LOVE PURFLEET

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR YEAR ENDED
31/12/2025

Receipts and payments accounts

Registered Charity No 1193961

LOVE PURFLEET
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
FOR YEAR ENDED 31/12/2025

	Total 2,025 £	Total 2024 £
Incoming Resources		
Voluntary income		
Donations	2,525	750
Grants	9,167	2,145
Other	-	-
	11,692	2,895
Bank interest	305	986
Manse rental	-	9,600
Total Incoming Resources	11,997	13,481
Resources Expended		
Charitable activities		
Ministry	18,534	5,746
Manse	8,526	7,967
Operational Costs	647	353
Other	-	-
Total Resources Used	27,706	14,066
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources	(15,710)	(586)
Fund Balance at 31 December 2024	22,396	22,982
Fund Balance at 31 December 2025	**6,687**	**22,396**

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STATEMENT OF ASSET AND LIABILITIES
FOR YEAR ENDED 31/12/2025

	Total 2025	Total 2024
CASH FUNDS	£	£
Barclays Bank	3,005	19
BUGB Deposit account	3,682	22,377
	6,687	22,396

REPRESENTED BY	**2,025**	**2024**
Unrestricted		
General Fund	6,687	22,396

Assets retained for the charity's own use	Cost £	Cost £
Winderemere Avenue - Manse	222,834	222,834
(Purchase cost November 2021)		

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Trustee

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Date: 11/02/26

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	LOVE PURFLEET		
On accounts for the year ended	31ST DECEMBER 2025	**Charity no (if any)**	1193961
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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st 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:**	22nd January 2026
Name:	JAMES SUTTLING		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):			
Address:	66 FAIRWAY GRAYS RM16 2AJ		

LOVE PURFLEET

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31/12/2025

Love Purfleet is a registered charity No 1193961

Its registered address is c/o Socketts Heath Baptist Church, Premier Avenue, Grays, Essex RM16 2SB.

The trustees during 2025 were: Andrew Wade (Chair), Claire Blatchford, and Alison Shorter. Rev Chad Archbold was the minister until 30th November 2025.

Structure and Management

Love Purfleet is a CIO. The principal purposes of the Church are the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination. The Church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world.

The Love Purfleet trustees met on alternate months during 2025 and other occasions when necessary to make specific decisions.

The trustees are also representatives of other organisations:

Andrew Wade, Socketts Heath Baptist Church.

Rev Claire Blatchford, Eastern Baptist Association.

Alison Shorter, Upminster Baptist Church and Urban Expression.

None of the trustees receive any payment for their work.

Property

Love Purfleet purchased a flat at 31 Windermere Avenue, Purfleet-on-Thames RM19 1PZ in November 2021 to provide accommodation for the church minister to live in and to be based within the Purfleet-on-Thames community. Love Purfleet it the beneficial owner of this property whose ultimate trustees are the Baptist Union Corporation. It was purchased mainly using designated funds held by BUC resulting from the sale of the former Purfleet Baptist Church in 2009.

When Rev Erica Bowler left her role as missional listener at Love Purfleet on 31st August 2022 the trustees decided to commercially let out the vacant apartment to generate income whilst we were without a pastor living in the flat. The flat was let to tenants from September

2022 until September 2024 through agents William H Brown and the tenants also directly covered the costs of utilities and council tax themselves. The tenants remained in the property until September 2024 paying monthly rent and covering the other costs as appropriate, which allowed for a sum of money to be accrued by Love Purfleet.
Rev Chad Archbold was appointed to the role of minister of the church in July 2024 and moved into the flat on 1st October 2024.

Minister

We were delighted to be able to appoint Rev Chad Archbold from 1st October 2024 to reinvigorate the work and take things forward in Purfleet-on-Thames. His formal induction service eventually took place on 11th January 2025 at St Stephen's Church in Purfleet. The work in Purfleet subsequently stalled and no progress was made with community involvement or the establishment a small community of Christians living in Purfleet who travelled outside the area to be part of other churches. It became clear during the year that the hoped-for work and church planting in Purfleet were not going to be viable in terms of funding, grants, or building a worshipping community, so the decision was taken by the trustees to terminate the work in Purfleet. Rev Chad Archbold was given notice and left on 30th November 2025 at the end of his notice period.

Funding

The funding for Love Purfleet came from a Home Mission grant to cover 50% of the part-time salary of the minister. A Ministry and Missions Grant (formerly known as Home Mission) had been awarded for 2025 and was drawn down on a monthly basis for eleven months of the year while Chad was in employment. The Ministry and Mission grants are awarded by the Eastern Baptist Association on behalf of Baptists Together.

The major challenge in 2025 was to establish the work in Purfleet-on-Thames and see it grow. There was a priority in seeking new grant-funding to help pay for the work, the need to appoint additional trustees with fundraising experience, and to seek sustainable financial support from other local churches or organisations.

We applied for a 2026 Ministry and Missions grant on the same basis as previous years but the application was rejected and we were awarded no funding whatsoever for 2026. This disappointing news was conveyed to the trustees in June 2025 and Rev Chad Archibold was given six months' notice.

We planned to rent the flat commercially from 1st December 2025 to generate income and cover ongoing costs for a couple of years in order to build up some funds and allow us to reimagine the work at Purfleet in a different way with new people and new ideas.

However we were then informed that the Baptist Union Corporation wanted their capital tied up in the flat to be returned to them.

The trustees met on 11th November 2025 and with no other choices formally agreed to close the church planting project in Purfleet.

Chad moved out on 30th November 2025 and preparations were made with the estate agent to sell the flat which was put on the market on 1st January 2026 and at the time of writing this report (September 2026) the flat remains unsold.

Future activities

So in 2025 the work at Purfleet didn't proceed as hoped. Because the financial plug was pulled by both the Eastern Baptist Association and the Baptist Union Corporation the decision had to be taken to close the work and sell the flat.

At A Trustees Meeting/Special Church Meeting held on 11th November 2025 a resolution was agreed to sell the flat at 31 Windermere Avenue and return the money to the Baptist Union Corporation who are the ultimate trustees of the property.

And a further resolution was agreed to wind up and dissolve the Church and to subsequently close the Love Purfleet CIO/charity. This was agreed unanimously by the trustees. Once the flat is sold we plan to shut the charity and close the CIO.

Support

The charity has a bookkeeper to manage and prepare accounts including the 2025 year-end financial report.

Love Purfleet is registered with HMRC for Gift Aid (Ref No ZD14689) and with Stewardship for giving to be made through them.

Love Purfleet has a written Safeguarding Policy in place (based on the Baptists Together template) and the Safeguarding lead is Alison Shorter.

Financial Report

A financial statement and accounts for 2025 is attached separately. This has been independently examined.

Love Purfleet does not currently have a reserves policy.