Charity registration number 1151019 (England and Wales)

THE LIGHTHOUSE PROJECT (CRAWLEY)

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

THE LIGHTHOUSE PROJECT (CRAWLEY)

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr I Hancock	
	Rev K Taylor	
	Mrs S Richards - Treasurer	
	Rev D King - Chair	
	Rev V Muriithi	(Appointed 10 July 2025)
	Mrs E O'Grady	(Appointed 29 September 2026)
Charity number	1151019	
Registered office	The Charis Centre West Green Drive Crawley West Sussex RH11 7EL	
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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2026.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)".

Objectives and activities

The principal object of the charity is to advance the Christian Faith among young people and families, in schools and groups, and in conjunction with the churches in the area of Crawley, West Sussex and the surrounding area.

The trustees are committed to ensuring that through our staff and volunteers, the Christian Faith is presented to young people in schools and groups, and in conjunction with the churches in the area of Crawley, West Sussex and the surrounding area.

We maintain contact with the local churches and supporters through regular prayer letters, visiting churches to talk about our work and meeting with local church ministers, pastors and leaders.

The objectives are achieved through staff and volunteers leading assemblies, clubs, R E lessons and other activities in primary and secondary schools in the Crawley area.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

Achievements and performance

This academic year we have worked in 17 primary schools and 2 secondary schools in Crawley. In primary schools we have delivered assemblies to approximately 5,500 children every half term, RE workshops (related to Easter and Christmas) and transition workshops for Year 6s moving onto secondary school. As well as this we continue running two weekly lunch clubs in two primary schools and also work in partnership with two local churches to run two follow up after school clubs. In secondary schools, we have run a group mentoring courses in 2 local secondary schools, covering a range of subjects such as managing emotions, conflict and healthy relationships. We also run a weekly lunch club. All of these activities have been well received by the schools. We receive feedback about our work through discussion and questionnaires, and act upon the outcomes to ensure that our work is always of the highest standard.

We currently have 4 part time staff members. We also currently have 31 volunteers.

Volunteers and staff receive training to ensure that our work is engaging and appropriate. This covers safeguarding and best practice within each of the project areas.

The charity is an Associate of Scripture Union, who have worked for many years in schools and children's missions. They provide us with additional training and resources.

Our annual 'Lighthouse Sunday' took place again this year with multiple churches raising awareness of the charity. This has resulted in greater awareness of the impact the charity is having and has increased support for our work. We have also continued a monthly prayer gathering for churches across Crawley to come together to pray for the children and young people of the town. In September we had a re-commissioning service for staff, volunteers and trustees and to ensure that we are regularly reviewing our work and impact we had a staff and trustees Away Day at the end of the academic year, to review our work and plan for the future.

Financial review

The net outgoing resources at the year end were £7,622 (2025: net outgoing resources £15).

It is the trustees' policy to maintain a balance of funds which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments, equivalent to £17,000 to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time.

Plans for future periods

During the next year, as we seek to fulfil our vision that "every child and young person in Crawley will hear about the Christian faith and will have the opportunity to explore how it could impact their own life," we would like to improve our income so that we can employ a secondary schools' worker. Their role would be to establish better connections within Secondary Schools, so that more lunch clubs and lessons can be run, as well as supporting students in Christian Unions.

We would also like to establish another church partnership and open another lunch club within a primary school, with the aim of the church running its own follow on after school club.

To ensure that our work is relevant and having impact we plan to continue having an annual meeting of staff and trustees in which we review the past year, and plan for the next.

During this financial year, three trustees resigned and one new trustee was appointed. Also, since the end of this financial year, one trustee resigned. We are looking to recruit more trustees, in particular looking for individuals who have experience of fundraising and safeguarding.

Structure, governance and management

The Lighthouse Project (Crawley) is a registered charity, number 1151019, and is constituted under a CIO Foundation Model Constitution dated 28 February 2013, as amended on 19 April 2021.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mrs R Benwell - Chair	(Resigned 31 August 2025)
Mr I Hancock	
Rev K Taylor	
Mrs S Lindridge	(Resigned 31 August 2025)
Rev R Poole	(Resigned 31 August 2025)
Mrs E Burston	(Resigned 17 July 2026)
Mrs S Richards - Treasurer	
Rev D King - Chair	
Rev V Muriithi	(Appointed 10 July 2025)
Mrs E O'Grady	(Appointed 29 September 2026)

The trustees are appointed under the Constitution dated 28 February 2013.

Any decision may be taken either:

- at a meeting of the charity trustees; or
- by resolution in writing or electronic form agreed by all of the charity trustees, which may comprise either a single document or several documents containing the text of the resolution in like form to each of which one or more charity trustees has signified their agreement.
- All decisions are minuted.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

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Rev D King - Chair

Trustee

Date: 8. Oct 2026.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE LIGHTHOUSE PROJECT (CRAWLEY)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Lighthouse Project (Crawley) (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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 financial statements to be reached.

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Dated: 12/10/26

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Restricted funds 2026 £	Total 2026 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	3	59,745	237	59,982	66,399	435	66,834
Other income	4	182	-	182	261	-	261
Total income		59,927	237	60,164	66,660	435	67,095
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	5	67,549	237	67,786	66,675	435	67,110
Total charitable expenditure		67,549	237	67,786	66,675	435	67,110
Net movement in funds	7	(7,622)	-	(7,622)	(15)	-	(15)
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 1 April 2025		34,887	-	34,887	34,902	-	34,902
Fund balances at 31 March 2026		27,265	-	27,265	34,887	-	34,887

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2026

	Notes	2026		2025	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**11**		456		1,051
Current assets					
Debtors	**12**	2,464		1,576	
Cash at bank and in hand		26,486		34,737	
		28,950		36,313	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**13**	(2,141)		(2,477)	
Net current assets			26,809		33,836
Net assets			27,265		34,887
The funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds			27,265		34,887
			27,265		34,887

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 08/10/26

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Mrs S Richards - Treasurer

Trustee

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Lighthouse Project (Crawley) meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a statement of cash flows.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available to use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

1.4 Income

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Computers	25% straight line

1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.8 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as a basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

1.9 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.10 Retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the charity to the fund in respect of the year.

1.11 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts.

1.12 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of past events, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as a finance cost.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2026	Restricted funds 2026	Total 2026	Unrestricted funds 2025	Restricted funds 2025	Total 2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	59,745	237	59,982	66,399	435	66,834

4 Other income

	Unrestricted funds 2026	Unrestricted funds 2025
	£	£
Bank interest	182	261

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Advancing the Christian Faith 2026 £	Advancing the Christian Faith 2025 £
Direct costs		
Staff costs	56,300	55,655
Depreciation and impairment	595	627
Travelling	384	356
Training	789	1,007
Office supplies & postage	593	612
Resources for schools work	2,683	2,022
Equipment	249	184
Insurance	1,072	976
Events	512	800
Other	491	228
Associate scheme donation	2,000	2,000
	65,668	64,467
Share of support and governance costs (see note 6)		
Governance	2,118	2,643
	67,786	67,110
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	67,549	66,675
Restricted funds	237	435
	67,786	67,110

6 Support costs allocated to activities

	2026 £	2025 £
Governance costs	2,118	2,643
Analysed between:		
Advancing the Christian Faith	2,118	2,643

7 Net movement in funds

	2026	2025
	£	£
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	2,118	2,643
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	595	627

8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

During the year ended 31 March 2026, expenses of £118 was reimbursed to trustee's Sharon Richards & Sue Lindridge during the year. This was solely a re-imbursement of expenses paid on behalf of Lighthouse and there was no personal benefit. (2025 - £30 to one trustee for event costs).

9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2026	2025
	Number	Number
	4	5

Employment costs	2026	2025
	£	£
Wages and salaries	55,406	54,869
Other pension costs	894	786
	56,300	55,655

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel was as follows:

	2026	2025
	£	£
Aggregate compensation	24,214	19,879

The Trustees consider key management personnel comprise the project leader, who oversees the staff and the work which is done in schools, maintains contact with schools and churches, and generally manages the day to day running of the charity.

10 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Computers £
Cost	
At 1 April 2025	3,082
At 31 March 2026	3,082
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 April 2025	2,031
Depreciation charged in the year	595
At 31 March 2026	2,626
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2026	456
At 31 March 2025	1,051

12 Debtors

	2026 £	2025 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	2,031	1,576
Prepayments and accrued income	433	-
	2,464	1,576

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2026 £	2025 £
Deferred income	14	-	237
Accruals		2,141	2,240
		2,141	2,477

14 Deferred income

	2026	2025
	£	£
Other deferred income	-	237

Deferred income is included in the financial statements as follows:

	2026	2025
	£	£
Deferred income is included within:		
Current liabilities	-	237

	2026	2025
	£	£
Movements in the year:		
Deferred income at 1 April 2025	237	672
Released from previous periods	(237)	-
Resources deferred in the year	-	(435)
Deferred income at 31 March 2026	-	237

15 Retirement benefit schemes

Defined contribution schemes	2026	2025
	£	£
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	894	786

The company operates a defined contribution retirement benefit scheme for all qualifying employees.

16 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 April 2025	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 March 2026
	£	£	£	£
Lunch Clubs	-	237	(237)	-

16 Restricted funds

(Continued)

Previous year:	At 1 April 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£
Lunch Clubs	-	435	(435)	-

This restricted fund is a grant of £1,000 from Green Hill's Christian Trust Ltd for the sole purpose of being expended on lunch clubs.

17 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 April 2025	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 March 2026
	£	£	£	£
General funds	34,887	59,927	(67,549)	27,265

Previous year:	At 1 April 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£
General funds	34,902	66,660	(66,675)	34,887

18 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2025 - none).