

OLD STRATFORD PARISH CHARITY

England & Wales · Charity number 304230

Details

Other names OLD STRATFORD COMMUNITY HALL, OLD STRATFORD HALL
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1962-12-04

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

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Deanshanger Road
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Activities

Objects: THE PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE OF A VILLAGE HALL AND RECREATION GROUND FOR USE BY THE INHABITANTS OF THE AREA OF BENEFIT WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS, INCLUDING USE FOR: (A) MEETINGS, LECTURES AND CLASSES, AND (B) OTHER FORMS OF RECREATION AND LEISURE-TIME OCCUPATION, WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE INHABITANTS.

Activities: The Village hall is mainly used for meetings, lectures, classes and other forms of recreation and leisure time occupation.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Religious Activities, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Environment/conservation/heritage, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** PARISH OF OLD STRATFORD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
- Bedford
- Buckinghamshire
- Central Bedfordshire
- Northamptonshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-02-28	£78,508	£80,713	-	-
2024-02-29	£64,180	£81,821	-	-
2023-02-28	£67,158	£69,101	-	-
2022-02-28	£45,219	£41,935	-	-
2021-02-28	£21,453	£32,325	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
CLAIRE CLAYTON		
Christopher Hopkins		2018-03-01
Christopher Steven Orchard-Banks		2017-02-22
DAWN HIGGS		
Heidi Alexander		2023-06-15
Peter Corrigan		2022-05-25
Peter Kirkham		2023-05-31
Ray Smith		2021-08-31
Tony Pateman		2024-02-28

OLD STRATFORD PARISH CHARITY

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Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st March 2024 Period start date To 28th February 2025 Period end date

Charity name: Old Stratford Parish Charity

Charity registration number: 304230

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The object of the charity is the provision and maintenance of a village Community Centre and Recreation Ground for the use of the inhabitants in the area. For benefit without political, religious or other opinion.
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 village Community Centre is mainly used for meetings, classes, family events and other forms of leisure time recreation, with the objective of improving the quality of life for local residents. The Community Centre also hosts a preschool for the benefit of residents in the village and the surrounding area.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees are aware of the relevant guidance provided by the Charity Commission and are kept up to date through regular meetings and mailing

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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

Other		None

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>The Community Centre has been utilised for a wide variety of community events, such as village socials, fireworks displays and a Christmas Party for OAP residents, all of which, have proved very successful.</p> <p>During weekdays it is utilised by the preschool group, mothers and toddlers, slimming club, keep fit and bowls. The evenings are mainly used for sporting activities and meetings.</p> <p>At weekends the hall is heavily utilised for family events, such as; birthday parties and weddings.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	In terms of sales and occupancy we have largely met our objectives, although we are currently working on plans to increase the capacity of the hall through organisational changes.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	We are currently run minimal fund raising events, although we have some ideas to introduce activities in the coming years
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Our investments have performed well in the period
Other		N/A

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Our financial result for the period has improved. This has largely been due to our reducing costs for utilities and services. We have reviewed and increased our hire charges to be better relate to our costs and reduced costs going forward through finding alternative suppliers and negotiating new contracts.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Our reserves are fully invested in a COIF account, which provides additional income and gives us the ability to cope with unforeseen repair bills and to improve the infrastructure of the hall for the benefit of our community.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£242,700
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Our Charity remains in a healthy position with an improved trading year, thanks to the reserves we have in place, whilst our decisions and plans to increase revenues and reduce costs have helped us to be more operationally stable.

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	Our funding is mainly provided by hire of our facilities to third parties, backed by income provided from our investments.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	It is our objective to become more self sufficient with our income meeting expenditure, leaving our investment funds to develop and improve our facilities in the future
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Our main risk is long term sustainability in the face of rising costs. Our reserves can protect us for a few years, but we have to become more operationally efficient.
Other		N/A

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust Deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	Trust
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	Election by Committee

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	N/A
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	N/A
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	N/A
Other		N/A

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Old Stratford Parish Charity
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	304230
Charity's principal address	Old Stratford Community Hall Deanshanger Road Old Stratford Milton Keynes MK19 ^NL

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	Chris Orchard Banks	Chairman		Committee
3	Sheila Shepherd	Trustee		Committee
4	Claire Clayton	Secretary/Trustee		Committee
5	Peter Kirkham	Treasurer		Committee
6	Ray Smith	Trustee		Committee
7	Dawn Higgs	Trustee		Committee
8	Peter Corrigan	Trustee		Committee
9	Tony Pateman	Trustee/H&S Advisor		Committee
10	Heidi Alexander	Silent Trustee		Committee
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

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)

N/A

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

None

Other optional information


None

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Peter Richard Kirkham

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Treasurer

Date

30/05/2025



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/03/2024	To	28/02/2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Hall Hire	37,915	-	-	37,915	24,367
Function Hire	12,678	-	-	12,678	16,685
Function Deposits	5,400	-	-	5,400	4,650
Parish Council Donations	2,175	-	-	2,175	5,901
Donations	190	-	-	190	1,977
Bar	130	-	-	130	150
Other Income	20	-	-	20	-
Changing Room Hire	-	-	-	-	450
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	58,508	-	-	58,508	54,180
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Realised Investment Gains	20,000	-	-	20,000	10,000
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	20,000	-	-	20,000	10,000
Total receipts	78,508	-	-	78,508	64,180
A3 Payments					
Utilities	29,329	-	-	29,329	29,269
Utilities - Unused advance payments	5,250	-	-	5,250	-
Maintenance	16,615	-	-	16,615	18,601
Salaries & related staff Costs	14,672	-	-	14,672	14,090
Deposit Refunds	4,960	-	-	4,960	5,420
Cleaning	2,061	-	-	2,061	3,022
Professional Fees	1,997	-	-	1,997	-
Insurance	1,562	-	-	1,562	3,872
Telephone	1,052	-	-	1,052	-
Event Expenses	904	-	-	904	-
Subscriptions	901	-	-	901	-
Catering	830	-	-	830	-
Hire Refunds	345	-	-	345	-
Gifts	153	-	-	153	-
Sundries	83	-	-	83	7,547
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	80,713	-	-	80,713	81,821
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Private expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	80,713	-	-	80,713	81,821
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 2,205	-	-	- 2,205	- 17,641
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	12,720	-	-	12,720	30,361
Cash funds this year end	10,515	-	-	10,515	12,720

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Barclays Community account *9721	5,390	-	-
	Barclays Savings Account *0898	5,000	-	-
	Petty Cash	125	-	-
	Total cash funds	10,515	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	CCLA COIF Charities Investment Fund Acc	Charities Investment Fund	-	232,546
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Old Stratford Parish Charity

**On accounts for the year
ended**

29th February 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

304230

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 29/02/2025.

**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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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

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

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

Signed:

Lindsay Worville

Date:

7th March 2025

Name:

Lindsay Worville, BrackBridge Ltd

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

ACMA

Address:

24 Bridge Street

Brackley

NN13 7EW

Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

OLD STRATFORD PARISH CHARITY

England & Wales - Charity number 304230

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	MARCH	2022		28	FEBRUARY	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	OLD STRATFORD PARISH CHARITY
Other names charity is known by	OLD STRATFORD COMMUNITY HALL
Registered charity number (if any)	304230
Charity's principal address	OLD STRATFORD COMMUNITY HALL
	DEANSHANGER ROAD
	OLD STRATFORD
	Postcode MK19 6NL

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	Mrs Claire Clayton	Secretary		Elected by Committee
2	Ms Sheila Shepherd	Treasurer		Elected by Committee
3				
4	Mr Chris Banks	Vice Chair		Resident
5	Mr Chris Hopkins	Chair		Appt by Bowls/Elected by Committee
6	Ray Smith			Resident
7	Mrs Dawn Higgs			Appt by PreSchool
8	Pete Corrigan		25/05/2022	Resident
9	Mrs J Ranson		Deceased December 2022	Resident
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Accounts Assistant	Rachel Maurice	1 Beech House Drive, Potterspury, Towcester, NN12 7PY

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

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Trust Deed
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected & Appointed

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The object of the charity is the provision and maintenance of a village community centre and recreation ground for the use by the inhabitants of the area. For the benefit without distinction of political, religion or other opinions.

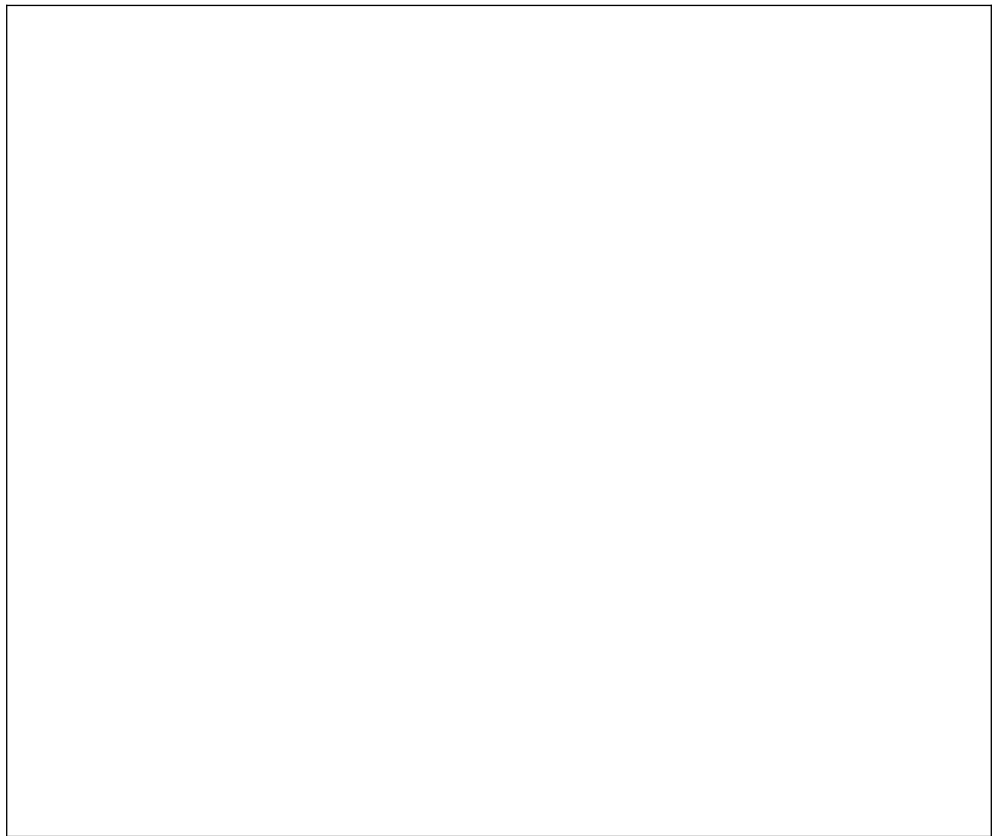
Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The village community centre is mainly used for meetings, lectures classes and other forms of recreation and leisure time occupation. With the object of improving the condition of life for the inhabitants.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.



Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The community centre has been hired for a variety of events such as village get togethers, firework displays and OAP xmas meal and party all of which have been very successful.

During the day it is used by the preschool group, mothers and toddlers, slimming club, keep fit and bowls. Of an evening it is used by various sporting activities and meetings.

At weekends the hall is hired for children's parties, weddings and birthdays.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Charity currently has a COIF account in reserve. Monies can only be obtained from this account by majority decision by the committee(Trustees)

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Sheila Shepherd	
Full name(s)	Sheila Shepherd	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
Date	21/11/2023	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Old Stratford Parish Charity

304230

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	3/1/2022	To	2/28/2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Hall Hire	25,779	-	-	25,779	19,251
Function Hire	11,533	-	-	11,533	4,779
Changing Room Hire	450	-	-	450	450
Bar	160	-	-	160	100
Donations	1,950	-	-	1,950	13,672
Parish Council Donations	1,739	-	-	1,739	2,677
Function Deposit	5,500	-	-	5,500	4,290
Transfer of funds	20,000	-	-	20,000	-
Refunds	47	-	-	47	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	67,158	-	-	67,158	45,219
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	67,158	-	-	67,158	45,219
A3 Payments					
Utilities	15,041	-	-	15,041	13,537
Insurance	3,523	-	-	3,523	2,980
Cleaning	2,233	-	-	2,233	3,569
Maintenance	26,575	-	-	26,575	6,930
Salaries	12,898	-	-	12,898	10,967
Sundries	3,031	-	-	3,031	1,662
Deposit Refunds	5,800	-	-	5,800	2,290
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	69,101	-	-	69,101	41,935
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	69,101	-	-	69,101	41,935
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,943	-	-	- 1,943	3,284
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	- 1,943	-	-	- 1,943	3,284

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Barclays Community A/c	30,226	-	-
	Barclays Tracker A/c	-	-	-
	Petty Cash	135	-	-
	Total cash funds	30,361	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Sheila Shepherd	Sheila Shepherd	11/21/2023	



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name

Old Stratford Parish Charity

On accounts for the year ended

28/02/2023

Charity no (if any)

304230

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 28 / 02 / 2023.

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

MARY TAIT

Signed:

21/11/2023

Date:

MARY TAIT

Name:

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Address:

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MILTON KEYNES , MK2 2JN

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.