

Trustees' annual report for the period



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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Period end date

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Charity name

Christ Church Burial Ground Swindon

Charity No
(if any)

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Period start date

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 internment 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 internment 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		

	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 have been able to support us.</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 Burial Ground have worked more closely with Christ Church this year who have taken over the day to day running of the Burial Ground. This includes their professional services of line managing the sexton.</p> <p>A fantastic partnership has been made which has seen improved relations and a more managed approach of looking at the best ways forward.</p>

Additional information (optional)



You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
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		

	SORP reference	
Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Total funds at 30 June 2023 were: £319,733
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Over the years, the 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 as at 30 June 2023 were: £319,733
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:

	SORP reference	
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		

Description of charity's trusts:	SORP reference	
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 the 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 community chosen 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:

	SORP reference	
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		

Charity name	Christ Church Burial Ground, Swindon
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	283082
Charity's principal address	The Parish Office Community Centre @ Christ Church Cricklade Street Old Town Swindon SN1 3HB

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

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Reference and Administrative details (cont)

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

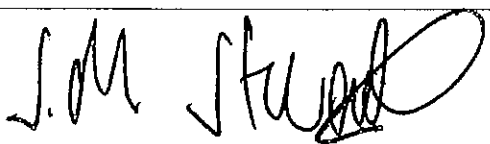
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Other optional information

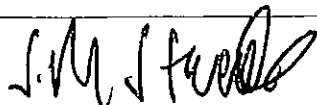
Declarations

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 MELVILLE
STEVENETTEPosition (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

22nd April 2024

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

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2023 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.



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Chartered Accountants
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Date 30 April 2024


CHRIST CHURCH BURIAL GROUND
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

	Total unrestricted funds	
	2023	2022
<u>INCOME:</u>	£	£
Grant of Burial	6,799	2,473
Interment	8,080	5,700
Interment of Ashes	2,380	1,981
Memorials	1,954	2,470
Inscriptions	1,740	1,308
War Graves Commission	85	85
Sundry	50	675
Received in error	564	-
Interest - CBF Investment Fund	508	56
Dividends - CBF Fixed Interest Securities Fund	7,578	7,426
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	30,687	23,320
<u>EXPENDITURE:</u>		
<u>Administration.</u>		
Sexton (Salary; Income Tax & National Insurance)	19,954	19,603
Payroll Fees	432	354
Accountants Fees	960	840
Insurance	634	546
Honorarium	350	300
<u>General</u>		
Petrol & Oil	560	313
Sundry Materials	78	309
Almshouse Electricity usage	-	166
Equipment	274	672
Maintenance	3,440	2,996
Mileage	45	23
Sundries	173	42
Tree Pollarding	-	1,800
PCC Office	2,500	2,500
Refunds	564	162
Repairs	115	-
Graveyard Survey	1,662	-
	31,741	30,625
Deficit for year	- 1,053	- 7,305
CBF Investments-unrealised gains/-losses		
On CBF Fixed Interest Securities Fund Income Shares (F)	22.02 -	6,234
On CBF Investment Fund Income Shares (S)	8,175.31 -	13,681
Net Gain / -Loss for the year	8,197.33 -	19,915
Total Movement	7,144 -	27,220

CHRIST CHURCH BURIAL GROUND
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023
BALANCE SHEET AT 30 JUNE 2023

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
Opening Balance as at 1st July 2022	312,588		339,808	
Gain / -Loss for the year	7,144		- 27,220	
Burial Board general fund as at 30th June 2023		319,732		312,588
<u>Represented by</u>				
Lloyds TSB Treasurers Account	6,446		7,535	
CBF Fixed Interest Securities Fund Income Shares (F)	37,945		37,923	
CBF Investment Fund Income Shares (S)	262,434		254,259	
CBF Deposit Fund (D)	12,908		12,871	
Total unrestricted funds		319,733		312,588

Approved by The Trustees on

Trustee 

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