

SHAFTESBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE

REPORT & ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016

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SHAFTESBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE
LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016

Address for Correspondence	2 Austin Road Battersea London SW11 5JP
Governing Document	Declaration of Trust dated 10 July 2006 Registered charity number 1116087
Trustees	Elizabeth Bakare Paul Chapman Glen Donegan Sarah Hurt Fiona Ripley Brian Watts
Bankers	Barclays Bank plc
Independent Examiner	Marie-Claire Yeo ACA Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage London EC1Y 8AB

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SHAFTESBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016

The Elders have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year to 31 March 2016.

Objects of the church

The Shaftesbury Christian Centre exists to promote the physical, emotional and spiritual wellbeing of people in the locality.

Government

The policy and operating decisions rest with the Leadership Team and are supported through the guidance of the Steering Group. The Steering Group meets regularly and supports the community development initiatives.

Review of Activities

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

Our remit is to develop programs, 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 programmes, 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 faith group whose expression of worship is to serve the local community in practical ways.

In our previous year (2014-2015) we reported factors that had led to financial challenges. We also reported plans to combat this through increased hall hire and particular collaboration with a Brazillian Church (La Palavra Viva) who were seeking to use our premises as their main place of worship. We are pleased to report that a long term relationship with La Palavra Viva has been secured. As a result our income through the current financial year has increased, building stability. The forecast is good.

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 despite other resource limitations. We can report the following activity.

Now in its third year, our Foodbank distribution centre continues to be 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. Alongside foodbank we work with Fuel For Families to provide relief for those experiencing fuel poverty.

At our distribution centre we have a total of 22 volunteers, an increase of 7 on last year. 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.

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. 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 supportive friendships.

This year we have worked with Livability to host The Happiness Course. Based on principles of positive psychology the course is designed equip individuals with life skills and coping strategies. The course was delivered twice for us and with an average of 8 people on each course. Having seen the benefit of the course we intend to identify and train our own course leaders and to become licenced to deliver the course ourselves. We will then run the course for our local community.

We continue host a range of fitness classes through the week

We continue to provide a small number of regular home visits to the elderly, and also one local person who has mental health issues. We reported last year that we wished to develop our support for those with mental health issues, and we have since seen a small increase in numbers attending ur centre. One of our volunteers has attended Mental Health First Aid Training which educates local people about how to preserve life where a person may be a danger to themselves or others; and to provide help that prevents 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.

In May 2016 we have planned a church weekend at Otford Manor and have approx. 60 adults and children attending. This will provide an opportunity for us to build our community relations and also to consider our plans for the coming years.

Whilst we have not seen significant growth this year (in terms of church attendance), we have maintained good levels of commitment and energy. The work is in good shape, and the forecast for next year is favorable.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission in December 2008.

Financial Review

Receipts for the period of £73,000 (2015 £51,000) and payments of £52,000 (2015 £55,000). This resulted in a surplus for the year of £21,000 compared with a deficit in the previous year of £4,500.

While some £12000 of the additional receipts are attributed to one- off gifts to the Church, we have worked hard to establish stabilised income from Hall Hire, which has increased by £9000 over the previous year.

We have also continued to reduce costs whilst accommodating an overdue increase in remuneration for our Pastors.

Together with the generous support of church members, we are enjoying a much healthier financial position than we have experienced for many years.

Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity law requires those acting 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 church 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 on 26th January 2017 and signed on their behalf by:

Brian Watts

Independent Examiner's Report
To the Elders of

SHAFTESBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE..

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2016 set out on pages 6 to 8 which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies on page 8.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees of the charity are responsible for the preparation of accounts; they consider that the audit requirement under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act), does not apply. It is my responsibility to :

- * examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act.
- * follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners made under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.
- * 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 Commissioners. 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 statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

Based on my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, accounting records have not been kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act, or that the accounts presented do not accord with those records, or comply with the accounting requirement of the 2011 Act. No matter has come to my attention in connection with my examination to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Marie-Claire Yeo ACA

For and on behalf of:
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27th January 2017

SHAFTESBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016

	Notes	Unrestricted General £	Restricted Funds £	2016 £	2015 £
Receipts					
<i>Charitable receipts</i>					
Grants and gifts received - non Gift Aided		17,143	-	17,143	7,031
Grants and gifts received - Gift Aided		28,276	-	28,276	28,262
Gift Aid tax received		8,392	-	8,392	6,819
<i>Other receipts</i>					
Rent received		17,696	-	17,696	8,432
Other receipts		1,244	-	1,244	250
Total Receipts		72,751	-	72,751	50,794
Payments					
<i>Charitable payments in furtherance of the church's objectives</i>					
Direct costs	2	51,603	-	51,603	55,360
Grants paid	3	-	-	-	-
Total Payments		51,603	-	51,603	55,360
Net Receipts/(Payments) before transfers		21,148	-	21,148	(4,566)
Net Movement in Funds		21,148	-	21,148	(4,566)
Balances on 1 April 2015		5,763	-	5,763	6,668
Balances 31 March 2016		26,911	-	26,911	6,668

The notes on page 8 form part of these accounts.

SHAFTESBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE
STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES

AS AT 31 MARCH 2016

1. Fixed Assets

Approximate
market value
£

The value of the assets owned are:

Equipment	3,000	
	3,000	

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

2. Bank and cash balances

2016 2015
£ £

Held at Bank	26,548	5,280
Cash float	363	483
	26,911	5,763

3. Other Assets & Liabilities

Assets

Gift Aid tax amounts due not yet received	1,706	3,000
Other debtors	2,135	3,644
	3,841	6,644

Liabilities

Accounts preparation & examination	660	660
Other creditors	237	237
	897	897

The accounts were approved by the elders and signed on their behalf on 26th January 2017 by:

Brian Watts

The notes on page 8 form part of these accounts.

SHAFTESBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016

1. Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis with a statement of assets and liabilities.

2. Direct costs

	General Fund £	Restricted Funds £	2016 £	2015 £
Pastoral costs (Note 4)	31,750	-	31,750	29,250
Community Development Manager	-	-	-	1,195
Livability quota	-	-	-	3,239
Light, heat and water	5,547	-	5,547	5,099
Function costs	909	-	909	1,618
Church Conference	300	-	300	45
Maintenance of buildings & equipment	1,943	-	1,943	2,756
Printing, postage and stationery	1,478	-	1,478	1,275
Training	355	-	355	310
Telephone and internet costs	1,104	-	1,104	1,386
Cleaning	2,647	-	2,647	3,485
Accounts preparation & examination	660	-	660	666
Insurance	1,073	-	1,073	-
Administration	134	-	134	1,319
Other costs	3,702	-	3,702	3,717
	51,603	-	51,603	55,360

There were no grants of more than £1,000 in the year.

4. Church workers

The church has two pastoral workers, Pastor Brian Watts and Pastor Joanna Watts, to whom the pastoral costs above refer.