CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1.04.2025 Period start date To 31.03.26 Period end date

Charity name: Bracknell Community Church

Charity registration number: 1207695

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	**The purpose of the CIO is for the public benefit the advancement of the Christian Faith in Bracknell, Berkshire and such other parts of the UK as the Charity Trustees may from time to time decide.**
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	**Sunday Morning Services, Communitea Coffee morning, youth life groups, children's Sunday school, alpha courses, life groups, bible courses, community outreach events, and worship nights.**
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	**The trustees confirm that they have had full regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. They have ensured that the charity's activities are in line with the legal requirements and principles outlined in the guidance, ensuring the charity operates to provide a clear and tangible benefit to the public in accordance with its charitable objectives.**

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

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by	Para 1.38	

volunteers		
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	Bracknell Community Church has made significant strides in supporting individuals and enriching the wider community through a broad range of initiatives. Below is a summary of the main achievements across various programs and activities: **1. Sunday Services** The church's regular Sunday services have provided a place for worship, reflection, and spiritual nourishment. These services are open to everyone, fostering a sense of community and belonging. They serve as a spiritual anchor for many individuals and families, offering guidance, support, and the opportunity to explore and deepen their faith. **Impact:** • Strengthening spiritual life and faith of attendees. • Offering a space for personal reflection and connection to God. • Providing emotional and psychological support, especially during times of crisis. **2. Children's Sunday Kids Work** The children's Sunday school program provides age-appropriate teaching on the Bible and Christian values, instilling the foundations of faith at an early age. Through fun, engaging activities, children learn about God's love and how to live according to Christian principles. **Impact:** • Nurturing the spiritual and moral development of children. • Instilling core values such as kindness, honesty, and respect for others. • Creating a sense of community and belonging for children and their families.

3. CommuniTea - Coffee Mornings -

The church's coffee mornings have created a welcoming, informal environment where individuals of all ages, backgrounds, and walks of life can come together for fellowship and conversation. These gatherings provide an opportunity for people to build relationships, share life experiences, and receive social support.

Impact:

- Combatting social isolation, particularly for older adults or those new to the community.
- Encouraging social inclusion and cross-generational interaction.
- Offering a space for individuals to discuss personal challenges in a non-judgmental setting.

4. Bible Courses & Alpha Courses

The church runs Bible courses to provide deeper theological understanding and personal application of scripture. The Alpha course, in particular, offers a welcoming environment for people to explore the basics of Christianity in a conversational setting. These courses have led many individuals to a deeper relationship with God and a stronger understanding of their faith.

Impact:

- Facilitating spiritual growth and a deeper understanding of Christian teachings.
- Helping seekers explore the Christian faith in an open and non-pressured environment.
- Providing a pathway for personal transformation and conversion.

5. Youth Groups

The youth groups serve as a vital support network for young people, helping them navigate the challenges of adolescence with a Christian foundation. These groups foster strong bonds among young individuals and equip them with the tools to make positive choices in their lives.

Impact:

- Supporting young people in their spiritual, emotional, and social development.
- Providing mentorship, role models, and a safe space for personal expression.
- Encouraging positive behaviour and moral decision-making among youth.

6. Life Groups

Life groups (small groups) provide an intimate setting for Bible study, prayer, and mutual support. These groups allow individuals to share their personal journeys of faith, discuss scripture, and pray together. They also provide opportunities for people to build deeper, meaningful relationships within the church.

Impact:

- Strengthening community bonds and creating accountability among members.
- Supporting individuals in times of personal or spiritual struggle.
- Encouraging the practice of Christian love, service, and care for others.

7. Worship Nights

Worship nights offer a dedicated space for congregants to come together and express their faith through music, prayer, and reflection. These events foster a sense of unity and create an opportunity for deeper spiritual experiences.

Impact:

- Encouraging a vibrant and participatory worship culture.
- Strengthening the sense of connection to God and the church community.
- Providing a spiritually uplifting environment for personal renewal.

8. Christmas Outreach Events

The church's Christmas outreach was a great success with more than 200 people attending. The event was for the whole community, including marginalised groups, such as the elderly, or families experiencing financial hardship.

Impact:

- Promoting generosity, compassion, and social responsibility among church members.
- Creating a sense of hope and joy during a time that can be difficult for many individuals.

9. Mission Partners

We support other charitable organisations in the UK and overseas with the same purpose, mainly helping the poor and

marginalised.

10. Summer Festivals

The church attends summer festivals to strengthen relationships, encourage fellowship, and build community spirit among church members and the wider Christian community.

Impact:
• Strengthening relationships and connections within our own church community.
• Encouraging spiritual growth, teamwork, and community participation.
• Building links with other churches and organisations across the UK.

11. **Wider Benefits to Society:**

- **Social Cohesion:** The church's programs foster a sense of unity, building connections among people from different social, economic, and cultural backgrounds. This helps strengthen the social fabric of the broader community.

- **Volunteering and Charity Work:** The church's outreach programs encourage volunteering and community service, promoting values of generosity, kindness, and social responsibility. Volunteers contribute their time, resources, and talents to meet the needs of others.

- **Support for Vulnerable Groups:** The church's charitable initiatives, including support at food banks, clothing drives, and care for the elderly, directly assist those in need. The church plays a vital role in filling gaps in social safety nets, particularly for marginalised or disadvantaged groups.

During the year, the church also continued to develop its safeguarding procedures and training to further support vulnerable individuals within both the church and wider community. This included reviewing safeguarding policies, processes, and providing ongoing training for leaders and volunteers to help ensure a safe, supportive, and welcoming environment for all.

		• **Mental Health and Well-Being:** Many of the church's programs, such as coffee mornings, life groups, and worship nights, provide a sense of belonging and emotional support, which contribute to improved mental health and overall well-being. • **Moral and Ethical Leadership:** Through its Bible courses, youth programs, and life groups, the church instils values that encourage ethical behaviour, respect for others, and a commitment to justice and equality. **Conclusion** In conclusion, Bracknell community church has made a significant difference in the lives of its beneficiaries, offering both spiritual and practical support. Its contributions go beyond individual transformation, benefiting society as a whole through fostering social cohesion, encouraging volunteerism, and supporting vulnerable populations. Through its diverse programs, the church has become an anchor for individuals and families, nurturing their faith while also addressing immediate and long-term social needs.

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

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
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 income from donations into unrestricted funds for the year to 31 March 2026 was £72,319 (FY25: £76,046) excluding Gift Aid. Gift Aid relating to FY25 of £12,434 was also received during the year, resulting in total cash inflow of £84,753. Total costs paid were £88,828 (FY25: £71,138) resulting in a net deficit of £4,075. Opening cash was £8,755 resulting in a net cash position of £4,680 as at 31 March 2026. Claims from Gift Aid declarations relevant to the current year totalled £13,074, which were submitted and received after the year-end date.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Our policy is to hold cash reserves sufficient to cover a) the amounts committed to be paid to our mission partners and other charitable organisation for the next 12 months (based on 10% of gross income); and b) any short term accruals e.g. payroll liabilities.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	As at 31 March 2025, cash reserves were £4,680.
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	
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	
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	

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	**Salt and Light Partnership** During the year, Bracknell Community Church joined the Salt and Light family of churches to strengthen relationships with other churches and Christian communities, while also receiving leadership support, accountability, training, and access to wider resources and development opportunities.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Bracknell Community Church
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	**1207695**

Charity’s principal address	

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	Andy Robinson	Chair		
2	Abigail Howe	Administrator		
3	Paul Scott	Safeguarding Trustee	22 September 2025	
4	Sharon Kingcott		22 September 2025	
5	David Ritchie			
6	Rob Reimers			
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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)		
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)		
Date		

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BRACKNELL COMMUNITY CHURCH | 1207695

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from 01/04/2025 To 31/03/2026

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	72,319	-	-	72,319	76,046
	-	-	-	-	-
Initial transfer in	-	-	-	-	3,847
	-	-	-	-	-
Gift aid	12,434	-	-	12,434	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	84,753	-	-	84,753	79,893
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	84,753	-	-	84,753	79,893
A3 Payments					
Charity administration	1,436	-	-	1,436	1,183
Venue	10,716	-	-	10,716	8,118
Human Resources/safeguarding	809	-	-	809	738
Ministerial	54,316	-	-	54,316	48,542
Mission partners	12,438	-	-	12,438	4,479
Discretionary-events etc	9,113	-	-	9,113	8,078
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	88,828	-	-	88,828	71,138
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	88,828	-	-	88,828	71,138
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 4,075	-	-	- 4,075	8,755
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	8,755	-	-	8,755	-
Cash funds this year end	4,680	-	-	4,680	8,755

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 £
	Bank account	4,680	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	**4,680**	**-**	**-**
	(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 £
Gift aid due	13,074	-	-
Prepayments	692	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

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

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name Bracknell Community Church		
On accounts for the year ended	31st March 2026		1207695
Set out on pages	1-2 1-(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 31 / 03 /2026

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 (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:	TI Kingcott	**Date:**	24/04/2026
Name:	Timothy Ivor Kingcott		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	Chartered Institute of Management accountants (CIMA)		
Address:	19 Brockenhurst Road, Martins Heron, Bracknell, Berkshire, RG12 9FJ.		

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.	