St Cuthberts Communities Together

Annual Report January 2025 – December 2025

St Cuthberts Communities Together (SCCT) was registered with the Charity Commission in June 2024.

Trustees

Name	Position	Date Appointed
Rev Canon Eleanor Louise Trimble	Chair	10 June 2024
Belinda Carol Hughes	Secretary	10 June 2024
Anne Worthington	Trustee	10 June 2024
Tracey Ann Dunkerley	Trustee	10 June 2024
Sheila Davies	Trustee	10 June 2024
Elaine Carol Sharp	Trustee	10 June 2024
Andrew Martin Watson	Treasurer	21 January 2025

The Object of the SCCT is:

The promotion for the benefit of the public of urban or rural regeneration in areas of social and economic deprivation and in particular in Miles Platting, Collyhurst, Ancoats and surrounding areas of Manchester by all or any of the following means:

(a) the relief of financial hardship:

(b) the creation of training and employment opportunities by the provision of workspace, buildings, and/or land for use on favourable terms:

(c) the provision of housing for those who are in conditions of need and the improvement of housing in the public sector or in charitable ownership provided that such power shall not extend to relieving any local authorities or other bodies of a statutory duty to provide or improve housing:

(d) the maintenance, improvement or provision of public amenities:

(e) the provision of recreational facilities for the public at large or those who by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances, have need of such facilities:

(k) the provision of public health facilities and childcare:

(m) such other means as may from time to time be determined subject to the prior written consent of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales.

SCCT was established because of the work carried out under the umbrella of Miles Platting Community Age Friendly Network (MPCAN) who had set up an Action Group to consider the possibilities to regenerate St Cuthbert’s Church.

St Cuthbert's Action Group

The Action Group visited community hubs and social centres in other parts of Manchester to get inspired, including Moston Miners, The Lighthouse Project and The Carlton Club in Whalley Range and to seek support for us as we start out on our own journey of developing community-led facilities for our local area.

The Action Group worked together with the Parochial Church Council(PCC) and following a neighbourhood-wide consultation about options to redevelop the St Cuthberts site for community benefit it was decided to establish the SCCT Charity. Trustees from the PCC and community organisations were chosen to take forward the establishment and registration of the charity.

Establishing the Charity

The work of the trustees has focused on identifying an appropriate form of governance and a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) constitution was adopted. The Charity was registered in June 2024. A bank account has been opened and appropriate Policies and Procedures are being adopted.

Plans for the Future

Our next phase of work will be to identify partners with whom we can collaborate to take forward plans to redevelop the St Cuthberts site. We will continue to work with MPCAN and CLASS who have provided inspiration and support and seek to identify partners and sources of funding that will enable concrete plans for developing a mixed-use community hub providing a range of services on the site.

We have been working to source funding to undertake feasibility studies of the Church site, which we hope will provide much needed facilities for the community. As a result of priorities identified through MPCAN's Vision Report and community consultations, our aspirations for the site include a place of worship, a social space and bar, NHS services, a laundrette, and possibly a small number of homes for social rent.

Throughout the past year SCCT has:

• Consolidated our board and policy framework as a newly incorporated Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and contracted a new architect and project manager to take forward the redevelopment of St Cuthberts site in partnership with the community, congregation, and Diocese.

• Further developed our plans to open up the possibility of community led housing as an income stream to support a range of much needed local facilities including a social club, laundrette, and hopefully also NHS services. This is vital in an area experiencing some of the most entrenched health inequalities in the city.

• Established Friends of St Cuthberts to support the work of the charity.

Accounts

January 2024 – December 2025

Date	Description	Income	Expenditure
04/04/20205	Gift from MPCAN to open bank account	500.00	

15 September 2026