this, we are holding a fundraiser in Poole in May 2024, and our annual mass of celebration will be in Weymouth, Dorset so that more people in this part of the diocese can learn more about our work. Visiting and giving presentations at Deanery meetings are giving more awareness of our charity to clergy in these two counties.

As Acting Chair, I am part of the Caritas advisory group, working with a number of other partner charities. Caritas, a Catholic Social Action Charity, working in partnership with poor, marginalised and vulnerable people.

We are keen to increase our number of Trustees and encourage diversity in the makeup of our Board. We look to recruit Trustees to complement the skill set within the current board.

In the main we have many loyal donors who support our annual appeal but also fundraise in parishes. This may take the form of Lenten lunches, Cribfests, raffles etc. or individuals who donate on a regular or one-off basis. We are so grateful to our supporters who recognise the impact of the charity's work in all we try to achieve.

Summary of achievements in 2023 - Pro-active Parenting/Rainbows.

Continuing professional Development

Our parenting facilitator has attended Parental conflict training, Managing emotions training, Online safety, and online SPAM training in 2023.

Pro-Active Parenting

This launched 2 months prior to the start of 2023 with changes to the course provision to make it more accessible to parents, as well as for schools to be able to accommodate more easily, with topics that cover:

- Parental wellbeing
- Needs/wants and routines
- Effective communication and praise
- Boundaries and consequences
- Anxiety and attachment
- Bereavement and loss

We successfully ran courses in several schools including:

1. St John's, Tiverton
2. St Peters, Plymouth
3. St Joseph's, Exmouth
4. St Mary's, Falmouth
5. St Mary's, Poole
6. Our Lady's, Barnstaple
7. St Mary's, Marnhull
8. Keyham Barton Plymouth

9. Holy Cross Plymouth
10. Cathedral school, Plymouth

Promoting the courses that we have to offer has gone well, especially at the Dorset Deanery meeting and Cathedral CARITAS event and continuing to advertise through the CAST online portal.

We have reached out to non-CAST schools, meeting with the Tedd-Wragg trust for a potential SLA, as well as several other primary schools for Pro-Active parenting delivery at Highweek primary, as well as Saltash Community school for their young carer's groups.

Rainbows

We offer bereavement and loss training to staff in our Catholic schools, enabling them to deliver the Rainbows, Sunbeams and Spectrum programmes to small groups of students, that may have suffered different losses, through death, separation, and divorce. We have several Rainbows sites within the CAST schools and have added St Augustine's in Weymouth in 2023; where we delivered whole school CPD training, as well as individual facilitator training. We supported this school directly following a staff tragedy in November 2023 with one-to-one sessions for 9 staff members.

Good Shepherd

Our Good Shepherd programme continues to encourage children in our Catholic schools to think of others.

We continue to build links with our Catholic schools and Plymouth CAST. The good Shepherd programme runs over an academic year. We have led assemblies in several schools to launch the 2022/2023 'Caps for Cash' initiative. The Pro-active Parenting Lead has taken over the Good Shepherd project from December 2023, as it made sense as the school link for the Pro-Active parenting and Rainbows lead. 2023/2024 initiative is 'sleep on the floor' where assemblies have been held in Torquay and the project being run directly with the GIFT group at Cathedral school Plymouth.

Volunteers

Throughout the Diocese, a few people in our parishes volunteer to help the Society by acting as coordinators for the annual appeal and the crib appeal as well as other diocesan wide fundraising events. The Society is very grateful to all our loyal supporters who continue to help raise much needed funds.

We continue to promote the role of the Parish Volunteer, having produced a Parish Volunteer information pack, which includes a ladder of involvement.

This year we have visited four of the five Deanery meetings and have actively promoted how parishes can help us with our fundraising and we plan to visit the last Deanery meeting early in 2024.

Legacies

During 2023 CCSP received 4 legacies for which we are extremely grateful. This enables us to continue to support families within the Diocese, this also supports the charity's future. We are grateful for those people who left a donation in their will for CCSP, we are thankful for the support we receive.

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Summary of achievements in 2023 - Fundraising

We are grateful to all our loyal parishioners who continue to support the Society throughout the Diocese. Our 2023 Annual Appeal was a great success and raised a record amount of money as we asked everyone to 'Create Hope for Families by Changing Lives' and giving generously. The introduction of a QR code has helped make it easier for donations to be made as fewer people carry cash, and a number of parishes promote direct donations only. In addition, we received a record number of donations to our Crib Appeal at the end of 2022/start of 2023, once again using the new QR code system.

Last year we received £6,000 of funding from the National Lottery, £5,000 from the Devon Community Fund and £2,000 from the Cornwall Community Fund. We were also extremely fortunate to receive generous donations from two parishes in our Diocese. Applications for grant funding remains challenging, as funders are receiving double the number of applications. The amount received from our regular annual grant funders remained at a similar level to the previous year of 2022, which is less than we have received in previous years.

Our orange box recycling scheme, where supporters can donate their unwanted items such as stamps, jewellery, silver etc. which is subsequently turned into cash, saw another record-breaking amount of money raised for the second consecutive year. £5,534.00 was received compared to £3,542.63 in the previous year. These orange boxes have raised almost £25,000 since they were first introduced in 2011 and more and more parishes are signing up to this scheme. We have also relaunched our ink cartridge recycling scheme which has seen £1,069.21 raised since it was first introduced in July 2008. In 2023, we have received £206 and now have 76 donators. Boxes have been requested by many parishes, and one box has been sent to each of the CAST schools in the Diocese.

Last year's Great Big Diocesan Quiz returned to pre-pandemic totals and almost £1,800 was raised and so we will continue to make this part of our annual fundraising calendar of events.

We held our inaugural 'Rise to Our Cause' event on Ascension Thursday at Buckfast Abbey which saw many of our supporters join the Society for mass at Buckfast Abbey, followed by a 2 course lunch, and the Guest Speaker – Rear Admiral Chris Snow OBE, the Deputy Lieutenant of Devon who talked about his role assisting the Lord-Lieutenant of Devon who is his Majesty the King's personal representative in the county. £450 was raised at this event and we plan to make this an annual event, with the intent of moving round the Diocese; with the 2024 event planned to be held in Poole.

We also increased our presence on social media and now have a record number of followers and likes, placing 2 – 3 posts on Facebook each week.

Our very grateful thanks go to all our loyal supporters in our parishes and schools for their continued support of the Society.

Annual Mass

This year's Annual Mass took place at St John's Catholic Primary school in Tiverton, where pupils, staff and Canon Kristian Paver welcomed parishioners, staff, and Trustees. It was a wonderful event and the pupils read prayers so eloquently and sang in harmonies and quodlibet entertaining everyone present.

Our CCSP Annual Mass is our way of thanking all our supporters as well as highlighting the important work that we do and we look forward to visiting St Joseph's in Weymouth, Poole in 2024.

Trustees' Report

Plans for the Year Ahead

- Continue to find alternative and innovative ways of fundraising.
- Ensure we apply for grant funding from new sources, as well as our regular supporters.
- Support a Charity Wills Week in June with Tozer's' Solicitors, where our supporters can make their will free of charge for a donation to the Society.
- Continue to work with our schools and parishes to ensure more support of our fundraising initiatives.
- Increase the number of Parish Volunteers.

We will continue to increase our existing initiatives including the Orange Box recycling scheme, our ink cartridge recycling scheme, our Helping Hands 50:50 club, our Caring Club, and our Great Big Diocesan Quiz.

Summary of achievements in 2023 - Essential Grant Programme – EGP

There continues to be extreme demand for the EGP, as there remains a high level of families in need within the Diocese. This has noticeably been due to the cost-of-living crisis, but also for reasons, such as ill heath, change in family circumstances, bereavement, and families moving home.

	2021	2022	2023
Number of grant applications received – total for year	314	396	211
Applications declined/cancelled/or no longer required	79	166	63
Number of applications suspended due to limited funding – not processed	0	56	22
Number of grants approved and processed for the year	235	174	126

The number of applications considered was 189 of which **126** were processed, this is the number of families/carers supported by CCSP during 2023.

All applications are considered by a CCSP panel. Unfortunately, 2022 was the first year where due to limited funding CCSP had to review the number of applications it could process within a month. This led to some applications having to be suspended and not processed. During 2023 the number of applications effected was **22**. Referees/families and carers are notified, there is no waiting list and so if the CCSP funding limit for that month is met then applications need to be resubmitted in the following month. This has not been an easy decision for the Trustee Directors to make, but based on finances, donations and reserves this action had to be taken but remains under constant review.

Of the 126 applications approved and processed	The number of Children benefiting directly from item/s purchased was - 89	The number of children within a family with additional needs was - 31	The number of adults/applicants who have a disability or additional needs was – 18

213 items were purchased for families/cares in 2023. [uniform is classed as one item].

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Funds are not transferred directly to a family or referee, items are purchased and delivered to the family home, or in the case of school uniform CCSP can sometimes organise for children/families/carers to go directly to a school uniform/clothing shop. An example of items provided this year are: – cookers, washing machines, fridge-freezers, school uniform, beds/mattresses, and cots.

Grants were given across the Diocese, which covers all of Cornwall, Devon, and part of Dorset. Although it is noted that the majority of the 189 applications considered were from Devon, Plymouth being the highest area supported.

Cornwall - 19	Devon - 155	Dorset - 14	Unknown area – 1 – details not provided.

We have received many lovely messages of thanks from the agencies we deal with and some families we have supported. It is wonderful to have this feedback, both for CCSP, our donators and supporters, this also helps to support any future requests for funding.

We are extremely grateful for all donations, funding, and legacies that CCSP receive, as this enables the charity to continue with the Essential Grant Programme and support families within the Plymouth Diocese. Thank you.

Statement of Directors Responsibility

The Trustees (who are also directors of Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Directors Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Catholic Childrens Society (Plymouth)

Trustees' Report

Investment Policy

Having regard to the level of reserves and reserves policy, the Directors operate a policy of keeping funds sufficient for day to day functioning in current accounts, with the balance administered by investment fund managers Stockdale Asset Management This year the Directors have allocated part of the investments to ensure the Society has sufficient reserves to cover contractual obligations to its staff and suppliers should the Society become unintentionally insolvent.

Reserves

This section of the Directors' Report should be read in conjunction with note 14 to the financial statements. The Society is involved in several projects, the foremost being Pro-active Parenting, (supporting parents/carers and families), which is a permanent feature of the Society's work and its major financial commitment. The regular annual incoming resources of the Charity (i.e. excluding legacies and grants which are intermittent, unexpected sources of income), are usually approximately £60,000. Excluding grant-making activities, (which, again, are intermittent in nature), the regular annual resources expended by the Charity were approximately £61,000. The Charity has total unrestricted reserves at 31 December 2023 of £261,497 and restricted reserves of £5,000. The Directors consider this level of reserves appropriate (i) to cushion existing activities from unexpected fluctuations in incoming resources, (ii) to enable maintenance and improvement of the projects currently being run and (iii) to enable them to make one-off grants as and when appropriate. A designated reserve has been allocated to ensure that the Society is in a position to meet its contractual obligations to staff and suppliers should any unforeseen event occur which threatens the resources of the Society.

Incoming Resources

The Society's incoming resources in the year were £155,122 (2022: £65,420). Of this amount £109,796 (2022: £62,277) came from Voluntary Sources. Legacies of £41,439 was received in this period (2022: £ Nil). Grants totalling £24,400 (2022: £9,375) were secured this year as a result of the efforts of the fundraiser.

Resources Expended

The Society spent £98,688 (2022: £109,295) on expenditure. Charitable expenditure of £60,680 (2022: £69,067) in the current year comprises £27,957 (2022: £29,084) spent on Patchwork, (the family support project). Grants to individuals and other institutions decreased to £31,329 from £39,024 in 2022. The costs of Governance of the Society were £6,880 and £30,499 was applied to generate funds for the Society, including the cost of the fundraiser.

Net Movement in Funds

The net increase in realised funds for the year was £56,434 (2022: decrease of £43,875). Further details on the results for the year and on the movement in funds may be found in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 13 of the financial statements.

Catholic Childrens Society (Plymouth)

Trustees' Report

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on ..... and signed on its behalf by:

A M Rodgers
Trustee

22.4.2024

Catholic Childrens Society (Plymouth)

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Catholic Childrens Society (Plymouth) ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Catholic Childrens Society (Plymouth) as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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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A. M. Rodgers.
22.4.2024

Date: 22.04.24

Catholic Childrens Society (Plymouth)

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2023 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3	131,235	20,000	151,235	62,277
Investment income	4	3,887	-	3,887	3,143
Total income		135,122	20,000	155,122	65,420
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	5	(7,178)	(15,000)	(22,178)	(23,061)
Charitable activities	6	(75,836)	-	(75,836)	(85,719)
Other expenditure	7	(673)	-	(673)	(515)
Total expenditure		(83,687)	(15,000)	(98,687)	(109,295)
Gains/(losses) on investment assets		16,569	-	16,569	(34,641)
Net income/(expenditure)		68,004	5,000	73,004	(78,516)
Net movement in funds		68,004	5,000	73,004	(78,516)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		186,453	-	186,453	264,969
Total funds carried forward	18	254,457	5,000	259,457	186,453

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2022 is shown in note 18.

Catholic Childrens Society (Plymouth)

(Registration number: 01546053)
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	13	1,625	1,325
Investments	14	192,480	168,231
		194,105	169,556
Current assets			
Debtors	15	4,502	-
Cash at bank and in hand	16	69,512	27,486
		74,014	27,486
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	17	(8,662)	(10,589)
Net current assets		65,352	16,897
Net assets		259,457	186,453
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		5,000	-
Unrestricted income funds			
Designated Funds		23,625	23,325
General Funds		230,832	163,128
Total unrestricted funds		254,457	186,453
Total funds	18	259,457	186,453

For the financial year ending 31 December 2023 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements on pages 14 to 29 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on ..... and signed on their behalf by:

A. M. Rodgers

A M Rodgers
Trustee

22.4.2024

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

1 Charity status

The charity is limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales, and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

The address of its registered office is:
St Boniface House
Ashburton
Devon
TQ13 7JL

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates
The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)) (issued in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation
Catholic Childrens Society (Plymouth) meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern
The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

Income and endowments
All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Investment income

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Taxation
The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets
Individual fixed assets costing £0.00 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation
Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Electrical equipment	20% reducing balance
Other equipment (including collection boxes)	20% reducing balance

Fixed asset investments
Fixed asset investments, other than programme related investments, are included at market value at the balance sheet date. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their market value at the start of the year, or their subsequent cost, and are charged or credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period of disposal.

Unrealised gains and losses represent the movement in market values during the year and are credited or charged to the Statement of Financial Activities based on the market value at the year end.

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Borrowings
Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs. Interest-bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the Statement of Financial Activities over the period of the relevant borrowing.

Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the charity has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Financial instruments

Classification

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.
Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the charity after deducting all of its liabilities.

Recognition and measurement

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the charity intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the charity, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

Debt instruments

Debt instruments which meet the following conditions are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method:

Debt instruments that are classified as payable or receivable within one year on initial recognition and which meet the above conditions are measured at the undiscounted amount of the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received, net of impairment.

With the exception of some hedging instruments, other debt instruments not meeting these conditions are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

Commitments to make and receive loans which meet the conditions mentioned above are measured at cost (which may be nil) less impairment.

Investments

Investments in non-convertible preference shares and non-puttable ordinary or preference shares (where shares are publicly traded or their fair value is reliably measurable) are measured at fair value through profit or loss. Where fair value cannot be measured reliably, investments are measured at cost less impairment.

Investments in subsidiaries and associates are measured at cost less impairment. For investments in subsidiaries acquired for consideration including the issue of shares qualifying for merger relief, cost is measured by reference to the nominal value of the shares issued plus fair value of other consideration. Any premium is ignored.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Donations and legacies;			
Legacies and bequests	41,439	-	41,439
Donations - Good shepherd	726	-	726
Donations - Patchwork	1,500	-	1,500
Donations - Rainbows	587	-	587
Donations Fundraising	-	20,000	20,000
Donations - Fundraising	40,422	-	40,422
Crib offerings	6,752	-	6,752
Grants, including capital grants;			
Grants - Fundraising	24,400	-	24,400
Diocesan collections - Fundraising	15,409	-	15,409
	131,235	20,000	151,235

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations - Good shepherd	658	-	658
Donations - Patchwork	1,000	-	1,000
Donations - Fundraising	29,198	-	29,198
Donations - Other	748	-	748
Crib offerings	3,559	-	3,559
Grants, including capital grants;			
Grants from other charities	-	9,375	9,375
Diocesan collections - Fundraising	17,739	-	17,739
	52,902	9,375	62,277

4 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2023 £
Interest receivable and similar income;		
Interest receivable on bank deposits	528	528
Other income from fixed asset investments	3,359	3,359
	3,887	3,887

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2022 £
Interest receivable and similar income;		
Interest receivable on bank deposits	99	99
Other income from fixed asset investments	3,044	3,044
	3,143	3,143

5 Expenditure on raising funds

a) Costs of generating donations and legacies

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Donations		6,500	15,000	21,500
Total for 2023		6,500	15,000	21,500
Total for 2022		21,697	-	21,697

b) Investment management costs

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Other investment management costs;			
Other portfolio management costs		678	678
Total for 2023		678	678
Total for 2022		1,364	1,364

6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Activity undertaken directly £	Activity support costs £	Total expenditure £
Patchwork Family Support Project	20,029	7,928	27,957
Direct grant funding of individuals and other institutions	31,329	-	31,329
Rainbows	1,394	-	1,394
Fundraising	21,814	8,634	30,448
Investment managers costs	679	-	679
Indirect support costs	-	6,880	6,880
Total for 2023	75,245	23,442	98,687
Total for 2022	83,704	25,591	109,295

Costs that are directly attributable to activities of the charity are allocated to the respective cost headings during the year.
Support costs that are not directly attributable to activities (i.e. "indirect support costs") are generally allocated to activities, (other than grant-making activities and exceptional items in other activities), in the proportion that the direct costs of that activity bears to the overall direct costs of the charity.

7 Other expenditure

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Depreciation, amortisation and other similar costs	673	673
Total for 2023	673	673
Total for 2022	515	515

8 Analysis of support costs

Support costs allocated to raising funds

	Support costs £
Accountancy fees - independent examination	1,000
Accountancy fees - other work	2,755
Cost of trustees expenses	549
Administrative support costs	625
Other support costs	1,951
Costs of generating voluntary income	8,634
Patchwork charitable expenditure	7,928
Total for 2023	23,442
Total for 2022	25,591

9 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year include:

	2023 £	2022 £
Depreciation of fixed assets	673	515

10 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

11 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

The monthly average number of persons employed by the charity during the year was 3 (2022: 3).

	2023 No	2022 No
Gross salaries	48,718	44,414
Pension contributions	5,459	4,953
	54,177	49,367

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

12 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

13 Tangible fixed assets

	Furniture and equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 January 2023	9,251	9,251
Additions	973	973
At 31 December 2023	10,224	10,224
Depreciation		
At 1 January 2023	7,926	7,926
Charge for the year	673	673
At 31 December 2023	8,599	8,599
Net book value		
At 31 December 2023	1,625	1,625
At 31 December 2022	1,325	1,325

14 Fixed asset investments

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other investments	192,480	168,231

Other investments

	Listed investments	Total
	£	£
Cost or Valuation		
At 1 January 2023	168,231	168,231
Additions	45,933	45,933
Disposals	(21,684)	(21,684)
At 31 December 2023	192,480	192,480
Net book value		
At 31 December 2023	192,480	192,480
At 31 December 2022	168,231	168,231

15 Debtors

	2023
	£
Accrued income	4,502

16 Cash and cash equivalents

	2023	2022
	£	£
Cash at bank	69,512	27,486

17 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other creditors	2,014	1,475
Accruals	6,648	9,114
	8,662	10,589

18 Funds

	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/ (losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
Unrestricted funds						
General						
General Funds	163,128	135,122	(83,014)	(973)	16,569	230,832
Designated						
Tangible fixed assets	1,325	-	(673)	973	-	1,625
Trustee designated	22,000	-	-	-	-	22,000
	23,325	-	(673)	973	-	23,625
Total unrestricted funds	186,453	135,122	(83,687)	-	16,569	254,457
Restricted funds						
Direct Grant Funding	-	20,000	(15,000)	-	-	5,000
Total funds	186,453	155,122	(98,687)	-	16,569	259,457

	Balance at 1 January 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Other recognised gains/ (losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2022 £
Unrestricted funds					
General					
General Funds	241,126	56,045	(99,402)	(34,641)	163,128
Designated					
Tangible fixed assets	1,843	-	(518)	-	1,325
Trustee designated	22,000	-	-	-	22,000
	23,843	-	(518)	-	23,325
Total unrestricted funds	264,969	56,045	(99,920)	(34,641)	186,453
Restricted funds					
Direct Grant Funding	-	-	(9,375)	-	(9,375)
Total funds	264,969	56,045	(109,295)	(34,641)	177,078

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

i) The net book amounts of unrestricted funds invested in tangible fixed assets
(ii) Details of the Patchwork Family Support Project are explained in the Trustees Report. In 2011 the Trustees decided to designate funds to secure the future of the Patchwork family support project, consequently a transfer amounting to a further two years annual expenses was made from the general fund to cover 2014 and 2015. It also includes incoming resources in the form of donations from participants of Patchwork courses. (The equipment used for the project is included in the Tangible Fixed Assets Fund).
(iii) The net surplus/(deficit) after transfers to the designated funds represents, if in surplus, funds available for use at the discretion of the Directors to further expand the activities of the Society.
(iv) Grants or donations received with restrictions over their use.

19 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total funds at 31 December 2023
	General	Designated		
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	-	1,625	-	1,625
Fixed asset investments	192,480	-	-	192,480
Current assets	69,014	-	5,000	74,014
Current liabilities	(8,662)	-	-	(8,662)
Total net assets	252,832	1,625	5,000	259,457

	Unrestricted funds		Total funds at 31 December 2022
	General	Designated	
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	-	1,325	1,325
Fixed asset investments	168,231	-	168,231
Current assets	27,486	-	27,486
Current liabilities	(10,589)	-	(10,589)
Total net assets	185,128	1,325	186,453

20 Related party transactions

During the year the charity made the following related party transactions:

Neither the Trustee Directors nor any persons connected with them receive any form of remuneration other than reimbursement at a fixed rate per mile for motor car travel and for other expenses incurred in the course of their duties as Trustee Directors. The entitlement was exercised by 6 Trustee Directors (2022:6). The Trustee Directors were reimbursed £549 for expenses during the year (2022: £810). Total costs of £1,477 were paid to the Diocesan Trust which was made up of the following; £I,000 to Plymouth Diocesan Trust (2022: £1,000) for bookkeeping and administrative support. The remainder of the costs were paid for general use of the admin costs as supplied by the Diocese.

No grants were given to the Diocese during the year.. At the balance sheet date the amount due to/from was £Nil (2022 - £Nil).

CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (PLYMOUTH)

England & Wales - Charity number 282803

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 1546053 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 282803

CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (PLYMOUTH)

Trustees' Report
And
Financial Statements

For the year ended
31 December 2022

Westcotts
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CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (PLYMOUTH)
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31 December 2022

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CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (PLYMOUTH)
TRUSTEE DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31 December 2022

The Trustee Directors submit their statutory report for the year to 31 December 2022 and the financial statements for the year then ended.

The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

Reference and Administrative Details of the Charity, its Trustee Directors and Advisors

Acting President	Canon Paul Cummins, Diocesan Administrator	
Trustee Directors	A Rodgers	Acting Chair
	V Magor	
	M Shepherd	
	Deacon T Van Kroonenburg	
	M Marszalek	Appointed 01/06/2022
	H Brown	Appointed 09/11/2022
	C Hambly	
	K Ellacott	Resigned 23/03/2022
	J Larter	Deceased 30/12/2022
Secretary:	Mr V Magor	
Registered Office:	St Boniface House Ashburton Devon TQ13 7JL	
Company Registered Number:	1546053	
Charity Registered Number:	282803	
Website:	www.ccsplymouth.org.uk	
Appointment of Trustee Directors:	Trustee Directors are appointed in writing by the Roman Catholic Bishop of Plymouth	
Accountants:	Westcotts Chartered Accountants Plymouth	
Bankers:	National Westminster Bank Plc Exeter	
Solicitors:	Messrs Tozers Exeter	
Investments:	Stockdale Asset Management Lanivet Cornwall	
Public Benefit	The charity trustees have complied with the duty of the Charities Act 2011 to have regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission. The trustees feel they satisfy the public benefit by providing for the charitable needs of children and young people and families, for those of Catholic faith and none.	

Structure

The Society is a company limited by guarantee, not having share capital and governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. [In the event of the Company being wound up, the liability of each member is limited to £ I0.

Control of the Society and its property and funds are vested in a Committee, whose Members, Chair and Deputy Chair are formally appointed by the Roman Catholic Bishop of Plymouth and who constitute the charity trustees of the Society and directors under company law and are known as the Board of Trustee Directors.

However at present the Plymouth Diocese are without a Bishop as Bishop Mark O'Toole has moved to a new post, leaving an Acting President, Canon Paul Cummins as Diocesan Administrator; who is able to appoint new trustees to CCSP.

Governance, Decision-making and Recruitment and Appointment of Trustee Directors

Details of the structure of the Charity and its Governing Document are given above. The business of the Society is managed by this Board, which may consult with the Bishop/Acting President on the business of the Society whenever it is deemed appropriate, and which must do so on any matter which significantly affects the character and ethos of the Society. The Board meets as often as considered necessary to manage the business of the Society but must meet at least three times a year. The Board may delegate any of its functions to sub-committees, (provided at least two members of each sub-committee are members of the main committee) and regulate them as appropriate and in addition may appoint sub-committees to act purely in an advisory capacity. During 2022 the Board reviewed and set up sub-committees where needed, an example of this being sub-committees were created for an action plan, topics being CCSP moving forward and reviewing finances, expenses, fundraising and communication with the Bishops Office. Face to face meetings have now resumed, along with Teams meetings where appropriate, as well as some phone conversations.

Recruitment of members takes place from advertisements placed across the Catholic Diocese of Plymouth, as we have an expectation that members will live within the area in which the charity provides its services. The Board members are recruited from all backgrounds, faiths, and experiences, and although some have specialist skills and knowledge to share with the Board it is considered of primary importance that the members have an interest in the care and welfare of children, young people and families.

Candidates for membership of the Board are invited to attend one or two Board Meetings as observers, to meet existing members and gain an insight into the workings of the Charity and its Board. At that time and on appointment to the Board, they are supplied with a copy of the last Statutory Financial Statements of the Charity, a copy of its Memorandum and Articles and also Charity Commission publications explaining their responsibilities as trustee directors. New Board Members complete declarations accepting membership of the Charity and of their willingness to act as trustee directors of the Charity and are vetted in accordance with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

All new Board members are encouraged to ask questions at Board meetings, and where appropriate to seek additional training or guidance on any particular aspect of the Society's work. Members of staff and Trustees are available for any questions.

Trustee Directors receive no remuneration for their work governing and supporting the charity, although due to the large area covered and to ensure recruitment and retention of Board members, reasonable travel expenses are reimbursed

Staff

During 2022 the Society employed three paid staff, all of whom worked part time.

- Patchwork Parenting Facilitator - providing and facilitating all Patchwork Parenting courses to support parents/carers and liaising with schools. In September 2022 Patchwork Parenting was reviewed and evaluated and is now known as Pro-Active Parenting. The Pro-active Parenting member of staff was also trained to deliver Rainbows GB bereavement and loss training; to support members of staff in CAST schools to deliver the rainbows programme to children.
- Fundraiser & Communications Officer - obtaining all grants and funding for the charity and updating parishioners/Diocese/supporters of the work CCSP carry out through the year.
- Administrative Assistant - Essential grant programme, admin for Trustees/charity and finances.

Patron

Our sincere thanks go to Professor Shelia the Baroness Hollins who is our Patron, she is regularly updated.

Volunteers

Throughout the Diocese, a number of people in parishes volunteer to help the Society by acting as coordinators for the annual appeal collection and gift aid scheme. Others have given much time and effort to fundraising and publicity. The Society is most grateful to all who have given help in any way. In 2022 CCSP compiled a list of all Parish Volunteers and have promoted this vital role, also creating Parish Volunteer packs.

CCSP plan to continue to actively promote the Parish Volunteer role, and this will form a vital part of the presentation we will be making at each of the five Deanery meetings being held this year.

Other relationships

The Society is supported by the Plymouth Diocesan Trust, also a Registered Charity (No. 213227). The Diocesan Trust provides the accommodation occupied by the Society's Registered Office and expects reimbursement for the office consumables such as stationery, telephone and postage. A small sum is payable for other administrative services provided by the Diocese such as payroll and personnel support. The Society is exceedingly grateful for the support the Diocese offers in this way.

Caritas

A Caritas group led by the Rt Rev Bishop Mark O'Toole was formed in March 2019 within the Plymouth Diocese. Bishop Mark is no longer the Plymouth Diocesan Bishop, but Caritas continues to thrive and develop.

It supports and shares the Mission of the Catholic Church, supporting the network of social action charities and parishes within the Plymouth Diocese. We have a strong partnership with Caritas Plymouth. As one of the founder members of the Caritas team we are helping to draw this initiative forward, helping to reach more disadvantaged families' and children. We have worked collaboratively with Caritas in identifying the needs of families in crisis in the Dioceses. Helping those of faith and of none.

Compliance with the governing document and current statutory requirements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the governing document of the Society, current statutory requirements, and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS102): Accounting and Reporting by Charities. The Board of Trustee Directors have complied with their duty and with due regard to the guidance on public benefit given by the Charity Commission when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance was relevant.

Investment Powers

Under the Memorandum and Articles, the Charity has the power to deposit or invest funds in any manner (but to invest only after obtaining advice and having regard to the suitability of investments and the need for diversification). The Charity holds a policy on ethical investment and has a statement of investment principle and risk of which our investment advisors are aware.

Objectives

The objectives of the Society are to relieve the charitable needs of children and young persons and families, especially those of the Catholic faith.

Activities Undertaken by the Society in connection with the objectives stated

The stated objective of the Society is to support family life across the Catholic Diocese of Plymouth, which covers all of Cornwall, Devon and part of Dorset.

Currently this is achieved by the provision of the Pro-active Parenting Project, the Good Shepherd Programme for schools, and an Essential grant programme. These are all supported by various fundraising initiatives and donations from schools, parishes and individuals, as well as from a number of grant giving organisations. Our investment strategy provides reserves to ensure there are sufficient funds available to support these activities for at least the coming financial year in the event of a financial deficit caused by lack of income. This is necessary due to the fluctuating nature of our grant giving; which is dependent on need and can vary greatly month to month.

The Pro-active Parenting Project is designed to support parents and carers. The programmes cover differing age ranges so that parents or carers have a choice of platform to suit their needs. Efforts are made to overcome any barriers to participation; such as literacy or language, and venues are selected to cover a wide-ranging area and with appropriate facilities for all participants.

These programmes are provided free of charge to all parents and carers and although voluntary donations to help defray expenses are welcomed, they are not expected. CCSP also has an SLA agreement with CAST [Plymouth CAST, Multi Academy Trust], in order to be able to offer the Pro-active Parenting Courses within these schools.

As local authority budgets are cut further, the number of non-statutory parenting programmes provided by local authorities continue to fall year on year. The Pro-active Parenting project strives to bridge the gap for parents by providing programmes in their locality.

The Pro-active Parenting member of staff is also trained to deliver Rainbows GB bereavement and loss training to support members of staff in CAST schools to deliver the rainbows programme to children.

The Board of Trustee Directors carried out a further review of the Project during 2022 to ensure cost efficiency, value for money, along with effectiveness and impact were being met. Our Pro-active Parenting worker has been very innovative, setting up online sessions for groups of parents/carers. The pandemic did seriously affect the delivery of courses and contact with schools during 2020 and into 2021. Moving into 2022 face to face meetings did resume.

Our Good Shepherd programme is promoted in schools to encourage young people to think of the needs of others. Along with the organization of sponsored events to raise awareness and funds for CCSP.

We also purchased essential items for families through our Essential Grant Programme. Helping to support families of all faiths or none. The number of applications for grants was greater than 2021. All grant applications the Society receive are assessed on individual/families/carers need; in order that CCSP can be sure that all donations/funding received are being used with consideration and efficiency.

Applications must be supported by a professional agency supporting the family, an example of this being a school, housing association or medical professional. Guidance is offered to applicants and referees through documents publicly available on our website or on request. The main criteria for acceptance remains that the item required must directly benefit children within the family, and be of an essential nature, and not available through statutory aid. The Essential Grant programme was reviewed in 2022 and will continue to be.

The Board of Trustee Directors have provided all these services and complied with their duty and with due regard to the guidance on public benefit given by the Charity Commission when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance was relevant.

Summary of achievements in 2022

With lockdowns only lifted in January 2022, getting back into schools was slow to start, as schools were nervous to have outside agencies offering face to face meetings. The resulting needs have been and continue to be great.

Patchwork Parenting has linked to areas such as Keyham, Plymouth, where there has been a big drive to support families in that community, following the gun tragedy of August 2021. Support has been provided in this community through liaison with Greenspaces and by offering tailored one to one support to parents/carers referred by Keyham Barton School, Plymouth. This one to one service was also offered to Cathedral Catholic Primary, Plymouth.

This has consisted of a 1.5-hour session each week for 6 weeks, and has also been offered to nine schools across the Plymouth Diocese.

We have relaunched as of November 2022 and the new programme is called Pro-Active Parenting. This parenting support service, is now known as PRO- ACTIVE PARENTING replacing PATCHWORK. This is in response to feedback from parents/carers and school staff, noting that six weeks commitment for participants is too long and too difficult to sustain. More targeted support is to be offered. PRO-ACTIVE PARENTING is a more appropriate title for the programmes we offer.

There are to be changes to the course provision to make it more accessible to parents, as well as for schools to be able to accommodate more easily with topics that cover:

- Wellbeing of the parent/carer
- Needs/wants and routines
- Effective communication and praise
- Boundary setting and responsibility
- Behaviour we don't like and consequences
- Anxiety and attachment
- Bereavement and loss
- Technology and the family

Our parenting support facilitator also received training in Bereavement and loss. This as part of the national charity Rainbow GB, Bereavement and Loss. Following this training, our facilitator is now able to offer bereavement and loss training to staff in our Catholic schools, meaning they can then deliver the Rainbows programmes to small groups of children. The programmes are run over 12 weeks, with 12 themes and are progressive. Children joining the groups may have suffered different losses, through death, separation, divorce, or other big change.

Continuing professional Development: National Safeguarding conference was attended in Manchester and Cache Level 2 in Behaviour that challenges was completed and passed.

Good Shepherd

Our Good Shepherd programme continues to encourage children in our Catholic schools to think of others.

We continue to build links with our Catholic schools, and to make our presentation on the work that we do, and to ask for their help with our Good Shepherd programme.

This year's initiative 'Caps for Cash' enabled three schools to take part by the end of 2022; this initiative will be repeated in 2023, alongside schools and individual children organising their own fundraising events.

Many schools now have an orange box to help recycle and turn clutter into cash to help raise money for CCSP.

We continue to work well with Plymouth CAST who help to promote our Good Shepherd initiatives, as well as our non-uniform day each June to celebrate the Feast of St Aloysius Gonzaga. At the Head Teachers conference in October 2022, the CAST CEO encouraged all schools to support our non-uniform day. At the conference our School Information packs were also handed out to every Head Teacher with details of how we can support schools and vice versa.

Fundraising

We continue to rely on the generosity of our loyal supporters throughout the Diocese and are always looking for alternative and innovative ways of fundraising. Our main fundraiser of the year, our Annual Appeal, was a success again, following a dip in collections during the pandemic. In addition, our Crib Appeal collections returned to a similar amount as we were receiving pre-pandemic. In order to remain current a QR system of donating was trialled, and following evaluation will continue.

We received less coronavirus funding in 2022, although we were fortunate to receive £2,000 from the Devon Community Foundation and another £4,000 from the National Lottery. Despite submitting more applications for funding than in previous years, many funders tell us that they are receiving almost double the number of requests from charities like ours for financial help. The amount received from grant funding took a dip in 2022 where only £4,650 was received compared to £9,350 in 2021.

Our orange box recycling scheme, where supporters can donate their unwanted items such as stamps, jewellery, silver etc. is subsequently turned into cash saw our most profitable year since the scheme was first introduced in 2011. £3,542.63 was received compared to £1,500 on average over the last few years; bringing the total raised since 2011 to well over £19,000. More parishes and schools are taking part in this recycling scheme, so hopefully 2023 will continue to see an increase in income this generates.

Several new crowdfunding campaigns have been launched and our first ever prize draw to win two signed balls – one kindly donated by Exeter Chiefs and the other by Plymouth Argyle, raised £420.

We held our first Great Big Diocesan Quiz since the pandemic, there was apprehension from some groups to join as a social gathering, this resulted in fewer teams, but the event still raised almost £600 which we are extremely grateful for.

We continue to promote our annual Caring Club and our monthly Helping Hands membership, both of which are at the highest number of members. We also have a record number of Facebook followers and likes, and continue to maintain our presence on social media; this will be further developed in 2023.

Our very grateful thanks go to all our loyal supporters in our parishes and schools for their continued support of the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth).

Annual Mass

This year's Annual Mass took place at St Nicholas Catholic Primary School in Exeter, where pupils, staff and Fr Albert welcomed parishioners, staff and trustees. It was a wonderful event and the School Chaplain, together with the school choir, delighted everyone with some beautiful singing.

Our CCSP Annual Mass is our way of thanking all our supporters, as well as highlighting the work that we do.

Plans for the Year Ahead

We will continue to find alternative and innovative ways of fundraising and will ensure we apply for grant funding from new sources, along with approaching organisations/groups that have previously granted funding to CCSP.

We will also continue to work with our schools and parishes to ensure more support of our fundraising initiatives and the role of the Parish Volunteer still remains one of our priorities. We will visit each of the 5 Deanery meetings in 2023 now that they are no longer on zoom.

As well as new ideas for fundraising, including an event to celebrate Ascension Day, we will also continue to increase our existing initiatives including the Orange Box recycling scheme, our Helping Hands 50:50 club, our Caring Club and our Great Big Diocesan Quiz.

We are also in the process of approaching Tozers' Solicitors [CCSP solicitors], to obtain advice about setting up a 'Will Week' which would enable people to be able to make a free will, along with making a chosen donation/contribution to CCSP.

Essential Grant Programme

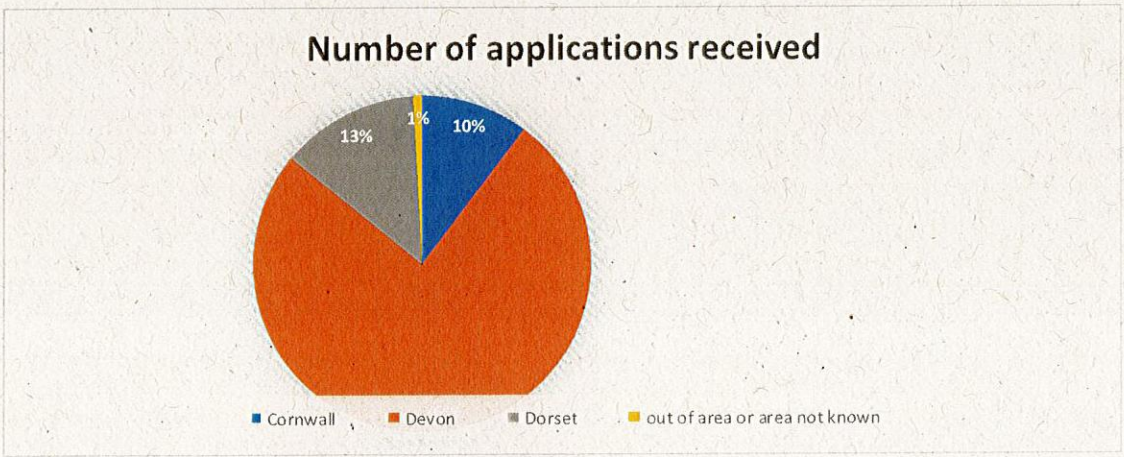
The Essential Grant Programme has been reviewed this year, a questionnaire went out to all referees that had used the CCSP grant process in 2021/2022. A meeting was held between Trustee Directors, CCSP staff and referees to discuss and take feedback on how the programme works, the help that it provides and any changes that needed to be made to make the process as efficient as possible. Feedback from referees [professional agencies] was positive and it was felt that the forms relating to the Essential Grant Programme in general worked well and were easy to understand and complete. There are 2 forms that need to be completed to make an application to the CCSP Essential Grant Programme, the Application Form to be completed in the family's words, and the Reference Form to be completed by a professional agency, such as a school, support worker or medical professional with the family. All applications need to be supported and as much information provided as possible in order for the panel to consider and understand the families need/request. Criteria and frequently asked questions sheet, along with a map of the Plymouth Diocese and a flowchart of the process were also added to the website – grant section.

The number of applications received is increasing year on year. The total number of grant applications received for 2022 was **396**. Many families are being affected by the cost-of-living crisis and cannot afford to replace items that break e.g., cookers, washing machines and beds, and often go without for many months before asking for support.

	2020	2021	2022
Number of grant applications received – total for year	219	314	396
Applications declined/cancelled/or no longer required	24	79	166
Number of applications suspended due to limited funding – not processed	0	0	56
Number of grants approved and processed for the year	195	235	174

Grants were given across the Diocese, which covers all of Cornwall, Devon, and part of Dorset. Although it is noted as in previous years that many of the applications received are from Devon, Plymouth being the highest area supported.

Cornwall 35, Devon 257 and Dorset 45. Out of area/no area provided 3



Funds are not transferred directly to a family or referee, items are purchased and sent to the family home, or in the case of school uniform CCSP can sometimes organise for children/families/carers to go directly to a school uniform/clothing shop. An example of items provided this year are: – cookers, washing machines, fridge-freezers, baby equipment, school uniform, beds, and mattresses. All applications are considered by a CCSP panel. Unfortunately, 2022 has been the first year where due to limited funding received CCSP have had to review the number of applications it can process within a month. This has led to some applications having to be suspended and not processed. Referees/families and carers are notified, there is no waiting list and so if the CCSP funding limit for that month is met then applications need to be resubmitted in the following month. This has not been an easy decision for the Trustee Directors to make, but based on finances, donations and reserves this action has had to be taken but will be under constant review.

The table below is an example of the number of children that have been helped during 2022, along with the number of items purchased by CCSP.

	2022
Total number of items provided to families/carers. [School uniform has been based on 1 person = 1 item and not all items provided to one child].	305
Number of children who have benefited directly from the grant. [items purchased]	134
Application where a child or children in the family has additional needs.	25
Application where an adult applicant/s has a disability or additional needs.	17

We have received positive feedback from many of the agencies we deal with and some families we have supported. It is wonderful to have this feedback, both for CCSP, our donators and supporters, this also helps to support any future requests for funding.

We are extremely grateful for all donations, funding, and legacies that CCSP receive, as this enables the charity to continue with the Essential Grant Programme and support many families within the Plymouth Diocese. Thank you.

Statement of Directors Responsibility

The Trustees (who are also directors of Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Directors Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Investment Policy

Having regard to the level of reserves and reserves policy, the Directors operate a policy of keeping funds sufficient for day to day functioning in current accounts, with the balance administered by investment fund managers Stockdale Asset Management This year the Directors have allocated part of the investments to ensure the Society has sufficient reserves to cover contractual obligations to its staff and suppliers should the Society become unintentionally insolvent.

Reserves

This section of the Directors' Report should be read in conjunction with note 14 to the financial statements. The Society is involved in several projects, the foremost being Pro-active Parenting, (supporting parents/carers and families), which is a permanent feature of the Society's work and its major financial commitment. The regular annual incoming resources of the Charity (i.e. excluding legacies and grants which are intermittent, unexpected sources of income), are usually approximately £60,000. Excluding grant-making activities, (which, again, are intermittent in nature), the regular annual resources expended by the Charity were approximately £61,000. The Charity has total unrestricted reserves at 31 December 2022 of £186,453. The Directors consider this level of reserves appropriate (i) to cushion existing activities from unexpected fluctuations in incoming resources, (ii) to enable maintenance and improvement of the projects currently being run and (iii) to enable them to make one-off grants as and when appropriate. A designated reserve has been allocated to ensure that the Society is in a position to meet its contractual obligations to staff and suppliers should any unforeseen event occur which threatens the resources of the Society.

Incoming Resources

The Society's incoming resources in the year were £65,420 (2021: £93,611). Of this amount £62,277 (2021: £90,267) came from Voluntary Sources. A legacy of £ Nil was received in this period (2021: £1,000). Grants totaling £9,375 (2021: £46,475) were secured this year as a result of the efforts of the fundraiser.

Resources Expended

The Society spent £ 109,295 (2021: £117,276) on expenditure. Charitable expenditure of £69,067 (2021: £79,901) in the current year comprises £29,084 (2021: £24,389) spent on Patchwork, (the family support project). Grants to individuals and other institutions decreased to £39,024 from £54,702 in 2022. The costs of Governance of the Society were £8,320 and £30,544 was applied to generate funds for the Society, including the cost of the fundraiser.

Net Movement in Funds

The net decrease in realised funds for the year was £43,875 (2021: decrease of £23,665). Further details on the results for the year and on the movement in funds may be found in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 13 of the financial statements.

The Board of Directors approved this report on 17.4.23

Director A. M. Rodgers

CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (PLYMOUTH}
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (PLYMOUTH)
For The Year Ended 31 December 2022

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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.

17/4/23

M Keane ACCA
Independent Examiner

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CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (PLYMOUTH}
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	2022 Restricted £	2022 Unrestricted £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Incoming Resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Donations and legacies	4	9,375	52,902	62,277	90,267
Investment income	5	-	3,143	3,143	3,344
Total incoming resources		9,375	56,045	65,420	93,611
RESOURCES EXPENDED	7				
Costs of generating funds					
Cost of generating income		-	(30,544)	(30,544)	(28,684)
Investment management costs		-	(1,364)	(1,364)	(1,620)
Charitable activities					
Patchwork Family Support Project		-	(29,084)	(29,084)	(24,389)
Good Shepherd		-	-	-	-
Rainbows		-	(959)	(959)	-
Direct grant funding of individuals and other institutions		(9,375)	(29,649)	(39,024)	(54,702)
Indirect support costs		-	(8,320)	(8,320)	(7,881)
Total resources expended		(9,375)	(99,920)	(109,295)	(117,276)
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains and losses		-	(43,875)	(43,875)	(23,665)
Net Realised and Unrealised gains/(losses) on investments		-	(34,641)	(34,641)	18,329
Net movement in funds		-	(78,516)	(78,516)	(5,336)
Transfers between funds		-			
Total funds brought forward		-	264,969	264,969	270,305
Total funds carried forward		-	186,453	186,453	264,969

The deficit for the year, for Companies Act purposes comprises the net expenditure for the year was £43,875 (2021: deficit of £23,665). The notes on pages 15 to 24 form part of these financial statements.

Continuing Operations
All income and expenditure have arisen from continuing activities.

A. M. Rodgers.

CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (PLYMOUTH)
(Registered Number 1546053 England & Wales)
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
as at 31 December 2022

	Notes	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2022 £ Total	2021 £ Total
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	9	-	1,325	1,325	1,843
Investments	10	-	168,231	168,231	220,541
		-	169,556	169,556	222,384
Current Assets					
Debtors	11	-	-	-	1,629
Cash at bank and in hand		-	27,486	27,486	50,293
		-	27,486	27,486	51,922
Creditors – amounts falling due within one year	12	-	(10,589)	(10,589)	(9,337)
Net Current Assets		-	16,897	16,897	42,585
Total Net Assets		-	186,453	186,453	264,969
Income Funds	15				
Designated Funds					
Tangible Fixed Asset Fund		-	1,325	1,325	1,843
Patchwork Fund		-	-	-	-
Trustee designated fund		-	22,000	22,000	22,000
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund		-	163,128	163,128	241,126
		-	186,453	186,453	264,969

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The notes on pages 15 to 24 form part of these financial statements.

The trustee directors are satisfied that the charitable company is entitled to exemption from the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 (the Act) relating to the audit of the financial statements for the year by virtue of Section 477, and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to Section 476 of the Act.

The Trustee Directors acknowledge their responsibility for:

(i). ensuring that the company keeps proper accounting records which comply with section 386 and 387 of the Act; and

(ii). preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year, and of its profit or loss for the financial year, in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The Board of Trustee Directors approved these financial statements on 17.4.23.

Mrs A Rodgers
Acting Chair

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Preparation of the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015), Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

1.2 Financial reporting standard 102 – reduced disclosure exemptions

The charity has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemption in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- The requirements of section 7 Statement of Cash Flows

1.3 Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the Charity's abilities to continue for the foreseeable future.

1.4 Fund Accounting

Unrestricted Funds
Unrestricted Funds comprise accumulated surpluses and deficits after transfers to designated funds.

Designated funds are amounts that have been put aside at the discretion of the Trustee Directors. They can include:

(i). amounts set aside for contingencies; and
(ii). expenditure that the Society is not obliged to incur, either legally or constructively but which is, nevertheless, planned.

The designated funds comprise:
Tangible Fixed Asset Fund
The net book amounts of unrestricted funds invested in tangible fixed assets.
Patchwork family support project
Funds allocated to this project including the donations from participants of Patchwork courses.
Support Fund
Funds of £22,000 transferred from unrestricted funds by the Trustees to represent the quantum of funds they
believe need to be reserved to protect the charity should funding be an issue.
Restricted Funds
Restricted funds are subject to conditions imposed by the donors.

1.5 Recognition of Liabilities

Liabilities and related expenditure are recognised in the financial statements as soon as the Society becomes obliged to make a transfer of value to a third party. Where appropriate, the Trustee Directors designate unrestricted funds to represent contingent liabilities or planned future expenditure that has not created a liability.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(continued)*

1.6 Financial instruments

The Company only enters into basic financial instruments transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other accounts receivable and payable, loans from banks and other third parties, loans to related parties and investments in non-puttable ordinary shares.

Debt instruments (other than those wholly repayable or receivable within one year). Including loans and other accounts receivable and payable, are initially measured at present value of future cash flows and subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Debt instruments that are payable or receivable within one year, typically trade payables or receivables, are measured, initially and subsequently, at the undiscounted amount of the cash or other consideration, expected to be paid or received. However if the arrangements of a short-term instrument constitute a financing transaction, like the payment of a trade debt deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate or in case of an out-right short-term loan not at market rate, the financial asset or liability is measured, initially, at the present value of the future cash flow discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument and subsequently at amortised cost.
Financial assets that are measured at cost and amortised cost are assessed at the end of each reporting period for objective evidence of impairment. If objective evidence of impairment is found, an impairment loss is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

For financial assets measured at amortised cost, the impairment loss is measured as the difference between an asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. If a financial asset has a variable interest rate, the discount rate for measuring any impairment loss is the current effective interest rate determined under the contract.

For financial assets measured at cost less impairment, the impairment loss is measured as the difference between an asset's carrying amount and best estimate which is an approximation of the amount that the Company would receive for the asset if it were to be sold at the reporting date.

1.7 Pensions

Retirement benefits for the employees are provided by a money purchase scheme, which is funded by contributions from the Society and by the employees. Contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are paid.

1.8 Grants

Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the statement of financial activities in the year in which they are received.

1.9 Incoming Resources

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours. Cash equivalents are highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(continued)*

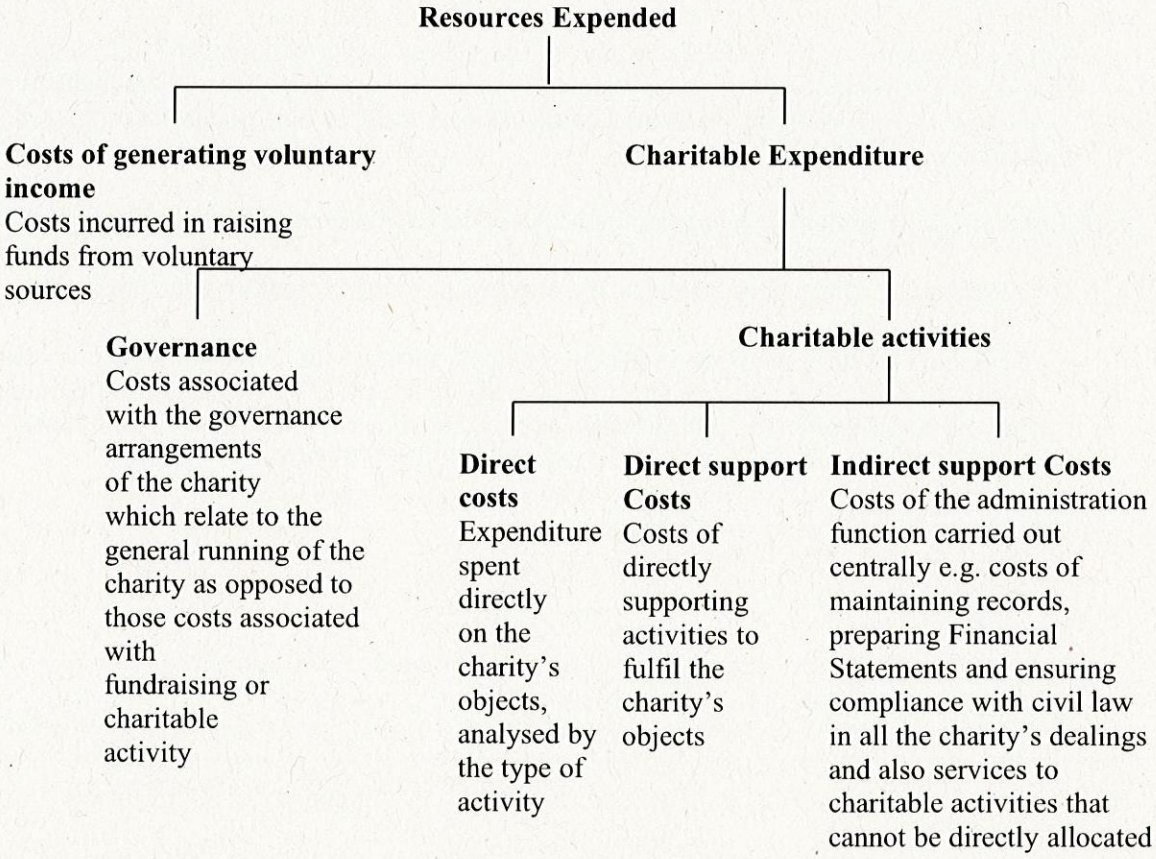
1.10 Incoming Resources – Voluntary Income

Funds from crib offerings, Lenten alms, and other Diocesan collections that the Society has not received at the year end are treated as incoming resources in the Statement of Financial Activities and as Collections in Progress in the Balance Sheet. Legacies are recognised as soon as entitlement and certainty has been established, if probate has been granted at the year end, and they are capable of being measured in financial terms.
Donations are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when received.
Gifts in kind are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable, if practicable or alternatively, in the period in which they are sold or otherwise realised.
Income is deferred when monies are received but relate to the following financial year.

1.11 Resources Expended

Allocation of costs

Costs are allocated where appropriate to expenditure incurred in generating funds and charitable expenditure. Costs, including irrecoverable Value Added Tax, are allocated on the following basis:



Most costs are directly attributable to a cost centre. Costs at the charity's Administration Office are allocated to operational and fundraising activities based on their use of central support functions. Further details may be found in note 7 to the Financial Statements.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(continued)*

1.12 Resources Expended continued

Grants Payable
Grants payable are recognised when payment is authorised.

Depreciation and Tangible Fixed Assets
Tangible Fixed Assets held for the Society's own use, are included in the financial statements at cost. Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets over their useful lives as set out below:

Electrical equipment	20% reducing balance
Other equipment (including collection boxes)	20% reducing balance

Fundraising and publicity
Fundraising expenditure comprises advertising and other expenses incurred in running fundraising events and campaigns.

1.13 Investments

Quoted investments are included in the balance sheet at current market value with realised and unrealised gains and losses on the investments credited/charged directly to the Statement of Financial Activities. All investments, including bank balances held as part of the investment portfolio, are included as fixed assets.

1.14 Judgements in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In preparing these financial statements, the directors have made the following judgements:

- Determine whether there are indicators of impairment of the company's tangible and intangible assets. Factors taken into consideration in reaching such a decision include the economic viability and expected future financial performance of the asset and where it is a component of a larger cash-generating unit, the viability and expected future performance of that unit.

Other key sources of estimation uncertainty

- Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are depreciated over their useful lives taking into account residual values, where appropriate. The actual lives of the assets and residual values are assessed annually and may vary depending on a number of factors. In re-assessing asset lives, factors such as technological innovation, product life cycles and maintenance programmes are taken into account. Residual value assessments consider issues such as future market conditions, the remaining useful life of the asset and projected disposal values.

1.14 Judgements in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty continued

- Fair value of financial investments

The company determines the fair value of financial instruments using valuation techniques which can be significantly affected by the assumptions used, including interest and discount rates and estimates of future cash flows.

2. TAXATION

The Society is exempt from UK income and corporation tax, as it is a registered charity.

3. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	2022	2021
	£	£
Donations	31,604	26,949
Crib offerings	3,559	1,236
Collections	17,739	14,607
Legacies	-	1,000
Grants	9,375	46,475
	62,277	90,267

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2022	2021
	£	£
Listed investments	3,044	3,343
Interest received	99	1
	3,143	3,344

5. THIRD PARTY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Occasionally, some of the incoming resources received by the Society do not belong to the Society. In effect, the original donors of the incoming resources pass on responsibility to the Society:

a) for ensuring that the resources reach the beneficiary charities; or
b) if the beneficiaries are not charities, for ensuring the charitable application of the monies.

In such circumstances, these resources are included as incoming resources and resources expended in the Society's Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet.

6. RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Activities undertaken directly £	Grant funding of activities £	Indirect support costs £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Cost of Generating Voluntary Income					
Fundraising and publicity	-	-	-	-	-
Grant fundraiser	21,697	-	8,847	30,544	28,684
Investment management costs	1,364	-	-	1,364	1,620
Costs of generating funds	23,061	-	8,847	31,908	30,304
Charitable Expenditure					
Direct Grants	39,024	-	-	39,024	54,702
Patchwork (Family Support Project)	20,660	-	8,424	29,084	24,389
Good Shepherd	-	-	-	-	-
Rainbows	959	-	-	959	
Indirect support costs	5,909	-	2,411	8,320	7,881
	89,613	-	19,682	109,295	117,276

Other support costs comprise:

	2022 £	2021 £
Administration salary	15,316	15,788
Other administration	4,366	3,987
	19,682	19,775

The above has been allocated as follows: Patchwork £8,424, Fundraising £8,847 and Indirect support costs £2,411.

Basis for support costs allocation

Costs that are directly attributable to activities of the charity are allocated to the respective cost headings during the year.

Support costs that are not directly attributable to activities (i.e. "indirect support costs") are generally allocated to activities, (other than grant-making activities and exceptional items in other activities), in the proportion that the direct costs of that activity bears to the overall direct costs of the charity.

6. RESOURCES EXPENDED *(Continued)*

	2022 £	2021 £
Indirect support costs		
Indirect support costs include the following:		
Accountancy fees – independent examination	1,000	1,000
Accountancy fees – other work	3,407	3,212
Cost of Trustee Directors' Motor and Travel in connection with the governance of the charity	294	227
Administration in connection with indirect support costs	1,208	1,000
Other support costs	2,411	2,557
	8,320	7,881

7. PARTICULARS OF EMPLOYEES AND PENSIONS

	2022 £	2021 £
Gross salaries	44,414	41,813
Employer's national insurance contributions	-	-
Pension contributions	4,953	4,574
	49,367	46,387

The average number of employees in the year was: 3 (2021: 3)

There were no employees whose emoluments, (including taxable benefits in kind but excluding pension contributions), were equal to or greater than £60,000 per annum.
Retirement benefits for the employees are provided by a money purchase scheme, which is funded by contributions from the Society and by the employees. Contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are paid. The total employer's costs charged for the year were £4,953 (2021: £4,574). There were no outstanding or prepaid contributions at the balance sheet date.

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Equipment £
Cost	
At 1 January 2022	9,775
Additions	-
Disposals	(524)
At 31 December 2022	9,251
Depreciation	
At 1 January 2022	7,932
Charge for the year	515
Accumulated depreciation on disposals	(521)
At 31 December 2022	7,926
Net Book Value	
At 31 December 2022	1,325
At 31 December 2021	1,843

The net book value of Equipment represents fixed assets used for fundraising and publicity purposes, governance and administration purposes and the Patchwork (Family Support) Project.

9. INVESTMENTS

	2022 £	2021 £
Listed on a recognised stock exchange:		
Market value of portfolio at 1 January 2022	219,309	237,642
Net investment additions made in the year	51,956	49,663
Accumulation Dividend	(70)	276
Disposals	(66,775)	(65,400)
Realised and unrealised (losses)/gains on investments	(39,287)	(2,872)
Market value at 31 December 2022	165,133	219,309
UK cash held as part of the investment portfolio:		
Balance at 1 January 2022	1,232	2,848
Transfers from listed investments	72,072	86,601
Investment into investment Portfolio	(51,956)	(49,663)
Income receivable	3,114	3,066
Management Charges	(1,364)	(1,620)
Transfer to charity bank account	(20,000)	(40,000)
	3,098	1,232
Balance at 31 December 2022	168,231	220,541

The value of the listed investments held at 31 December 2022 was £165,133 (2021: £219,309) of this value £76,291 (2021: £53,511) relates to non-UK investments. The cost of listed investments at 31 December 2022 was £129,308 (2021: £146,059).

The investment portfolio contains the following material investments:

	Market Value 2022 £
M&G Securities Ltd Global	18,082
LF Ruffer Investments	15,529
M&G Securities Ltd UK	14,499
Aberdeen std fd mg asi Global	14,188
Ashtead Group	9,487
M&G Strat Corp	8,801
Alphabet Inc	8,787
Marsh & McLennan Com	8,653
Abcam Plc	6,690
Big Yellow Group	6,056

10.DEBTORS - amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Accrued income	4,221	1,629
	4,221	1,629

11.CREDITORS – amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Other creditors	1,475	3,130
Accruals	9,114	6,207
	10,589	9,337

12. CONTROL

The Society is under the effective control of its Trustee Directors.

13. EVENTS AFTER THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD

Although there are no specific known factors which could have an impact on the charity's financial statements it should be noted that as at the end of the financial year there was continued instability relating to the global health emergency in respect of Coronavirus.

Whilst we do not feel that this event and the lockdown which has subsequently followed triggers any adjustments to the financial statements either based upon the position at the year-end or due to events that have transpired since, it is worth noting that there is continued uncertainty in this area.

The charity has adopted initiatives to safeguard the health of its people and actions aimed at maintaining operational activity, whilst also adhering to the latest government guidance.

14. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

The movement of funds classified in accordance with note 1.4 on page 15 is as follows:

		Statement of Financial Activities			
	Balance at 1 January 2022	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers and Investment (Losses)/Gains	Balance at 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds					
Direct Grant Funding (iv)	-	9,375	(9,375)	-	-
	-	9,375	(9,375)	-	-
Designated Funds					
Tangible Fixed Assets (i)	1,843	-	(518)	-	1,325
Patchwork family support project (ii)	-	-	-		-
Trustee designated	22,000	-	-	-	22,000
	23,843	9,375	(9,893)	-	23,325
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund (iii)	241,126	56,045	(99,402)	(34,641)	163,128
	264,969	65,420	(109,295)	(34,641)	186,453

The above funds represent:

(i) The net book amounts of unrestricted funds invested in tangible fixed assets.

(ii) Details of the Patchwork Family Support Project are explained in the Trustees Report. In 2011 the Trustees decided to designate funds to secure the future of the Patchwork family support project, consequently a transfer amounting to a further two years annual expenses was made from the general fund to cover 2014 and 2015. It also includes incoming resources in the form of donations from participants of Patchwork courses. (The equipment used for the project is included in the Tangible Fixed Assets Fund).

(iii) The net surplus/(deficit) after transfers to the designated funds represents, if in surplus, funds available for use at the discretion of the Directors to further expand the activities of the Society.

(iv) Grants or donations received with restrictions over their use.

14. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN FUNDS *(Continued)*

Unrestricted Funds balances at 31 December 2022 are represented by:

	2022 £	2021 £
Tangible Fixed Assets	1,325	1,843
Investments	168,231	220,541
Net Current Assets	16,897	42,585
	186,453	264,969

15. DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Neither the Trustee Directors nor any persons connected with them receive any form of remuneration other than reimbursement at a fixed rate per mile for motor car travel and for other expenses incurred in the course of their duties as Trustee Directors. The entitlement was exercised by 6 Trustee Directors (2021:6). The Trustee Directors were reimbursed £810 for expenses during the year (2021: £376).

Total costs of £1,477 were paid to the Diocesan Trust which was made up of the following; £1,000 to Plymouth Diocesan Trust (2021: £1,000) for bookkeeping and administrative support. The remainder of the costs were paid for general use of the admin costs as supplied by the Diocese.

No grants were given to the Diocese during the year.

CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (PLYMOUTH)

England & Wales - Charity number 282803

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 1546053 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 282803

CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (PLYMOUTH)

Trustees' Report
And
Financial Statements

For the year ended
31 December 2021

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CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (PLYMOUTH)
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31 December 2021

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CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (PLYMOUTH)

TRUSTEE DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31 December 2021

The Trustee Directors submit their statutory report for the year to 31 December 2021 and the financial statements for the year then ended.

The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

Reference and Administrative Details of the Charity, its Trustee Directors and Advisors

President:	Right Reverend Bishop Mark O'Toole
Trustee Directors:	B. Fearnley [Chair] A.Rodgers [ViceChair] P. Welbourne M. Shepherd V. Magor K. Ellacott G.Maroney [resigned 23.3.21] Deacon T. Van Kroonenburg J. Larter C. Hambly [appointed 14.5.21]
Secretary:	Mr V Magor
Registered Office:	St Boniface House Ashburton Devon TQ13 7JL
Company Registered Number:	1546053
Charity Registered Number:	282803
Website:	www.ccsplymouth.org.uk
Appointment of Trustee Directors:	Trustee Directors are appointed in writing by the Roman Catholic Bishop of Plymouth
Accountants:	Thomas Westcott Chartered Accountants Plymouth
Bankers:	National Westminster Bank Plc Exeter
Solicitors:	Messrs Tozers Exeter
Investments:	Stockdale Asset Management Lanivet Cornwall

Public Benefit

The charity trustees have complied with the duty of the Charities Act 2011 to have regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission. The trustees feel they satisfy the public benefit by providing for the charitable needs of children and young persons and families, especially those of the Catholic faith.

Structure

The Society is a company limited by guarantee, not having share capital and governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. In the event of the Company being wound up, the liability of each member is limited to £10.

Control of the Society and its property and funds are vested in a Committee, whose Members, Chair and Deputy Chair are formally appointed by the Roman Catholic Bishop of Plymouth and who constitute the charity trustees of the Society and directors under company law and are known as the Board of Trustee Directors.

Governance, Decision-making and Recruitment and Appointment of Trustee Directors

Details of the structure of the Charity and its Governing Document are given above. The business of the Society is managed by this Board, which may consult with the Bishop on the business of the Society whenever it is deemed appropriate, and which must do so on any matter which significantly affects the character and ethos of the Society. The Board meets as often as considered necessary to manage the business of the Society but must meet at least three times a year. The Board may delegate any of its functions to sub-committees, (provided at least two members of each sub-committee are members of the main committee) and regulate them as appropriate and in addition may appoint sub-committees to act purely in an advisory capacity. During 2021, there was one such sub-committee, to manage Patchwork, known as the Patchwork Management Team. This committee exists to enable swift decision making for this Project, as this is a primary activity of the Society, which cannot always wait for a full Board meeting for day-to-day business decisions. The impact of COVID has meant that subcommittee meetings were not possible in person, but where necessary virtual meetings were held, as well as phone conversations.

Recruitment of members takes place from advertisements placed across the Catholic Diocese of Plymouth, as we have an expectation that members will live within the area in which the charity provides its services. The Board members are recruited from all backgrounds, faiths, and experiences, and although some have specialist skills and knowledge to share with the Board it is considered of primary importance that the members have an interest in the care and welfare of children, young people and families.

Candidates for membership of the Board are invited to attend one or two Board Meetings as observers, to meet existing members and gain an insight into the workings of the Charity and its Board. At that time and on appointment to the Board, they are supplied with a copy of the last Statutory Financial Statements of the Charity, a copy of its Memorandum and Articles and also Charity Commission publications explaining their responsibilities as trustee directors. New Board Members complete declarations accepting membership of the Charity and of their willingness to act as trustee directors of the Charity and are vetted in accordance with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

All new Board members are mentored, and are encouraged to ask questions at Board meetings, and where appropriate to seek additional training or guidance on any particular aspect of the Society's work.

Trustee Directors receive no remuneration for their work governing and supporting the charity, although due to the large area covered and to ensure recruitment and retention of Board members, reasonable travel expenses are reimbursed

Staff

During 2021 the Society employed three paid staff, all of whom worked part time.

- Patchwork Parenting Facilitator – providing and facilitating all Patchwork Parenting courses to support and parents/carers and liaising with schools to provide and review services.
- Fundraiser & Communications Officer – obtaining all grants and funding for the charity and updating parishioners/Diocese/supporters of the work CCSP carry out through the year.
- Administrative Assistant – Essential grant programme, admin for Trustees/charity and finances.

Patron

Our sincere thanks go to Professor Shelia the Baroness Hollins who has agreed to become a Patron to CCSP.

Volunteers

Throughout the Diocese, a number of people in parishes volunteer to help the Society by acting as coordinators for the annual appeal collection and gift aid scheme. Others have given much time and effort to fundraising and publicity. The Society is most grateful to all who have given help in any way. In 2021, we have begun to compile a list of all Parish Volunteers and have promoted this vital role with the intention of producing Parish Volunteer packs.

Other relationships

The Society is supported by the Plymouth Diocesan Trust, also a Registered Charity (No. 213227). The Diocesan Trust provides the accommodation occupied by the Society's Registered Office and expects reimbursement for the office consumables such as stationery, telephone and postage. A small sum is payable for other administrative services provided by the Diocese such as payroll and personnel support. The Society is exceedingly grateful for the support the Diocese offers in this way.

Caritas

A Caritas group led by the Rt Rev Bishop Mark O'Toole was formed in March 2019 within the Plymouth Diocese.

It supports and shares the Mission of the Catholic Church, supporting the network of social action charities and parishes within the Plymouth Diocese. We have a strong partnership with Caritas Plymouth. As one of the founder members of the Caritas team we are helping to draw this initiative forward, helping to reach more disadvantaged families' and children. We have worked collaboratively with Caritas in identifying the needs of families in crisis in the Diocese, helping those of faith and of none.

Compliance with the governing document and current statutory requirements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the governing document of the Society, current statutory requirements, and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS102): Accounting and Reporting by Charities. The Board of Trustee Directors have complied with their duty and with due regard to the guidance on public benefit given by the Charity Commission when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance was relevant.

Investment Powers

Under the Memorandum and Articles, the Charity has the power to deposit or invest funds in any manner (but to invest only after obtaining advice and having regard to the suitability of investments and the need for diversification). The Charity holds a policy on ethical investment and has a statement of investment principle and risk of which our investment advisors are aware.

Objectives

The objectives of the Society are to relieve the charitable needs of children and young persons and families, especially those of the Catholic faith.

Activities Undertaken by the Society in connection with the objectives stated

The stated objective of the Society is to support family life across the Catholic Diocese of Plymouth, which covers all of Cornwall, Devon and part of Dorset.

Currently this is achieved by the provision of the Patchwork Parenting Project, the Good Shepherd Programme for schools, and an Essential grant programme. These are all supported by various fundraising initiatives and donations from schools, parishes and individuals, as well as from a number of grant giving organisations. Our investment strategy provides reserves to ensure there are sufficient funds available to support these activities for at least the coming financial year in the event of a financial deficit caused by lack of income. This is necessary due to the fluctuating nature of our grant giving which is dependent on need and can vary greatly month to month.

The Patchwork Parenting Project is designed to support parents and carers. The programmes cover differing age ranges so that parents or carers have a choice of platform to suit their needs. Efforts are made to overcome any barriers to participation such as literacy or language and venues are selected to cover a wide-ranging area and with appropriate facilities for all participants.

These programmes are provided free of charge to all parents and carers and although voluntary donations to help defray expenses are welcomed, they are not expected.

As local authority budgets are cut further, the number of non-statutory parenting programmes provided by local authorities continue to fall year on year. The Patchwork Parenting project strives to bridge the gap for parents by providing programmes in their locality.

The Board of Trustee Directors carried out an extensive review of the Project during 2016 to ensure cost efficiency and value for money. In consequence a number of changes have been implemented, most significantly the loss of a paid managerial post with day-to-day decisions being made by the Designated Trustee Director with recourse to the Patchwork Management Team sub-committee. It was hoped this, and other efficiency changes would boost attendance, but lockdowns as a result of the Pandemic meant that schools were closed to most pupils for long periods of time. Our Patchwork worker has been very innovative, setting up online sessions for groups of parents/carers. The pandemic has seriously affected Patchwork's contact with schools during 2020 and into 2021.

Our Good Shepherd programme is promoted in schools to encourage young people to think of the needs of others.

We also purchased essential items for families through our Essential Grant Programme. Helping to support families of all faiths or none. The number of applications for grants was greater than 2020. All grant applications the Society receive are assessed on their individual merit and in order that we can be sure that our donor's money is being used where there is need. Applications must be supported by a professional agency supporting the family. If an individual/family member sends an application to the Society this will need to be supported by two referees, who can be contacted for further information. Guidance is offered to applicants through documents publicly available on our website or on request. The main criteria for acceptance remains that the item required must directly benefit a child's welfare, be of an essential nature, and not be available through statutory aid.

The Board of Trustee Directors have provided all these services and complied with their duty and with due regard to the guidance on public benefit given by the Charity Commission when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance was relevant.

Summary of achievements in 2021

Patchwork Parenting

Despite Lockdown Patchwork was able to adapt and make some changes to its delivery to ensure that families were still supported. Lock down low downs were introduced as an online drop-in support for families all over the diocese. These were advertised on social media as well as in CAST schools.

3 online courses (2 primary and one teenage) ran successfully, as well as 3 face to face courses in Barnstaple and Plymouth.

3 families were supported on a one-to-one basis when there was not enough uptake in their school, to ensure they still received support where needed.

A survey was sent out amongst CAST schools to identify the needs of the families in our area and how best to meet them.

The CAHMS Mental Health 'old crisis new normal' event was attended, a very successful event where contacts were made and a clear up to date view of what young people and their families are battling to highlight the current issues, in hope that services can be tailored to meet the need.

There has been training and CPD opportunities to ensure that this time was well spent, information gathering to meet the needs of families in the Diocese.

Patchwork have linked to areas such as Keyham; where there is a big drive to support families in the community following tragedy.

Good Shepherd

Our Good Shepherd programme continues to encourage the children in our Catholic schools to think of other children less fortunate than themselves.

Over the last few years, we have been building relationships with our Catholic schools and at the end of 2020, we promoted our first Good Shepherd initiative for a few years 'Sleep on the Floor for a Night' which saw 25 children give up their beds for one night to raise almost £2,300. The current initiative 'Walk a Mile in Their Shoes' is being promoted in schools with the help of Plymouth CAST, who we continue to work well with to promote our fundraising initiatives through their new portal and their newsletters. 'Walk a Mile in Their Shoes' raises awareness that there are some children throughout the Diocese who unfortunately do not have the simple luxury of wearing comfortable and well-fitting shoes to school everyday.

In June 2021, we held our second non uniform day on the Feast of St Aloysius Gonzaga and plan to make this an annual event. A number of schools have also taken the initiative to raise money for CCSP through their own sponsored events. Towards the end of 2021, we ran our second 'Design a Christmas Card' competition, with the four winning designs turned into packs of Christmas cards to sell.

A School Information Pack has been produced, which has been handed directly to a number of schools to make them aware of the work we do and how we can help vulnerable children. So far, we have visited 12 schools to make our presentation and have plans to visit at least two more this year.

Fundraising

We rely entirely on the generosity of our loyal supporters in our parishes and Catholic schools across our Diocese. Our Annual Appeal, which is the main fundraiser of the year, was more successful in 2021 after the dip in collections from the previous year. As well as the Annual Appeal returning to generating a

similar amount as we had seen pre Covid-19, early signs look favourable for the Crib Appeal collections to also return to their pre pandemic totals.

We were fortunate to receive more coronavirus funding in 2021 totalling £33,500 from The Albert Gubay Foundation Trust, the National Lottery and the Devon Coronavirus Fund compared to £27,000 in 2020. Funding from the annual grants we receive increased substantially to £9,350 compared to £7,850 in 2020 and £5,950 in 2019. This is as a result of approaching a considerable number of new funders requesting financial help, but it is worth mentioning we received many more negative responses than positive. We also won first place in the Tesco Community Grants scheme which saw shoppers in 7 local Tesco stores in Plymouth vote for the CCSP to receive £1,500.

More Crowdfunding campaigns, the use of text donations and our Orange Box recycling scheme turning 'clutter into cash' continued to prove fruitful as the restrictions continued to affect our usual fundraising activities and our rescheduled Great Big Diocesan Quiz had to be cancelled in September as the pandemic worsened. Our Orange Box recycling scheme saw our total raised for the year return to pre pandemic totals with £1,458 raised compared to £1,171 in 2020. We continue to promote our Caring Club which has seen a steady albeit slow rise in membership and our 50:50 club Helping Hands continues to bring in additional income.

More and more people are liking our CCSP Facebook page and we continue to use this to help promote our activities and achievements. We even made our first Tweet.

We have begun to promote the role of the Parish Volunteer and have sent a Parish Volunteer pack to each parish, and we continue to promote this valuable role within our Diocese. A database of Parish Volunteers has been set up and we plan to recruit more, as we suspect there are more loyal supporters who are carrying out this vital role for us. We are so thankful to everyone who volunteers for us in any way as we would not be able to continue to help children and their families, without their invaluable support.

Annual Mass

This event took place at Buckfast Abbey and our sincere thanks go to the Abbey, The Bishop and St Mary's Catholic Church, Buckfast for taking part and helping with the organisation. It was a great event and CCSP really value the time and effort that was put into this. It is a way of us saying thank you to all our supporters and also highlighting the work we are carrying out.

Plans for the year ahead

We have a number of Parish Volunteers in place and need to build on this role throughout 2022 as the restrictions hopefully lift and parishes can return to having our promotional material on display to increase our presence throughout the Diocese.

We will continue to build on our relationships with the Catholic schools and plan to disseminate our School Information pack to the right person in each school to maintain contact and promote how we can help vulnerable children and their families.

We would like to take our new CCSP promotional stand out into the Diocese and attend more meetings including those run by the Catenian Association, Catholic Women's League, Knights of Columba and we would like to attend each of the five Deanery meetings held in 2022.

We are looking to set up a Fundraising strategy so we have a more focused approach and would like to focus on our legacy fundraising.

Grant Giving

Our grant programme has criteria, which allows for only essential items to be provided to families; all applications are considered by a panel based on the overarching need of the child or children in the family unit. We cannot help with debt repayment or with utility bills, as there are charities who are better placed to support. Where we feel that ultimately we cannot help, we endeavour to signpost families to alternative sources of assistance. Applications may be for more than one item and so we have had to assess these on actual need and priority. Most grants given address welfare issues for children, such as school uniform, beds, or other items i.e., essential household goods. We also ask that all applications are supported by a supporting agency who know and are working with a family at this critical time.

The number of applications received are increasing year on year. CCSP received 314 grants for 2021 compared to 219 in 2020. Many families are continuing to be affected by Covid, not only affecting their financial circumstances due to job loss, but also in restrictions in being able to source and purchase second hand items. Many families have seen an increase in household bills and unfortunately these are due to increase again for the forthcoming year.

	2020	**2021**
Number of grant applications received	219	314
Applications declined/cancelled/or no longer required	24	79
Number of grants approved and processed	195	235

Grants are given across the Diocese, but it was again noted that the majority of applications received were from the highly populated and known areas of economic need and assessed as 'poor', such as Plymouth. However, grants to individuals within other areas of the Diocese were supported. As always CCSP are trying to connect to agencies across Devon, Cornwall and Dorset and have had many enquiries from the turn2us website. We are always looking at ways to promote the Essential Grant Programme and reach as many families/organisations as possible within the Diocese.

	Cornwall	Devon	Dorset
Number of applications received within the Diocese of Plymouth	24	263	27

Back in 2019 we were also able to assist in providing funds to a group of children who will be going on a Pilgrimage to Lourdes. This had to be postponed twice due to Covid, but the group hope to go in 2022 and will keep us updated and share their experience with us, which we look forward to.

To ensure the integrity of the grant system, no applicant receives funds directly, all items are purchased. The main items requested and funded this year have been washing machines, fridge-freezers, cookers, beds/mattresses, and school uniform for children, although other items such as wardrobes, cots, baby equipment have also been provided.

	2021
Items provided [school uniform has been based on 1 person = 1 item and not all items provided to one child]	459
Number of children benefiting directly	168
Number of children in families with additional needs who have been supported.	42

We have received positive feedback from many of the agencies we deal with and some families we have supported. We are so grateful for all donations, funding and legacies received, as this supports CCSP in carrying out the Essential Grant Programme.

Plans for the coming year

During 2022, the Society will continue to consider how funds can be distributed to benefit more families who are struggling with day-to-day life.

The Board of Trustee Directors may seek to explore new avenues of support, but also focus on the need to ensure the services provided continue in the most effective way, with changes to processes and protocols where necessary, continuing to adapt to the changing issues in family life. Our services will continue to be provided to families with children without discrimination.

Our fundraising work will continue to focus on parishes, schools, and community spirit. We will continue with the spiritual links we have created to support our annual appeal and crib collections, linking with the Good Shepherd programme, which we hope to develop further in 2022.

The Patchwork Parenting courses will continue to take place and new ways will be looked at in order that these can continue to run, helping parents/carers in a nurturing and supportive role.

The Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) will also continue to develop their relationship with Plymouth CAST schools, working ever more closely.

Moving forward in the coming years ahead we also hope to continue to work collaboratively with Caritas Plymouth.

Board members are very grateful to all staff members for their dedication and flexibility in yet another challenging year.

Statement of Directors Responsibility

The Trustees (who are also directors of Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Directors Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Investment Policy

Having regard to the level of reserves and reserves policy, the Directors operate a policy of keeping funds sufficient for day to day functioning in current accounts, with the balance administered by investment fund managers Stockdale Asset Management. This year the Directors have allocated part of the investments to ensure the Society has sufficient reserves to cover contractual obligations to its staff and suppliers should the Society become unintentionally insolvent.

Reserves

This section of the Directors' Report should be read in conjunction with note 15 to the financial statements. The Society is involved in several projects, the foremost being Patchwork, (supporting parents/carers and families), which is a permanent feature of the Society's work and its major financial commitment. The regular annual incoming resources of the Charity (i.e. excluding legacies and grants which are intermittent, unexpected sources of income), are usually approximately £60,000. Excluding grant-making activities, (which, again, are intermittent in nature), the regular annual resources expended by the Charity were approximately £61,000. The Charity has total unrestricted reserves at 31 December 2021 of £264,969. The Directors consider this level of reserves appropriate (i) to cushion existing activities from unexpected fluctuations in incoming resources, (ii) to enable maintenance and improvement of the projects currently being run and (iii) to enable them to make one-off grants as and when appropriate. A designated reserve has been allocated to ensure that the Society is in a position to meet its contractual obligations to staff and suppliers should any unforeseen event occur which threatens the resources of the Society.

Incoming Resources

The Society's incoming resources in the year were £93,611 (2020: £69,640). Of this amount £90,267 (2020: £64,807) came from Voluntary Sources. A legacy of £1,000 was received in this period (2020: nil). Grants totalling £46,475 (2020: £27,000) were secured this year as a result of the efforts of the fundraiser.

Resources Expended

The Society applied £117,276 (2020: £102,052) on expenditure. Charitable expenditure of £79,901 in the current year comprises £24,389 spent on Patchwork, (the family support project). Grants to individuals and other institutions increased to £54,702 from £39,513 in 2020. The costs of Governance of the Society were £7,881 and £28,684 was applied to generate funds for the Society, including the cost of the fundraiser.

Net Movement in Funds

The net decrease in realised funds for the year was £23,665 (2020 decrease of £32,412). Further details on the results for the year and on the movement in funds may be found in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 10 of the financial statements.

The Board of Directors approved this report on 25.4.22

Director ..... Director .....

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (PLYMOUTH)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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.

Keith Clay
Thomas Westcott Chartered Accountants
Independent Examiner
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CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (PLYMOUTH)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Notes	2021 Restricted £	2021 Unrestricted £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Incoming Resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Donations and legacies	4	35,500	54,767	90,267	64,807
Investment income	5	-	3,344	3,344	4,833
Total incoming resources		-	58,111	93,611	69,640
RESOURCES EXPENDED	7				
Costs of generating funds					
Cost of generating income		-	(28,684)	(28,684)	(24,561)
Investment management costs		-	(1,620)	(1,620)	(1,620)
Charitable activities					
Patchwork Family Support Project		-	(24,389)	(24,389)	(27,237)
Good Shepherd		-	-	-	-
Direct grant funding of individuals and other institutions		(35,500)	(19,202)	(54,702)	(39,513)
Indirect support costs		-	(7,881)	(7,881)	(9,121)
Total resources expended		(35,500)	(81,776)	(117,276)	(102,052)
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains and losses		-	(23,665)	(23,665)	(32,412)
Net Realised and Unrealised gains/(losses) on investments		-	18,329	18,329	(2,231)
Net movement in funds		-	(5,336)	(5,336)	(34,643)
Transfers between funds		-			
Total funds brought forward		-	270,305	270,305	304,948
Total funds carried forward		-	264,969	264,969	270,305

The deficit for the year, for Companies Act purposes comprises the net expenditure for the year was £23,665 (2020: deficit of £32,412). The notes on pages 13 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

Continuing Operations
All income and expenditure have arisen from continuing activities.

CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (PLYMOUTH)
(Registered Number 1546053 England & Wales)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
as at 31 December 2021

	Notes	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2021 £ Total	2020 £ Total
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	9	-	1,843	1,843	1,126
Investments	10	-	220,541	220,541	240,490
		-	222,384	222,384	241,616
Current Assets					
Debtors	11	-	1,629	1,629	1,901
Cash at bank and in hand		-	50,293	50,293	39,221
		-	51,922	51,922	41,122
Creditors – amounts falling due within one year	12	-	(9,337)	(9,337)	(12,433)
Net Current Assets		-	42,585	42,585	28,689
Total Net Assets		-	264,969	264,969	270,305
Income Funds	15				
Designated Funds					
Tangible Fixed Asset Fund		-	1,843	1,843	1,126
Patchwork Fund		-	-	-	-
Trustee designated fund		-	22,000	22,000	22,000
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund		-	241,126	241,126	247,179
		-	264,969	264,969	270,305

The notes on pages 13 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

For the year ending 31 December 2021 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on ....., and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Mrs B Fearnley
Chair

Mrs A Rodgers
Vice Chair

25.4.22.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 31 December 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 General information and statement of compliance

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is St Boniface House, Ashburton, Devon, TQ13 7JL, England.
These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102 Section 1A, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102 Section 1A) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

1.2 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

1.3 Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the Charity's abilities to continue for the foreseeable future.

1.4 Fund Accounting

Unrestricted Funds
Unrestricted Funds comprise accumulated surpluses and deficits after transfers to designated funds.

Designated funds are amounts that have been put aside at the discretion of the Trustee Directors. They can include:

(i). amounts set aside for contingencies; and
(ii). expenditure that the Society is not obliged to incur, either legally or constructively but which is, nevertheless, planned.

The designated funds comprise:
Tangible Fixed Asset Fund
The net book amounts of unrestricted funds invested in tangible fixed assets.
Patchwork family support project
Funds allocated to this project including the donations from participants of Patchwork courses.
Support Fund
Funds of £22,000 transferred from unrestricted funds by the Trustees to represent the quantum of funds they believe need to be reserved to protect the charity should funding be an issue.
Restricted Funds
Restricted funds are subject to conditions imposed by the donors.

1.5 Recognition of Liabilities

Liabilities and related expenditure are recognised in the financial statements as soon as the Society becomes obliged to make a transfer of value to a third party. Where appropriate, the Trustee Directors designate unrestricted funds to represent contingent liabilities or planned future expenditure that has not created a liability.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(continued)*

1.6 Financial instruments

The Company only enters into basic financial instruments transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other accounts receivable and payable, loans from banks and other third parties, loans to related parties and investments in non-puttable ordinary shares.

Debt instruments (other than those wholly repayable or receivable within one year). Including loans and other accounts receivable and payable, are initially measured at present value of future cash flows and subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Debt instruments that are payable or receivable within one year, typically trade payables or receivables, are measured, initially and subsequently, at the undiscounted amount of the cash or other consideration, expected to be paid or received. However if the arrangements of a short-term instrument constitute a financing transaction, like the payment of a trade debt deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate or in case of an out-right short-term loan not at market rate, the financial asset or liability is measured, initially, at the present value of the future cash flow discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument and subsequently at amortised cost.
Financial assets that are measured at cost and amortised cost are assessed at the end of each reporting period for objective evidence of impairment. If objective evidence of impairment is found, an impairment loss is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

For financial assets measured at amortised cost, the impairment loss is measured as the difference between an asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. If a financial asset has a variable interest rate, the discount rate for measuring any impairment loss is the current effective interest rate determined under the contract.

For financial assets measured at cost less impairment, the impairment loss is measured as the difference between an asset's carrying amount and best estimate which is an approximation of the amount that the Company would receive for the asset if it were to be sold at the reporting date.

1.7 Pensions

Retirement benefits for the employees are provided by a money purchase scheme, which is funded by contributions from the Society and by the employees. Contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are paid.

1.8 Grants

Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the statement of financial activities in the year in which they are received.

1.9 Incoming Resources

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours. Cash equivalents are highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(continued)*

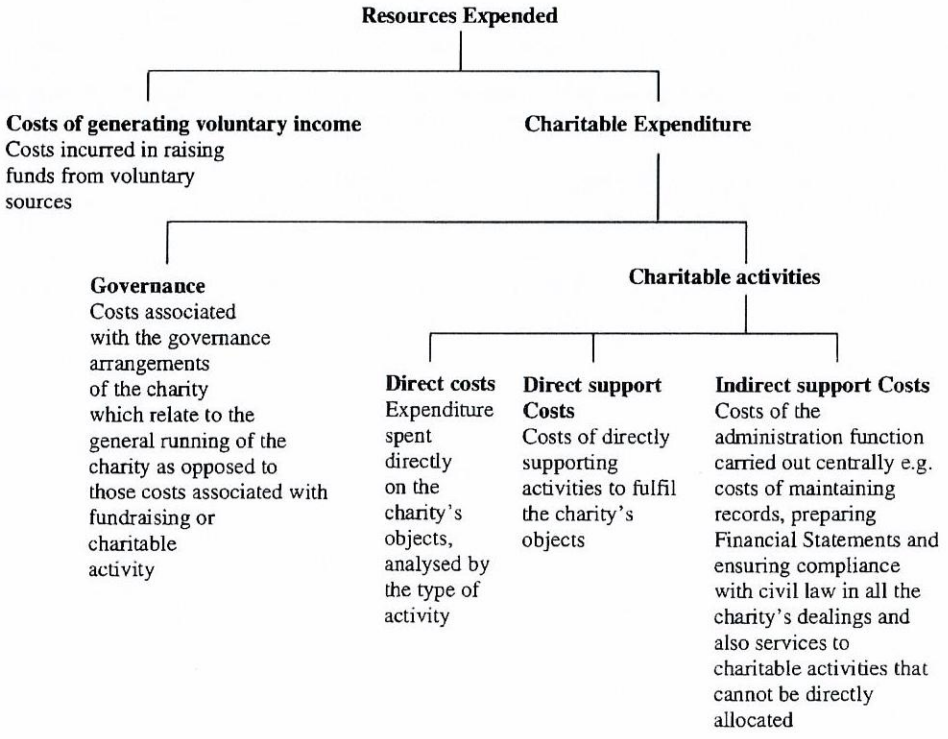
1.10 Incoming Resources – Voluntary Income

Funds from crib offerings, Lenten alms, and other Diocesan collections that the Society has not received at the year end are treated as incoming resources in the Statement of Financial Activities and as Collections in Progress in the Balance Sheet. Legacies are recognised as soon as entitlement and certainty has been established, if probate has been granted at the year end, and they are capable of being measured in financial terms.
Donations are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when received.
Gifts in kind are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable, if practicable or alternatively, in the period in which they are sold or otherwise realised.
Income is deferred when monies are received but relate to the following financial year.

1.11 Resources Expended

Allocation of costs

Costs are allocated where appropriate to expenditure incurred in generating funds and charitable expenditure. Costs, including irrecoverable Value Added Tax, are allocated on the following basis:



Most costs are directly attributable to a cost centre. Costs at the charity's Administration Office are allocated to operational and fundraising activities based on their use of central support functions. Further details may be found in note 7 to the Financial Statements.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(continued)*

1.12 Resources Expended continued

Grants Payable
Grants payable are recognised when payment is authorised.

Depreciation and Tangible Fixed Assets
Tangible Fixed Assets held for the Society's own use, are included in the financial statements at cost. Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets over their useful lives as set out below:

Electrical equipment	20% reducing balance
Other equipment (including collection boxes)	20% reducing balance

Fundraising and publicity
Fundraising expenditure comprises advertising and other expenses incurred in running fundraising events and campaigns.

1.13 Investments

Quoted investments are included in the balance sheet at current market value with realised and unrealised gains and losses on the investments credited/charged directly to the Statement of Financial Activities. All investments, including bank balances held as part of the investment portfolio, are included as fixed assets.

1.14 Judgements in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In preparing these financial statements, the directors have made the following judgements:

- Determine whether there are indicators of impairment of the company's tangible and intangible assets. Factors taken into consideration in reaching such a decision include the economic viability and expected future financial performance of the asset and where it is a component of a larger cash-generating unit, the viability and expected future performance of that unit.

Other key sources of estimation uncertainty

- Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are depreciated over their useful lives taking into account residual values, where appropriate. The actual lives of the assets and residual values are assessed annually and may vary depending on a number of factors. In re-assessing asset lives, factors such as technological innovation, product life cycles and maintenance programmes are taken into account. Residual value assessments consider issues such as future market conditions, the remaining useful life of the asset and projected disposal values.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(continued)*

1.14 Judgements in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty continued

- Fair value of financial investments

The company determines the fair value of financial instruments using valuation techniques which can be significantly affected by the assumptions used, including interest and discount rates and estimates of future cash flows.

2. TAXATION

The Society is exempt from UK income and corporation tax, as it is a registered charity.

3. DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Director remuneration

Neither the Trustee Directors nor any persons connected with them receive any form of remuneration other than reimbursement at a fixed rate per mile for motor car travel and for other expenses incurred in the course of their duties as Trustee Directors. The entitlement was exercised by 6 Trustee Directors (2020:9). The Trustee Directors were reimbursed £376 for expenses during the year (2020: £875).

Related party transactions

Total costs of £1,477 were paid to the Diocesan Trust which was made up of the following; £1,000 to Plymouth Diocesan Trust (2020: £1,000) for bookkeeping and administrative support. The remainder of the costs were paid for general use of the admin costs as supplied by the Diocese.

No grants were given to the Diocese during the year.

4. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	2021 Restricted £	2021 Unrestricted £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Donations	-	26,949	26,949	30,794
Crib offerings	-	1,236	1,236	156
Collections	-	14,607	14,607	6,857
Legacies	-	1,000	1,000	-
Grants	35,500	10,975	46,475	27,000
	35,500	54,767	90,267	64,807

5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2021 Restricted £	2021 Unrestricted £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Listed investments	-	3,343	3,343	4,785
Interest received	-	1	1	48
	-	3,344	3,344	4,833

6. THIRD PARTY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Occasionally, some of the incoming resources received by the Society do not belong to the Society. In effect, the original donors of the incoming resources pass on responsibility to the Society:

a) for ensuring that the resources reach the beneficiary charities; or
b) if the beneficiaries are not charities, for ensuring the charitable application of the monies.

In such circumstances, these resources are included as incoming resources and resources expended in the Society's Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet.

7. RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Activities undertaken directly £	Grant funding of activities £	Indirect support costs £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Cost of Generating Voluntary Income					
Fundraising and publicity	-	-	-	-	-
Grant fundraiser	19,378	-	9,306	28,684	24,561
Investment management costs	1,620	-	-	1,620	1,620
Costs of generating funds	20,998	-	9,306	30,304	26,181
Charitable Expenditure					
Direct Grants	54,702	-	-	54,702	39,513
Patchwork (Family Support Project)	16,477	-	7,912	24,389	27,237
Good Shepherd	-	-	-	-	-
Indirect support costs	5,324	-	2,557	7,881	9,121
	97,501	-	19,775	117,276	102,052

7. RESOURCES EXPENDED *(continued)*

Other support costs comprise:	2021 £	2020 £
Administration salary	15,788	18,006
Other administration	3,987	2,266
	19,775	20,272

The above has been allocated as follows: Patchwork £7,912, Fundraising £9,306 and Indirect support costs £2,557.

Basis for support costs allocation

Costs that are directly attributable to activities of the charity are allocated to the respective cost headings during the year.

Support costs that are not directly attributable to activities (i.e. "indirect support costs") are generally allocated to activities, (other than grant-making activities and exceptional items in other activities), in the proportion that the direct costs of that activity bears to the overall direct costs of the charity.

	2021 £	2020 £
Indirect support costs Indirect support costs include the following:		
Accountancy fees – independent examination	1,000	1,000
Accountancy fees – other work	3,212	3,020
Cost of Trustee Directors' Motor and Travel in connection with the governance of the charity	227	376
Administration in connection with indirect support costs	1,000	1,690
Other support costs	2,557	3,035
	7,881	9,121

8. PARTICULARS OF EMPLOYEES AND PENSIONS

	2021 £	2020 £
Gross salaries	41,813	42,747
Employer's National Insurance Contributions	-	-
Pension Contributions	4,574	4,678
	46,387	47,425

The average number of employees in the year was: 3 (2020: 3)

There were no employees whose emoluments, (including taxable benefits in kind but excluding pension contributions), were equal to or greater than £60,000 per annum.
Retirement benefits for the employees are provided by a money purchase scheme, which is funded by contributions from the Society and by the employees. Contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are paid. The total employer's costs charged for the year were £4,574 (2020: £4,678). There were no outstanding or prepaid contributions at the balance sheet date.

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Equipment £
Cost	
At 1 January 2021	8,641
Additions	1,134
At 31 December 2021	9,775
Depreciation	
At 1 January 2021	7,515
Charge for the year	417
At 31 December 2021	7,932
Net Book Value	
At 31 December 2021	1,843
At 31 December 2020	1,126

The net book value of Equipment represents fixed assets used for fundraising and publicity purposes, governance and administration purposes and the Patchwork (Family Support) Project.

10. INVESTMENTS

	2021 £	2020 £
Listed on a recognised stock exchange:		
Market value of portfolio at 1 January 2021	237,642	267,981
Net investment additions made in the year	49,663	26,353
Accumulation Dividend	276	458
Disposals	(65,400)	(62,365)
Realised and unrealised (losses)/gains on investments	(2,872)	5,215
Market value at 31 December 2021	219,309	237,642
UK cash held as part of the investment portfolio:		
Balance at 1 January 2021	2,848	1,575
Transfers from listed investments	86,601	54,919
Investment into investment Portfolio	(49,663)	(26,353)
Income receivable	3,066	4,327
Management Charges	(1,620)	(1,620)
Transfer to charity bank account	(40,000)	(30,000)
	1,232	2,848
Balance at 31 December 2021	220,541	240,490

The value of the listed investments held at 31 December 2021 was £219,309 (2020: £237,642) of this value £53,511 (2020: £73,431) relates to non-UK investments. The cost of listed investments at 31 December 2021 was £146,059 (2020: £161,520).

10. INVESTMENTS (continued)

The investment portfolio contains the following material investments:

	Market Value £
Henderson Investment Janus	22,307
Link Fund Sol Ltd	15,272
Aberdeen std fd mg asi	14,740
M&G Securities Ltd UK	14,605
Alphabet Inc	12,838
Ashtead Group	11,943
Allianz GLB Invest Strategic Bond	11,248
JD Sports Fashion	10,269
London Stock Exch	9,335
Legal & General	9,109

11. DEBTORS - amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Accrued income	1,629	1,901
	1,901	9,041

12. CREDITORS – amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Other creditors	3,130	4,742
Accruals	6,207	7,691
	9,337	12,433

13. CONTROL

The Society is under the effective control of its Trustee Directors.

14. EVENTS AFTER THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD

Although there are no specific known factors which could have an impact on the charity's financial statements it should be noted that as at the end of the financial year there was continued instability relating to the global health emergency in respect of Coronavirus.

Whilst we do not feel that this event and the lockdown which has subsequently followed triggers any adjustments to the financial statements either based upon the position at the year-end or due to events that have transpired since, it is worth noting that there is continued uncertainty in this area.

The charity has adopted initiatives to safeguard the health of its people and actions aimed at maintaining operational activity, whilst also adhering to the latest government guidance.

15. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

The movement of funds classified in accordance with note 1.4 on page 12 is as follows:

		Statement of Financial Activities			
	Balance at 1 January 2021	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers and Investment (Losses)/Gains	Balance at 31 December 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds					
Direct Grant Funding (iv)	-	35,500	(35,500)	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Designated Funds					
Tangible Fixed Assets (i)	1,126	-	(417)	1,134	1,843
Patchwork family support project (ii)	-	-	-	-	-
Trustee designated	22,000	-	-	-	22,000
	23,126	-	(417)	1,134	23,843
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund (iii)	247,179	58,111	(81,359)	17,195	241,126
	270,305	93,611	(117,276)	18,329	264,969

The above funds represent:

(i) The net book amounts of unrestricted funds invested in tangible fixed assets.

(ii) Details of the Patchwork Family Support Project are explained in the Trustees Report. In 2011 the Trustees decided to designate funds to secure the future of the Patchwork family support project, consequently a transfer amounting to a further two years annual expenses was made from the general fund to cover 2014 and 2015. It also includes incoming resources in the form of donations from participants of Patchwork courses. (The equipment used for the project is included in the Tangible Fixed Assets Fund).

(iii) The net surplus/(deficit) after transfers to the designated funds represents, if in surplus, funds available for use at the discretion of the Directors to further expand the activities of the Society.

(iv) Grants or donations received with restrictions over their use.

Unrestricted Funds balances at 31 December 2021 are represented by:

	2021 £	2020 £
Tangible Fixed Assets	1,843	1,126
Investments	220,541	240,490
Net Current Assets	42,585	28,689
	264,969	270,305