CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 December 2024 Period start date To 30 November 2025 Period end date

Charity name: Discovery Church Swindon Central

Charity registration number:1202360

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	**The objects of the CIO is to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of faith and practices primarily, but not exclusively, within Swindon and surrounding areas and such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the charity trustees, put into practice the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of faith which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected with the charity work of the charity.**
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	**Regular services of worship, preaching and expounding the Holy Bible. Activities within the local communities that promote cohesion and family unity, e.g. Parent and Toddlers, youth events and ESOL courses. In addition to this we have organised several community services and lunches particularly as a welcome church for those asylum seekers and refuges.**
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 paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. The trustees consider that they have acted in the public benefit.**

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	**We do not offer grants to other bodies or individuals, but we do try to support the pastoral work of other churches in our town and abroad.**

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	**Our volunteers engage fully in enabling us to fulfil the purposes of the charity, for example many help as befrienders via our mothers and toddlers, welcoming church, ESOL classes.**
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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	**During the 24-25 period we are reporting on the church has had a consolidated growth and this is also reflected on the increase giving of it members. We continue to be heavily involved in helping a number of families who are asylum seekers, providing a variety of services for them have such as Mothers and toddlers club (Beach combers) and also children club on Saturdays. In addition, the church continues to provide ESOL classes giving the asylum seekers a free opportunity to learn English. We continue to work closely with the Good News for Swindon initiative in helping to build the Christian Witness in the town of Swindon. Our church continues to meet regularly every Sunday for main services and Tuesday for Prayer. In addition, the church is developing a curriculum of teaching sessions for tie members led by the Pastor and leadership team in Studying the Bible giving an opportunity for the members to grow in their faith. We have a thriving youth work on a Friday reaching 11-18 years old in the area of Broadgreen.**

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	**Church has made great strides in establishing itself as an independent organisation and consolidating it finances. The church has seen growth in numbers in the past year and increase in participation of its members in various ministries. In addition the church has shown that is ready to**

		advance its strategic vision for the following year.
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	**Total funds at 30 November 2025 were £123,129**
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	**We have inherited part of the reserve from the dissolution of the old charity however the church is trying to raise funds to be able to support the refurbishment of it buildings to support the activities of the charity and the ability to very soon be able to employ part time staff in areas of pastoral ministry, administrator and treasures. For this reason we will be holding £30,000 in reserve for staff salaries and hold a development fund aimed at supporting our work of renovating our main building.**
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	**Total funds at 30 November 2025 were £123,129**
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

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	**Almost all of our funding comes from the members of the church.**
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	**CIO**
How is the charity constituted? (e.g 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	**The Trustees are selected on the basis of their Christian faith and maturity as well as their management skills. Discovery Church Swindon Central is an independent church working closely with a Network of Churches in Swindon are called Good News For Swindon. We retain however the same practices locally that have always governed our charity. The chairman of the charity is the senior minister, but he may delegate that responsibility with the permission of the other trustees. The senior minister is responsible for leading the charity overall, and local church is run by a minister appointed to that role. The church is governed practically and financially by the Church Council who are the trustees/members of the charity and proposed and chosen by the members in close working with chair and other church leaders.**

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	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	**In October 2022 the church started as independent church from the old charity which split into two. Each one now being an independent CIO. It is managed practically and financially by Discovery Church Swindon Central leadership and team and Church council made of three members.**
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	**Good News for Swindon is a relational network of church and Christian organisational leaders who operate in the town of Swindon. We are a core part of this network.**
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	**Discovery Church Swindon Central**
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1202360
Charity's principal address	Discovery Church 1 Lagos Street SWINDON SN1 2BU

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	Gentian Mullaliu	Chair		
2	James Howard-Smith			
3	Paul Thomas Denyer			
4	Naomi Headland		Appointed 19 March 2026	
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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 trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Gentian Mullaliu	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman	
Date	24/09/2026	

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name Discovery Church Swindon Central		
On accounts for the period ended	30 November 2025	**Charity no (if any)**	1202360
Set out on pages	3 to 4 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **30/11/2025**.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:		**Date:**	25/09/2026
Name:	James Gare		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	FCA		
Address:	Monahans, Hermes House, Fire Fly Avenue, Swindon SN2 2GA		

Section B	Disclosure
	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.	

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Charity Name	No (if any)
Discovery Church Swindon Central	1202360

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01-Dec-24		30-Nov-25

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	35,360		-	35,360	42,207
Rent	4,880		-	4,880	5,460
Bank interest	184		-	184	170
			-	-	
			-	-	-
Transfer from Discovery Church Swindon	-	-	-	-	- 1,130
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	40,425	-	-	40,425	46,707
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Loan repayments from Discovery Chruch Wroughton			-	-	1,645
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	1,645
Total receipts	40,425	-	-	40,425	48,352
A3 Payments					
Insurance	1,692		-	1,692	1,545
Bank charges	105		-	105	85
Repairs and equipment	2,220		-	2,220	1,388
Light, heat, water and internet	2,648		-	2,648	2,785
Cleaning and waste disposal	967		-	967	1,065
Printing and leaflets	1,196		-	1,196	1,200
Courses			-	-	
Pastor's gift	200		-	200	1,700
Ministry and mission giving and external pastor gifts	2,362			2,362	2,881
Subscription			-	-	
Wages	1,656		-	1,656	1,330
Books	98		-	98	-
Food for events	878		-	878	1,543
Legal fees	6,149			6,149	1,814
Sundry	904	-	-	904	197
Accountany and independent examination	1,200	-	-	1,200	1,140
Sub total	22,274	-	-	22,274	18,673
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
		-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	22,274	-	-	22,274	18,673
Net of receipts/(payments)	18,150	-	-	18,150	29,679
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	104,979	-	-	104,979	75,300
Cash funds this year end	123,129	-	-	123,129	104,979

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 £
	CAF bank	87,002		-
	HSBC bank	36,127		-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	123,129	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

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)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
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		-	-
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B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
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Transactions with Related Parties

The trustee Gentian Mullaliu is Pastor and received a gift from the charity totalling £200 (2024: £1,700). There were no other related party transactions to be disclosed.

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Genti Mullaliu	25/09/2026