

COCKEYMOOR PROTESTANT DISSENTING CHAPEL ENDOWMENTS

England & Wales · Charity number 501049

Details

Other names	AINSWORTH PRESBYTERIAN CHAPEL - UNITARIAN, AINSWORTH PRESBYTERIAN/UNITARIAN CHAPEL, Ainsworth Unitarian Chapel and School
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1971-09-16
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC WORSHIP AND OF THE MINISTER FOR THE TIME BEING.

Activities: The Trustees of the charity look after the maintenance and repair of the Chapel and Schoolroom buildings and provide a minister for the Chapel services for the benefit of the Congregation and the general public.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Bury
- Lancashire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£37,162	£12,623	-	-
2023-12-31	£8,306	£17,304	-	-
2022-12-31	£19,809	£10,350	-	-
2021-12-31	£6,329	£13,277	-	-
2020-12-31	£8,027	£8,884	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANDREW McNeil		2023-11-05
ANNE MILLS		2023-11-05
STEPHEN HORROCKS		2011-09-05
SUSAN HOLT		2023-11-05

Linked charities

- SAMUEL BARONS BEQUESTS (501049-1)

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Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	01	2024		31	12	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name COCKEYMOOR PROTESTANT DISSENTING CHAPEL ENDOWMENTS

Other names charity is known by AINSWORTH PRESBYTERIAN (UNITARIAN) CHAPEL

Registered charity number (if any) 501049

Charity's principal address KNOWSLEY ROAD AINSWORTH BOLTON

Postcode BL2 5QB

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	Susan Holt			
2	Andrew McNeil	Chair		
3	Anne Mills	Secretary		
4	Stephen Horrocks	Treasurer		
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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

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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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document <i>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</i>	Scheme dated 2 nd May 1882 as varied by the Scheme dated 4 th July 1962
How the charity is constituted <i>(eg. trust, association, company)</i>	TRUST
Trustee selection methods <i>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</i>	Appointed by the Congregation

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 Trustees of the charity look after the maintenance and repair of the Chapel, Schoolroom buildings, two graveyards and provide a minister for the Chapel services for the benefit of the Congregation and the general public.

Having had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit, the activities undertaken by Cockeysmoor Unitarian (presbyterian) Chapel for the public good include:

- Holding services open to the public each Sunday.
- Printing a monthly Newsletter available to all and posted to those members of the congregation who are unable to attend having moved away.
- Offering naming ceremonies, wedding services to all: there is no requirement to be a member of the congregation.
- Holding summer and Christmas fairs plus Carols by Candlelight service open to all with no entrance fee.
- Renting use of the Schoolroom to the Ainsworth community Association for their monthly meetings and the occasional public meetings.
- Hiring the Schoolroom to local groups as a meeting place.
- Making our 310 year old Chapel available as a site of historical interest to schools and various historical groups at no charge.

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)

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.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Trustees present their Annual Report and financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2024 in accordance with the Charities Act 1993. The charity is governed by the Scheme dated 2nd May 1882 as varied by the Scheme dated 4th July 1962 and is registered with the Charity Commission as the "Cockey Moor Protestant Dissenting Chapel and Endowments" under registration number 501049.

The object of the General Fund of the charity is to provide an income applicable for the maintenance of public worship and the minister of the Chapel. The General Fund has once again allowed us to fulfil our charity obligations.

Once again, this has been a relatively busy year for the new body of Trustees and our regular, monthly services have shown a welcome increase in attendance, from people of all ages. Each service now ends with a social element and some refreshments, allowing Chapel members better to get to know each other.

The Trustees main project during the year has been the re-pointing of the north and west walls; in addition, a full electrical safety assessment took place, all advisory work having since been completed, tested and passed as compliant. Routine maintenance of the Chapel, School Room and grounds has continued, and the Chapel is fortunate in having volunteers who give most generously of their time, in this regard.

A fire risk assessment was performed by two Chapel members, and the policy, notices and signage were further updated, as required. In addition, Safeguarding has been reviewed, and formal changes agreed by the Trustees are now in place, including external points of contact, should any Member have any concerns. Two safeguarding officers are in place; again, volunteers have been instrumental in achieving this natural progression, having attended courses and compared our policies with other examples of good practice.

Our Schoolroom building continues to have some community use, and we maintain the fabric as best we are able. Within the Chapel itself, arrangements are in hand for the installation of an ambulant disabled WC, sink, plus a separate preparation area for hot drinks and refreshments, with a view to making our services as inclusive as they can be, so that we may continue to welcome all members of our congregation. A significant donation of £20,000 to our funds following the closure of Bank Street Chapel, Bolton was gratefully received; this will be used primarily to help fund these alterations, to reflect a substantial improvement to the way we operate; an architect has been appointed, and we continue to work with Bury Metropolitan Borough Council to finalize the plans to be submitted, allowing for the works to take place as soon as is practicable.

Approved by the Trustees on 9th September 2025 and signed on their behalf by -
Andrew McNeil
Chairman of the Trustees

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The reserves are not used for day-to-day expenditure. We use reserves for capital works to the chapel buildings and grounds if we cannot cover the costs by means of grants or contributions from third parties.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

No funds 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.

Our principal sources of funding are:

- Income from our ground rents
- Income from our investments
- congregation contributions and donations.
- Room hire
- possible grants from regional Unitarian organisation NELUM (for capital works only)

Our expenditure enables us to offer:

- An active place of worship for non-conformists.
- our schoolroom as a community hall venue.

We invest only in funds designated suitable for charitable organisations. We invest to retain the value of our existing funds.

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)	A McNeil	
Full name(s)	Andrew McNeil	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman of the Trustees	

Date 24th September 2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

CockeyMoor Protestant Dissenting Chapel Endowments

501049

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

1st Jan 2024

To

31st Dec 2024

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					
Donations	31,065	-	-	31,065	2,652
Room Hire / Ground Rents	815	-	-	815	499
Investments	4,072	-	-	4,072	3,887
Chapel Membership	280	-	-	280	245
Grants	500	-	-	500	250
Other	561	-	-	561	773
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	37,293	-	-	37,293	8,306
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	37,293	-	-	37,293	8,306
A3 Payments					
Pulpit supplies	670	-	-	670	561
Chapel & School insurances	1,107	-	-	1,107	-
maintenance of buildings	1,866	-	-	1,866	10,320
Electric, Water, Heating	3,906	-	-	3,906	1,896
Maintenance of grounds	1,260	-	-	1,260	1,168
cleaning & Caretaking	1,200	-	-	1,200	1,100
repairs, servicing, organ, boilers	1,035	-	-	1,035	504
other expenses	1,651	-	-	1,651	1,755
Sub total	12,695	-	-	12,695	17,304
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	12,695	-	-	12,695	17,304
Net of receipts/(payments)	24,598	-	-	24,598	8,998
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	75,772	-	-	75,772	84,822
Cash funds this year end	100,370	-	-	100,370	93,820

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	Cash at Bank	100,370	-	-
	Cash in Hand	72	-	-
	Uncashed Cheque	72	-	-
	Total cash funds # <small>(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))</small>	100,370	-	-

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-
		-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			
Blackrock Charities uk Equity	2,036	-	15,244
Blackrock Charities Bond Fund	54,033	-	76,608
Income Bonds	5,000	-	5,000
Blackrock Charities Bond fund	2,082	-	2,953
		-	-

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			
Cheque not Cashed	72	-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Stephen Horrocks	
	Andrew McNeil	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

AINSWORTH UNITARIAN CHAPEL

On accounts for the year
ended

31.12.2024

Charity no
(if any)

501049

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 DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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.

Signed:

M. Parkinson

Date:

22.10.25

Name:

MICHELLE PARKINSON.

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

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