



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01 July 2020 **Period start date**

To 30 June 2021 **Period end date**

Charity name: Christ Church Burial Ground, Swindon, Wiltshire

Charity registration number: 283082

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To be used and appropriated as a burial ground or place of interment for the dead.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The provision of a sacred space as a burial ground or place of interment of the dead, permitting public and private remembrance, open to all.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. The Trustees consider that they have acted in the public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	

Other		
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Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Continue to provide a beautiful church burial ground for the Swindon community to bury the dead or inter their loved one's ashes. In addition to employing a sexton, the Burial Board have also paid for two professional gardeners to help with the challenge of looking after and maintaining the grounds with as much care as possible. The Community Service pay back team were able to support us during the majority of the year, apart from when we were in lockdown.</p> <p>Continue to maintain the burial ground as a place of reflection and peaceful enjoyment for all those who visit their loved ones and visit Christ Church.</p> <p>We recognise the challenges of a sloping burial ground on the top of a hill overlooking Swindon. We continue to take Health and Safety very seriously and do all we can to look after the hundreds of mourners who have visited us over the last year.</p> <p>The Burial Board works closely with Christ Church PCC in providing a car park, a beautiful redeveloped Victorian church building opening following government guidelines during the pandemic. The Garden for Reflection built together is widely appreciated especially during these unprecedented times.</p> <p>The Christ Church Burial Board have, over the last year, worked hard developing our relationship with the Christ Church PCC. We have considered how we can work together even more closely for the benefit of bereaved people and our many visitors.</p> <p>In June, the Burial Board Trustees voted unanimously that it was now the right time for us to ask the Christ Church PCC to enter a period of due diligence regarding the potential merger of our two charities. The Christ Church PCC understand that the Burial Board Trustees need extra help and are looking into the possibilities regarding either linking our charities or</p>

		<p>merging our charities completely with Christ Church PCC taking over full responsibility. Various meetings have taken place and practical and possible legal advice is being sought from the Bristol Diocesan Chancellor's Department, The Diocesan Advisory Council and the Archdeacon of Malmesbury, the Ven Christopher Bryan. The major concern for both charities is how we can best together serve the needs of bereaved people now and in the future, building on the solid work which has been done in the past.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Total funds @30 June 2021 were: £339,808.00
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Over the years, Christ Church Burial Board have built up and held reserves intentionally. This enables them to continue to employ a sexton to look after the burial ground and enable graves to be reopened for the interment of a spouse when the burial ground is full which is likely in a couple of years.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Total funds @ 30 June 2021 £339,808.00
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Indenture dated 17 February 1909.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The Burial Board and Christ Church PCC work closely together to maintain the site inclusively for the benefit of the people of Swindon. The Vicar is ex-officio Chairman. The Trustees consist of members of the church with their professional skills and their understanding of the pastoral needs of the bereaved in mind.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Christ Church Burial Ground, Swindon, Wiltshire.
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	23082
Charity's principal address	The Parish Office Community Centre @ Christ Church Cricklade Street Old Town Swindon Wiltshire SN1 3HB

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	A Sharpe			
2	L Eggers			
3	Rev S Stevenette			
4	P Bridgeman			
5	B Abborow			
6	H Fitzsimons			
7	A Wirdham			
8	A Ingram			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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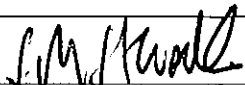
Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	SIMON STEVENETTE	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	6 April 2022	

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Trustees of Christ Church Burial Ground

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2021 which are set out on pages 1 to 2.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or

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.



J A Gare FCA DChA
MHA Monahans
Chartered Accountants
38-42 Newport Street
Swindon
Wiltshire
SN1 3DR

Date 25 April 2022

**CHRIST CHURCH BURIAL GROUND
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**

	2021	2020
		£
INCOME:		
Grant of Burial	8,580	2,575
Interment	7,409	5,165
Interment of Ashes	1,118	1,240
Memorials	1,194	2,101
Inscriptions	1,784	1,380
War Graves Commission	86	85
Sundries	143	-
Interest - Lloyds TSB 30 Day Account	-	177
Interest - CBF Investment Fund (F)	27	178
Dividends - CBF Fixed Interest Securities Fund (S)	7,182	8,934
Dividends - CBF Fixed Interest Securities Fund	1,351	1,708
	28,854	21,521
EXPENDITURE:		
<u>Administration</u>		
Sexton (Salary; National Insurance; Employers Pension)	18,843	17,002
Payroll fees	348	348
Accountants Fees	782	878
Insurance	587	540
Honorarium	-	350
<u>General</u>		
Grave Digging	325	475
Repairs	-	205
Petrol & Oil	198	150
Sundry Materials	189	318
Almshouse Electricity usage	591	586
Equipment	1,085	-
Maintenance	3,418	4,142
Mileage	142	24
Tree Pollarding	877	-
Sundries	1,900	808
PCC Office	2,500	2,500
	31,823	28,122
Deficit for year	- 2,970	6,601
CBF Investments-unrealised gains/losses		
On CBF Fixed Interest Securities Fund Income Shares (F)	- 1,944	1,335
On CBF Investment Fund Income Shares (S)	34,171	9,228
Net Gain / -Loss for the year	32,227	10,562
Total Movement	29,257	3,962

**CHRIST CHURCH BURIAL GROUND
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 30 JUNE 2021**

	2021	2020
	£	£
Opening Balance as at 1st July 2020	310,551	306,589
Gain / (Loss) for the year	29,257	3,962
Burial Board general fund as at 30th June 2021	339,808	310,551
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Represented by		
Lloyds TSB Treasurers Account	7,467	18,998
Lloyds TSB 30 Day Account	-	-
Cash	-	-
CBF Fixed Interest Securities Fund Income Shares (F)	44,158	46,101
CBF Investment Fund Income Shares (S)	267,940	233,769
CBF Deposit Fund (D)	20,243	11,683
Less Sundry Creditors		
	339,808	310,551

Approved by The Trustees on

6 April

2022 and signed on their behalf by

[Signature]

Trustee

Trustee

A. Sharpe