Rowheath Pavilion Church

Trustees Annual Report for 8th October 2024 – December 2025

Reference and administration details

Trustees

Mrs Anna Burden (Chair) (resigned 19th October 2025)
Mrs Ruth Seadon (resigned 19th October 2025)
Mr Stephen Gray (resigned 19th October 2025)
Ms Maria-Therese Varnom (Chair) (20th March 2025)
Ms Sally Ann Seadon (20th March 2025)
Rev Anthony James Sands (19th October 2025)

Charity Number: 1210388

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Structure, Governance & management

Rowheath Pavilion Church was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation by the Charity Commission on 8th October 2024 with a new Registered Number 1210388. It replaced the Charitable Trust which bore the same name, Rowheath Pavilion Church which had the charity number 1048946, and had been established by a Declaration of Trust on 8th August 1995 The new CIO retained the same objectives, and scope of activities. The previous charity ceased to operate on 31st December 2024 and all assets and activities were transferred to the CIO on 1st January 2025. The initial three Trustees /Elders of the CIO were the same as those of the previous Trust. The Trustees approved the transfer and acceptance of the assets from the Charitable Trust to the CIO. Employees were advised of the transfer of their contracts to the new CIO. The Bankers have remained the same.

The church operates from Rowheath Pavilion in Bournville, Birmingham, which is run by a separate charity, Trinity Christian Centre Trust, which manages the community and sports centre, and became a registered place of worship during 2009.

At the start of 2025 the church employed a full-time senior minister. There were also two part-time fixed term administrative posts (10 hours per week in total). During the year the CIO recruited a part-time youth minister and a children's minister each at 11.25 hours per week.

The church trustees (elders), along with the ministers make day-to-day decisions, with major policy and budget issues put to the church members for approval. All candidates for trustees (elders) are put forward to a church meeting, where their appointment is confirmed. In 2025, the following were appointed:

- Maria-Therese Varnom (Chair) (20th March 2025)
- Sally Ann Seadon (20th March 2025)
- Anthony James Sands (19th October 2025)

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Objectives and activities

Rowheath Pavilion Church aims to serve God in the local community and the wider world, with our mission as 'Making friends in our neighbourhood and inviting them to experience Jesus' goodness'.

Rowheath Pavilion Church's vision over the next five years is 'to seek to grow into a significantly larger, multigenerational church, mainly built from people in our wider neighbourhood, and have greater impact for good locally'.

The church is outwardly focussed and aims to expand God's kingdom by the responsible and appropriate use of our resources as a centre for the community. We are all-inclusive in our approach, and openly encourage everyone to get involved.

In consideration of the Commission's guidance on public benefit, and in particular the guidance on charities for the advancement of religion, we encourage ordinary people to live out their faith through:

- Being part of one of our life groups where worship, prayer and fellowship help them grow in faith.
- Providing pastoral care and practical support for the elderly and the needy.
- Missionary and outreach work.
- Working with local children and youth to provide facilities and activities.

Achievements and Performance

Worship, Prayer and Fellowship

Rowheath Pavilion Church provides a range of activities throughout the year that our community benefits from, both spiritually and socially. This work is enabled by a wide range of people who volunteer their time and energy consistently throughout the year and for which the trustees are very appreciative. This includes:

a. our main Sunday morning service, including groups for children and youth.
b. the recent earlier Sunday morning service has continued with a more contemplative and liturgical format.

The church also has regular patterns of

c. Bi-weekly worship and prayer on Sunday evenings,
d. Regular life groups, hosted in members' homes.
e. Regular youth activities. During the summer the youth group went away to a 4 day youth conference with some other Midlands churches. This went very well and contributed to a growing sense of team and discipleship
f. Weekly Communion and Prayer - Each Wednesday at 1pm a short service of communion is offered to all. A time of prayer for people in the church and community is offered too.

The church has been an important contributor to the vibrant community life which occurs within Rowheath Pavilion (the community and sports centre which is also the church's meeting place), and which has significant impact as a centre for the community.

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We lead and support a variety of regular social, practical, and community activities which attract a variety of groups of different ages and backgrounds:

- Place of Welcome - Friday mornings through a dedicated team of volunteers this has developed into a growing ministry which attracts 40+ people, many of whom are not church members. There is an atmosphere of warmth, inclusion, acceptance and welcome. There is food and activities such as games, knitting, poetry, handicrafts, skills sharing and storytelling, as well as a SitFit exercise group for physical health and enjoyment.
- Stay & play – Monday morning group for parents/ carers and toddlers. This attracts approximately 50 people each week.
- Youth Group on Wednesday and Friday afternoons
- Games Café on Thursday nights
- Rowheath Active - The church continued to run this programme to encourage the sports and leisure community of Rowheath. This is an umbrella to activities including; Stretch n Flex, Self defence, Friday Volleyball, Sit Fit, Bourn Running.
- Rowheath Creative – a gathering where people pursue a variety of artistic pursuits

Pastoral Care

Throughout the pandemic pastoral care became a focus of attention and resources as many people have struggled with their health both physically and mentally. The church remains committed to offering pastoral support and care.

Pastoral care is mainly through our life group structure which ensures that many people are connected and cared for. There is also a team of volunteers responsible for wider pastoral care within the church, including weekly Chaplaincy services.

Financial Review

The church is self-funded, and the staff and activities are all supported through the generous giving of individuals. We are thankful to God for His provision. The church claims Gift Aid repayments.

The trustees review the performance of the charity throughout the year and monitor this against the annual budget. During the year, giving decreased because of a decline in membership. Consequently, the church leadership reviewed options and took steps to maintain a stable and sound financial position, to protect the operational resilience of the charity and to enable it to maintain its scope of operations. Over the whole year the church more or less broke even (deficit £1,438) but at the end of the year was running a monthly deficit

The church has a policy of giving away 10% of its income for missionary and related activities, and for the support of the UK denomination to which it belongs (Fellowship of Churches of Christ.)

During the year the Church held a Giving Day to increase financial support to local mission development.

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The trustees have a policy of holding reserves of unrestricted funds of six months expenditure plus £10,000 of operational cash. This ensures that in the event of a shortfall in our public donations, services can continue to be delivered and contractual obligations to staff can be met.

At the end of the financial year the free reserves stood at £79,503, an amount that was only £4,000 below target. The Trustees decided to review trends in giving with a view to addressing any adverse circumstances that had developed during the year.

Signed

Role	Name	Signature	Date
Chair of Trustees	Maria-Therese Varnom		11/8/26

Rowheath Pavilion Church

Charity Name	No (if any)
Rowheath Pavilion Church	1048946

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	08/10/2024		31/12/2025

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					
Voluntary income	134,614	-	-	134,614	151,929
Legacies	-			-	-
Grants	-	-		-	
Activity Fees	2,193			2,193	3,459
Bank interest	1,294			1,294	1,574
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	138,102	-	-	138,102	156,962
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
			-	-	
Sub total			-	-	-
Total receipts	138,102	-	-	138,102	156,962
A3 Payments					
Charitable activities	137995	1,544	-	139,539	148,113
			-	-	-
Sub total	137,995	1,544	-	139,539	148,113
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
			-	-	
Sub total			-	-	-
Total payments	137,995	1,544	-	139,539	148,113
Net of receipts/(payments)	106	- 1,544	-	- 1,438	8,849
A5 Transfers between funds			-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	76,839	1,544	-	78,383	69,534
Cash funds this year end	76,945	-	-	76,945	78,383

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	11,806	-	-
	Deposit account	65,139	-	-
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	76,945	-	-

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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 liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Creditors	General	724	22 January 2025

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
1	Maria-Therese Varnom	11/8/26

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	Charity Name Rowheath Pavilion Church		
On accounts for the period	08 October 2024 to 31st December 2025	**Charity no (if any)**	1210388
Set out on pages	1-6 (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 period **08/10/2024** to **31/12/2025**.

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 (other than that disclosed below *) 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:	RA Renfrew	**Date:**	10/08/2026
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