Christians Together in Fleet and Church Crookham
Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

The trustees who are also members of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

The charity was registered on 8th September 2020 and finances were transferred from its predecessor “Churches Together in Fleet and Church Crookham” on 1st April 2021. The report covers the period 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objects of the CIO are

1. The advancement of the Christian faith for the public benefit.
2. To further such charitable purposes as are exclusively charitable and connected to the charitable work of the charity in particular but not exclusively the relief of need in the communities of Fleet, Church Crookham and the surrounding area for those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, financial hardship or other disadvantage.

Public benefit

The charity runs two significant projects for the benefit of the community (the trustees having regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit):

1. Fleet Angels, a Christian nightlife initiative and outreach project, the aim of which is to reduce anti-social behaviour, to be a neutral presence whilst being a positive influence, and to provide non-judgemental and caring support to those who are 'out on the town' ,and those working in the night-time economy, in Fleet town centre, while "giving an account of the hope that is in us" when asked. Fleet Angels is a partner in the Safer North Hampshire partnership.

2. Hart Foodbank, a Trussell Trust food bank operating in Fleet, Darby Green, Odiham and Hook with the aim of providing emergency food and support to people living in crisis locally. The foodbank also operates a Fleet-located community pantry and a mobile pantry operating out of Fleet, serving local residents of Hart through the Foodbank network.

The performance of these projects is covered under Achievement and Performance below.

The following comments cover the period January 2025 – December 2025.

In February and March, Christians Together ran a Lent Study Course – the first time this had happened in ten years – led by Will Parker, Rev Helen Everard and Rev Patrick Butler, and bringing together Christians from across the town's churches into home groups. The Beatitudes Course was used, and those who took part valued studying God's word alongside people from other congregations.

The World Day of Prayer 2025 in the Fleet and Church Crookham area took place on Friday, 7th March 2025, with services prepared by Christian women from the Cook Islands under the theme “I made you wonderful”. Services were held at Christ Church and All Saints Church, and featured special touches including Cook Island lime cookies, with participants dressing in bright colours and floral attire to reflect the culture of the Cook Islands.

On Easter Sunday we gathered on the hill at Tweseldown for our Sunrise Service, attended by around fifty people, before moving to Fleet Baptist Church for breakfast.

In May, Christians Together joined forces with Hart Lions to support the community's VE80 commemorations, running a Tea Tent for veterans and visitors. One attendee later wrote: *I was delighted that Hart Lions and Christians Together joined forces to deliver a fantastic Tea Tent. What a superb team. I helped a little as the tent was being assembled at 7am, but was astonished to see the whole thing pitched, filled with furniture, decorated and serving tea and cake when I returned at 9.30am. What great service all day by Lions and Christians who were dressed for the part and fully engaged in delivering great service. I did spot Elaine and Linda ferrying crockery to the washing up point, and Allyson and Helen engaging with the veterans. It was lovely to meet Arlene too and to see Marilyn and many other Lions in action. The tea tent was truly the beating heart of the whole event. It was attractive, welcoming and the cakes were delicious. I should be grateful if each of you could pass on my huge thanks to all in your teams who contributed and collaborated to make the day such a success.*

Our annual Service of Unity was held on Pentecost Sunday, 8th June 2025, and this year formed part of the Church on the Heath's 25th Anniversary celebrations – an opportunity to thank all the churches of Fleet for their part in the planting and nurturing of that church. Father John Promise brought a word, and suggestions for future mission and ministry were gathered from those present. At this service it was agreed that the Lent Study Course would in future run every other year, with 2026 instead being used to join together in 'Thy Kingdom Come', a season of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost, in the run-up to the next Service of Unity.

Rev Matt Smith was inducted at Christ Church, Crookham on 5th August 2025. He becomes a valuable member of the charity and a real asset to the people of Fleet and Church Crookham.

Nathan Ayrton stepped down as Assistant Pastor at Fleet Baptist Church during the year and is now living in the USA, pursuing a God-given calling in Tennessee. The trustees thank him for his contribution to the churches of Fleet and Church Crookham and wish him well for this new chapter.

LivingStones, a separate charity from Christians Together, launched a major refurbishment during the year. The Vine Church has been developing plans to redevelop the premises into a coffee shop and community hub, which the trustees expect will bring benefit to CTFCC's own work in due course. LivingStones continues to serve as our registered office address throughout this period.

Our thanks to Deacon James Snyder for a full refresh of the Christians Together website, offering links to the different churches in Fleet and the projects we run together. This was completed and 2025 and has become a helpful entry portal for anyone wishing to engage with the activities of the Churches in Fleet and Church Crookham.

The AGM for Christians Together was held on 11th September 2025. In accordance with the CIO constitution, Mark Mabin and Will Parker stood down as Trustees having served the requisite term, and both were re-elected unopposed. All other Trustees continued in role.

In September, the charity ran a well-attended money coaching event for students about to go to university.

Throughout the year, ministers from the town's churches continued to meet regularly, on Zoom and at a physical breakfast, for encouragement, mutual support and to share progress from within their own church communities. The group was extended during the year to include youth ministers, associate ministers and interns, and once a term met for a later brunch so that Father John Promise from the Catholic community could join too.
In addition the trustees of the charity met bi-monthly with leaders of local projects to monitor and direct the progress of the charitable activities directly associated with Christians Together in Fleet and Church Crookham, and to communicate with other affiliated works being carried out by the FACCTS and LivingStones charities. During the year Andy Le Roux completed his first full year as FACCTS Director, continuing a ministry that reaches many young people through school assemblies, after-school and lunchtime clubs, and RE lessons.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

In addition to the joint community and spiritual events occurring throughout the year the regular projects also proceeded in accordance with their respective objectives.

Fleet Angels 2025

1. The project continued to be led throughout the year by Janet Alston, who was employed as project manager on a part-time, paid, fixed-term contract. Following the closure of the town's main night club, “Zinc Popworld” in late 2024, a significant drop in footfall and drink-related anti-social behaviour was observed and called into question the continuing need for the project. Throughout this period of closure, the team continued to pray, patrol the streets and be a friendly presence on the high street. In August 2025 the night club was re-opened and re-named “The Bunker”. The project ramped back up so that teams were available on the streets on three weekends per month. Thanks to a team of about 14 faithful volunteers, the project was able to continue with no need for additional funding.

Hart Foodbank 2025

2. Hart Foodbank – In the 12 months of 2025

- 3,334 food parcels were given out during 2025, supporting 444 households made up of 2,113 adults and 1,221 children, with 1,469 referrals received in the year – a rise of 141% since 2019, against a national average rise of 56% over the same period. This compares with 1,589 food parcels given away in 2024 (which was 18% down on 2023), which fed 3,530 people (27% down on 2023).
- 35,350 kg of food and household products were received during 2025 and 36,647 kg were given away (2024: 38,577 kg received, 37,215 kg given away).
- 130 volunteers supported Hart Foodbank across its four foodbank centres, two pantries and central warehouses during the year.
- Throughout 2025 the Foodbank employed staff in the following roles: Foodbank Manager (job-shared between two individuals), Financial Inclusion Manager, Foodbank Support Officer and Mobile Pantry Manager. Together these roles represented 11½ days of full-time-equivalent paid employment per week. The Mobile Pantry Manager role was established on a temporary basis, and by the end of the year paid employment had settled at a steady-state level of 10 days per week.
- 84 referral agencies were actively referring clients to Hart Foodbank during 2025, up from 69 in 2024.
- There were 95 distinct sources of food donations in 2025, ranging from regular collection points to one-off significant donations.
- The Community Pantry had 166 active members during 2025, who made 1,552 member visits over the year, alongside a further 581 Foodbank top-ups.

The Foodbank Leadership Support Team, established in 2024, continued to provide vital day-to-day management of the Foodbank's growth, meeting every month throughout the year. This allowed the Projects Group to move from direct involvement to a role of governance and oversight. Those in need of help and support can now access a widening range of services, including the Foodbank itself, the Food Pantry, financial advice through an Inclusion Officer, debt relief through the CAP Debt Centre Manager and, most recently, hairdressing and dental care. Alongside these, CAP Life Skills continued to offer the 'Cook Well for Less' sessions and the Life Skills Course.

The most significant challenge of the year was a break-in at the Foodbank warehouse in May 2025, in which a number of youths caused considerable damage. Windows were smashed, food was opened and scattered throughout the building and food was emptied into sinks with taps left running, causing flooding and destroying food and property. The community responded generously to the incident, with many volunteers giving up a Saturday to clean and restore the damage. Thousands of pounds of damage and loss of food were incurred, but the community response was incredible. Nearly 50 people volunteered for the cleanup and generous gifts were received to replace the stock and repair the damage done. As a consequence, no insurance claim was necessary.

The mobile Food Larder, established in September 2022 and visiting our Darby Green Foodbank every Thursday, continued to operate on a self-funding basis through membership fees, run by Fareshare.

The Trussell Trust Financial Inclusion grant, which we first received in 2023, was renewed in June 2025, for a further 12 months, and enabled us to continue to provide our ongoing community connector programme, in conjunction with Citizens Advice and Christians Against Poverty, to provide one-to-one support to those in danger of becoming dependent on Emergency Food.

The Foodbank Support Officer role had proved to be very valuable to the Foodbank since the role initiation in October 2023, following receipt of a Trussell Trust grant, and although a further grant was not available to continue the role, the Foodbank took the decision to use reserve funds to continue funding the role.

Hart District Council continued to support us with a grant to cover the rent costs of our central food warehouse.

Various grants from the Hampshire Household Support fund were received and applied to the expansion of the services the foodbank could offer, in particular the provision of the Mobile Pantry.

Various other significant donations enabled us to continue addressing the wider needs of our clients under the "More Than Food" banner, now including the expanded services described above. These initiatives continue to be directly responsible for reducing the number of clients continually dependent on Foodbank support.

Donations of food and funds received by Foodbank continued to be very generous, reflecting the value placed on the work by all in the community.

Angel Bombing 2025

3. Angel Bombing again took place in December 2025, wherein hundreds of hand-knitted angels were distributed to care homes and schools as Christmas gifts. The 2025 distribution took a more targeted approach than 2024 as it was felt that the 2024 distribution was taken advantage of, by some individuals taking many more than was reasonable.

Two Pillars 2025

4. Two Pillars continued to lead bi-monthly Friday night worship evenings in churches and homes across Fleet and Church Crookham throughout the year, proving to be a valued ministry that draws together Christians from all denominations for extended sung praise and worship.

Kids Clothes Bank 2025

5. The Kids Clothes Bank, established and run for many years by Emma Mabin, ceased operating in September 2025 due to insufficient take-up. The trustees record their gratitude to Emma for her dedicated service, through which many local families were helped over the years.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The results for the year are as set out in the receipts and payments accounts annexed to this

report (Annexes 1 and 3).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The affairs of the CIO have been directed by a board of Trustees, which meets regularly for this purpose. The Trustees meet bi-monthly to review and direct the ministries supported by the charity.

Trustees are appointed by the members.

1) At every annual general meeting of the members of the CIO, one-third of the charity trustees shall retire from office. If the number of charity trustees is not three or a multiple of three, then the number nearest to one-third shall retire from office, but if there is only one charity trustee, he or she shall retire;

1. The charity trustees to retire by rotation shall be those who have been longest in office since their last appointment or reappointment. If any trustees were last appointed or reappointed on the same day those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree among themselves) be determined by lot;
2. The vacancies so arising may be filled by the decision of the members at the annual general meeting; any vacancies not filled at the annual general meeting may be filled as provided in sub-clause (4) of this clause;
3. The members or the charity trustees may at any time decide to appoint a new charity trustee, whether in place of a charity trustee who has retired or been removed in accordance with clause 15 (Retirement and removal of charity trustees), or as an additional charity trustee, provided that the limit specified in clause 12(3) on the number of charity trustees would not as a result be exceeded
4. A person so appointed by the members of the CIO shall retire in accordance with the provisions of sub-clauses (2) and (3) of this clause. A person so appointed by the charity trustees shall retire at the conclusion of the next annual general meeting after the date of his or her appointment, and shall not be counted for the purpose of determining which of the charity trustees is to retire by rotation at that meeting.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number
1191200
Registered office
c/o LivingStones
277 Fleet Road
Fleet
Hampshire
GU51 3BT

Trustees
Rev Patrick Butler

William Parker
Rev Helen Everard
Deacon James Snyder
Susan Rinaldi
Mark Mabin

Independent Examiner
Simon Mansell

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 07/10/2026 and signed on its behalf by:
Patrick Butler

ANNEX 1: RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS (FORM CC16a)

Receipts and payments accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025, signed on behalf of the trustees (copy of the signed original, two pages).

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Christians Together in Fleet and Church Crookham	1191200	CC16a

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/01/2025	To	31/12/2025

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					
			-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Donations	1,200	56,752	-	57,952	-
Gift Aid			-	-	-
Grants	-	113,261	-	113,261	-
Interest	282	2,549	-	2,831	-
	-		-	-	-
	-		-	-	-
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	1,482	172,563	-	174,045	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,482	172,563	-	174,045	-
A3 Payments					
Staff salaries		71,530	-	71,530	-
Expenses	204	6,549	-	6,753	-
Food Bank Operating Expenses		13,703	-	13,703	-
Mobile Pantry Expenses		21,203	-	21,203	-
Insurance		1,394	-	1,394	-
Outreach Events	246		-	246	-
Community Connector		28,533	-	28,533	-
Operating Expenses	148	14,399	-	14,547	-
			-	-	-
Sub total	598	157,311	-	157,909	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	598	157,311	-	157,909	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	884	15,252	-	16,136	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	2,398	147,437	-	149,835	-
Cash funds this year end	3,282	162,689	-	165,971	-

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Hart Food Bank	-	152,306	-
	Fleet Town Centre Project	-	10,197	-
	Anna Chaplaincy	-	186	-
		-	-	-
	General	3,282		-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	3,282	162,689	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

	OK	OK	OK
	Unrestricted funds	**Restricted funds**	**Endowment funds**

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
Nil	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

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

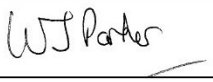
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Hart Food Bank had 13,125.28 kg of donated items in storage awaiting distribution. This is valued at a total of £19,687.92 at £1.50 per kg per the Trussell Trust's guidelines and is equivalent to 12 months supply.	Hart Food Bank	-	-
Mobile Pantry expenses includes the purchase of a vehicle, costing £8,636, to help in distributing food around the Hart area	Hart Food Bank	-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

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

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Mark Mabin	07/10/2026
	William Parker	07/10/2026

ANNEX 2: INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Independent examiner's report on the accounts of Christians Together in Fleet and Church Crookham for the year ended 31 December 2025 (copy of the signed original, two pages).

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	Charity Name: Christians Together in Fleet and Church Crookham		
On accounts for the year ended	31 December 2025	**Charity no (if any)**	1191200
Set out on pages	Form CC16a (two pages)		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- 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:		**Date:**	10 October 2026
Name:	Simon Mansell		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	FCCA		
Address:	22 Harrow Road Fleet GU51 1JD		

Section B	Disclosure
	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).
Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.	N/A

ANNEX 3: SIGNED RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

Receipts and payments for the period 1 January to 31 December 2025, signed on behalf of the trustees by the Chair and the Treasurer (copy of the signed original, two pages).

2025

CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN FLEET AND CHURCH CROOKHAM

Period: 1st January to 31st December 2025

Section A - Receipts and Payments to the nearest £

Receipts — **ACTUAL 2025**

	Restricted Funds					*Subtotal*	General Funds	TOTAL	2024 TOTAL
	Fleet Angels	Christians Together	Anna Chaplaincy	Christmas Lunch	Hart Food Bank				
Subscription						*0*		0	
Donations	510	1200			56242	*57952*		57952	58356
Churches Contributions						*0*		0	0
Grants - Foodbank					77761	*77761*		77761	62037
Grants - Pantry					35500			0	
Gift Aid						*0*		0	5020
Interest		282			2549	*2831*		2831	947
Street/Other Collections						*0*		0	0
subtotal	*510*	*1482*	*0*	*0*	*172053*	*174045*	*0*	174045	126360

Payments

	Restricted Funds					*Subtotal*	General Funds	TOTAL	2024 TOTAL
	Fleet Angels	Christians Together	Anna Chaplaincy	Christmas Lunch	Hart Food Bank				
Fleet Angels Stall Supplies	392					*392*		392	293
Equipment						*0*		0	0
Publicity and Printing					6288	*6288*		6288	1670
Training						*0*		0	0
FareShare						*0*		0	0
Web Site						*0*	204	204	11
Staff salaries	2866				68664	*71530*		71530	39554
Project Leader/Admin Expenses					6157	*6157*		6157	5769
Food Bank Operating Expense					7415	*7415*		7415	6334
Food					14399	*14399*		14399	7726
Food Bank Storage						*0*		0	0
Foodbank Community Connector (CAP & CAB)					28533	*28533*		28533	37331
Mobile Pantry incl. vehicle & set up costs					21203				
Legal & Professional						*0*		0	0
Events						*0*		0	0
Volunteer Expenses						*0*		0	1704

	Restricted Funds					*Subtotal*	General Funds	TOTAL	2024 TOTAL
	Fleet Angels	Christians Together	Anna Chaplaincy	Christmas Lunch	Hart Food Bank				
Insurance	199				1195	*1394*		1394	1140
Charity Registration						*0*	40	40	40
Christmas - Fleet Festivities		246				*246*		246	508
Store Refurbishment						*0*		0	0
Sundry		108				*108*		108	103
Subtotal	*3457*	*354*	*0*	*0*	*153854*	*157665*	*244*	*157909*	102183
Asset and investment									
Net of receipt/payments	-2947	1128	0	0	18199	*16380*	-244	16136	24177
Cash Funds 1st January 2025	13144	1769	186	0	134107	*149206*	629	149835	125658
Cash Funds 31st December 2025	**10197**	**2897**	**186**	**0**	**152306**	*165585*	**385**	**165971**	149835

Other Assets/Notes

Estimated value of donated food held by Food Bank at 31 Dec 2025 = £19,687.92
(13,125.28 kgs @ £1.50 per kg as recommended by Trussell Trust) which is approximately 12 months supply

Mobile Pantry expenses includes the purchase of a vehicle, costing £8,636, to help in distributing food around the Hart area

Signed on behalf of Churches Together:

Patrick Butler, Chair

Date: 19th September 2026

Nigel Coleman, Treasurer

Date: 19th September 2026