THE NANTWICH CHURCHWARDENS' MERGED CHARITY

Charity Number: 216367

Report and Accounts
for the year ended 31 August 2026

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

for the Year Ended 31 August 2026

Registered Charity No. 216367

The governing document of the charity to which the Trustees have adhered is the Trust Deed dated 4 June 2007.

Trustees who served during the year were:

Mr P Boxhall
Ms J Grubb
Rev M Hart
Mr N W Hutt
Clr P M Kirkham
Clr A Moran
Mr P S O'Brien
Ms E J Roberts
Mr R P Woods

Officers:

Chairman	Rev M Hart
Secretary	Mr N Hutt
Treasurer	Mr N Hutt

The object of the Trust is the relief of persons resident in the area of benefit who are in need, hardship or distress.

Review of the year

Starting Balance at 1 September 2025	£40,211
Income from invested capital and deposit account	£42,607
Expenditure	£43,048
Closing Balance at 31 August 2026	£39771

Financial aid

In the main the trustees fund front line charities to deliver aid to recipients. During this financial year £42048 was distributed in this way. £400 was given to an individual directly and a further £600 was given to The Rector of St Mary's Church Nantwich Discretionary fund to be used by him to help those approaching him with immediate needs.
A full list of the recipients and amounts given are listed in Note 2 of the Annual Accounts.

This report was approved by the Trustees at a meeting held on 28th October 2026

and signed on their behalf by ..... Rev Dr Mark Hart, Chairman

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE NANTWICH CHURCHWARDENS' MERGED CHARITY

I report on the accounts of the Trust (Registered Charity No. 216367) for the year ended 31 August 2026, which are set out on pages 5 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

    - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
    - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

    have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

B J Coghlan FCA

Date: 8th October 2026

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

for the Year Ended 31 August 2026

	Notes	2026 £	2025 £
Incoming Resources			
Dividends from Investments	1	42,300	39,855
Interest Received		307	300
Total Incoming Resources		42,607	40,155
Resources Expended			
Grants Made	2	43,048	39,900
Administration Expenses	3	0	0
Reinvestment of Surplus Income		0	0
Total Resources Expended		43,048	39,900
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources for the year		-441	255
Net movement in funds		-441	255
Increase/(decrease) in investment value during year		7,336	-56,611
Fund balance brought forward		1,391,689	1,448,045
Fund balance carried forward		**1,398,584**	**1,391,689**

The notes on page 7 form part of these accounts

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BALANCE SHEET

for the Year Ended 31 August 2026

	Notes	2026 £	2025 £
Investment	4	1,358,818	1,351,482
Current Assets			
Current Account	5	11,160	10,707
Deposit Account	6	28,611	29,504
Total Net Assets		**1,398,589**	**1,391,693**
Reserves		**1,398,589**	**1,391,693**

Approved by the Trustees at their meeting on 28th October 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Rev Dr M Hart, Chairman

Mr N Hutt, Treasurer

The notes on page 7 form part of these accounts

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

for the Year Ended 31 August 2026

Accounting Policies

The financial statements are generally prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015).

1. Dividends from Investments

A quarterly dividend is paid from the CCLA Charities Ethical Investment Fund (COIF) on the charity's investment (see note 4).

2. Grants Made

The following grants were made during the year:

Name	£
CLASP	5000
Dementia Friendly Nantwich	1935
End of Life Partnership	3010
Hope House	1500
LATH	1983
Millfields Primary School	4000
My CWA	10000
Nantwich Buddies	3000
Payment to an Individual	400
RASASC	3000
Rector's Discretionary Fund (M Hart)	600
South Cheshire Scouts (38th)	1000
Weaver Primary School	800
Wishing Well	6820

The trustees have also committed to future payments of:

2026/27 – £21590

2027/28 – £7000

3. Administration Expenses

No claims for administration expenses were made during the year.

4. Investment

The original investment was 446,174.18 income units in the CCLA Charities Ethical Investment Fund. These units were purchased in July 2014. At that time, they had an original purchase value of £805,522.86. Further purchases of 3180.46 units (£10,000) and 3539.57 (£10,000) were made in November 2021 and June 2023 respectively. The units are

valued at current value in the Balance Sheet and any annual increase or decrease reflected in the value of the fund.

5. Current Account

This Account is held with NatWest Bank with facility for electronic banking to manage the account and make payments electronically. The system retains the requirement for double 'signature' approval.

6. Deposit Account

This account is also held with the NatWest Bank. Funds can be transferred between this account and the current account without notice. The account is managed to maximise interest earned by minimising the balance in the current account.