Church of England 6 Crown Street Endowment Fund

At the London Borough of Harrow

Charity No 208395

Annual report and accounts year ended 31st December 2025

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Trustees

Michael Williams (Chair)

Lynsey Metcalfe (Treasurer, appointed 27 May 2025)

Susan Thomas

Douglas Dodd

Background and objectives

The object of the charity is to support and further all or any of the charitable activities carried out in accordance with the principles and teachings of the Church of England in the area of benefit and in particular, those relating to:

1) The education and encouragement of people in the principles of temperance.
2) The preservation and safeguarding of the health of all persons and in particular people who are in danger of becoming addicted to or dependent upon illegal drugs of any description, alcohol, solvents and other addictive substances.

Until 2014, 6 Crown Street was a property run for the purposes of the Temperence Movement. In July 2014 this property was sold and the proceeds placed in an Endowment Fund.

The fund is managed by four volunteer trustees, appointed by the Vicar of St Mary's Church, Harrow-on-the-Hill.

Chair's Report

2025 was a year of development for the charity. We had a change of trustees with the appointment of Lynsey Metcalfe in May 2025, who has taken on additional responsibility as our treasurer. In August, St Mary's appointed a new vicar, Father James Mosher, and we have had several very constructive conversations with him and are evolving a much closer relationship with our mother church.

During 2025 our funding support increased from the previous year as we rolled out our strategy of 'Making a Difference". The deepening of our relationships with the front line service providers we support has placed significant additional responsibilities on our Trustees both in terms of oversight and our hands on involvement in supporting their operations. We began actively planning to add additional Trustees to both build and

broaden our capabilities. Entirely as planned, our grant funding now exceeds the earned income on our investments so we are also considering the impacts of this and how to rebuild our fund base.

The core long term (5 years) support we have committed to with Firm Foundation has enabled them to take a long-term lease on a disused church building. They have agreed external capital support partners and the Weldon Centre is now operating as a homeless centre with a particular focus on single homeless in Harrow with drugs and alcohol addictions. The recent addition of an outreach medical unit located in the homeless centre has made a major difference to their ability to tackle the addictions that many of the homeless face. During the course of the year Firm Foundation were able to move rough sleepers into rented accommodation at the rate of nearly one per week. This is an outstanding achievement. We are also discussing options to extend the night shelter beyond the January-March period.

Our funding support to four programmes introduced via The Young Harrow Foundation has given us the ability to reach much younger at risk groups. We set up a clear programme of mid and end of project reviews to enable us to evaluate the effectiveness of that effort. Whilst all four programmes impacted positively on under 18s at risk or actively involved in substance abuse, the insights we gained from this work have enabled us to refocus that work much more effectively going forward.

Our longer term support of Alcoholics Anonymous, the Street Pastors and in particular Ignite who work with younger at risk groups on the fringes of county lines drug running and associated knife crime continues to make significant contributions. We are now actively looking to broaden our work with Ignite to reach vulnerable young girls.

We have supported My Yard's programme of work on the Grange Farm estate. This is a very challenging environment with drink and substance misuse being endemic. One of our main focuses here is to reach children at risk of being excluded from mainstream education. The after-school clubs and homework support group have built some strong relationships and a good platform and trust base to talk about the dangers of substance abuse. There is more work to be done here in a challenging and constantly evolving situation.

Looking forward, we anticipate deepening our relationship with St Mary's church and the service partners we support. We have a clear objective to recruit additional trustees and to strengthen our funding base.

There are exciting and challenging times ahead but already we can see some positive impacts from our "Making a Difference" strategy, with work still to be done. However, we have renewed confidence we are on the right track.

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Financial report

The full value of our investment funds is held within the CCLA's COIF Charities Ethical Investment Fund. In 2025 the overall position of our investments fell by nearly £53,000, largely due to our "make a difference" strategy, which involved the sale of £70,000 of investment units.

We ended 2025 with an account balance of around £17,500, most of which was earmarked for projects in early 2026. For the first time this year, we received a small income from the sale of Crown St Trust merchandise at the St Mary's summer and Christmas fairs, part of our campaign to raise awareness of the charity in the local community. We also received a very small amount of cash donations and £400 of bank compensation following issues with Nat West.

We continue to work with the CCLA to ensure that our funds are invested to obtain the best possible returns and while the value of investments can go up or down, the Trustees are comfortable with maintaining a value that does not fall below £700k.

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	Balance Sheet	
	2025	**2024**
	£	**£**
CCLA Investments	935,903	1,058,703
Nat West Business Reserve	17,308	11,962
Nat West Current Account	200	200
Total Assets	**953,411**	**1,070,865**
Liabilities	-	-
Net Assets	**953,411**	**1,070,865**
Represented by		
Funds brought forward	1,070,865	1,039,234
Net income/(expenditure) for year	-64,654	3,345
Increase (decrease) in value of investments	-52,800	28,286
Funds carried forward	**953,411**	**1,070,865**

Income and Expenditure

	Year ending 2025	2024
Income	**£**	**£**
COIF Income	29,994	30,023
Bank Interest	152	215
Bank compensation	400	0
Product sales	556	0
Cash donations	40	0
Total Income	**31,142**	**30,238**
Expenditure		
Charitable grants	-95,279	-26,893
Expenses	-517	
Total expenditure	**-95,796**	**-26,893**
Net **Income/(Deficit)**	**-64,654**	**3,345**

	Donations in 2025
£	
35,001	Firm Foundation
47,884	Young Harrow Foundation
4,479	Ignite
5,915	AA (Trinity)
2,000	Harrow Street Pastors
95,279	**Total**

	Donations in 2024
£	
5,915	Trinity AA
11,667	Firm Foundation
9,311	Ignite 2024
26,893	**Total**

Independent Examiner's note:

I confirm that the accounts of the Crown St Trust have been examined and that they are a true and fair view of the accounts of the trust.

Independently examined by Mike Rocke, ACMA (ret.)