The Annual Report of
The Parish of the Icknield Way Villages

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity name: The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of the Icknield Way Villages (the "Parish" of the "PCC")
Charity Commission registered number: 1136222
For the financial year beginning on: 01/01/2025
For the financial year ending on: 31/12/2025

Charity's principal address: The Church Office, Crawley End, Chrishall, Royston, Herts, SG8 8QL
Governing document: The Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended and Church Representation Rules, supported by the Parish Constitution approved on 26th October 2009. The Parish is a Church of England parish within the Diocese of Chelmsford
Objects of the charity: Promoting in the Parish the whole mission of the Church.
Specific investment powers: None.

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TRUSTEES AND GOVERNANCE

Name of trustee	Dates during which the named trustee acted if not for the whole year	Basis of appointment
James Webster		Rector / Chair
Jon Wayper		Parish Warden
Liz Stott		Parish Warden / Strethall DCC
Laurence Brett		Treasurer
Melanie Chandler		Standing Committee
Peter Gale / Nicola Perring		Little Chishill DCC
Angela Patrick		Great Chishill DCC
Fiona Dyer		Chrishall DCC / Parish Safeguarding Officer
Liz Stott		Strethall DCC
Jo Brier		Heydon DCC
Edward Tozer		Elmdon DCC
Sarah Westerhuis		Hamlet DCC
David Wilkinson		Elected Member
Charles Joint		Elected Member
Deborah Webster		Elected Member
Susannah Van Staten		Elected Member

PCC members' selection method: by virtue of office, or by election, or by appointment, one from each of the seven District Church Councils within the Parish.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to their local DCC's. A General meeting of the parish is held annually at which all those on the Electoral Rolls across the Parish are encouraged to take part.

PCC members Payments: None of the PCC members is paid any fee or salary by the PCC.

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Trading Activities: Any functions or events arranged on behalf of the PCC are organised by volunteers on its behalf. The PCC does not operate any trading company.

ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

2025 was a full and busy year across the Parish. The PCC supervises the activities of the Parish of the Icknield Way Villages. The accounts presented with this report show the financial outcome of the combined activities of the 7 Districts within the Parish for the year ending 31st December 2025. The PCC met 4 times during the year in February, June, September and November and reviewed local district matters, safeguarding and financial matters. In addition discussions were held on:

- Pathways for all ages to come to, and deepen their faith
- Appointing a Children & Families' worker
- Save the Parish
- Grill the Bishop

The Districts are responsible for the promotion of the whole mission of the church in their communities, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, and for the operation and maintenance of the church buildings within those communities. They also support the PCC by arranging to provide financial transfers so that the PCC can fulfil its obligations (via the Icknield Way Parish Trust) to pay its quota to the Diocese, to support the Parish Office and to maintain its presence in the community.

The population of the Parish is approximately 2,300. During 2025 there were 129 (2024 – 123) parishioners on the Church Electoral Rolls.

Church Services; In 2025 we held a full programme of regular services in all seven of the Parish Churches and the Village Hall in Chrishall. These included 9am BCP services, 11.00 Family Worship services as well as a number of Evensong services. Service formats also included Café and Messy Church.

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Study Groups; Youth work developed in the year in various ways: the Youth Group, Open the Book (in Chrishall School), iSingSaturdays and Saturday Gatherings, and Church Mice groups. The introduction of iSingSaturday as an alternative Saturday Gathering in the year has been considered a great success in attracting families into the Church outside of traditional Sunday services. Special groups for the study of the Bereavement Journey were held and well attended. An Alpha course and an Alpha course targeting our youth age group were also held.

From the registers; There were 9 weddings, 13 funerals and 5 baptisms registered across the Parish in 2025, a significant increase in additional services from 2024.

The Parish is fortunate to be able to make use of the parish office and a part-time parish administrator. This serves a vital role in providing a contact point for the community, and is funded by the Parish Trust. Additionally through the Parish Trust, the Parish supports the Rector's expenses and provides resources associated with the Sunday services, together with the wider mission of the church in the Parish.

Parish activity has continued all year including:

The Church Alive in the Community.

- Church services on Sundays.
- The self-sustaining Village Web magazine, delivered free to all households in the Parish for 10 months of the year
- Remembrance Day Services.
- Lent Course held in Chrishall Village Hall
- Regular Coffee mornings
- Support of XLP as our Parish Charity.
- Christmas Carol tour of Parish Pubs
- Gospel Choir
- I Sing Pop and the follow up I Sing Saturday monthly events
- Bereavement Journey course
- Saturday Gatherings
- Unanswered Prayer course
- Parish Walk
- Men's Group meetings in the Red Cow Pub

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Activities directly related to our Christian Faith and its development.

- During the year several bible study groups met and maintained Christian teaching.
- Marriage preparation courses.
- Lent Course
- Open the Book at Chrishall Primary school
- Bereavement Journey course.
- iSingPOP and iSingSaturdays
- Alpha and Alpha Youth courses

Activities designed to appeal to a wider audience of people who might not normally consider attending church, examples of which include:

- Operation of the Parish website.
- Men's group meets monthly in the Red Cow Pub.
- Using Chrishall Village Hall for a monthly service
- Parish Walk
- Range of social events in each District using the Church building as a host location.
- Saturday Gathering

RESERVES POLICY.

The PCC, including its DCC's showed a deficit of income on general funds of £9,092.00 (2024 surplus £6,332.72) during the year.

At the year end there were £91,588.32 (2024 £100.018.85) in general funds across the Parish.

There were also restricted and designated funds available only for the purposes (mainly fabric and repairs) specified by their donors and also endowment funds, which are severely constrained in their use. These endowment funds are mainly held in Trust for the Parish by the Diocese. The total value of all non-general funds totalled £1,312,727.31 (2024 £1,214,771.01).

These funds are held by the major high street banks, the CBF Church of England Investment Funds, building societies. Investments are also held by the Diocese of Chelmsford, by approved investment managers and by the Parish as custodians of the endowment and other funds concerned.

GRANT MAKING POLICY.

The PCC in its own right has the power to make donations to any person or organisation existing for the advancement of the Christian religion in any part of the world.

SIGNATURE AND DECLARATION

Declaration: We declare, in our capacity of charity trustees, that:

- the trustees have approved the annual report above and
- have authorised us to sign it on their behalf.

Signatures		
Full names	James Webster	Laurence Brett
Position	Rector	Treasurer

11 August 2026

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Icknield Way Villages Income & Expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2025
Consolidated IWP and DCC accounts

Incoming Resources (page 7)	Unrestricted General	Restricted	Designated	Endowment	**Total**	**2024**
Voluntary Income						
Planned Giving (Gift Aided)	18,685.26	1,470.00			**20,155.26**	**18,936.96**
Collections & Plate	17,731.50	4,677.29			**22,408.79**	**17,696.49**
Sundry Donations and appeals	9,723.01	5,464.31			**15,187.32**	**19,927.16**
Income Tax recovered	12,902.96	0.00			**12,902.96**	**11,628.46**
Grants	300.00	29,601.28			**29,901.28**	**9,300.00**
Activities for generating funds						
Fetes, Concerts etc	15,276.82	2,026.04			**17,302.86**	**11,960.37**
Investment Income						
Dividends and Interest	737.96	11,316.25	214.12	30,014.75	**42,283.08**	**41,833.03**
Income from Church Activities						
Income to be redistributed	0.00				**0.00**	**0.00**
Fees from Weddings, Funerals etc	9,612.38				**9,612.38**	**5,913.60**
Parish Magazine	0.00				**0.00**	**0.00**
Miscellaneous	0.00		0.00		**0.00**	**6,290.00**
Other Incoming resources						
Other Receipts	950.31	96.60			**1,046.91**	**0.00**
Total Incoming Resources	**85,920.20**	**54,651.77**	**214.12**	**30,014.75**	**170,800.84**	**143,486.07**

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Icknield Way Villages Resources Expended (Page 8)

	Unrestricted General	Restricted	Designated	Endowment	Total	2024
Costs of Generating Voluntary Income						
Parish Transfers to Trust	9,657.41				**9,657.41**	**0.00**
Fundraising trading Costs						
Event Costs	2,292.43	292.01			**2,584.44**	**1,052.46**
Church Activities						
Donations	750.37	50.00			**800.37**	**807.00**
Diocesan Quota	34,501.86				**34,501.86**	**35,818.06**
Other Clergy Costs	0.00				**0.00**	
Church running expenses	14,242.29		0.00	2,739.85	**16,982.14**	**33,622.11**
Church maintenance	10,714.50	58,654.17		4,973.47	**74,342.14**	**18,615.85**
Insurance	13,199.04	1,055.09			**14,254.13**	**14,521.26**
Upkeep of services					**0.00**	**0.00**
Upkeep of Churchyard	2,538.00	1,165.00			**3,703.00**	**1,842.00**
Church Office Costs					**0.00**	**0.00**
Bank Charges & Interest	29.75				**29.75**	**0.00**
Miscellaneous	5,474.99	51.80		4,452.81	**9,979.60**	**5,688.80**
Work Completed					**0.00**	**0.00**
Total	93,400.64	61,268.07	0.00	12,166.13	**166,834.84**	**111,967.54**

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	Unrestricted General	Restricted	Designated	Endowment	Total	2024
(page 9)						
Total Incoming Resources as above (see page 7)	85,920.20	54,651.77	214.12	30,014.75	**170,800.84**	143,486.07
Less Total Resources Expended as above (see page 8)	93,400.64	61,268.07	0.00	12,166.13	**166,834.84**	111,967.54
Net Incoming (outgoing) Resources	-7,480.44	-6,616.30	214.12	17,848.62	**3,966.00**	31,518.53
Transfers between funds	-1,435.00	1,435.00			**0.00**	
Gains (losses) on revaluation of Fixed Assets	0.00	-6,028.97	0.00	69,013.88	**62,984.91**	**24,258.09**
Gains (losses) on investment assets	-176.56	13,068.45	0.00	1,544.56	**14,436.45**	**4,851.48**
Net movement in Funds	-9,092.00	1,858.18	214.12	88,407.06	**81,387.36**	**60,628.10**
Add Total Funds brought forward at 1 January 2025	100,650.32	471,715.61	16,455.03	734,077.31	**1,322,898.27**	**1,258,070.94**
Total Funds carried forward at 31 December 2025	**91,558.32**	**473,573.79**	**16,669.15**	**822,484.37**	1,404,285.63	1,322,898.27

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Icknield Way Villages Balance Sheet	Unrestricted General	Restricted	Designated	Endowment	Total	2024
Fixed Assets						
Tangible Fixed Assets	0.00	112,623.18		0.00	**112,623.18**	
Investments	0.00	210,264.60		706,542.04	**916,806.64**	
Total Fixed Assets	0.00	322,887.78	0.00	706,542.04	**1,029,429.82**	**964,884.16**
Current Assets						
Stocks	4,239.88	113,148.31		1,000.00	**118,388.19**	**102,772.52**
Debtors	3,595.22	0.00		965.32	**4,560.54**	3,911.59
Short Term Deposits	0.00	0.00		6,810.14	**6,810.14**	**154.26**
Cash at Bank & in hand	83,804.82	37,537.70	16,669.15	107,166.87	**245,178.54**	**252,565.37**
sub-total	**91,639.92**	150,686.01	**16,669.15**	**115,942.33**	**374,937.41**	**359,403.74**
Less: Creditors falling due within 1 year	81.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	**81.60**	**5,081.60**
Total net Current Assets	91,558.32	150,686.01	16,669.15	115,942.33	374,855.81	354,322.14
Total Fixed & Current Assets less current liabilities	91,558.32	473,573.79	16,669.15	822,484.37	**1,404,285.63**	**1,319,206.30**
Less creditors falling due after 1 year	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Net Assets	91,558.32	473,573.79	16,669.15	822,484.37	**1,404,285.63**	**1,319,206.30**
Funds						
Endowments				822,484.37	**822,484.37**	**734,077.31**
Designated		315.56	16,669.15		**16,984.71**	**16,455.03**
Restricted		473,258.23			**473,258.23**	**464,238.67**
Unrestricted	91,558.32				**91,558.32**	**104,435.29**
Total Funds	**91,558.32**	**473,573.79**	**16,669.15**	**822,484.37**	1,404,285.63	1,319,206.30

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of the Icknield Way Villages
(The Icknield Way PCC)
Charity Number 1136222

Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees.

I report on the accounts of the The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of the Icknield Way Villages for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are presented as:

- Accounts on pages 7 to 10

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Examiner

The Trustees 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.

It is my responsibility to
- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- Follow procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners Statement.

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 a full audit, and consequently I do not express an opinion on the accounts.

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 s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
- to prepare accounts, which accord with these accounting records 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.

Signed:



Jody Hodges ACMA