Annual Trustees' Report, Holy Trinity Community Hub (CIO, Charity number 1198425) for financial period ending 31/12/2025

1. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

TRUSTEES for period ending 31/12/2025

Rev'd Paul Darlington (Chair) (ex-officio)	Contact	paultrevordarlington@gmail.com
Mrs Laura Hopley (ex-officio)		
Mr Mark Addison		
Mr Alistair Nurden		
Mrs Judy Breese		
Mr Christopher Harris		

2. TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Trustees present their Report and accounts for the year. The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

2.1 STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF THE CHARITY

2.1.1 Governing Document

The charity is governed by its Constitution dated 29th March 2022.

2.1.2 Structure and Relationship

Holy Trinity Community Hub ("The Hub") is a CIO. The Hub was registered as a charity on 29th March 2022. The Hub began as a joint venture in eastern Oswestry between Holy Trinity Parish Church and Holy Trinity Church of England Academy.

2.1.3 Organisational Management

The administration and management of The Hub is carried out by a board of trustees, who are the members. The Board must have a minimum of three members and a maximum of 12. Trustees are appointed for a period of three years. The Trustees meet when necessary and are responsible for all the activities and financial matters of The Hub.

2.1.4 Recruitment and Training of Trustees

Trustees of the charity are appointed by a Trustees' meeting. Trustees, who must be committed to the objects of the charity, are recruited from supporting churches and organisations. A package of information on Trustee responsibility and relevant policies is provided. None of the Trustees has any beneficial interest in the company.

2.1.5 Risk Management

The Trustees are responsible for the management of the risks faced by the charity. The controls used include:

- Established organisational structure, lines of reporting and employee supervision
- Maintaining agendas and minutes for all Board activity
- Planning, budgeting and financial forecasting
- Vetting and safeguarding procedures as required by law for the protection of the vulnerable

It is recognised that systems can only provide reasonable but not absolute assurance that major risks have been adequately managed.

2.1.7 Financial Control

The Trustees fulfil their responsibilities regarding accounting requirements and financial control by each year consulting the Charity Commission advice to ensure that all controls are in place that are relevant to the Hub. No level of reserves is currently set due to the current absence of any liabilities.

2.2 OBJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

2.2.1 Charitable Objects

The charity's objects, as set out in its Constitution, are: to advance the Christian religion among people from the community of Holy Trinity Church of England Academy & Nursery, Oswestry and the ecclesiastical parish of Oswestry Holy Trinity by providing and assisting in the provision of facilities supplemental to those provided by Oswestry Holy Trinity Parish Church; and to further or benefit residents of the same community, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.

2.2.2 Aims, including public benefit

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission including that on public benefit, including specific guidance on charities established for the advancement of religion. In general the aim of the Hub is to improve the conditions of life in every possible aspect for members of the community. It is our ethos that advancing the Christian religion is an essential part of this work alongside all the Hub's other work.

2.3 ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

2.3.1 Since the registration of the Hub on 29th March 2022, the trustees have been working to secure a premises for the work of the Hub. This remains our priority and it has not been possible to fulfil any other activities of the Hub without this building. Negotiations with Shropshire Council continued throughout the period ending 31/12/2024 through their Community Asset Transfer programme but did not conclude. Unfortunately on the 18th September 2025 the Council informed the trustees that it had withdrawn the building from the Community Asset Transfer programme, leaving the trustees without opportunity for a building base from which to work. Laura Hopley left her post as Headteacher on 31st December 2025 and so is no longer a trustee. We await her successor. There were no other changes to the body of trustees. No other activities have been undertaken during the period.

2.4 FUTURE PLANS 2025

2.4.1 To consider whether there is a future for the Hub.

Approved by the Board and signed on their behalf:



Signed: ……. Date: …15th Oct 2026……..

Paul Darlington (Chair of Trustees)

3. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS, Holy Trinity Community Hub (CIO, Charity number 1198425) for financial period ending 31/12/2025

Opening Balance £9.930.05

	Receipts			Payments
Gifts	0		Monthly Bank Fees	60.00
Bank Interest	19.81			
Total Income	**19.81**		**Total Expenditure**	**60.00**

Funds Carried Forward £9889.86

Holy Trinity Community Hub currently has no assets or liabilities.

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Paul Darlington (Chair of Trustees)