

Southam Community Church
Annual Trustees Report and Accounts
For the year ended 31 December 2023

Coventry Street
Southam
Warwickshire CV47 0EP

Charity number 516060

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st January 2023 To 31st December 2023

Charity name: Southam Community Church

Charity registration number: 516060

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	THE CHARITY EXISTS FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN GOSPEL, THE WORSHIP AND SERVICE OF GOD AS REVEALED IN THE BIBLE, THE CARE OF CHRISTIAN PEOPLE AND THE RELIEF OF PERSONS IN HARDSHIP, DISTRESS, OLD AGE OR SICKNESS. THE CHARITY CONDUCTS CHRISTIAN WORSHIP AND BIBLE STUDY AND MAKES GRANTS TO FURTHER CHRISTIAN WORK IN ASIA AND AFRICA.
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.	The main activities and achievements of the charity are detailed in the Trustees Annual Report below.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	The trustees had due regard to the commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	The charity held £197,818 of monetary assets at the end of the period under review.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	The Trustees aim to hold sufficient reserves to be able to continue with a full-time ministry during any hiatus in fundraising, and to provide for future expansion.
Payments to Trustees	None

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:	The charity is constituted under a Trust Deed dated 16th January 1985.
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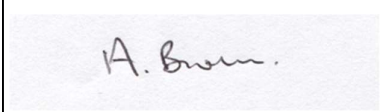
Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity


	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Mr Brian Goodwin			
2	Miss Janette Ebanks			
3	Mrs Brenda Goodwin			
4	Mrs Wendy Hancock			
5	Mr Anthony Brown	Treasurer		
6	Mr David Hadley	Chair	Appointed 1/1/23	

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)	Anthony Brown	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee, Treasurer	
Date	31/10/24	

 CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	Southam Community Church			516060		CC16a
	Receipts and payments accounts					
	For the period from	Period start date 01/01/23	To	Period end date 31/12/23		
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						
Gifts & Donations	42,592	-	-	42,592	43,667	
Gifts for distribution	-	10,632	-	10,632	11,376	
Gift aid tax reclaimed	10,596	-	-	10,596	12,450	
Interest on cash deposits	2,934	-	-	2,934	297	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	56,122	10,632	-	66,754	67,790	
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).						
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	
Total receipts	56,122	10,632	-	66,754	67,790	
A3 Payments						
Salaries	30,000	-	-	30,000	28,727	
Staff pensions	713	-	-	713	402	
Gifts to missions	-	15,540	-	15,540	14,950	
Resident ministry gifts	-	800	-	800	575	
Gifts to individuals	250	-	-	250	-	
Utility costs	5,828	-	-	5,828	4,255	
Insurance	526	-	-	526	470	
General maintenance	2,668	-	-	2,668	2,118	
Repairs to equipment	101	-	-	101	-	
Communications & IT	946	-	-	946	609	
Printing, postage & stationery	175	-	-	175	162	
Outreach	100	-	-	100	200	
Legal & professional fees	947	-	-	947	742	
Sundry expenses	1,454	-	-	1,454	1,004	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	43,708	16,340	-	60,048	54,214	
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)						
Equipment	1,760	-	-	1,760	20,404	
	-	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	1,760	-	-	1,760	20,404	
Total payments	45,468	16,340	-	61,808	74,618	
Net of receipts/(payments)	10,654	- 5,708	-	4,946	- 6,828	
A5 Transfers between funds	- 5,708	5,708	-	-	-	
A6 Cash funds last year end	192,872	-	-	192,872	199,700	
Cash funds this year end	197,818	-	-	197,818	192,872	

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Petty cash	125	-	
	HSBC Current A/c	10,129	-	
	HSBC Deposit A/c	182,149	-	
	Coventry BS	5,415	-	
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		Total cash funds	197,818	-
	(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	Debtors	8,239	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Equipment		1,517	-
	Sound system		21,954	-
	Amplifier		209	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	A. Brown.	Anthony Brown	31 October 2024	

**Trustee Annual Return 2023
Southam Community Church
Year Ending 31st December 2023.**

This has been a year of growth within the Church , both numerically and Spiritually which has been evidenced through the increase in people attending the range of worship opportunities provided throughout the year. These include :-

- # Sunday Morning Worship (both physically and on line)
- # Weekly Prayer Meetings
- # Sunday afternoon services at a local care home which at their request now take place twice a month.
- # Monthly Wednesday afternoon Service
- # Parents and Tots weekly meeting.
- # Weekly Bible Study meetings

Spiritually we have been blessed by two Baptismal services in the year which saw 5 people make a commitment to the Lord, it is particularly pleasing to note that this included 4 of our young people.

During the year we have introduced a monthly Youth meeting which has been regularly attended by all of our eligible young people and they in turn have introduced others to the group. Whilst still small in numbers we are blessed to have such a group of enthusiastic and committed Christians.

Our support for others continues by the provision of both practical and prayer commitment to organisations such as :-

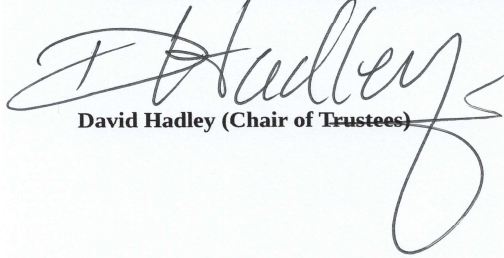
- # Nagaland Bible College
- # World of Worth
- # Anneth Nkanda in Tanzania
- # Ebenezer

As part of our support for others we have seen a increase in the level of sales within the Like New Shop which provide well priced nearly new items to the mothers of Southam as well as much needed financial support to WOW as a result . The Like New shop now has its own Facebook page which makes local mothers aware of any particular large items which are on sale, this has proved to be a very popular initiative which has some 1100 followers.

James Williams, who joined us as a new Elder in 2022, has progressively grown into the role over the year and is now an integral and proactive member of the Leadership Team.

The Trustees have all remained in position, however during the year the role of Chair of Trustees changed hands, this after many years of faithful service in that role by Janette Ebanks for which we give grateful thanks.

We look forward to the continuation of the expansion of God's Church in Southam as we endeavour to seek and follow His direction for the growth of His kingdom.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Hadley', with a large, stylized flourish extending from the bottom of the signature.

David Hadley (Chair of Trustees)

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Southam Community Church

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Southam Community Church (the Trust) for the year ended 31st December 2023.

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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

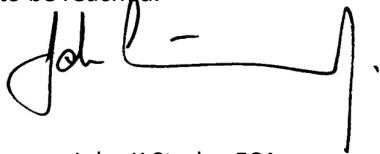
Independent examiner's statement

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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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:



Name: John K Starley FCA

Address: Moonrakers, Back Lane, Birdingbury, Rugby, CV23 8EN

Date: 31/10/24