Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	01	01	2025	**To**	31	12	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	The Greek Church of the Annunciation, Manchester
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	1182883
Charity's principal address	406 Bury New Road
	Salford
Postcode	**M7 4EY**

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	Sofronios Yiakoumi		01/01/2025 to 31/12/2025	
2	Charalambos Charidemou		01/01/2025 to 31/12/2025	
3	George Katsouris		01/01/2025 to 31/12/2025	
4	Soteris Yiasoumis		01/01/2025 to 31/12/2025	
5	Michael Mallouris		01/01/2025 to 31/12/2025	
6	Michael Pantelides		01/01/2025 to 31/12/2025	
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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

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Accountant	Michael Lucas	Lucas/Reis Limited, Lansdowne House, 85 Buxton Road, Stockport SK2 6LR

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)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by Church Members at AGM

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.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

The principal object of the Charity is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the doctrines, traditions, teachings, and practices of the Greek Orthodox Church for the public benefit.

In furtherance of this object, the Charity shall provide, maintain, and support a place of public worship for members of the Greek Orthodox Christian Community of Manchester and the surrounding areas, enabling the regular celebration of the Divine Liturgy, sacraments, religious services, and other acts of Christian worship.

The Charity seeks to promote the spiritual, moral, and religious welfare of individuals by fostering a deeper understanding and practice of the Orthodox Christian faith through religious instruction, pastoral care, prayer, teaching, preaching, and educational activities. It shall support people of all ages in their spiritual development and encourage participation in the religious life of the Church.

The Charity shall also work to preserve, promote, and transmit the religious traditions, values, liturgical heritage, and teachings of the Greek Orthodox Christian faith to present and future generations. This includes supporting religious education programmes, youth activities, faith-based learning opportunities, and the provision of resources that enhance knowledge and understanding of Christianity and Orthodox theology.

In carrying out its purposes, the Charity shall seek to serve the wider public by promoting compassion, fellowship, community cohesion, social responsibility, and charitable outreach. It may organise cultural, educational, and community activities that are consistent with its religious aims and that contribute to the social, spiritual, and moral well-being of the wider community.

The Charity shall provide pastoral support and practical assistance to individuals and families experiencing hardship, isolation, illness, bereavement, or other personal difficulties, and shall collaborate where appropriate with other organisations to further its charitable purposes and deliver public benefit.

Through all its activities, the Charity aims to advance the Christian faith, strengthen the Greek Orthodox community, and provide enduring religious, educational, and community benefits to the people of Manchester and the surrounding region.

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)

Activities Supporting the Object

The Charity fulfils its objectives through:

- Conducting regular religious services, sacraments, and celebrations of the Greek Orthodox Church.
- Providing a dedicated place of worship that is open to members of the community and visitors.
- Delivering religious education for children, young people, and adults.
- Offering pastoral care, counselling, spiritual guidance, and support.
- Organising community events, cultural programmes, and educational activities that promote Christian values and Orthodox traditions.
- Supporting charitable outreach and assistance to those in need.
- Preserving and promoting the religious and cultural heritage of the Greek Orthodox faith.
- Encouraging community engagement, volunteering, and participation in charitable and religious activities.

Public Benefit and Activities

The Trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and are satisfied that the Charity's activities continue to advance its charitable objectives for the benefit of both its members and the wider community.

During 2025, the Charity's principal activities were as follows:

1. Church Attendance and Worship

The Church continued to be the centre of spiritual life for parishioners throughout the year, providing regular opportunities for worship, prayer, religious observance, and community fellowship. Weekly Divine Liturgies, feast day celebrations, sacraments, memorial services, and other religious services were conducted in accordance with the traditions of the Greek Orthodox Church.

Attendance at Sunday services and major feast days showed encouraging improvement during the year, reflecting the community's ongoing commitment to its faith and religious practices. The Church provided a welcoming environment where individuals and families could strengthen their spiritual wellbeing, receive pastoral support, and participate in the religious life of the parish.

Income generated through the sale of candles, tray collections, donations associated with memorial services, feast day offerings, and general contributions from worshippers remained a significant source of funding for the Charity. These funds enabled the continued maintenance of the Church and supported the delivery of its religious and charitable activities.

2. Hall Usage and Community Functions

The Parish Hall remained an important facility for promoting fellowship, community engagement, and the preservation of Greek Orthodox traditions and culture. Throughout the year, a variety of religious, cultural, educational, and social events were organised for parishioners and members of the wider community.

The Hall was used for celebrations associated with religious festivals, community gatherings, charitable events, educational activities, and social functions that strengthened community ties and encouraged participation in parish life. These activities contributed to the

advancement of the Charity's objectives by fostering a sense of belonging, promoting Christian values, and supporting community cohesion.

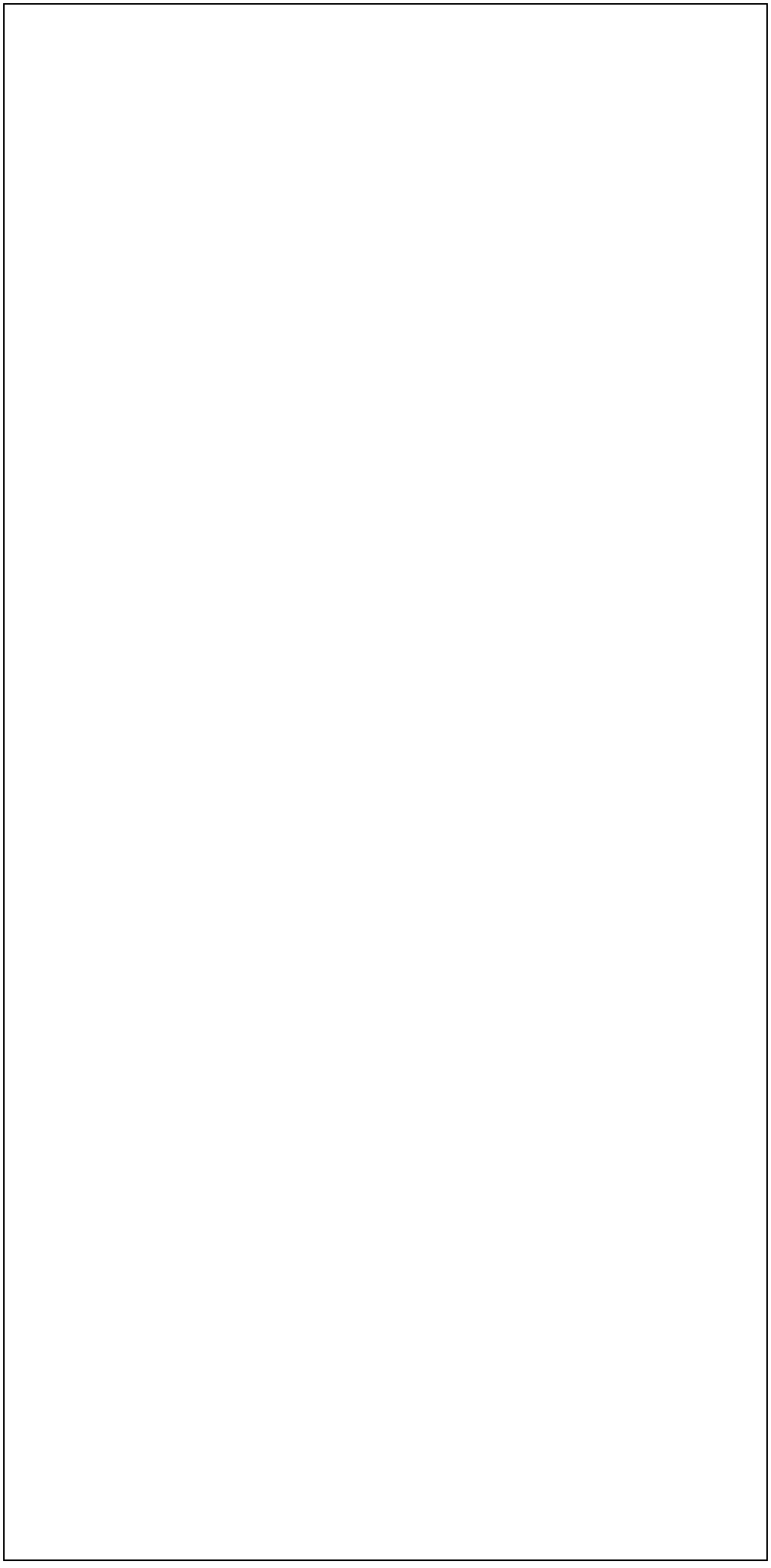
The hiring of the Hall by parishioners for private functions continued during the year and generated additional income for the Charity. This income assisted with the ongoing operational costs of both the Church and Hall facilities while ensuring that these resources remained available for community use.

3. Educational and School Activities
Educational and school-related activities continued to play a vital role in advancing the Charity's objectives. Programmes were delivered regularly throughout the year to support the religious education and personal development of children and young people within the parish.

The Charity's educational activities focused on teaching the principles, values, traditions, and history of the Greek Orthodox Christian faith, helping younger members of the community to develop a deeper understanding of their religion and cultural heritage. Classes, workshops, and faith-based learning opportunities encouraged participation, learning, and engagement among children and their families.

These activities were well attended and proved highly effective in strengthening connections between younger generations and the Church, ensuring the continued preservation and transmission of the Orthodox faith and traditions. The programmes also promoted personal development, respect, community involvement, and a greater understanding of Christian values.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)



Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

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During 2025, the Charity successfully continued to advance its charitable objectives through the provision of religious worship, community engagement, and educational activities for the benefit of parishioners and the wider community.

Church Services and Worship
The Charity maintained a regular programme of Sunday Divine Liturgies, weekday services, feast day celebrations, sacraments, memorial services, and other acts of worship in accordance with the traditions of the Greek Orthodox Church. These services provided spiritual guidance, pastoral support, and opportunities for fellowship, contributing significantly to the religious and personal wellbeing of parishioners. Attendance at services remained encouraging throughout the year, demonstrating the continuing importance of the Church within the local community.

Community Functions and Hall Activities
The Church Hall continued to serve as an important venue for community gatherings, religious celebrations, cultural events, and social functions. These activities promoted fellowship, strengthened relationships among parishioners, and helped preserve and celebrate the traditions and values of the Greek Orthodox faith. The Charity successfully facilitated a range of functions and gatherings that benefited both parish members and the wider community, encouraging greater participation in parish life and supporting community cohesion.

Educational and School Activities
The Charity's educational programmes remained an important part of its work during the year. Regular classes and activities were provided to promote Christian faith, beliefs, values, and traditions among younger members of the community. These programmes helped children and young people develop a stronger understanding of their religious heritage while encouraging active involvement in Church life. The educational activities were well supported by families and played a key role in ensuring the continued growth and preservation of the Greek Orthodox faith within future generations.
Through these achievements, the Charity continued to provide significant religious, educational, and community benefits, fulfilling its objective of advancing the Christian faith and supporting the spiritual and social wellbeing of the Greek Orthodox Community of Manchester and the surrounding areas.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Charity's policy is to maintain and gradually build an appropriate level of reserves to ensure its long-term financial stability and to provide resources for the ongoing maintenance, repair, and improvement of its Church and community facilities. These reserves enable the Charity to meet unforeseen expenditure, support future development projects, and continue delivering its charitable objectives for the benefit of parishioners and the wider public.

As at 31 December 2025, the Charity held cash reserves of **£74,120**. The Trustees consider this level of reserves to be appropriate in supporting the Charity's future plans, including the maintenance and improvement of its buildings and facilities, while providing a reasonable level of financial security for ongoing operations.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

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 sources of income during 2024 were:

- Membership subscriptions: **£9,555**
- Collections and donations received during Church services: **£44,490**
- Income from weddings, funerals, and christenings: **£5,300**
- Income from social functions and community gatherings: **£7,798**
- Various donations received from parishioners and supporters: **£17,320**
- Gift Aid and related tax reclaims: **£4,551**

The Charity continued to receive strong support from its parishioners and wider community throughout the year. Income was derived primarily from regular worship activities, voluntary donations, membership contributions, and religious ceremonies. The Charity recorded a **deficit of £14,681** for the year, representing a loss in its financial position compared with the previous year, when a **surplus of £4,005** was reported. This was principally due to the costs associated with the **installation and refurbishment of the Church toilet facilities**, which formed part of the Charity's ongoing programme of maintaining and improving its buildings for the benefit of parishioners, visitors, and the wider community.

The Trustees remain committed to prudent financial management and continue to monitor income and expenditure carefully to ensure the Charity's long-term sustainability and its ability to fulfil its charitable objectives.

Expenditure
The Charity's expenditure is primarily directed towards the delivery of its religious activities, the support of its clergy and staff, and the maintenance and improvement of its Church and community facilities. During the year, the main areas of expenditure were:

- **Priest and other staff salaries:** £36,547
- **Heat, light, water, and utility costs:** £14,532
- **Repairs, renewals, and maintenance of the Church and**

associated buildings: £17,877

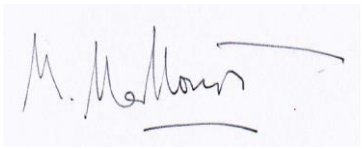
The increase in expenditure on repairs and maintenance reflects the Charity's continued commitment to preserving and improving its facilities, including essential building works and improvements undertaken for the benefit of parishioners, visitors, and the wider community.
These expenditures enabled the Charity to continue providing regular religious services, pastoral support, educational activities, and community programmes. The Trustees are satisfied that the Charity's resources were applied effectively in furtherance of its charitable purposes and for the benefit of the Greek Orthodox Christian Community of Manchester and the surrounding areas. Although, the Charity's financial position did not improve during the year this was due largely from the installation and refurbishment of the Church toilet facilities as part of the Charity's ongoing building improvement programme.

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)		
Full name(s)	Michael Mallouris (Dr)	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
Date	19th October 2025	

GREEK CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF MANCHI **Charity No. 1182883**

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE - YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2025

	2022 £	2023 £	2024 £	2025 £	*Budget 2025*	*Budget 2026*
INCOME						
Subscriptions	£10,420.00	**£11,292.50**	**£9,446.00**	**£9,555.40**	*£10,000.00*	*£12,000.00*
Collection Trays	£14,164.54	**£17,794.71**	**£16,523.00**	**£18,032.53**	*£17,000.00*	*£20,000.00*
Candles & Diaries	£19,768.42	**£22,384.57**	**£22,183.43**	**£24,098.30**	*£23,000.00*	*£26,000.00*
Weddings/Baptisms/Funerals	£6,960.00	**£5,510.00**	**£4,690.00**	**£5,300.00**	*£5,000.00*	*£6,000.00*
Feasts/Memorials	£2,249.00	**£2,525.00**	**£2,125.00**	**£2,360.00**	*£3,000.00*	*£3,500.00*
Function Income/Hire of Hall	£3,664.53	**£7,173.50**	**£3,998.85**	**£7,798.53**	*£7,500.00*	*£9,000.00*
Donations - General	£5,546.20	**£6,587.68**	**£7,942.02**	**£9,708.15**	*£9,000.00*	*£9,000.00*
Donations at Funerals	£1,117.95	**£2,430.00**	**£521.00**	**£1,265.00**	*£1,000.00*	*£1,000.00*
Donations: Icons & Church Furnishings			**£381.38**	**£2,973.00**	*£0.00*	*£0.00*
Donations - Christmas Cards		**£200.00**		**£200.00**	*£300.00*	*£300.00*
Donations - Special	£1,986.00	**£1,805.00**	**£901.26**	**£2,127.95**	*£2,000.00*	*£2,500.00*
Sundry receipts	£120.00	**£4,989.47**	**£1,369.61**	**£1,046.24**	*£400.00*	*£400.00*
Gift & Tax Refunds	£4,220.14	**£6,155.91**	**£5,020.44**	**£4,550.81**	*£6,000.00*	*£5,000.00*
Interest (Bank Account 2)			**£640.00**	**£1,705.88**	*£2,025.00*	*£1,500.00*
Loans	**£13,352.40**	**£1,446.50**	**£7,080.01**	**£4,959.00**	*£0.00*	*£0.00*
Epitaphios	£1,644.00	**£1,325.00**	**£1,805.00**	**£2,690.00**	*£1,500.00*	*£2,000.00*
Total Income	£85,213.18	**£91,619.84**	**£84,627.00**	**£98,370.79**	***£87,725.00***	***£98,200.00***
Total Income Minus Loans	£71,860.78	**£90,173.34**	**£77,546.99**	**£93,411.79**	***£87,725.00***	***£98,200.00***
EXPENDITURE						
Priest & Other Salaries	£28,753.82	**£28,904.87**	**£29,076.81**	**£36,546.91**	*£31,000.00*	*£50,000.00*
Visiting Clergy/Expenses	£1,047.14	**£1,340.00**	**£950.00**	**£10,595.08**	*£1,500.00*	*£5,000.00*
Mileage/Travel expenses	£482.44	**£1,014.26**	**£1,099.80**	**£1,922.14**	*£1,000.00*	*£1,200.00*
Telephone	£1,142.80	**£1,089.80**	**£1,225.69**	**£1,016.05**	*£1,200.00*	*£800.00*
Heat/Light/Water	£16,960.96	**£15,518.19**	**£27,346.29**	**£14,531.76**	*£25,000.00*	*£16,000.00*
Insurance	£6,673.65	**£7,507.88**	**£8,391.27**	**£8,999.43**	*£8,500.00*	*£9,000.00*
Alarm/Security	£198.00	**£146.00**	**£680.00**	**£1,363.41**	*£500.00*	*£800.00*
Pest Control/Cleaning	£3,973.04	**£4,364.02**	**£4,613.36**	**£4,271.89**	*£5,500.00*	*£4,500.00*
Repairs/Renewals	£20,035.91		**£808.99**	**£2,992.13**	*£3,000.00*	*£3,000.00*
Candles/Diaries	£5,083.17	**£1,141.02**	**£2,059.50**	**£4,410.40**	*£3,000.00*	*£3,500.00*
Postage/Printing/Stationery	£2,428.95	**£1,756.40**	**£2,007.72**	**£171.60**	*£2,000.00*	*£800.00*
Archdiocese	£500.00			**£1,308.69**	*£1,000.00*	*£1,000.00*
Sundry Expenses	£1,149.32	**£2,245.08**	**£1,179.00**	**£2,295.66**	*£1,000.00*	*£1,000.00*
Function expenses	£450.00		**£201.50**	**£3,075.50**	*£0.00*	*£0.00*
Bank charges / Transfers	£506.27	**£569.10**	**£531.12**	**£590.96**	*£600.00*	*£600.00*
Special Collections (Payments)					*£0.00*	*£0.00*
Epitaphios	£900.00	**£909.06**		**£1,000.00**	*£900.00*	*£1,000.00*
Donations			**£450.00**	**£1,250.00**	*£0.00*	*£0.00*
Professional fees				**£1,825.00**	*£0.00*	*£0.00*
Sub Total	£90,285.47	**£66,505.68**	**£80,621.05**	**£98,166.61**	***£85,700.00***	***£98,200.00***
CAPITAL/SPECIAL PROJECT						
Other Assets						
Major Repairs/refurbishments	£0.00	**£33,278.24**	**£0.00**	**£14,885.16**	*£30,000.00*	
Total Expenditure	£90,285.47	**£99,783.92**	**£80,621.05**	**£113,051.77**	***£115,700.00***	**£98,200.00**
Donation Evanggelistria (Prior Years Loan Donated)		**£13,352.40**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**		
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	**-£5,072.29**	**-£8,164.08**	**£4,005.95**	**-£14,680.98**	***-£27,975.00***	**£0.00**
PLUS: BALANCE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR	£98,031.15	**£92,958.86**	**£84,794.78**	**£88,800.73**	*£88,800.73*	**£74,119.75**
BALANCE OF YEAR END BANK/CASH	£92,958.86	**£84,794.78**	**£88,800.73**	**£74,119.75**		
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR WITHOUT LOANS	**-£18,424.69**	**-£9,610.58**	**-£3,074.06**	**-£19,639.98**	***-£27,975.00***	**£0.00**
Bank Account - 1 (Year End)			**£38,160.73**	**£21,773.87**		
Bank Account - 2 (Year End)			**£50,640.00**	**£52,345.88**		
TOTALS			***£88,800.73***	***£74,119.75***		

Michael Mallouris (Dr.) - Treasurer

Signature

Date: 17/03/2026