CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' annual report (including Directors' report) for the period

From: 1st April 2025 **Period start date**
To: 31st March 2026 **Period end date**

Charity name: The Gospel Oak Project CIO

Charity registration number: 1188761

Company number: N/A

Objectives and activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To promote social inclusion for the public benefit, primarily (but not exclusively) among people residing in the area of Hall Green Birmingham and surrounding areas known as gospel oak, by preventing people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society. For the purpose of this clause 'socially excluded' means being excluded from society, or part of society, as a result of being a member of a socially and economically deprived community.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	During the year the Charity has worked with Target Newsletter for preschool aged children to help reduce isolation that parents with children of this age group can be feeling. We have also started a social tea and chat group on a Sunday at 11am No grants have been applied for this year.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Commission.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The Gospel Oak Project CIO makes no grants.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	The Gospel Oak Project CIO mission statement is to invest in our local community. All the Charity's activities are aimed at improving the life expectations and reducing isolation in the local area.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The Gospel Oak Project CIO governance is solely run by volunteers who show commitment to achieving the objectives set out for the Charity.
Other		

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Much of the year was spent helping parents of preschool age children through Target Newsletter. The Sunday tea and chat group has been welcomed by people living in the local area.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity had restricted reserves of £100 at the end of the year. This is sufficient to meet our funded commitments.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The trustees do not have a reserves policy but have agreed that any monies left are carried forward to be used to help continue to involved the local community in the activities of The Gospel Oak Project CIO.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£100
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The charity's principle source of funding has been donations
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	N/A

Structure, governance and management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document: for example, trust deed, memorandum and articles of association etc	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? for example limited company, unincorporated association, CIO	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed (for a term of 1 year) by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	For induction of new trustees: These are given required guidance information from charity commission website for being a trustee. Also given and made aware of Gospel Oak Community Forum CIO's constitution and policies.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Gospel Oak Project CIO's registered Office is St Michael's Church 17 Redstone Farm Rd Hall Green Birmingham B28 9NU
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	Gospel Oak Project CIO works with our partners including: The PCC of St Michael's Church Hall Green, and Target Newsletter
Other		

Reference and administrative details

Charity name	Gospel Oak Community Forum CIO
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1188761
Charity's principal address	St Michael's Church 17 Redstone Farm Rd Birmingham B28 9NU

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	Ian Crockford	Chair of Trustees		PCC of St Michael's Hall Green
3	Judith Clarke	Trustee		PCC of St Michael's Hall Green
4	Ann Holloway	Trustee		PCC of St Michael's Hall Green
5	Janet Herbert	Trustee		PCC of St Michael's Hall Green
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name	

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity.

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

Declarations

The company has taken advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the report above.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report (including directors' report) above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees/directors

Signature(s)	I. Crockford.	
Full name(s)	Ian David Crockford	
Position (for example Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair of Trustees	
Date	1st October 2026	

The Gospel Oak Project CIO

Annual Accounts

31st March 2026

Charity Number 1188761

Registered Office:

St Michael's Church 17 Redstone Farm Rd, Birmingham, B28 9NU

Accounts

Gospel Oak Community Forum CIO
Charity Number 1188761

	Income	Expenditure
Balance 1st April 2025	**£101**	
Donations	£25	
Sunday tea & Chat	£26	
Balance end of year £100		

Auditors Report

The accounts were checked by the PCC of St Michael's Church Hall Green as the sponsoring body and approved at the Meeting on 1st October 2026

Church Wardens and PCC Members 1st October 2026

Accounts agreed by the Trustee's at the meeting held on 1st October and signed by

Name……Ian Crockford……

Position …….. Chair ……

I. Crockford.

Signed……

Date……1st October 2026……