Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	02	January	2024	To	01	January	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Church About the Dale
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	1163531
Charity's principal address	The Vicarage,
	Patrick Brompton,
	Bedale.
	Postcode DL8 1JN

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Rev'd Gareth Baron			Ex-Officio – Ripon and Lower Dales Methodist Circuit
2	Michael Hepper			The Trustees
3	Jeremy Burchill			The Trustees
4	Andrew Maude			Ex-Officio – Wensley Deanery
5	Revd Joanna Marie Brown			Ex-Officio – North Yorkshire Dales Methodist Circuit
6	Rev'd Chris Lawton			The Trustees
7	Mr Graham Richard Di Duca			The Trustees
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
NA	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
NA		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	The current Trustee appointments have been and are to be made by the Trustee body, in line with ex officio and skill requirements.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The trustees are aware of the significant need to build up enough reserves to cover the cost of replacing the trailer at the end of its working life. Reserves in the accounts seek to inter alia reflect the estimated depreciation on the trailer over its remaining useful life.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

(1)to advance the Christian religion in Wensleydale and elsewhere in the UK for the benefit of the public through the holding of prayer meetings, lectures, public celebration of religious festivals, producing and/or distributing literature on Christianity to enlighten others about the Christian religion
(2) for the benefit of persons in Wensleydale and elsewhere in the UK to relieve poverty, sickness and distress particularly by providing information, advice and support to persons faced with rural isolation and poverty.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

(i) Continuing a distinctive presence at public events within the Wensleydale area, where people will know that they can access pastoral support
(ii) Providing information relating to both secular and church established support services;
(iii) Lending a listening ear to those experiencing any of the issues associated with social isolation or indeed any other life difficulty; and
(iv) Proclaiming the Christian faith in a contextually relevant manner at a wide range of open-air public events.
The Trustees kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when planning our activities for the period under review. As a matter of course, reference was made to our agreed objectives to aid decision making.
The charity does not make grants.
All work on behalf of the charity has been undertaken exclusively by unremunerated volunteers, who are reimbursed expenses if claimed.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The trailer is normally used to take the project around communities within the Charity's sphere of operation.

The 2025 season saw us back at our usual shows, including

The Wensleydale Show
Reath Show
Hunton Steam Gathering
Eggelston Fair

Along with supporting church outreach services on a number of occasions, including the ever-popular Semerwater Beach Service.

The trustees continue to develop and extend the deployment of the project.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	We continue to build up a capital reserve (a) equal to six months operational expenditure, and (b) to meet the anticipated cost of replacing vehicles and other equipment at the end of their useful life.
Details of any funds materially in deficit	None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about: • the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising); • how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity; • investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.	The Charity's principal source of funds has been donations from local church bodies and individual supporters.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Andrew A. Maude	Chris Lee
Full name(s)	ANDREW A MAUDE	ROCHANTON
Position)	TRUSTEE	Trustee

Date 30 Oct 2026