Company No. 3300176
Reg. Charity No. 1063632

THE WOODLEY PILOT LIGHT TRUST

ANNUAL REPORT

AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

Reference and Administrative Information

The Trust is registered with the Charity Commission, No. 1063632.

The Company number is 3300176.

The registered address is:-

Woodley Baptist Church Centre
Hurricane Way
Woodley
Reading
RG5 4UX

Trustees/Directors

The Trustees during the period were: -

Christopher van Es
Brian Hope
Andrew Cook
David Magowan

Bankers:-

CAF Bank Ltd
25 Kings Hill Avenue,
Kings Hill,
West Malling
Kent
ME19 4JQ

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 9 January 1997 and registered as a charity on 28 July 1997. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustee Body

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as members of the Trustee Body. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association at the first and every subsequent Annual General Meeting one third of the members of the Board of Trustees shall retire from office based on length of service. Retiring members shall be eligible for re-election.

New Trustees are recruited by direct invitation from the existing Board of Trustees and are identified either by the Board of Trustees or by referral to the Trustees. In extending invitations account is taken of the skills present and needed around the Board table. Potential Trustees are invited to attend Trustee Meetings as observers and enabled to familiarise themselves with the organisation. Once mutual agreement as to the suitability of the appointment has been established new Trustees may be appointed to serve in association with the Board of Trustees until the next round of Board elections.

Objectives and Activities

The Trustees hold the capital and income upon trust to apply the income of the charity for the advancement of the Christian faith amongst the inhabitants of Woodley, Wokingham and Reading by any charitable means and in particular, but not exclusively, by the provision of outreach facilities including Woodley Food bank and Re Inspired.

Achievements and Performance

It is perhaps no surprise that The Woodley Food Bank has had another busy year, which included having to replace the Foodbank cabin and incur temporary storage costs.
Whilst the overall demand for our services has not materially changed since a year ago, we are seeing more people needing longer term support. This is a function of the weak economic situation with those being made redundant finding it harder to get back into the work force.
The biggest change has been a reduction in the volume of supermarket drop donations. To meet this challenge, we have had to make more bulk food purchases, which has been possible due to the kind monetary donations we receive. We have also adjusted the frequency of parcel support for some of the long-standing recipients, to try and help them re-engage, ensure they check their entitlements to support and better manage their finances We still have an incredible team of volunteers who, by helping week in, week out and with flexibility, enable us to support the local community every day

REinspired Woodley's vision remains to see all school pupils' spiritual development and religious education enhanced by creative engagement with people of faith, in an educational framework. This year from Sept 2025 to July 2026 there were nearly 2300 encounters with children in four different primary schools through 41 different lessons delivered to 78 classes - many of them seeing us each term. In addition, church visits were made by 2 classes of EYFS children. Also 349 Year 6 children in 6 of the 7 Woodley primary schools attended presentations about the transition to secondary school and each received a copy of the 'It's Your Move' book.

Financial Review

Presentation of the financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with The Charities Act (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and The Charity Commission Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS102).

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have set a policy on reserves that there should be sufficient for normal expenditure of a minimum of 3 months, and ideally a maximum of 12 months. During the financial year, the reserves have remained substantially above this at year end, mainly in the restricted Woodley Food Bank fund. This will enable the Food Bank to continue to function at what has proved to be at an increased level due to the pressure on household incomes squeezed by rising inflation and other economic factors.

Investment Policy

The Charity does not seek to invest for the sake of income, apart from holding a significant portion of the funds in an interest bearing CAF bank account.

Principal funding resources

During the year to 30 June 2026 the total income received was £54,962 (2025: £49,039) of which £54,962 (2025: £49,039) came from donations, related tax refunds and bank interest. The income has risen thanks to continued donations to support the work of Woodley Food Bank despite the pressure on household incomes. Also the RE Inspired work has benefited from donations from 2 other charities that is helping to ensure the work in local schools will be maintained

Statement of Directors Responsibilities

The Charities Act and the Companies Act require the Directors (who are also the trustees for Charity Law) to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial period. In preparing those financial statements, the directors follow best practice and:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Directors are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The Directors are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Directors are also responsible for the contents of the Directors' Report, and the responsibility of the independent examiner in relation to the Directors' Report is limited to examining the report and ensuring that on the face of the report there are no inconsistencies with the figures disclosed in the financial statements.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS102) and in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Members of the Trustee Body

The Trustees, who are directors for the purpose of company law and trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 3.

In accordance with company law, as the directors of the company, we certify that:

- so far as we are aware, there is no relevant financial information of which the company's Independent Examiner was unaware; and
- We have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant financial information and to establish that the Charity's Independent Examiner is aware of that information.

Independent Examiner

Alan Crosse was appointed as the charitable company's Independent Examiner and has expressed his willingness to act in that capacity.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Chris van Es Trustee

Date: 9th October 2026

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Woodley Pilot Light Trust

I report on the accounts of the Charitable Company for the year ended 30th June 2026, which are set out on pages 7 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The 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.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the 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 statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

Have not been met; or

(2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Alan Crosse Date: 18/8/26

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Incoming Resources				
Donations	556	49,502	50,058	45,075
Gift aid on donations	0	2,376	2,376	2,070
Other income	2,528	-	2,528	1,894
Total Income	3,084	51,878	54,962	49,039
Resources Expended				
Direct Charitable Expenditure	667	32,236	32,903	25,064
Total Expenditure	667	32,236	32,903	25,064
Net Movement in Funds	2,417	19,642	22,059	23,975
Balance Brought Forward 1 July 2025	14,044	137,175	151,219	127,244
Balance Carried Forward 30 June 2026	16,461	156,817	173,278	151,219

BALANCE SHEET 30 JUNE 2026
Company number 3300176

		2026		2025
		£		£
Investments				
Investments in Subsidiary		-		-
Current Assets				
Cash at Bank and in Hand	172,337		149,558	
Debtors (Note 2)	2,376		2,070	
	174,713		151,628	
Less Current Liabilities				
Creditors (Note 3)	(1,435)		(409)	
		173,278		151,219
Net Assets		£ 173,278		£ 151,219
Capital and Reserves				
Unrestricted Fund		16,461		14.044
Restricted Funds (Note 6)		156,817		137.175
Net Assets		£ 173,278		£ 151.219

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

For the year ended 30 June 2026 the company was entitled to the exemption from the requirement to have an audit under section 477, Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and its members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476. The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

Approved by the Trustees and authorized for issue and signed on behalf of the Board by:

Chris van Es Chris

Date: 9th October 2026

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare Financial Statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of its state of affairs at the Balance Sheet date and of its income and expenditure for that period.

In preparing these Financial Statements the Trustees are required to:-

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether the policies adopted are in accordance with applicable accounting standards
- Prepare the Financial Statements on a going concern basis.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Trust. They are also responsible for safeguarding its assets.

b) Basis of Accounting

The Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting by Charities'.

c) Income

With the exception of voluntary income arising from fund raising activities and donations, all income is credited to the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis.

d) Expenditure

Expenditure has been stated in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis and includes VAT where applicable.

2. Debtors

	2026 £	2025 £
Gift Aid Recoverable	2,376	2,070

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (cont)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

3. Creditors

	2026	2025
	£	£
PAYE Due	131	125
Accruals	1,304	284
Total	1,435	409

4. Staff

	2026	2025
	£	£
Wages and salaries	7,582	7,056
Average number employed	1	1

5. Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted 2026	Restricted 2026	Total 2026	Total 2025
	£	£	£	£
Wages and salaries	-	7,582	7,582	7,056
Cont to St James for REinspired Manager	-	8,864	8,864	8,626
Food Bank Food purchases	-	8,174	8,174	5,104
Food Bank other running costs	-	2,054	2,054	2,440
REinspired photocopying/expenses	-	1,102	1,102	1,275
Insurance	573	0	573	469
Relocation Food store		4,460	4.460	0
Donations	-	-	-	0
Sundry	94	-	94	94
Total Expenditure	667	32,236	32,903	25,064

6. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	1st July 2025	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	30th June 2026
	£	£	£	£
REinspired	6,687	14,118	9,966	10,839
Woodley Foodbank	130,488	37,760	22,270	145,978
Total	137,175	51,878	32,236	156,817