LIBERTY CHURCH WIRRAL

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ended 31 December 2025

Registered charity	247826
Principal address	8 Devonshire Road, Prenton, CH43 4UL
Governing document	Declaration of Trust dated 1 April 1966, as amended on 27 April 2016
Trustees	Timothy Gregory (Chair) Joan Ogilvie Robert M. Goldsborough Samson Mahal
Independent examiner	Mr Sorin Zinculescu 35 Ridley Street, Birkenhead, Merseyside, CH43 4TT
Bankers	Lloyds Bank

1. Structure, governance and management

Liberty Church Wirral is a registered charity governed by a Declaration of Trust dated 1 April 1966, as amended on 27 April 2016. The trustees are responsible for the strategic direction, governance and proper administration of the charity and review church life, community activities, safeguarding, property matters, finance and future plans.

Trustees are appointed by invitation following careful consideration by the existing trustees of the skills, experience and abilities that prospective trustees may bring to the charity. During 2025, the trustees held one Annual General Meeting and three interim trustee meetings. All four trustees served throughout the year; there were no trustee appointments or resignations during 2025.

The trustees recognise the importance of maintaining an effective and appropriately skilled trustee body. The arrangements for trustee recruitment and appointment are being reviewed during 2026, when the charity anticipates that additional trustees may be appointed or changes made to the existing trustee body. A formal trustee appointment and induction policy will be developed, with suitable induction and training provided to new trustees.

2. Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes. The charity advances the Christian faith through worship, teaching, prayer, fellowship and outreach. It also seeks to serve the local community, particularly people experiencing need, hardship, isolation or distress, and to provide opportunities for children, young people and adults to participate in educational, social, artistic and community activities.

Public benefit. In planning the charity's activities, the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. Activities are intended to be accessible and beneficial to the wider community as well as to members of the congregation. The church building is increasingly used as a community resource throughout the week, including by groups and organisations whose work supports local people.

3. Activities and achievements during 2025

Christian worship, teaching and fellowship. Sunday worship remained at the centre of Liberty Church's life during 2025, supported by Sunday School, Bible teaching, prayer and fellowship. Bible study and opportunities to explore the Christian faith, including Alpha activity where scheduled, formed part of the church's continuing mission to reach and support people in the local community.

Community use and support. The Liberty Centre continued to develop as a church and community hub rather than a building used only for Sunday services. The premises supported community and social activity, including art, support and learning opportunities, and use by other community organisations. Café Connect continued to express the church's commitment to hospitality, friendship and practical care by providing a welcoming place for refreshments, conversation and company. Activities emerging around this period included support connected with ADHD, social gatherings and opportunities for outside groups to use the building. The trustees recognise the important contribution of volunteers who welcomed visitors, supported activities and helped maintain the premises.

Building improvement and volunteer contribution. A major focus during 2025 was the continuing improvement of the Liberty Centre. A significant step was achieved when problematic walls on the first floor were removed safely by specialists, made possible through the generosity of a donor. This cleared an important obstacle to the future renovation and use of the first floor. Volunteers also continued extensive work on the ground floor and basement, including painting, decorating and woodwork. This practical service improved the usefulness and appearance of the building while enabling members and friends of different ages to work and learn together. The Live Room and related music facilities remained part of the charity's wider vision for music, creativity, community engagement and the longer-term sustainability of the Centre.

Social and outreach events. Social events were used to build relationships and welcome people who might not ordinarily attend a church service. These included family-focused activities and a Fleetwood Mac tribute evening, 'Songbirds', held at the Liberty Centre on 15 November 2025. A Christmas social also formed part of the seasonal programme. These occasions helped strengthen community connections and widen awareness of the Centre.

Summary of impact. The trustees consider 2025 to have been a year of rebuilding and consolidation. Christian worship and witness remained central, while the building became increasingly capable of supporting activity throughout the week. Progress depended substantially upon volunteers, donors and supporters. Their contribution enabled Liberty to improve its premises, extend hospitality, host community activity and continue its Christian mission in Birkenhead and the wider Wirral area.

4. Financial review

The charity's 2025 cash-basis records show total income of £38,008.95 and total expenditure of £27,347.46, producing a surplus for the year of £10,661.49. At 31 December 2025 the charity held £9,836.50 in the bank and had no other assets or liabilities. Accordingly, total funds at the year end were £9,836.50, all unrestricted.

The trustees continued to monitor income and expenditure carefully and sought to apply the charity's resources directly to its purposes. Expenditure during the year supported Christian ministry, community activity, the operation and improvement of the Liberty Centre, and the associated costs of maintaining a safe and useful building.

Reserves policy. During 2025, Liberty Church Wirral did not have a formally documented reserves policy. The trustees monitored the charity's financial position and expenditure throughout the year and sought to maintain sufficient funds to meet the charity's ongoing commitments. The trustees intend to review and formalise a reserves policy during 2026, including consideration of an appropriate target level of unrestricted free reserves.

Restricted and designated funds. The charity held no restricted funds during 2025. Income received during the year was available to support the general charitable purposes and activities of Liberty Church Wirral.

Going concern. After reviewing the charity's financial position, commitments and anticipated income and expenditure, the trustees consider that the charity remains a going concern.

5. Risk management

The trustees reviewed the principal risks facing the charity and took reasonable steps to manage them. Key areas considered included financial sustainability, safeguarding, health and safety, fire safety, property condition, insurance, data protection and the safe management of volunteers and building users. There were no significant risks or incidents during 2025 requiring specific disclosure in this report.

6. Safeguarding

Liberty Church Wirral is committed to safeguarding children, young people and adults at risk. During 2025, the charity's Safeguarding Leads were Joan Ogilvie and Hannah Gregory. The trustees seek to ensure that appropriate safeguarding policies, safer recruitment arrangements, DBS checks where required, reporting procedures and appropriate training are maintained for relevant activities.

There were no serious safeguarding incidents reported during 2025. The safeguarding policy is scheduled for formal review during 2026.

7. Plans for the future

Building on the progress made during 2025, the trustees intend to continue developing Liberty Church Wirral both as a Christian church and as a welcoming community resource serving Birkenhead and the wider Wirral area.

Christian worship, teaching, prayer, discipleship and outreach will remain central to the charity's purpose. Alongside this, the trustees intend to increase the use of the Liberty Centre throughout the week, developing activities that address social isolation, provide practical support and create opportunities for people of different ages and backgrounds to meet, learn and build relationships.

The continued improvement of the Liberty Centre will be an important priority. Planned work includes further development of the first floor, improvement of the basement and music facilities, and continued investment in the safety, accessibility and general condition of the building. Fire safety and other essential compliance work will form an important part of this programme.

The trustees also wish to develop the Centre's frontage and improve the appearance and visibility of the building, including the longer-term development of community café facilities. These improvements are intended to make the Centre more welcoming and increase its usefulness to the local community.

Music and the creative arts will continue to form part of Liberty's community vision. The trustees intend to develop the Live Room and associated facilities, provide opportunities for musicians and other creative groups, and develop the skills of volunteers involved in music production and technical support.

The charity will actively seek grants, donations and other appropriate sources of funding to enable these developments to proceed without placing unsustainable demands upon the church's general finances.

The trustees also intend during 2026 to strengthen the charity's governance arrangements. This will include reviewing the composition of the trustee body, developing a formal trustee appointment and induction policy,

providing appropriate training for trustees, reviewing the safeguarding policy and establishing a formal reserves policy.

Through these developments, the trustees aim to ensure that Liberty Church Wirral remains firmly rooted in its Christian mission while developing the Liberty Centre as a safe, welcoming and increasingly valuable resource for the wider community.

8. Trustee responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom accounting standards. They are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, safeguarding the charity's assets, and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

9. Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Name: Joan Ogilvie

Position: Trustee

Signature: 

Date: 30th October 2025

Liberty Church Wirral

Profit and Loss

January-December, 2025

	Total
Income	
Catering	148.00
Crowdfunder	£696.86
Building donation for front facade	67.20
Roof repair fund raising	469.56
Total for Crowdfunder	**£1,233.62**
Live room Income	40.00
Rent received	£6,532.50
Room Rental	2,650.00
Total for Rent received	**£9,182.50**
Sale of Assets	50.00
Tithes & Offerings	18,556.30
Total Income	**£29,210.42**
Gross Profit	**£29,210.42**
Expenses	
Advertising/Promotional	26.97
Annual Conference	545.95
Bank Service Charges	34.87
Books and Publications	25.27
Cafe / Kitchen equipment	569.13
Cafe Consumables	464.39
Cafe Supplies	4,322.72
CefnLea2024	-150.00
Christmas stuff	40.00
Cleaning and Hygiene	155.66
Compliance	£1,115.97
Fire Alarm Service	375.22
Total for Compliance	**£1,491.19**
Consumables	68.09
Cricut Craft	89.88
Discipleship Items	£391.57
Welcome & follow-up item	25.99
Total for Discipleship Items	**£417.56**
DiY- Items	
Consumables - DiY	224.66
Total for DiY- Items	**£224.66**
Dues and Subscriptions	
AoG membership subscriptions	320.00
BarclayCard Card processing	200.00
Canva	142.89
Donation stand subscription	75.00
Right Now Media	180.00
safeguarding	159.00
Spotify	145.88
TV licence	174.75
Worship Tools	269.97

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January-December, 2025

	Total
WORSHIP U	139.13
Total for Dues and Subscriptions	**£1,806.62**
Gift shop	554.87
Gifts and Donations	-£1,781.04
Pastoral Gift	612.57
Total for Gifts and Donations	**-£1,168.47**
Health and Safety	38.02
Insurance	£1,612.26
Trustees liability insurance	90.72
Van Insurance	264.68
Total for Insurance	**£1,967.66**
Internet	£507.84
microsoft subscription	345.05
Total for Internet	**£852.89**
Leadership Training	115.57
Motor Expense	£775.27
Auto	485.84
Fuel	219.95
Parking	89.95
Total for Motor Expense	**£1,571.01**
Office Supplies	16.99
Payroll Expenses	
Wages	1,129.00
Total for Payroll Expenses	**£1,129.00**
Professional Fees	18.00
Repair and maintenance	£60.00
Roof repair	760.00
Total for Repair and maintenance	**£820.00**
Repairs	
Repair and maintenance	323.41
Total for Repairs	**£323.41**
security	52.22
Social Program	£7.48
Hospitality and social event	£1,129.93
Food support	1,398.03
Total for Hospitality and social event	**£2,527.96**
Total for Social Program	**£2,535.44**
Software Expense	
Dues and Subscriptions	456.33
Total for Software Expense	**£456.33**
Stationery	150.79
Subscriptions	£980.43
Takepayment- card machine rental	117.00
Total for Subscriptions	**£1,097.43**
Uncategorized Expenses	10.00

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	Total
Utilities	
Electricity	2,918.00
Gas	981.34
Waste Collection	395.28
Water Bill	614.99
Total for Utilities	**£4,909.61**
Volunteer Expenses	37.99
Website	100.00
Worship Area	469.09
Total Expenses	**£26,190.81**
Net Operating Income	**£3,019.61**
Other Income	
Cafe income	8,798.53
Other Miscellaneous Income	0.00
Total Other Income	**£8,798.53**
Other Expenses	
Advertising and Marketing	28.70
Childrens Work	13.69
Miscellaneous Expenses	377.59
Pastoral Services	122.98
Subsistence (workday)	109.10
The Live Room	504.59
Total Other Expenses	**£1,156.65**
Net Other Income	**£7,641.88**
Net Income	**£10,661.49**

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 Liberty Church Wirral		
On accounts for the year ended	31st December 2025	**Charity no (if any)**	247826
Set out on pages	Page one (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 **31st DECEMBER 2025**.

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:		**Date:**	30/10/2026
Name:	Mr Sorin Zinculescu		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	Experience gained in business and subsequently as a business manager in commercial property rentals.		
Address:	35 Ridley Street Birkenhead, Wirral. M/side CH43 4TT		

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.	