NORTH SHIELDS SNU SPIRITUALIST CHURCH

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Trustee Report for Year Ending 31st December 2025

North Shields Spiritualist Church is affiliated to the Spiritualist' National Union who are our governing body. Church Members elect a group of Members to run the Church on their behalf. The elected group of Trustees are known as Committee Members. Members can nominate themselves for positions on the Committee once they have been a Full Member for 12 months.

Renovation and repair work has continued to take a long time throughout 2025, but we were delighted to be able to move into our new church at 52 Howard Street, North Shields in September2025.

Since moving, we are now able to hold 3 public services each week – more than double the number while in a rented Hall. The Sunday is always a Divine Service of with Mediumship. On Wednesdays we hold a Healing service offering 1 to 1 spiritual Healing. Also on Wednesdays, we have either a Divine Service with Mediumship, or a Fundraising Evening of Mediumship with a charge of £3 on the door, or an Open Circle, which gives our developing mediums the opportunity to practice

There is no charge to come into our public services as they are for public benefit, but we do appreciate donations towards running costs and continued ongoing repair work. Our Craft Group make crafts for sale in the Church. We have also held 2 additional fundraising events to boost our funds.

The purpose of our Church and charity is to promote the philosophy of Spiritualism based on the 7 Principles of our religion. All of our Divine services include an address which gives upliftment to all of the congregation, and mediumship which gives comfort to the bereaved. Our Spiritualist Healing service gives 1 to 1 Healing, but also sends healing to the sick and those in need. These activities benefit the members and general public alike.

Attendances at services have been variable but average at about 35

We have had a very successful year financially and have been able to meet all liabilities, including our loan with the SNU Trust, utility bills on 52 Howard Street and Hall hire at Balkwell Centre (January to August) with money left over to put towards the refurbishment work.

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Financial Statement for the year ending 31st December 2025

Income			**Expenditure**	
Divine Service	1475.83		Speaker Expenses	531.00
Open Circle	564.78		Hall hire	1752.00
Evenings of Mediumship	2096.05		Gas & Electric	917.80
Money Draw In	2006.00		Money Draw Out	963.50
Gift Aid	890.00		Water	309.73
Development Class	269.00		SNUT Advance payments	3084.00
Members Subscriptions	178.00		Repairs & Renewals	40720.60
Donations	516.00		Planning costs	5.05
Raffles	514.50		SNU Affiliation fees	250.00
Grants received	26833.00		Hospitality	104.68
Table Sales	1275.98		Raffle Costs	17.99
HMRC GA repayment	565.44		Insurance	529.04
Bottle Coppers	6.70		Sundries	51.25
Private Sittings	395.00		Health & Safety	1284.60
Healing	8.00			
Refreshments	45.70			
Total	**37639.98**		Total	**50521.24**
Expenditure/Income	12881.26		Income/Expenditure	
Total	50521.24		Total	50521.24

Balance Sheet for period 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025

Opening balances at 1st January 2025		**Closing balances at 31st December 2025**	
Lloyds old account	2663.70	Lloyds old account	0.00
Lloyds new account	717.08	Lloyds current a/c	1247.17
SNUT Investment a/c	7832.78	SNUT Investment a/c	4556.78
SNUT Deposit a/c	257.12	SNUT Deposit a/c	261.61
Cash on hand	474.50	Cash on hand	60.00
Total	11945.18	**Total**	**6125.56**
Add income to 31/12	37639.98		
Add interest	188.98		
Add loan drawdown	6872.66		
	56646.80		
Less expenses to 30/09	50521.24		
Total	**6125.56**		

Balances to carry forward:			
Current assets	6,125.56		
Fixed assets:			
Land & Buildings	180,000.00		
Fixtures & Fittings	50,000.00	236,125.56	
Less liabilities			
Loan drawdown at 31/12	49,016.02		
Add interest	1,579.86		
Les repayments	3,084.00	(47,511.88)	
Total		£ **188,613.63**	

Independent Examiners Statement

I certify in connection with my examination of the Church accounts that:

1. No matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that proper accounting records have not been kept or that the accounts do not agree with the records.
2. There is no matter which I consider attention should be drawn to in order to reach a proper understanding of the accounts.
3. There has been no significant expenditure or action during the period which appears contrary to the Rules for Churches, and I have been provided with information and explanations to which I am entitled.

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