



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
From	01	01	2017	To	31	12	2017

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name READING Spiritualist church

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1159970

Charity's principal address

81 BAKER STREET
 READING
 Postcode **RG1 7XY**

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	Helen Shearer	Secretary Treasurer	2017 Total Until May 2017	
2	Judith Ford	President		
3	Jill Pickett	Vice President		
4	Susan Lamb	Membership Sec		
5	Trudy Lewis	Committee Member		
6	Jacqui Winslade	Committee Member		
7	David Dunford	Mtce, IT, & Social Media Treasurer	Left December 2017 May – December 2017	Committee
8	Daniel Hugh MacDonald	Librarian Church Rep	Total Year Resigned Sept 2017	
9	Andy Dean	Vice President	Resigned April 2017	
10	Sandie Rimmer	Church Rep	Joined November 2017	
11	Dawn Ilsley	Trust Rep, Church Rep, Steward Vice President	Left December 2017 April to December 2017	AGM
12	Trevor Hitchman	Healing Leader Committee Member	Total Year From April 2017	AGM
13	Lynn Formstone	Committee Member Steward	Total Year From April 2017	AGM
14	Melanie Moore	Steward	From April 2017	AGM
15	Rosemary Polden	Committee Member	Left April 2017	
16	Pam Giles	Steward	Left April 2017	
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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
Minister	Peter Kent	42 Delaware Road, Reading RG6 1AP
National Spiritualist's Union	West London District Council	No officers addresses supplied

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 (eg. trust deed, constitution)	National Spiritualist Union rulebook and bye-laws
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	16 Trusteed positions on the committee (one person can sometimes fill two roles)
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Nominated by full members and voted on at the AGM. Co-opted for vacant positions post-AGM

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.

National Spiritualist Union
Coaching from long-standing Trustees
Information sharing at monthly meetings
First Aid courses

Nation Spiritualist Union Governing body.
West London District Council
SNU National Warden
(refer to SNU rulebook)

Safeguarding vulnerable adults and children
Health and Safety Band Risk Assessments specific responsibility of one officer. Fire procedure and safety system. Maintenance Officer. First Aider present for every service.

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To promote the Religion and Religious Philosophy of Spiritualism as based on the Seven Principles
 To acquire perfect religious equality
 To assist in the formation of New societies and churches
 To strengthen the fraternal relations between Spiritualists
 To increase all classes of membership
 To print, publish and distribute literature
 To promote mission work
 To do all such lawful things which are for the advancement of Spiritualism.

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)

Charity run by Trustees and Volunteers, no-one gets paid.

Main objects of the Church :-

Keep the Church open to provide church services
 Development within Spiritualism for each person attending the church.
 Provide Spiritual Healing by trained Healers and to provide training to the Trainee Healers.
 Training courses for personal development within the religion access through the Spiritualist National Union, our governing body.
 Trustees have access to the Charity Commission
 Fund raising is very necessary to keep the church going, heating and maintenance of the building, allowing the church to be open and available to the general public.
 Services designed so that those not looking for a "religion" can access pastoral support.
 Weddings
 Funerals
 Namings

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.

Contributions made by volunteers. The Charity would not function as all our workers and helpers are volunteers. The Charity is run following the SNU policies by a committee now referred to as the Trustees

Kent Scholarship supporting financially a Trainee Healer for the two year training course.

Investment within the SNU Fund

Friends of York Lodge. This involves members of the church forming a group dedicated to help the Trustees run the Church and provide development.

Section D

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Coffee morning continue to be popular in spite of difficulties in booking mediums.

A hugely successful "Dinner with Spirit" and Open Day were held.

Two additional Chairpersons have been trained up for service.

The Church and grounds have needed a great deal of investment (by law, work generated by risk assessments) this year to maintain it and provide for the years to come. We have managed to do this out of income generated by church activities and donations.

The Kent Scholarship continues to fund the training for one healer per year. (the name is in recognition of Minister Peter Kent's incredible dedication to Spirt and Church for 50 Years.)

We have continued with our support to the Churches in Reading Drop In Centre (CIRDIC) by donations and contributions of food from the congregation. This charity gives help to people in the Reading area who are struggling and in great need.

A donation to the Two Worlds spiritual magazine to help with the cost of publication.

Daisy's Dream, a local charity for children was a nominated charity

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

SNU policy

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Nil

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.

The principle sources of funds comes from donations and fundraising.

The funds are necessary to keep the church open and functioning. Such as publicity, general maintenance of a listed building, training, cleaning, paying utility bills, gardening, and providing support for all of our members.

To increase all classes of membership

To do all such lawful things as are good for the advancement of Spiritualism.

To print, publish and distribute literature.

Attend West London district meetings (four per year)

To send representatives to the SNU AGM where changes in policy and statements are discussed and voted on.

Investments with the SNU Trust, run by the SNU to assist churches within Spiritualism.

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)		
Full name(s)	Helen Shearer	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	
Date	October 31 st . 2018	


Reading National Spiritualist Church
Balance Sheet for the Year Ended 31 December 2017

2016	Assets	2017
	York Lodge	
492,627	Property value at 1st Jan	498,404
<u>5,777</u>	Property Improvements	<u>5,727</u>
		504,131
498,404		
	Fixtures and Fittings	
70,792	Value b/f	70,792
-	Additions during the year	1,170
<u>35,588</u>	Depreciation b/f	<u>37,348</u>
35,204		34,613
<u>1,760</u>	5% Depreciation applied for Year	<u>1,731</u>
		32,883
33,443		
<u>531,847</u>	Net Fixed Assets	<u>537,013</u>
	Current Asset	
38,806	Government Stocks (4.25%)	38,806
15,749	SNU Trust	15,826
32,383	Lloyds Current Account	37,684
308	Cash in safe	<u>355</u>
		92,671
87,245		
-	Creditors & Accruals	
809	Creditors	-
	Accruals	<u>3,938</u>
<u>618,283</u>		<u>625,707</u>

Represented By

612,275	General Fund Accumulated	618,283
1,992	Surplus for the Year	2,258
5,777	Expenditure on F+F and Capital	6,897
<u>1,760</u>	Depreciation for the Year	<u>1,731</u>
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Reading National Spiritualist Church


 Performance Accountancy

Reading National Spiritualist Church
Income and Expenditure for the Year Ending 31 December 2017

Income	2016	2017	Expenditure	2016	2017
Sunday Collections	1,957	2,090	Speakers Expenses	4,484	1,570
Weekday Collections	3,752	3,921	Committee/Class 'A' Expenses	63	958
Healing	942	1,075	Cleaning	2,050	1,970
Circles	2,137	3,606	Literature	497	361
Open Platform & Workshops	2,938	9,330	Refreshments	625	725
Literature & Library	380	271	Fundraising and Social	140	10,814
Refreshments	1,179	1,190	Utilities	4,984	4,576
<i><u>Fundraising and Social</u></i>			Repairs & Renewals	11,085	3,802
Special Demonstrations	2,759	900	Insurance	1,574	1,681
Social Events / Coffee Mornings	6,700	6,381	Stationery/Printing/Postage	987	1,589
Sales	172	183	Advertising	397	530
Raffles	978	300	Professional Fees	837	483
Private Sitzings	670	571	Fundraising Expenses	350	270
General Fundraising	-	-	SNU Capitation Fees	625	725
Dinner With Spirit	2,027	1,125	Charity Donations	520	940
			Sundries	637	458
Membership Fees	1,232	958	Dinner With Spirit	919	585
Donations	2,062	1,178			
Minister Fees (F.Kent Donations)	594	654	50th Anniversary	3,625	3,824
Rents Receivable	9,400	9,400	1st Aid	110	63
Sundries	432	223	Fixture + Fittings		1,170
Receipt from Bank	241		Capital Expenditure	5,777	5,727
SNU Trust Interest	77	77			
Government Stock Interest	1,649	1,649			
	<u>42,277</u>	<u>45,080</u>		<u>40,284</u>	<u>42,822</u>
Surplus for the Year	1,992	2,258			

To the committee and the Annual General Meeting

We have reviewed the accounts of Reading Spiritualist Church for the year ended 31 December 2017

As a practising firm of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at icaew.com/regulations.

Our work has been undertaken solely to review for your approval the financial information of the Reading Spiritualist Church. We do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the committee for our work on this report.

As a result of our review we can state that the accounts are properly prepared and supported with appropriate records and comply with Spiritualism's rules for churches.

In our opinion, the accounts are set out in a clear and concise manner and therefore no further explanation is required to enable the proper understanding of the accounts. The Treasurer has been provided with some recommendations for on-going review.



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