

# 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. The Community Service pay back team also 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 Christ Church Burial Board work hard developing our relationship with the Christ Church PCC. We work together even more closely for the benefit of bereaved people and our many visitors.</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 2024 were: £336,365
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 internment 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 2024 were: £336,365
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


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Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

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Position (eg Secretary,  
Chair, etc)

Chair	
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Date

26 April 2026 .
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## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Trustees of Christ Church Burlal Ground

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2024 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  
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Chartered Accountants  
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Date 29.04.25

**CHRIST CHURCH BURIAL GROUND**  
**ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**

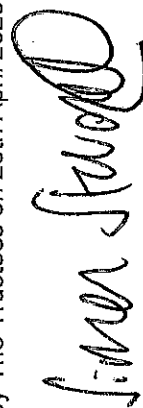
	Total unrestricted funds	
	2024	2023
	£	£
<b><u>INCOME:</u></b>		
Grant of Burial	7,674	6,799
Interment	8,960	8,080
Interment of Ashes	1,608	2,380
Memorials	2,312	1,954
Inscriptions	586	1,740
War Graves Commission	-	85
Sundry	1,050	50
Received in error	-	564
Interest - Lloyds Savings Account	0	-
Interest - CBF Deposit Account	240	508
Dividends - CBF Investment Fund	7,620	7,578
Dividends - CBF Fixed Interest Securities Fund	873	950
	<b>30,923</b>	<b>30,688</b>
<b><u>EXPENDITURE:</u></b>		
<b><u>Administration</u></b>		
Sexton (Salary; Income Tax & National Insurance)	23,852	19,954
Payroll Fees	1,212	432
Accountants Fees	-	960
Insurance	634	634
Honorarium	350	350
<b><u>General</u></b>		
Grave Digging	-	-
Petrol & Oil	737	560
Sundry Materials	1,143	78
Almshouse Electricity usage	-	-
Equipment	1,901	274
Maintenance	3,741	3,440
Mileage	107	45
Sundries	897	173
Tree Pollarding	1,320	-
PCC Office	2,500	2,500
Refunds	298	564
Repairs	106	115
Graveyard Survey	210	1,662
	<b>39,007</b>	<b>31,741</b>
<b>Deficit for year</b>	<b>- 8,084</b>	<b>- 1,053</b>
<b>CBF Investments-unrealised gains/-losses</b>		
On CBF Fixed Interest Securities Fund Income Shares (F)	1,848	22
On CBF Investment Fund Income Shares (S)	22,861	8,175
Net Gain / -Loss for the year	<b>24,709</b>	<b>8,197</b>
<b>Total Movement</b>	<b>16,625</b>	<b>7,144</b>

**CHRIST CHURCH BURIAL GROUND**  
**ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**  
**BALANCE SHEET AT 30 JUNE 2024**

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Opening Balance as at 1st July 2023	319,740		312,596	
Gain / -Loss for the year	16,625		7,144	
Burial Board general fund as at 30th June 2024		336,365		319,740
<u>Represented by</u>				
Lloyds Treasurers Account	4,129		6,446	
Lloyds Instant Access Account	7		7	
CBF Fixed Interest Securities Fund Income Shares (F)	39,793		37,945	
CBF Investment Fund Income Shares (S)	285,295		262,434	
CBF Deposit Fund (D)	7,141		12,908	
Total unrestricted funds		336,365		319,740

Approved by The Trustees on 26th April 2025 and signed on their behalf by

Trustee



Trustee

