CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Grindon Church Community Project	No. 1189916

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date: 01 January 2025	To	Period end date: 31 December 2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Grants	9,865	37,350	-	47,215	36,545
NLCF Grant	-	9,450	-	9,450	30,524
Donations	4,384	-	-	4,384	2,618
Fundraising	2,238	-	-	2,238	5,229
Hall Hire	11,700	-	-	11,700	7,893
Investment Income	55	-	-	55	62
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	28,242	46,800	-	75,042	82,871
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	28,242	46,800	-	75,042	82,871
A3 Payments					
Charitable Activities	4,435	12,374	-	16,809	18,839
Utilities & Insurance	8,608	5,517	-	14,125	13,433
Repairs & Maintenance	10,975	10,850	-	21,825	18,977
Administration	14,247	11,165	-	25,412	16,201
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	38,265	39,906	-	78,171	67,450
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	38,265	39,906	-	78,171	67,450
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 10,023	6,894	-	- 3,129	15,421
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	44,550	8,538	-	53,088	37,667
Cash funds this year end	34,527	15,432	-	49,959	53,088

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

B1 Cash funds

Categories / Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
Treasurer's Account	34,527	8,150	-
Reserve Account		7,282	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	34,527	15,432	-

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

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

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

Grindon Church Community Project: Trustees' Report for 2025

This report on the activities and achievements of Grindon Church Community Project covers its operations during 2025.

Introduction In 2020 Grindon Church Community Project was recognised and registered by the Charities Commission as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), operating in accordance with Christian principles at and from the former Grindon United Reformed Church in Sunderland, continuing the work of the Grindon Mission Project at this location. Charity registration enabled access to income streams and other forms of practical support which were unavailable to the previous operating model.

Practical and emotional support for our community During 2024 discussions with the URC Northern Synod to consolidate the work of GCCP CIO with the needs and requirements of the community in west Sunderland and surrounding areas took place.

This was continued during 2025 and a Memorandum of Understanding was drawn up and agreed to continue this development, to benefit our user groups at present and into the future. The MOU was agreed by both Northern Synod of the URC and GCCP CIO.

Alison Dalton, Church Related Community Worker at Stockton Road URC, who provided spiritual leadership as in previous years took early retirement. Rev Dr David Whiting, a retired minister and a trustee of GCCP continued to provide spiritual oversight. The Northern Synod is aiming to provide further spiritual support when it becomes available.

Phil Gibbs, our voluntary professional mental health counsellor, has continued to give essential help and support to people within GCCP and the wider community.

GCCP CIO has been fortunate to benefit from a number of grants for individual projects and Core costs. Many of the grants have brought the Project into good working relationships with other organisations in the area who are very supportive of our work and to whom we can reciprocate support.

With the support of the Tom Cowie Foundation we continued to run a Crisis Food Bank, which also provides non-food items including domestic and personal hygiene products to those in acute need. This operates independently of the mainstream Foodbank systems and is intended for crisis only.

Building and Facilities Improvements Our premises are provided rent-free by the United Reformed Church Northern Synod Trust. Work to improve the building and grounds has continued during 2025. A rolling programme of maintenance and improvement is undertaken. We have continued to increase our use of IT systems and have improved business efficiency. A skilfull volunteer runs training sessions for local people who do not have internet access and/or expertise and maintains and upgrades digital equipment throughout the centre.

User Groups Our premises continue to be used by a wide range of groups, and 2025 saw our user and visitor numbers grow. We continued to develop partnerships and initiatives with arts and performance organisations throughout the

region, and enjoy the creative opportunities provided for our users in the Sunderland community.

Amongst other groups based at GCCP the Grindon Painters Art Group has mounted exhibitions of their work, the Pantastic Community Steel Band performs across the region, as does the Sunderland Jubilate! Choir. We continue to support community groups such as these in any way we can, including preferential room rates, publicity and equipment storage space, and signposting them to potential funding.

Our Parents & Toddlers Group continues, however numbers are dropping due to Government funding for childcare. Other groups have continued and reflect Community needs and requests.

Our gardens remain an attractive feature of GCCP. Of some concern is the difficulty of attracting and retaining volunteers to work the gardens, although we have benefitted and enjoyed visits by employees of local businesses who have taken part in team-building events centred on the gardens. We have obtained grant funding to support the garden developments.

Funding The greater part of our funding is from grant applications, which continue to be made. Our National Lottery Community Fund grant, towards core costs, administrative costs, the provision of a caretaker and utility bills, and other activities came to an end, However large grants from Ballinger Trust and Sir James Knott allowed us to continue our work.

We have managed to hold our room rental rates without increase for another year, which is an added attraction to new groups and the retention of existing ones.

Challenges Much of our work continues to be carried out by volunteers, largely trustees and their family members, with the support of our paid workers who also carry out voluntary work in their own time. The average age of the trustees is over 60, and some are becoming less able to carry out practical jobs. The availability of volunteers from local employers is falling due to the current economic climate.

We are fortunate to have grant funding for many of our core costs, but this is time-limited and our field of potential grant providers offering core funding is limited.

M. C. Whitecoat ..... Trustee

Dated ....27/10/2026.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Grindon Church Community Project
Charity No. 1189916

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Grindon Church Community Project (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity 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 Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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.

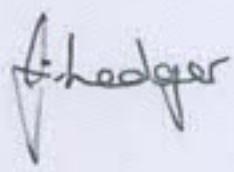
Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts did not accord with those records; or
3. 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.

Signed:



Name: Jeff Ledger

Qualification: Chartered Certified Accountant

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Date: 27 October 2026