

Trustees Annual Return 2021-2022

Heavitree Community Preschool continues to strive for excellence and a very strong preschool. The setting is oversubscribed with a healthy waiting list.

Heavitree Community Preschool promotes active learning through play, whilst offering children the opportunity to excel across the seven areas of learning. Children are able to explore the setting fully inside and out with the correct balance of adult led group work.

We have continued to fully utilise the garden area, involving the children in all aspects, to teach them about growing and caring for the environment and life cycles of wildlife.

All planning and activities within the setting are a managed balance of Child-initiated and adult led. We use topic-based themes throughout the year, to focus our learning around whilst ensuring we are meeting the broad curriculum within the early years framework. We have a timetable for each day that we try to stick to, though often quite loosely. It helps the children to understand what to expect from the day, what comes next and when home time is etc. There is a visual picture timetable for the children to see and be shown if they are worried about anything to do with the routine. The room is set up to follow all areas of the EYFS. We try to adapt to the children's needs by making activities available inside and out and tailoring the activities to the children we have in on the day. All children have a key person; this person should be the first point of contact for all parental queries.

Due to fundraising activities and a grant secured from Local Authority we have been able to replace some of our older outdoor equipment with more challenging and fun equipment for the children.

Lunch and snacks- We promote healthy eating in pre-school, we encourage parents to send the children with a balanced lunch and fruit or vegetable snacks.

We started the year with a high ratio of staff to children, to sustain that level has been challenging but we have successfully recruited against vacancies created by natural turnover. Keeping staffing ratio high has enabled us to continue with staff led activities like outside trips to the woodlands, the local park and shops without compromising the children's care.

Despite the continuing impact of Covid 19 , we had another successful transition to schools this year with leavers enjoying a graduation party and picnic.

St. John's Church Ashbourne Financial Report for the twelve months ending 31st December 2022

The Trust has seen increased rental income compared to the previous two years, which were affected by the covid pandemic. This is good news because much of our total income comes from these rentals.

We have been protected from increases in electricity and gas prices because we have a 3-year fixed-rate agreement, which began in August 2021. However, we have seen a significant increase in the cost of heating oil, used for the church.

The Trust has been able to cover all necessary expenditure and finished the year with no outstanding creditors or debtors, although it should perhaps be noted that our contribution to the Church of England Common Fund was kept at £2,000 rather than the £6,000 recommended.

The General Fund shows a year-end surplus of £483 and the fund value is still healthy at just over £18,000, even though we have spent some £6,500 on elective projects during the year.

Some changes have been made to accounts –

A Major Maintenance fund was set up with initial seeding of £14,000 and a plan to feed into this monthly, from the General Fund (we originally agreed £200 / month but later increased this to £400).

Money in the NSI savings bond is now treated as savings rather than investment (the capital is not at risk) and so is no longer shown in the Investment Fund. This capital has been transferred to the major maintenance fund. Interest from the savings bond will be paid into the general fund.

A new fund has been created to manage the grant from DDDC for the 'Warm Spaces' project. This is a restricted fund since the grant is given for a specific purpose. The grant was received late in the year and nothing was spent from this fund before the end of the year (the project launched in January 2023).

Glenn Hughes

Treasurer, St. John's Church Charity

June 2023

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**Financial Statement for the 12 months ending
December 2022**

1. General Fund (unrestricted)	2022	2021
	£	£
Receipts		
pledged	40	240
collection	843	824
donation	625	750
fees	472	116
church rent	4,574	2,006
hall rent	11,197	5,499
office rent	2,580	1,980
house rent	4,989	5,029
interest	114	10
other	1,214	4,598
TOTAL RECEIPTS	26,648	21,051
Payments		
diocese	2,000	2,000
gifts / charity	121	95
services	166	170
insurance	3,041	2,612
church electricity	895	395
hall electricity	474	433
hall gas	859	987
church oil	1,953	741
church upkeep	2,098	3,136
hall upkeep	370	417
house upkeep	0	0
grounds upkeep	585	925
cleaning	2,653	1,113
water	91	0
major maintenance fund	2,000	
organist	0	0
verger	30	25
admin	2,298	540
projects	6,533	
other	0	0
TOTAL PAYMENTS	26,165	13,589
EXCESS / (DEFICIT)	483	7,462

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2. Investment Fund (unrestricted)	2022	2021
	£	£
Receipts		
income derived from NSI	111	2
income derived from COIF	42	41
income derived from BLK	1,172	1,172
unrealised gain / loss NSI investment	0	0
unrealised gain / loss COIF investment	-186	198
unrealised gain / loss BLK investment	-7,376	-792
TOTAL RECEIPTS	-6,237	622
Payments		
transfer to other funds	15,324	
TOTAL PAYMENTS	15,324	0
EXCESS / (DEFICIT)	21,562	622

3. Major Maintenance Fund (unrestricted)	2022	2021
	£	£
Receipts		
transfer from other funds	16,000	
donation	0	
interest	0	
other	316	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	16,316	0
Payments		
TOTAL PAYMENTS	0	0
EXCESS / (DEFICIT)	16,316	0

4. Warm Spaces Fund (restricted)	2022	2021
	£	£
Receipts		
donation	860	
other	0	

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TOTAL RECEIPTS

860

0

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH CHARITY
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2022

CHARITY NAME – ST. JOHN'S CHURCH CHARITY

CHARITY NUMBER – 515193

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of St. John's Church Charity Trust

We report to the trustees on our examination of the accounts of the St. John's Church Charity Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2022.

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').

We report in respect of our examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out our examination we have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

We have completed our examination. We confirm that no material matters have come to our attention in connection with the examination giving us cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

We 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: Coates and Partners Limited

Name: COATES AND PARTNERS LIMITED

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