The Haven (Stapleford)

Report & Financial Statements

Year Ended
31st December 2025

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The Haven (Stapleford)

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2025

ANNUAL REPORT

Haven [Stapleford]

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Introduction

The Haven Centre: A Community Pillar since 2014
The Haven [Stapleford] inaugurated the Haven Centre on Wadsworth Rd in 2014. This centre remains dedicated to serving the Stapleford community in accordance with its charitable mission.

Meeting New Challenges in 2024

As we entered 2025, we faced new challenges. In addition to our church services and meetings, we ran over ten community-focused programmes aimed at providing support to the two most disadvantaged communities in our borough. Thanks to generous funding, we have been able to sustain our Food Bank, assisting numerous households experiencing financial difficulties. We are deeply thankful to the many volunteers who stepped up to help with food collections and deliveries.

Our Toddler group is flourishing, just like the other groups in the building. It's wonderful to witness the growth of Creative Hands Child Care, CGL, Social Souls, Beeston Players, the charity shop, and the café, all while we continue to sustain this invaluable community resource center.

We will continue to adapt and change with the trends and needs of our community.

OPERATIONS

2025 saw the continued development of our services. Its been great to see our Sunday services grow. It continues to be a challange to serve the comunity with streched resources but we are grateful for the desicions made in 2023 which have helped secure the future.We have seen some fresh faces as well as the return of familiar faces. Although our goal has been to expand and move forward, our primary focus has been on developing and strengthening our existing foundations.



- Food-bank continued to see an upturn in demand and, as always, the team of volunteers have served the community well this year.
- Community Café [open oneday each week, with FREE soft play and Wi-Fi. Super Tots [stay and play group, one session per week]
- CGL [an agency based in our centre supplying support and health checks for recovering addicts]
- Social Souls - work experience for adults with learning difficulties

In addition, providing personal and spiritual support for those who seek it, and opportunities for personal development. The church continued to provide.

- Weekly worship service
- Food-bank
- Management of the centre

The heating system remains a considerable challenge since the gas boiler stopped functioning in 2020. The existing boilers are beyond economical repair. Thankfully, we have a backup immersion heater for hot water, ensuring a consistent supply. Unfortunately, Nottinghamshire County Council has not been able to provide any solutions for our heating issue. Due to the terms of our lease, we cannot pursue permanent fixes. Since September, we have relied on portable electric heaters, and additionally, we invested in a few diesel heaters to maintain room usability during the coldest months. While these measures were helpful, the winter proved to be quite challenging, significantly affecting our energy bills and the overall usability of the building. We are actively seeking solutions in collaboration with the council.



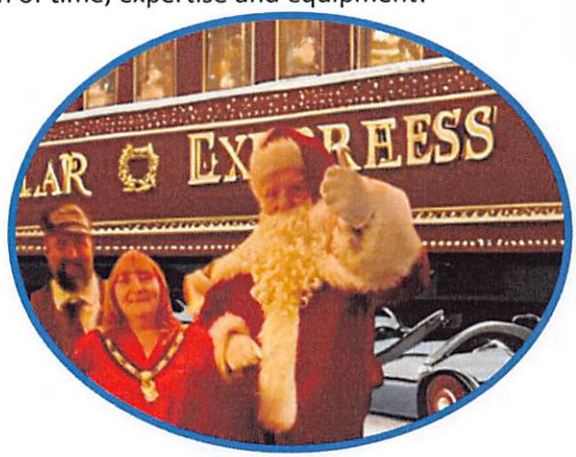
We have continued streaming our in-person Sunday services online, allowing those that are house bound or geographically distanced to join online.
We were also able to join other churches from The NG Network to have joint services.
Ongoing work and maintenance to the fixtures and fittings of the building continued. We were able to continue improving the grounds due to volunteers and the hard work of Social Souls.



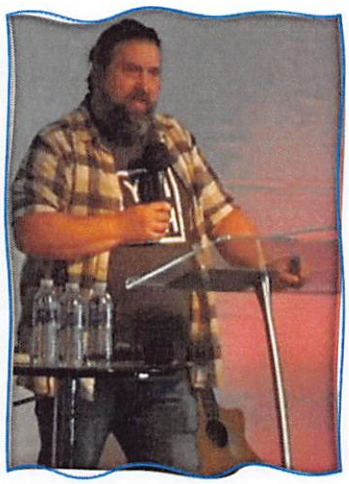
The foodbank has continued to serve the community, This Christmas we gave shopping vouchers to service users to spend on meat and veg at a local shop. Appros £600 worth of vouchers were given out. This year the Foodbank received incoming food donations through Tesco, Stapleford Baptist Church and individual donations. Also, Warburtons supplied a monthly donation of bread products. We also received financial donations which are included in our end of year accounts. We are grateful for all the support from businesses and individuals

We continued our work with Social Souls which included the social evening and also a monthly afternoon Café run buy Social souls on the first Tuesday of the month. The Men's mental health group continued in partnership with the Social Prescribing team, this runs once a month on a Monday Evening.

We also were continue with selected showings of our Community Cinema with the annual showing of "The Polar Express", this is an immersive experience using lights, smoke machines, fans, and snow machines. Yet again it was a great hit and has become part of the Christmas tradition at the Haven. We are grateful to Bridge Audio for their kind support, and donation of time, expertise and equipment!



Staff



The core staff team remained solid, with one full-time and one part-time member, plus support from some sub contracted part time staff.
The support and volunteer hours from Social Souls has been a great asset to the work of the centre.

All compliance challenges have been met in terms of employment law and wages/ pensions. On the job training is provided and personal development plans are in place. Levels of qualification and experience are above average. All legal requirements [hygiene and safety training etc] have been met. All elidgable staff and volunteers are DBS checked and up to date with safeguarding procedures. Policies have been composed for all significant areas including

- Safeguarding
- Data Protection [GDPR]
- Professional Boundaries
- Social Media

In addition we have a comprehensive Staff Handbook and Code of Conduct. Copies available on request.

FINANCE

2025 has been a year of seeing some of the benefits of the changes in the budget. We were pleased that the actions taken over the previous couple of years continue to allow us to move in to a stronger position.

We remain grateful for the help from grant giving trusts and will look at strengthening our financial position in 2026. We are grateful to Broxtowe Borough Council. Our budgeting has remained strong and has carried us through. We are still operating as frugally as possible. Government guidelines for salary and pension increases have been met. Wages and bill payments are kept up to date. Assets are appropriately maintained. Cash flow was kept strong by the generous giving of church members, on top of Grants. Our Directors continue to strategise to bring us to a place of greater financial security.

DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES

Our governing group remain consistent and stable, and Operating budgets are produced and adhered to. There have been no changes in the board, and the team continue to serve well with good robust discussions in meetings.

ORGANISATIONAL HEALTH

The church remains healthy and focused on its Mission to Serve the Community. Feed back is always positive, and we estimate that within any given week, we help/ support upwards of 200 people in this community.



Russell Olding
Senior Minister



The Trustees present their annual report along with the unaudited financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31st December 2025. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the Charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 published on 16th July 2014 (as amended by update bulletin 2 published on 5th October 2019.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The Haven (Stapleford) was established as a charitable trust by a deed and registered with the Charity Commission on 20th March 2014. The Charity is also established as a Company Limited by Guarantee and registered with Companies House on 18th February 2014. The charity is based at The Haven Centre Wadsworth Road, Stapleford, Nottingham.

There are currently five Trustees and future Trustees shall be appointed by a resolution at a meeting of the Trustees in accordance with the Trust Deed.

The Trustees are responsible under the Charity's governing document for controlling the management and administration of the Charity.

The Trustees who served during the year are set out in the index page.

Appointment of Trustees

The chair of the Trustees is nominated by the board of Trustees. Trustees are elected by the current Trustees as required.

Trustee Induction and Training

All Trustees are briefed on their legal obligations under charity law and the decision making processes, the business plan and recent financial performance of the Charity. Trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate external training events where these will facilitate the undertaking of their role.

Organisational Structure

The Charity is principally UK based in Nottingham.

At the beginning of the year there was one full-time and one part-time employed staff members.

The Board of Trustees meet on a regular basis to discuss strategic direction and policy of the organisation.

Structure, Governance and Management *(continued)*

Risk Management

The Trustees are developing a risk management strategy comprising of:

* a review of the risks a charity may face;
* the establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified in the plan;
* the implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the Charity should
* those risks materialise; and
* individual team trip risk assessments.

One element in the management of financial risk is the setting of a reserves policy and its regular review by Trustees.

Public Benefit Statement

The section of this report above entitled Objectives and activities sets out the aims and priorities of the Charity.

The Trustees have considered this matter, in conjunction with the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, and have concluded:

* That the aims of the organisation continue to be charitable:
* That the aims and work done give identifiable benefits to the charitable sector and both indirectly and directly to individuals in need;
* That the benefits are for the public, are not unreasonably restricted in any way and certainly not by ability to pay;
* That there is no detriment or harm arising from the aims and activities.

Financial Review

The overall financial position of the Charity has again improved and slightly strengthened from the previous year as the Trustees exercised tighter financial control through regular meetings. Sound financial management has continued showing a satisfactory outcome for the year with net funds of £9874 of which £3270 was Restricted. (2024: £14922 of which £7725 was Restricted) at the year end.

Principle Funding Sources

The majority of funding received by the Charity comes from individuals, room lettings,other charities and organisations in the UK

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have established a policy whereby, given the Charity's present level and nature of activities, the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in intangible and tangible fixed assets ("the free reserves") held by the Charity should not be less than three months' unrestricted expenditure.

Although the current level of unrestricted funds still falls short of this policy the Trustees are confident that with tighter budgetting controls and sound management in place this level of funds will steadily improve over the ensuing years.

Investment Policy

The Trustees have the power to invest in such assets as they see fit.

The Charity has a policy of keeping any surplus liquid funds in short term deposits (the Reserved Account) which can be readily accessed should the need arise.

Tax Status

The Haven (Stapleford) is a registered charity and is exempt from corporation tax and income tax.

Independent Examiner's Report to

The Trustees of The Haven (Stapleford)

For the year ended 31st December 2025

I report on the accounts of The Haven (Stapleford) for the year ended 31st December 2025

Respective responsibilties of Trustees and Examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, The Charity's 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:

1 examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act and

2 to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commissi under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act and

3 to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of 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 material respect, the requirements:

a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act: and

b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

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.

Clive A Hopewell
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14th September 2026

The Haven (Stapleford)

Balance Sheet
As at 31st December 2025

	(Note)		2025		2024
Fixed Assets					
F & F & Equipment			735		*1118*
Property Improvements			1807		*2065*
Total Fixed Assets	*(4)*		**2542**		***3183***
Current Assets					
Debtors	*(5)*	2034		*4949*	
Cash at Bank		8850		*11974*	
Cash - Café/Charity Shop		8		*100*	
Total Current Assets		**10892**		***17023***	
Less Liabilities					
Short Term Creditors	*(6)*	2677		*2321*	
Loan Account		883		*2963*	
		3560		***5284***	
Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)			**7332**		***11739***
Total Assets less Liabilities			**9874**		***14922***
Provision for Other Liabilities			0		*0*
Net Assets			**9874**		***14922***
Represented by;					
Unrestricted Funds			6604		*7197*
Restricted/Designated Funds	*(7)*		3270		*7725*
Total Charity Funds			**9874**		***14922***

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board on 14th September 2026

Signed on behalf of the trustees

Rev Russell Olding
(Chair of Trustees)

The Haven (Stapleford)

Income and Expenditure Account
Year ended 31st December 2025

Income	(Note)	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	2025	*2024*
Tithes & Offerings			42162	42162	*40401*
Tax Refunds			8321	8321	*9105*
Café Sales			2082	2082	*2893*
Room Hire			54526	54526	*50515*
Charity Shop			2663	2663	*2331*
Food Bank		615		615	*1843*
Gifts Received			0	0	*564*
Reserve A/c Int			105	105	*208*
Restricted/Designated Funds		1779		1779	*2000*
Total	*(7)*	**2394**	**109859**	**112253**	*109860*
Expenditure					
Salaries,NIC & Pensions			34776	34776	*33003*
Subcontract Costs	*(8)*		9427	9427	*9384*
Equipment			405	405	*1193*
Repairs & Maint			1883	1883	*1847*
Consumables			2334	2334	*2234*
Ministers & Conference Exps			939	939	*1483*
Rents			3000	3000	*3000*
Gifts Paid			715	715	*821*
Health & Safety			2178	2178	*733*
Utilities			40274	40274	*29846*
General Exps & Admin	*(9)*		8758	8758	*9227*
Foodbank Exps		765		765	*1838*
Insurance			3631	3631	*3337*
Bank & Card Charges			157	157	*172*
Loan Interest			50	50	*102*
Telephone & Internet			1392	1392	*1272*
IT/Software			1115	1115	*1050*
Outreach Events			1496	1496	*844*
Children - S School			102	102	*0*
Audit & Payroll Charges			1449	1449	*1437*
Professional Fees			257	257	*249*
Restricted/Designated Funds		1556		1556	*4883*
Depreciation			642	642	*642*
Total	*(7)*	**2321**	**114980**	**117301**	*108597*
Surplus/Deficit		**73**	**-5121**	**-5048**	*1263*

1 Accounting Policies

General information and basis of preparation

The Haven (Stapleford) is a registered charity governed by a trust deed and registered with the Charity Commission. It is also a Company Limited by Guarantee and registered with Companies House. The nature of the charity's operations and principle activities are to proclaim and further the gospel of Jesus Christ through the spoken word and resources.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as define by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) issues on 16 July 2014 (as updated through update bulletin 2 published on 5 October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The charity has applied update bulletin 2 as published on 5 October 2019 and does not include a cash flow statement on the grounds that is applying FRS 102 Section 1A.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Income recognition

Income includes the total funds received during the year and comprises donations collected from individuals and those in business. Income is recognised in the period in which the charity is entitled to receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Income Tax reclaimable under the Gift Aid Scheme is recognised on a receivable basis.

Volunteers and donated services and facilities

The value of services provided by volunteers is not incorporated into these financial statements.

Expenditure recognition and basis of allocation

Expenditure is included when incurred or committed for and has been shown in the Statement of Financial Activities inclusive of non-recoverable Value Added Tax.

Expenditure on operational programmes is recognised in the period in which it is incurred. Specific funds are established, which has been allocated to projects, but remains unspent at the year end.

1 **Accounting Policies *(continued)***

Expenditure recognition and basis of allocation (continued)

The majority of costs are directly attributable to specific activities:

a) Raising funds include all direct costs of fundraising activities.

b) Charitable activities include expenditure associated with the running of the Charity's operations and include both the direct costs, support costs relating to those activities which also includes governance costs which are incurred in the governance of the charity and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

c) Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Irrecoverable VAT

All resources expended are classified under activity headings that aggregate all costs related to the category Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred.

Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of transaction.

Funds structure

Funds held by the charity are:

Unrestricted & Unrestricted Designated funds - These are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted Funds - These are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the Charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

2 **Employees and Trustees**

The charity had two employees and two subcontracted staff during the year.

3 **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax and income tax as all income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

4 Schedule of Fixed Assets

	Rate	Year of Purchase	Cost	Additions	Accum Dep'n	Dep'n	NBV
PA System	25S	2003	1090		1090	0	0
Sound System	25S	2005	4814		4814	0	0
New Speakers x 2	25S	2006	999		999	0	0
Baptism Pool	25S	2006	720		720	0	0
Lighting	20S	2008	640		640	0	0
Lectum	20S	2008	630		630	0	0
Soft Play Equipment	25S	2015	4500		4500	0	0
Digital Mixer	25S	2020	800		800	0	0
Storage Heaters	25S	2020	3209		3209	0	0
Electrical Heating	10S	2021	1464		583	146	735
Auditorium Computer	33.3S	2021	1172		1172	0	0
TV's x 1	33.3S	2021	698		698	0	0
Dishwasher	25S	2022	952		714	238	0
Quad Plant & Equip	10S	2023	2581		516	258	1807
			24269		**21085**	**642**	**2542**

5 Debtors & Prepayments

I.Tax Claim - Gift Aid	2034
Room Hire	0
	2034

6 Short Term Creditors

Notts CC - Rent	250
PAYE/NI	1160
Pensions	187
Audit/Payroll Fees	1080
	2677

7 Restricted/Designated Funds

	B/fwd 2024	2025 Income	2025 Expenditure	Funds Trf	C/fwd
Restricted:					
General Travel Fund	1479			-1479	0
Burkina Faso	3177			-3177	0
Food Bank	412	615	765	453	715
Tree Fund	2000		396		1604
Emergency Fund	325			-325	0
Designated:					
Missions Fund	332				332
Blessings Fund		1779	1160		619
	7725	**2394**	**2321**	**-4528**	**3270**

8 Subcontracting

M Olding - Admin	3872
T Olding - Bridge Audio	5555
	9427

9 General Expenses & Admin

Admin P/S Adv & Publicity	1584
Refuse & Waste Charges	4039
Subs - AOG/NG Churches	1380
Copyright	450
Hospitality	478
Ministry Gifts	600
Paypal/Ebay Exps	227
	8758