45000 West End Chapel Fareham

Registered charity number – 1141601

Trustees Annual Report for the period from 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026

Reference and administration details: -

Charity's principal address: West End Chapel, St. Anne's Grove, Fareham, PO14 1JX

Trustees:
Paul Jeffrey Chaplin
Maurice Arthur Goodfellow
Edward John Powell
Malcolm Privett
William John Powell
Nigel Oram

Structure, governance and management:

The charity is a local Christian church which has existed on the West End Estate, Fareham for 60 years. The Charity is now governed by a Declaration of Trust dated 22nd March 2011. Trustees must be appointed by a simple majority at a meeting of the Spiritual leadership of the church.

The leadership comprises three Elders and three Deacons all of whom are trustees and who meet separately in fulfilment of their duties, but also meet as a co-ordinating team every two months or more often, as needed. All six trustees comprise the 'Spiritual leadership' referred to in the Declaration of Trust.

The receipt and distribution of funds is handled by the Church Treasurer and an Assistant Treasurer and both are trustees of this Trust.

The charity is a local assembly of Christians with its roots based on the Open Brethren movement.

The trustees have considered the major risks facing the charity and have put in place policies to mitigate risk e.g. in relation to the proper stewardship of funds, including the operation of bank accounts, and in relation to child protection and fire risks.

Objectives and activities

The objects of the church are for the benefit of the public to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs in the Declaration of Trust in such way and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time think fit, and to fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected with the charitable work of the Trust in such way and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit.

The main activities undertaken by the church for the public benefit in relation to these objects in the period covered by this report have been regular public meetings for the worship of God, Gospel preaching, Bible teaching, and prayer meetings. Additionally, the church has operated specific groups and clubs. Also, the Church participates in the Food bank scheme by sending monthly donations to the local foodbank. The church, through its regular offerings, has also been able to assist in forwarding the Christian gospel in other parts of the world by the relief of people in need from 'natural' disasters, poverty or persecution and has also assisted with the financial support of missionaries and Christian workers overseas and in the UK.

The trustees consider that all the activities undertaken by West End Chapel Fareham were in furtherance of its charitable purposes for the public benefit. Furthermore, in carrying out these objects and activities the trustees have had regard to the guidance concerning public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Achievements:

The achievements of the charity in the period covered by this report included holding a weekly Good News Bible club for school years R – 6, which is attended by local children on a Wednesday evening. On Friday evenings, the Charity runs a teenage group called Transformers for teenagers from the local area. The club is designed to keep young people off the streets and provide a supportive environment in which they play games, socialise and can receive spiritual help. A 'Little Sparrows' club for carers and toddlers is also conducted regularly, on a Friday morning. Also, Messy Church is held on the third Sunday, bimonthly, for children accompanied by parent or guardian. This is a free event which includes a meal. Other special events to promote the Christian Gospel and benefit local people were held including Quiz nights and a harvest supper. The church has also conducted several acts of public 'open-air' Gospel witness in the Town centre in the year. Once each quarter the church distributed the 'Good News' Christian paper to about 500 local homes. The local council also use the church for a polling station for local and general elections. The church also, has donated to the local food bank, in the form of food and monetary donations.
The church services are open to all and at the Sunday morning Bible teaching service about 40-50 adults were present most weeks to hear the Bible taught and the gospel of Jesus Christ preached. During the service the 'Junior church' has age-appropriate Bible teaching in a separate group. On Sunday evenings a Bible study followed by a communion service is held. Every Thursday evening a prayer meeting is held in the church.

Financial Review:

The charity is permitted by another Trust to occupy and manage the Chapel premises, rent-free, but in return for paying for any necessary repairs and the running costs e.g. heating bills. The income during the year under review amounted to £39,525.29, which is from weekly offerings including gift aid, along with various gifts to church funds, fees for church hire, and specific gifts for other Christian organisations supported by the church. The total fund of the charity is £33,470.63.

Reserves:

The charity's principal source of funds is the offerings made each Sunday by those in the church fellowship or paid into church bank account by members on standing orders. The charity has been spending money on the West End Chapel premises in order to make that building more useful to the local community and the church itself as stated above. The church has no need to create other reserves currently, particularly because it does not employ any paid staff and all the work of the charity is carried on by church members acting as volunteers.

Declaration:

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.
Signed, on behalf of the charity's trustees,
Paul Jeffrey Chaplin
Dated 9th September 2026

West End Chapel Fareham
Registered Charity No 1141601
Receipts and Expenditure
1st April 2025 - 31st March 2026

Receipts	2026	2025
General & Special Collections	£30,477.03	£23,820.93
Other Gifts to the Chapel	£165.00	£685.00
Use of Chapel inc FBC	£300.00	£275.00
HMRC Gift Aid Payment	£4,423.75	£4,860.00
Bank Interest	£279.51	£352.91
Church W/End Away 2026	£3,880.00	N/A
Total Receipts	**£39,525.29**	**£29,993.84**

Expenditure	2026	2025
Gifts to Christian Workers/ Organisations & Speakers	£20,545.00	£19,845.00
Children/Youth Work Messey Church/Outreach Work	£1,377.50	£1,492.65
Gas/Elec/Water/Internet/Phone	£3,540.79	£3,893.37
Insurances	£1,228.14	£1,135.50
Maintenance/Tech & Sound Equip	£3,610.08	£2,962.79
Stationary/Lit & Admin(DBS Checks)	£772.55	£485.64
Cleaning/Catering	£137.58	£833.54
Church W/End Away 2026	£5,330.00	N/A
Sundry	£22.00	£22.00
Total Expenditure	**£36,563.64**	**£30,670.49**

Statement of Assets

Cash Funds	2026	2025
Cash	£4.55	£4.52
Current Account	£8,049.65	£6,367.54
Business Account	£25,416.43	£24,136.92
Total Cash Funds	**£33,470.63**	**£30,508.98**

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

P J Chaplin P J Chaplin 20th April 2026

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of

West End Chapel Fareham

Charity Number 1141601

I report on the accounts of the trust for the year ended 31st March 2026, set out on page 3.

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 and to prepare accounts which accord with those records and comply with the Charities Act 2011 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: P.J. Burden Name: P J Burden

Address: 389 Hunts Pond Road, Fareham PO14 4PA

Date: 4th MAY 2026