

Shaftersbury Christian Centre,
Battersea

Report and Accounts

year ended 31 March 2020

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SHAFTESBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BATTERSEA

LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	2 Austin Road Battersea London SW11 5JP
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	Declaration of Trust dated 10 July 2006
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1116087
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	Paul Chapman (until 31 Jan 2020) Glen Donegan Sarah Hurt Fiona Ripley Brian Watts
BANKERS	Barclays Bank plc
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Mary Evans Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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SHAFTESBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BATTERSEA

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2020.

Objects of the charity

The charity, which is a church, is governed by a trust deed and is constituted as a trust. The charity's principal objects, as set out in its governing document, are:

- a) the advancement of the Christian faith in the UK and elsewhere
- b) the relief of hardship
- c) the provision of facilities for recreation in the interest of social welfare

Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements

To further the above objects and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows:

The Shaftesbury Christian Centre is a local faith-based community. Situated in an area of significant social need, its local mission is to show Christian care in action.

Our remit is to pursue activities and outreach opportunities that are a planned response to assessed needs, and that help achieve inclusion, empowerment, security, self-worth and significance.

The Shaftesbury Christian Centre works in partnership with other local providers, mainly voluntary and community groups, to develop programs, provide outreach, and to share resources whenever possible. We seek to serve and respect all people regardless of their faith, race, ethnic origin, gender, marital status, age, sexual orientation, physical or mental capability. At the heart of the Shaftesbury Christian Centre is a church community whose expression of worship is to serve the local community in practical ways.

We value highly the need to partner with other churches and missions that share our aims. This is vital to our work. This includes our relationship with V61 Church (Vineyard Balham) who have now delivered their second year of weekly English Language Classes. The class caters for up to 12 students and there is a constant demand for the service. Last year we also reported our intention to collaborate with Vineyard by hosting a Youth Worker to be based part time on our local estates (Doddington and Battersea Park). We can announce that this commenced in June 2019. Currently, a weekly football training is being provided with 9 – 12 young boys attending regularly. Alongside this there is informal mentoring and personal support taking place. For next year we plan to open a weekly youth club based from the centre.

We continue our relationship with Lighthouse Chapel. Last year we announced our intention to commence music lessons for children and young people. We are pleased to say that Music Academy was launched this year, starting small, we gather up to 12 children who are learning keyboard, drums, guitar, and bass. We are pleased to support Lighthouse who regularly use our premises for youth outreach, this includes open mic sessions, youth activities, and choir

Now in its sixth year, our Foodbank distribution centre is a source of encouragement for our volunteers and serves a very real need in our neighbourhood. We work in partnership with four other churches in the borough and together we form Wandsworth Foodbank. Across the borough in this current year there have been over 3,000 three-day emergency food supplies provided to people in crisis. Alongside foodbank we work with Wandsworth Citizens Advice who provide a dedicated advisor to foodbank guests. In addition, we have hosted volunteers from The Samaritans who have attended our foodbank in order to raise awareness of their services.

At our distribution centre we have a total of 22 volunteers. Our volunteers receive regular training in benefits advice and related matters. This year two of our volunteers have also received specialized training with the Citizens Advice Bureau.

We are grateful to our local volunteers who have committed themselves to the work here over many years. Their dedication has ensured that we continue to serve in our local community.

Central to our work are the opportunities for people to gather together, make friends, and form practical supportive relationships. Friends Together, is a bi-monthly meal that gathers adults and their children. This continues to be a place of friendship and support for local people. Alongside this, our program of home visits continues and provides practical help for those in particular need. Of note is the way in which peer support has become integrated into the relationships that have developed within the community itself. This is a principle that we value and seek to foster. As well as providing a much needed listening ear, we have also provided practical support in the form of home maintenance, and providing children's clothing and toys. We are finding ways to build links between Foodbank and Friends Together so that those who find themselves in more need may benefit from support.

We also host a regular meal for lone parents and their children. This service is led by a local charity called, Cheer. We have enjoyed a partnership for many years and plan next year to provide office space for their team, this will enable Cheer to do more work in our locality and among our community.

We were pleased this year to host a team of 20 young people from Smithtown Gospel Tabernacle, New York. The team planned, resourced, and delivered five days of outreach to local children and their parents. Activities included, arts and crafts, football competitions, bouncy castles, meals, and family Barbeques. Alongside the fun and games were storytelling and drama aimed at explaining the gospel in a creative and accessible way. Such was the impact that the organising body in New York would like to visit again next year.

We continue to host a range of fitness classes through the week including, Kung Fu, Thai Chi, and Circuit Training. In addition, we deliver a Weekly Zumba class for local Somali Women. This is in collaboration with the Association of Somali Women and Children (ASWAC).

We provide a small number of regular home visits to the elderly, and others who need support. We note the specific support required for those who experience mental health issues, and we have seen a small increase in numbers attending our centre. One of our volunteers has attended Mental Health First Aid Training which educates local people in how to preserve life where a person may be a danger to themselves or others; and help prevent the mental health problems from developing into a more serious state, including basic intervention when someone has suicidal tendencies. Three others have attended basic mental health awareness training, provided for foodbank volunteers.

Regarding the Church fellowship, we gather a core group of faithful and loyal members, and have a regular number of people visiting. We maintain a Pastoral Team of volunteers who meet the personal needs of individuals and coordinate support as appropriate. Within this group are trained counsellors, life coaches, and health care professionals. So a high level of professional support is offered, and is able to bridge the gap between church and non-church individuals. Our spiritual well-being is good, and all our work is driven by the faithfulness of church members and volunteers.

Finally, we can report that we have formed a small working party to review our Community Engagement and to plan the best use of our resources going forward.

This year we have maintained good levels of commitment and energy. The work is in good shape, and the forecast for next year is favourable.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Financial review

During the year income increased by £23,445, to £85,164, and expenditure increased by £3,489, to £62,389. As a result the cash held by the charity increased by £19,956, to £44,765, of which £43,124 is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

Reserves policy

The trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £13,000 (which equates to just under 3 months' of unrestricted expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end, the charity held unrestricted cash at bank of approximately £43,000.

Covid-19

In March 2020 the charity took steps (in line with government advice) to help contain the nationwide outbreak of Covid-19. This included the temporary suspension of all physical gatherings and the charity has had to curtail, or change, how it operates; the charity has been able to continue some of its activities using on-line media. To date there has been no significant impact on net income nonetheless the trustees are continuing to monitor income and expenditure closely and, if it becomes necessary, will take measures to mitigate any financial impact. As at 30 November 2020, the charity held unrestricted cash at bank of approximately £43,600.

Governance

Responsibility for setting policy and for making operating decisions rest with the trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the charity. Responsibility for the day to day operation of the charity has been delegated to the church leadership team. New trustees are recruited and appointed by the existing trustees, by a majority vote.

Risk statement

The charity is exposed to various risks - be they operational, financial or reputational. The trustees review the charity's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks.

Responsibilities of trustees


Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:


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Brian Watts

Date: 1/3/2021

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
SHAFTESBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BATTERSEA

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Shaftesbury Christian Centre ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2020 on pages 7 to 10 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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 2011 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 accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. 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.



Mary Evans

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Date: 02 March 2021

SHAFTESBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BATTERSEA

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2020 £	2019 £
<i>Income receipts</i>					
Donations		72,792	3,441	76,233	47,266
Gift aid receipts		3,334	-	3,334	4,677
Income from letting of facilities		5,573	-	5,573	9,715
Other		24	-	24	62
<i>Total receipts</i>		81,723	3,441	85,164	61,719
<i>Payments</i>					
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	58,395	-	58,395	54,797
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	2,194	1,800	3,994	4,103
<i>Total payments</i>		60,589	1,800	62,389	58,900
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers		21,134	1,641	22,775	2,820
Transfers between funds	5	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		21,134	1,641	22,775	2,820
Cash funds as at last year end		21,990	-	21,990	19,170
Cash funds at this year end	A	43,124	1,641	44,765	21,990

The notes on pages 9 - 10 form part of these accounts.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2020 £	2019 £
A Cash funds					
Cash at bank with immediate access		42,792	1,641	44,433	20,932
Petty cash		332	-	332	1,058
		43,124	1,641	44,765	21,990
B Other monetary assets					
Gift aid due to charity		2,426	743	3,168	3,000
		2,426	743	3,168	3,000
C Liabilities					
Trade creditors		1,464	-	1,464	-
Fee for Accounts Preparation & Examination		930	-	930	840
Property insurance recharge due for 2018-19		1,863	-	1,863	1,863
Property insurance recharge due for 2019-20		1,710	-	1,710	-
		5,967	-	5,967	2,703
D Assets retained for charity's own use					
				Fund to which asset belongs	Current value £
Music and PA equipment				General	1,500
Computers and IT				General	1,000
					2,500

The property from which the church operates is owned by Livability and occupied rent free.

Current values have been estimated by the trustees

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf

by Brian Watts date 1/3/2021
 Brian Watts

The notes on pages 9 - 10 form part of these accounts.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly				
Pastoral costs (Note 4)	34,850	-	34,850	34,150
Ministry costs	4,131	-	4,131	3,950
Light, heat and water	8,127	-	8,127	4,177
Maintenance of buildings & equipment	3,473	-	3,473	4,399
Office costs	1,021	-	1,021	892
Telephone and internet costs	1,461	-	1,461	1,270
Cleaning	2,817	-	2,817	3,603
Accounts preparation & examination	840	-	840	780
Other costs	1,676	-	1,676	1,575
	<u>58,395</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>58,395</u>	<u>54,797</u>
3 Grants & gifts paid to others				
Institutions:				
Compassion UK	-	1,800	1,800	1,800
Individuals:	2,194	-	2,194	2,303
	<u>2,194</u>	<u>1,800</u>	<u>3,994</u>	<u>4,103</u>

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4 Transactions with related parties

During the year, the charity paid fees for pastoral services totalling £34,850 (2019: £34,150) to Mr. and Mrs. Brian and Joanna Watts; Mr. Brian Watts is a trustee of the charity and did not receive any payment for services as a trustee; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

During the year, the charity paid £1,200 to a person closely connected to a trustee, for electrical repairs. In addition a further £800 was owed to this person at the year end.

Other than direct reimbursements of expenses made on behalf of the church, no other amounts were paid to any trustee or to any person connected to them.

5 Movement of funds

	Balance at 31 Mar 2019	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance at 31 Mar 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	21,990	81,723	(60,589)	-	43,124
	<u>21,990</u>	<u>81,723</u>	<u>(60,589)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,124</u>
Restricted funds					
Compassion UK Fund	-	3,441	(1,800)	-	1,641
	<u>-</u>	<u>3,441</u>	<u>(1,800)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,641</u>
Total funds	<u>21,990</u>	<u>85,164</u>	<u>(62,389)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>44,765</u>