

The Parochial Church Council of the
Ecclesiastical Parish of
St. Leonard's, Lexden

ANNUAL REPORT
AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ending 31st December 2024

Priest in Charge
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Registered Charity number 1128302

Administrative information

The parish of St Leonard's, Lexden is part of the Diocese of Chelmsford, within the Church of England. The correspondence address is St Leonard's Church, Lexden Road, Colchester, CO3 4BL. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956 and Church Representation Rules 2022). The charity number is 1128302.

Aims and purposes

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Leonard's, Lexden is responsible for co-operating with the Priest in Charge, the Rev'd Matthew Simpkins, in promoting within the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church. The PCC is specifically responsible for the church building and the church hall and manages the day-to-day life of the buildings and congregation. The PCC employs a Parish Administrator. The parish serves a population of approximately 6,700 and is mainly residential, with four schools, a care home, a number of retail outlets, and other amenities.

Objectives and activities

St Leonard's puts Jesus at the centre of everything it does. We strive to be a force for good in the world and believe that nothing is impossible with God. Our vision is to serve the community, to proclaim and teach the Gospel through worship, prayer and community engagement, and to be a welcoming and inclusive church where everyone can feel welcome and accepted. The PCC is committed to living out our faith, both corporately and individually, in ways which serve the local community practically and pastorally.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR 2024

Mission and evangelism

St Leonard's strives to encourage every member to contribute to mission and evangelism. During 2024 congregation members were actively involved across Lexden and Colchester through their everyday lives as well as initiatives such as Colchester CMA Debt Centre (CCDC), Colchester Foodbank, Dr Bike, St Cedd's Community Café, and school governance.

The PCC remains committed to supporting mission to young people in the parish. During 2024, Junior Church took place at Parish Eucharists, and All-Age Eucharists were usually held once a month. Young people were encouraged to take an active part in services. The serving team and choir welcomed young members. Messy Church remained very significant to St Leonard's outreach and was attended by an average of 33 children and 35 adults at each service. It was on average, therefore, the best attended regular act of worship during the year. Many of those attending Messy Church are not yet regular members of our other congregations and it continues to be an excellent bridge to our Baby & Toddler Group, schools work, and Brick Club.

The Baby & Toddler group continued to flourish with approximately 70 carers, babies and toddlers attending each week. The group remains popular with the community of Lexden and beyond, and is of substantial missional importance, attracting many people from beyond the church. This group held services at major festivals and continued to connect people with Messy Church, Junior Church, and baptism.

The clergy team remained engaged in three of the parish's schools through assemblies, visits, and carol services. Our very popular Brick Club continued on Tuesdays during school holidays and remained an excellent way of encouraging the non-churched to spend time in our buildings and among our community. Friendship

Lunch, a communal meal intended to help the isolated and to build relationships, took place in church during the year and was increasingly attended by people from beyond the congregation.

Our buildings were used by local community groups for gatherings, rehearsals, concerts, carol services and other events in 2024. We hosted five regular groups in our facilities: this constitutes a key aspect of St Leonard's community engagement. St Leonard's offered active support to the neighbouring Parish of Shrub End, covering services and supporting the St Cedd's Community Café (a community hub which meets twice a month). Such support included the Dr Bike initiative, run by members of St Leonard's.

Our much-loved Summer Fete was enjoyed by many people from across Colchester, as was our Christmas Market; both of these events contributed to PCC funds. Our Remembrance Day service and Act of Remembrance was well attended by the community, though there was no representation from Colchester Garrison. Men's and Women's breakfasts continued to attract people from the congregation and beyond. St Leonard's continued to reach out using social media, primarily Facebook, with the main Sunday service being live-streamed.

Other charitable service to the wider community involved church members in, and fundraising for, charities including Colchester Food Bank, Colchester CMA Debt Centre, Christian Aid, OMF international, Colchester YES, CYO, Colchester Refugee Action, English for Women, the Next Chapter, the Children's Society, The Sheepfold Centre (ABCD), Essex Integration, Beacon House, Colchester Korban Project, Operation Christmas Child, MacMillan Cancer Care, the Royal Marsden Hospital and the New Hythe. The PCC aims to give a proportion of its income to charities. £9,609 was directly donated by the PCC, while other fundraising for external charities raised approximately £4,950.

Worship and prayer

The parish's pattern of worship is shaped by the Priest in Charge in consultation with the PCC. We are committed to enabling worship which (1) resources those who share in it to live lives of faithfulness and service, (2) is welcoming and attractive to newcomers, and (3) helps to make God known to those on the fringes of faith. We offered a variety of inclusive, thoughtful, and high-quality services during 2024. Our main services had an organist and full choir, with a music group for All Age Eucharists.

St Leonard's worship centres on the Eucharist, and we aim to provide engaging and relevant preaching and maintain a living tradition of choral music. In 2024 this continued to draw people from beyond the parish. Our main act of worship each Sunday was either the Parish Eucharist or an All-Age Eucharist (usually on the first Sunday of the month), with 8am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion twice a month, and Evensong and a Eucharist for Wholeness and Healing held once a month. Eucharists also held at 10am on Wednesday, and at 8am on Thursday.

2024's October count of attendance was an average of 80 adults and 6 children per week. This figure does not account for those worshipping online: 2 or 3 people usually watched the service live, with more viewing it later. During 2024 there were 8 baptisms and 4 weddings. 17 funerals were conducted either in church or at local crematoria. Providing baptisms, weddings and funerals for the parish and community remained a critical aspect of the parish's mission, with many new relationships being established. Many of those families who approach us for baptism are not yet regular members of our congregations and we are delighted to be able to respond

to their desire to bring new family members into the Church. We offer opportunity for their nurturing into the St Leonard's community through many other activities including Baby & Toddler Group, Messy Church, Brick Club, and our annual Commemoration of the Departed.

Each month a team of lay people from St Leonard's helps to maintain worship at the Royal Anglian Regiment Chapel in Warley. The Rev'd Viv Mendham, Rev'd Jacquie Messinger and the Rev'd Maggie Whiteman continued to serve as SSM Associate Priests. Retired priests with PTO, the Rev'd Canon Hugh Beavan and the Rev'd Canon Martin Wood, and LLMs with PTO Rosemary Elden and Phyll wood, also contributed to St Leonard's ministry.

Pastoral care

The Priest in Charge has the cure of soul for all who live in the Parish of Lexden. Pastoral ministry is shared with the associate clergy and lay people. Our pastoral visitors supported a number of individuals in need or with mobility difficulties. Home communions, and visits and services at local care homes were also significant. In the spring of 2024, a 'Friendship Line' was launched, based on the parish's telephone pastoral system during the pandemic, which provided pastoral care to the housebound and to carers in the parish. Much pastoral care within our congregation is informal and mutual.

Buildings

There were no major issues with the fabric of St Leonard's during the year. Repairs were made to the emergency lighting and the underfloor heating manifold in the church extension was replaced. Electrical work was undertaken in the church hall. Preparations also began at the end of the year for the nave roof repairs recommended by the quinquennial report.

Deanery Synod

Deanery Synod met three times during the year. St Leonard's was represented on Deanery Synod by three lay representatives of our allocation of four, and by three clergy representatives.

Safeguarding

The care and protection of children, young people and adults involved in Church activities is the responsibility of everyone who participates in the life of the Church. St Leonards is committed to promoting a safer environment and culture and supporting all those who come into our church. We ensure there is support for any member of the church who has particular responsibility related to children and vulnerable adults. The Parish Safeguarding policy is reviewed regularly and our Parish Safeguarding Officer ensures all those who need to have DBS checks are up to date, that training for those who require this for their role is arranged, and that safer recruiting policy is followed. Safeguarding information is displayed in the hall and the church, and a safeguarding folder including the Parish Safeguarding Policy, the *Promoting a Safer Church* booklet and the *Parish Safeguarding Handbook* is available. As the above measures and ongoing practices and policies make clear, the PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 to have regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

Financial review

The accounts this year show income of £154,395 compared to a similar amount (£153,974) from 2023. Claiming Gift Aid on donations continues to provide a significant income, in 2024 amounting to £13,705. Three

claims are presented in these 2024 accounts, but we are awaiting the fourth claim of £5,984.85 which will be shown in the 2025 accounts

Expenditure for 2024 was £195,763 slightly reduced compared to £197,446 in the previous year (when work on the church nave flooring was carried out). Major expenses during 2024 included £15,698 on major electrical work on the church hall. Other regular expenditure included PCC donations to charities of £9,609. As in previous years, the most significant annual outgoing is the Parish Share, in 2024 this amounted to £100,980.

On 31 December 2024, the principal balances were £221,491 (excluding the £684,319 value of the church hall) and £179,053 in the restricted and endowment funds. This year the accounts show a deficit balance of £38,426 and follow a similar deficit in 2023 of £33,354, these deficits were addressed by the PCC by drawing on its reserves. In 2024 planning began for major capital expenditure on repairing the church’s nave roof. This is likely to take place in 2025 and cost between £100 and £150k. Grant applications and fundraising campaigns are being prepared, but the PCC expects to have to draw on its restricted fabric funds to meet a significant part of this cost.

Structure, Governance and Management

PCC members are elected and appointed according to the Church Representation Rules 2022. All members of our congregations are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and to participate in the annual elections. As of 31st December 2024 there were 199 names on the Electoral Roll. PCC members are responsible for all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including decisions about its finances. The PCC met six times in 2024. The PCC has a number of subcommittees (Standing Committee, Fabric and Hall) which report to the main Council for decisions and approval of major issues. The Priest in Charge and Churchwardens are ex-officio members of all committees.

During the year ending 31st December 2024 the following served on the Parochial Church Council:

Ex-Officio Members

Priest in Charge	The Rev’d Matthew Simpkins
Associate Priests	The Rev’d Jacquie Messinger
	The Rev’d Maggie Whiteman
Churchwardens	David Watkins
	Nick Allston
Parish Safeguarding Officer	Julie Hinchcliffe
Deputy Safeguarding Officer	Amanda Allston
Treasury Team	Clare Cleverdon
	David Burrows (also elected member from 2024 APCM)
	Adrian Steward
Deanery Synod Representatives	Maureen Watkins
	Julie Hinchcliffe
	Linda Firth
<i>Elected members:</i>	Judith Steele (Secretary)
	Yvonne Romain
	Mike Firth
	Deirdre Fordham (from April)

Standing Committee members 2024: The Rev’d Matthew Simpkins (Priest in Charge), David Watkins (Churchwarden), Nick Allston (Churchwarden), Adrian Steward (Treasury Team), Judith Steele (PCC Secretary)

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For the year ended 31 December 2024**

Charity registration number 1128302

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	General Fund	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2024 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2023
Incoming resources						
<i>Voluntary income</i>	2a	£105,839	£125		£105,964	£110,567
<i>Activities for generating funds</i>	2b	£11,922			£11,922	£13,244
<i>Income from Investments</i>	2c	£13,249			£13,249	£13,582
<i>Church Activities</i>	2d	£4,305			£4,305	£4,046
<i>Other incoming resources</i>	2e	£18,955			£18,955	£12,534
Total incoming resources		£154,270	£125		£154,395	£153,974
Resources expended						
<i>Costs of generating voluntary income</i>	3a	£160			£160	£38
<i>Fund raising trading costs</i>	3b	£10,903			£10,903	£9,440
<i>Church Activities</i>	3c	£169,622	£14,064		£183,686	£186,898
<i>Governance costs</i>		£1,014			£1,014	£1,070
Total resources expended		£181,699	£14,064		£195,763	£197,446
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		-£27,429	-£13,939		-£41,368	-£43,472
Revaluation gains/losses on investments		£1,761	£1,181		£2,942	£10,118
Net movement in funds		-£25,668	-£12,758		-£38,426	-£33,354
<i>Transfers between funds</i>	8	£29,672	-£29,672			
Net movement in funds		£4,004	-£42,429		-£38,426	-£33,354
Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2024		£901,806	£211,191	£10,292	£1,123,289	£1,156,644
Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2024		£905,810	£168,762	£10,292	£1,084,863	£1,123,289

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024	2023
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	5	£684,319	£684,319
Investments	6	£120,603	£117,660
Total fixed assets		<u>£804,922</u>	£801,979
Current assets			
Short term deposits		£270,252	£308,786
Debtors (Accounts Receivable)		£72	£6,047
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>£15,480</u>	£12,689
		£285,804	£327,522
Liabilities			
Agency collections		£574	£1
Accounts payable		<u>£5,288</u>	£6,211
Total Liabilities		£5,862	£6,212
Total assets		£1,084,863	£1,123,289
 Parish Funds	 7		
Endowment funds	8	£10,292	£10,292
Restricted funds	8	£168,762	£211,191
Unrestricted funds	8	£905,810	£901,806
		<u><u>£1,084,863</u></u>	£1,123,289

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 28th April 2025 and signed on its behalf by

Matthew J. Simpkins

The Revd Matt Simpkins
Chairman

Clare Cleverdon

Clare Cleverdon
Treasurer

The accompanying notes form a part of these financial statements.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST. LEONARD'S, LEXDEN

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. Accounting policies

a Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP 2005.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value and the revaluation of fixed assets. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body, nor those which are informal gatherings of church members.

b Parish funds

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes

Designated funds represent monies set aside by the PCC out of unrestricted funds for specific future purposes or projects.

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Endowment funds are funds the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from the investment of the endowment may be used, either as restricted or unrestricted funds, depending on the purpose set out in the terms of the original endowment.

c Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

d Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation to the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

e Fixed assets

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2) of the Charities Act 1993.

Movable church furnishing held by the Rector and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected. For inalienable property acquired prior to 2003 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. Subsequently all expenditure on consecrated or beneficed buildings and individual items costing under £1,000 are written off in the year in which they were incurred.

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

2 Income & Endowments

	General Fund	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	FUNDS 2024	FUNDS 2023
a Voluntary income					
Planned giving	£79,963	£125		£80,088	£84,425
Collections at all services	£3,077			£3,077	£3,838
Sundry donations and appeals	£2,074			£2,074	£3,377
Stewardship Cheques					
Other funds generated	£2,604			£2,604	£595
Income Tax recovered	£13,705			£13,705	£17,302
Legacies	£0			£0	£175
Non-recurring one-off grants	£4,416			£4,416	£855
	£105,839	£125		£105,964	£110,567
b Activities for generating funds					
Church Hall and Church rooms lettings	£7,584			£7,584	£6,339
Fundraising events	£4,338			£4,338	£6,906
	£11,922			£11,922	£13,244
c Investment income					
Dividends and Interest	£13,249			£13,249	£13,582
	£13,249			£13,249	£13,582
d Income from Church activities					
Wedding and funerals fees	£3,024			£3,024	£3,176
Parish magazine (sales)	£236			£236	£114
Toddler Group	£1,045			£1,045	£756
	£4,305			£4,305	£4,046
e Other incoming resources					
Insurance claims	£18,955			£18,955	£12,534
	£18,955			£18,955	£12,534
Total income & Endowments	£154,270	£125		£154,395	£153,974

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

3 Resources expended

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
a Costs of generating voluntary income					
Fees paid to fund raisers	£160			£160	£38
Stewardship costs					
	£160			£160	£38
b Fund raising trading costs					
Church Hall running costs	£10,735			£10,735	£9,059
Fund raising events:	£168			£168	£381
	£10,903			£10,903	£9,440
c Church activities					
Missionary and charitable giving:					
Overseas:					
Church Overseas					
Relief & Development agencies					
Home:					
Home missions					
Secular charities	£180			£180	£180
CAP Partnership	£359			£359	£360
Charities	£9,070			£9,070	£10,481
	£9,609			£9,609	£11,021
Ministry Costs:					
Diocesan Parish contribution	£100,980			£100,980	£97,020
Other clergy costs					
Church running expenses and administration:	£33,284			£33,284	£33,407
Church fabric and maintenance	£4,545	£7,908		£12,453	£6,061
Upkeep of services	£4,312			£4,312	£4,660
Training and Education	£253			£253	£235
Mission & Outreach	£266			£266	£12
Parish magazine & bookstall					
Junior Church and Youth Ministry	£132			£132	£35
Toddler Group	£465			£465	£306
Church Major Repairs - Structural		£6,156		£6,156	
Church Major Repairs - Installation					£34,141
Church Major Repairs - Decorating	£78			£78	
Hall Major Repairs - Structural					
Church Interior and Exterior Decorating					
Church Hall Major Repairs - Installation	£15,698			£15,698	
Church Hall Major Repairs - Decoration					
New Build - Church kitchen					
Governance	£1,014			£1,014	£1,070
Total resources expended	£181,699	£14,064		£195,763	£197,446

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4 Staff costs

2024 £	2023 £
£16,620	£16,475

During the year the PCC made payments to a choir director, organists, Church Hall cleaner and parish administrator; all part time. These amounts are included in the charge for "Church running and administration". See Note 3c on Page 9

5 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings	Total Fixed Assets
Cost or valuation	£	£
At 1 January 2024	£684,319	£684,319
At 31 December 2024	£684,319	£684,319
Depreciation		
At 1 January 2024	-	-
At 31 December 2024	-	-
Net book amounts		
At 31 December 2024	£684,319	£684,319
At 31 December 2024	£684,319	£684,319

The freehold land and buildings comprise the parish hall in Lexden Road, Colchester. For accounting purposes the historical cost of this property is unknown and was valued in March 2007 for insurance purposes at £684,319. The property has now been included in the accounts in order to comply with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006.

6 Investments	CBF of C of E Investment Fund £	Sir Percy Sanders Trust £	Total Investments £
Market value 1 January 2024	£90,398	£27,262	£117,660
Sale of shares		-£27,947	
Purchase of shares	£27,947		
Gain (loss) on revaluation	£2,258	£685	£2,943
Market value 31 December 2024	£120,603	£0	£120,603

7 Parish Funds

Analysis of net assets by fund

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total funds 2024 £
Fixed assets for Church use	£684,319			£684,319
Investment fixed assets	£89,906	£20,404	£10,292	£120,603
Current assets	£131,585	£148,357		£279,942
Total funds 31 December 2024	£905,810	£168,762	£10,292	£1,084,863

7a Current Assets - Debtors

Total debtors (Accounts receivable)	£72
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7b Liabilities - Agency accounts

	£574
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7c Liabilities - Creditors (Accounts payable)

	£5,288
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

8 Statement of funds

	Bal b/fwd 1 Jan 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Other gains and losses	Bal c/fwd 31 Dec 2024
	£	£	£		£	£
Unrestricted Fund						
General Fund	£206,056	£141,824	-£155,592	£13,973	£1,761	£208,022
Designated funds						
Hall Building	£684,319					£684,319
Church Hall	£1,087	£11,165	-£25,642	£15,698		£2,309
Choir Robes	£285					£285
Parish Magazine	£1,415	£236				£1,652
Toddler Group	£1,014	£1,045	-£465			£1,594
Former Lexden Sunday School	£7,631					£7,631
Restricted Fund						
Fabric Fund	£3,434	£125		£16,349	£497	£20,404
NS&I Investment/ Papillon	£2,375			-£2,375		£0
ChurchWM - Bequest MB	£173,120		-£14,064	-£15,698		£143,357
Sir Percy Sanders Church	£13,631			-£13,973	£342	£0
Sir Percy Sanders C Yard	£13,631			-£13,973	£342	£0
Religious and other charities	£5,000					£5,000
Endowment Fund						
Fabric Endowment	£10,292					£10,292
Total funds	£1,123,289	£154,395	-£195,763	£0	£2,942	£1,084,863

The Restricted Funds e.g. the Fabric Fund, may only be expended on the specific object for which they are given.

The Endowment Fund is a permanent endowment which requires the income to be spent on the church fabric.

The Hall buildings have been separated from the General Fund to give a clearer indication of funds available for running the Parish.

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Leonard's, Lexden

Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of St Leonard's PCC Lexden

Year Ended 31st December 2024

I report on the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2024.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an Independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- Follow procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 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 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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14th April 2025