PAIGNTON SNU SPIRITUALIST CHURCH AND CENTRE TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1ST JANUARY - 31ST DECEMBER 2025

CHARITY NUMBER 1160278

ADDRESS: Manor Corner, Preston, Paignton, TQ3 2HL

PAIGNTON SNU SPIRITUALIST CHURCH AND CENTRE is a charitable organisation, in sole Trust to THE SPIRITUALIST NATIONAL UNION.

CURRENT TRUSTEES

Name	Office (if held)	Dates acted if not For whole year
Teresa Emberson	President	05/04/2025 to 31/12/2025
Debra Mortimer	Vice President	05/04/2025 to 31/12/2025
Tina Bredonchel	Acting Secretary	05/04/2025 to 31/12/2025
Tina Hooks	Treasurer	05/04/2025 to 31/12/2025
Linda Bullock		05/04/2025 to 31/12/2025
Stephen Haywood		05/04/2025 to 31/12/2025
Christine Minchinton		05/04/2025 to 31/12/2025
Andrew Minchinton		22/08/2025 to 31/12/2025
Peter Egan		25/07/2025 to 31/12/2025
Gail Melmoth		25/07/2025 to 31/12/2025

PREVIOUS TRUSTEES IN THIS YEAR

Donna Clarke		05/04/2025 to 30/06/2025
Christina Rabbich		05/04/2025 to 30/11/2025
Dennise Mulhall	Secretary	05/04/2025 to 30/07/2025
Anne Jenkins	President	01/01/2025 to 05/04/2025
Karen Wagerfield Wills	Vice President	01/01/2025 to 05/04/2025
Tracey Evans	Secretary	01/01/2025 to 05/04/2025
Tina Hooks	Treasurer	01/01/2025 to 02/2025
Kat May		01/01/2025 to 05/04/2025
Sharon McCarthy		01/01/2025 to 05/04/2025
Nikki Harris		01/01/2025 to 05/04/2025

The main objective of the charity is to promote the religion and Religious Philosophy of Spiritualism, based upon the Seven Principles, as listed below:

1. **The Fatherhood of God.**
2. **The Brotherhood of Man.**
3. **The Communion of Spirits and the Ministry of Angels.**
4. **The Continuous Existence of the Human Soul.**
5. **Personal Responsibility.**
6. **Compensation and Retribution.**
7. **Eternal Progress Open to every human Soul.**

When planning their activities for the year, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our meetings and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. The main activities that occur are:

- Mediumship demonstrations
- Divine Sunday Services
- Healing
- Workshops and Open Days
- Development and Awareness Groups
- Open Circle
- Coffee/Luncheon Mornings
- Community Club
- Hall Hire for meetings, elections and functions
- Naming Ceremonies, Weddings and Celebrations of Life

VOLUNTEERS

Our volunteers are greatly valued and cover all aspects of looking after the church, its congregation and visitors. This includes chairing and stewarding for the Sunday Services and Mediumship demonstrations, as well as any special events, hosting private sittings and providing all necessary catering for events, coffee mornings and our community Tuesday Club. They cover general maintenance, health and safety, and welfare for our members and others in the local community.

Our wonderful healers are all volunteers, providing a crucial service that is a vital part of our religion.

The committee and officers are all volunteers, too and oversee the general running of the church and centre and its finances, as well as providing tutors for the various teaching groups.

FINANCE

Funds had been severely depleted, due to the amount of work required to bring the building up to scratch and make it a safe and pleasant place to be. By necessity, the church and centre were closed for several months and, though some Sunday services were held at another venue, income was severely limited. Our first objective was to increase our income and this was done very successfully through recreating development and awareness groups, resurrecting and expanding the coffee mornings to include lunches and creating our community 'Tuesday Club' – an afternoon of mediumship and a substantial buffet.

We now feel confident that we are in a robust financial position and are building a contingency fund to meet future needs.

ACHIEVEMENTS/PERFORMANCE

As well as providing a space for people to follow their chosen religion/belief system, it is a prime function of the Centre to give help and support to all those who seek it, regardless of race, creed, sexuality or socio-economic background.

The building and gardens have disabled access to all public areas, which enables all church and centre users to fully engage with any events. There is a permanent, built in, brick ramp at the main doors of both church and hall, providing easy access for wheelchair users and those with mobility issues. The disabled toilet is accessible from all areas.

As well as for various church activities, the Centre Hall is used as a polling station for local authority and national elections. It is also made available for Interfaith meetings and to the local community, through coffee mornings (which often includes a craft group) and our Tuesday afternoon community club. Other uses are considered and provided for as they arise, for example, yoga or first aid classes etc.

Our gardens provide respite in an otherwise built up area and have been designated as an amenity space for the local community and general public. It is an ongoing task to keep the garden area as colourful, tidy and relaxing as possible, for the benefit of passers- by and those who wish to enjoy a rest on one of our benches- the building and upkeep of which has again been down to volunteers.

The year 2024 saw a lot of essential building work and restoration, due to the age of the building. This work continued into early 2025 and included other general improvements. The majority of this was paid for out of the church's own funds but a grant was also obtained from the Spiritualist National Union, for carpeting the church, resurfacing the hall floor and refurbishing the kitchen. Some remedial work has been required, since, to ensure the hall floor is up to a good quality standard and further improvements have also been carried out. In the church, the new carpet, paid for by the SNU, has been laid in the aisle and the area in front of the rostrum. We have also replaced the furniture on the rostrum, in order to give more space and comfort to those working from it. The hall has also received a face lift; as well as the floor being re-sanded and varnished, new curtains have been hung, rostrum carpet renewed and the sound system updated.

Some of our members joined together to form the **'Friends of Paignton Spiritualist Church and** Centre' and have achieved some extraordinary fundraising to provide and pay for some of these improvements and they also fully equipped the kitchen with all the crockery and appliances needed.

Maintenance is ongoing, our Warden checks the building regularly and reports any defects to the committee. We are very lucky to have two builders on the committee who are able to do most of any repair work required. We have safeguarding and Health and Safety policies in place and a committee member dedicated to ensuring that they are adhered to. Comprehensive insurance is held, with all the required certificates.

The trustees are very happy with all that has been achieved this year and extend heartfelt thanks to all who have been involved in any way.

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Paignton SNU Spiritualist Centre			1160278	CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	1st January 2025	To	31st December 2025	

Section A Receipts and payments

A1 Receipts	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
Coffee/Crafts Mornings	2,435			2,435	989
Community Groups	-			-	63
Demonstrations	8,005			8,005	6,624
Deposit Account Interest Received	137			137	4,909
Development Circles	5,397			5,397	1,317
Donations and flower boxes	7,334			7,334	12,782
Flower Box				-	-
Fund Raising				-	-
Hall Hire	-			-	823
Healing	2,369			2,369	1,330
Legacy & Bequest				-	-
Misc				-	-
Namings/weddings/funerals				-	-
Open Circles	1,682			1,682	566
Papers, Table Sales	-			-	-
Private Sittings	3,257			3,257	2,140
PSC Summer School				-	-
Raffles	2,008			2,008	1,214
Services	1,062			1,062	-
Shop	661			661	322
SNU Acc				-	-
Special Services	150			150	-
Subscriptions	1,318			1,318	930
Sunday Collection	3,467			3,467	2,782
Tuesday Club	2,148			2,148	-
Uncategorised income	229			229	27
Weekday Collection				-	-
Workshops & Special Event	5,514			5,514	7,288
Prior year adjustment					
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	**47,172**	**-**	**-**	**47,172**	**44,104**
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Sub total					
Total receipts	**47,172**	**-**	**-**	**47,172**	**44,104**

A3 Payments	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
Accs fee	1,080			1,080	1,080
Advertising	-			-	28
Art & Craft supplies	167			167	40
Book-keeping	398			398	202
Bookshop- Vintage books				-	-
Catering	3,620			3,620	2,045
Charity Donations	-			-	190
Cleaner	1,275			1,275	1,652
Cleaning & Covid	408			408	188
Community Hub Costs	-			-	40
Computer/website costs	2,105			2,105	1,385
Copier rental	479			479	788
Equipment Purchases	2,650			2,650	1,366
Flowers & Oasis	615			615	913
Funeral expenses				-	-
Gardening	720			720	622
Health & Safety	762			762	53
Hosting	380.00			380	-
Insurance	1,529			1,529	397
Light & Heating	2,150			2,150	5,154
Mediums Fees & Expenses	6,180			6,180	7,133
Misc	249			249	36
Open Circle				-	-
Organists	975			975	40.00
Papers & Magazines				-	-
Payments to SNU & SWDC	628			628	664
Private Sittings	1,515			1,515	1,040
Professional etc.	98			98	97
Professional Fees				-	-
Raffle Prizes	836			836	365
Raising funds	47			47	
Repairs & Renewals	2,123			2,123	24,837

Repairs & Renewals: Building restoration	64,322			64,322	90,000
Repairs & Renewals: Storage costs	2,546			2,546	600
Shop Stock	255			255	638
SNU Healing fee	345			345	146
Stationery, Postage & office	1,225			1,225	1,116
Sum Up : Bank charges	1			1	17
Sundry				-	364
Telephone & internet	921			921	1,108
Travel & Accomodation	4,164			4,164	1,625
Tutor Fees : Awareness Group				-	520
Tutor Fees : Development Group				-	820
Water	314			314	182
Welfare	33			33	118
Workshops & Special Events	2,666			2,666	2,197
Sub total	**107,781**	**-**	**-**	**107,781**	**149,804**
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Sub total					
Total payments	**107,781**	**-**	**-**	**107,781**	**149,804**
Net of receipts/(payments)	**- 60,608**	**-**	**-**	**- 60,608**	**- 105,700**
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	**81,143**			**81,143**	**186,843**
Cash funds this year end	**20,535**	**-**	**-**	**20,535**	**81,143**

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	SNU Deposit Account	**262**		
	SNU Investment Account	**2,072**		
	SNU Term Deposit	**-**		
	Lloyds Treasurers Account	**17,541**		
	Lloyds School Account	**-**		
	Cash in hand	**660**		
	Total cash funds	**20,535**		
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	- OK		OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		**-**	**-**	**-**
		-	**-**	**-**
		-	**-**	**-**
		-	**-**	**-**
		-	**-**	**-**
		-	**-**	**-**

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			**-**	**-**
			-	**-**
			-	**-**
			-	**-**
			-	**-**

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Freehold Land and buildings	Unrestricted	**1,415,700**	**-**
	Paignton Spiritulist Church, Manor Corner, Paignton		**-**	**-**
			-	**-**
			-	**-**
			-	**-**
			-	**-**
			-	**-**
			-	**-**
			-	**-**

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			**-**	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name: Paignton SNU Spiritualist Church and Centre

On accounts for the year ended: 31st December 2025

Charity no (if any): 1160278

Set out on pages: 1 and 2 Below (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [ ] if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts 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 accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: [signature] **Date:** 24th March 2025

Name: SHARNA YEOWELL

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body: Association of Accounting Technicians AAT

(if any):	
Address:	

Section B	**Disclosure**
	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).
Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.	