

SHAFTESBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE

REPORT & ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019

Stewardship
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SHAFTESBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE
LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019

Address for Correspondence	2 Austin Road Battersea London SW11 5JP
Governing Document	Declaration of Trust dated 10 July 2006 Registered charity number 1116087
Trustees	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 2019

The Elders have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year to 31 March 2019.

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.

As reported in previous years (2017-2018) we have had a long-term rental and collaboration with a Brazilian Church (La Palavra Viva). Unfortunately, they have this year found it necessary to move to a location that is nearer to their congregation (Southfields). Whilst we have lost some ongoing revenue, the move does provide an opportunity for us to partner with other organisations. This includes V61 Church (Vineyard Balham) who we have a growing relationship with and who have this year commenced a weekly English Language Class for the locality. And for next year we plan to increase our collaboration by supporting a Youth Worker to provide outreach on our local estate. A further collaboration exists with Lighthouse Chapel. We are pleased to support Lighthouse who regularly use our premises for youth outreach, this includes open mic sessions, youth activities, and choir. For next year we intend to develop music classes for local people and we are currently securing qualified volunteers.

Now in its fifth 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. 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 Wandsworth Citizens Advice who provides dedicated advisor to foodbank guests.

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. We can report the following activity.

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.

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

We continue to provide a small number of regular home visits to the elderly, and others who need support. 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 our 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.

We were pleased this year to host a team of 25 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.

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.

Financial Review

Receipts for the period of £62,000 (2018 £52,000) and payments of £59,000 (2018 £62,000). This resulted in a surplus for the year of £3,000 compared with a £10,000 deficit in the previous year. The cash balance at the year end was approximately £22,000.

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 26 January 2020 and signed on their behalf by:

Brian Watts

Independent Examiner's Report
To the Trustees of
SHAFTESBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Shaftesbury Christian Centre (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2019 on pages 6 to 8 following.

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.

Marie-Claire Yeo ACA

30 January 2020

For and on behalf of:
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SHAFTESBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019

	Notes	Unrestricted General £	Restricted Funds £	2019 £	2018 £
Receipts					
<i>Charitable receipts</i>					
Grants and gifts received - non Gift Aided		12,443	-	12,443	6,226
Grants and gifts received - Gift Aided		28,336	1,378	29,713	27,174
Gift Aid tax received		8,409	-	8,409	7,262
<i>Other receipts</i>					
Fundraising income		1,378	-	1,378	422
Rent received		9,715	-	9,715	9,543
Other receipts		62	-	62	1,690
Total Receipts		60,342	1,378	61,719	52,316
Payments					
<i>Charitable payments in furtherance of the church's objectives</i>					
Direct costs	2	57,100	1,800	58,900	62,121
Total Payments		57,100	1,800	58,900	62,121
Net Receipts/(Payments)		3,242	(423)	2,819	(9,805)
Net Movement in Funds		3,242	(423)	2,819	(9,805)
Balances on 1 April 2018		19,170	-	19,170	28,975
Balances 31 March 2019		22,412	(423)	21,989	19,170

The notes on page 8 form part of these accounts.

SHAFTESBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE
STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES

AS AT 31 MARCH 2019

1. Fixed Assets

Approximate
market value
£

The value of the assets owned are:

Equipment	3,000
	<u>3,000</u>

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

2. Bank and cash balances

2019 2018
£ £

Held at Bank	20,932	19,320
Cash float	1,058	218
	<u>21,990</u>	<u>19,538</u>

3. Other Assets & Liabilities

Assets

Gift Aid tax amounts due not yet received	3,000	3,732
Other debtors	-	27
	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,759</u>

Liabilities

Accounts preparation & examination	840	780
Other creditors	-	1,890
	<u>840</u>	<u>2,670</u>

The accounts were approved by the elders and signed on their behalf on 26 January 2019
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 2019

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.

2. Direct costs

	General Fund £	Restricted Funds £	2019 £	2018 £
Pastoral costs (Note 3)	34,150	-	34,150	33,330
Light, heat and water	4,177	-	4,177	5,180
Church Conference	3,315	-	3,315	4,086
Maintenance of buildings & equipment	4,399	-	4,399	7,310
Printing, postage and stationery	892	-	892	1,549
Telephone and internet costs	1,270	-	1,270	1,566
Cleaning	3,603	-	3,603	3,464
Accounts preparation & examination	780	-	780	720
Gifts	2,303	1,800	4,103	2,370
Other costs	2,210	-	2,210	2,178
	<u>57,100</u>	<u>1,800</u>	<u>58,900</u>	<u>61,753</u>

3. Church workers

Brian and Joanna Watts served as church leaders and were paid for serving in that capacity, not for serving as trustees; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.