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*Christian Fellowship*

**The Vine Christian Trust**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND TRUSTEES REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025**

# THE VINE CHRISTIAN TRUST

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# THE VINE CHRISTIAN TRUST

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

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**Trustees:** Christopher Dodd  
Michael Sebastian Henry (Acting Chair)  
Alun Rodney Johnson  
John Moffat  
Raymond Naphine - resigned 7 June 2025  
Michael Francis Rae  
Pablo Renjifo Reina

**Treasurer:** Michael Francis Rae

**Charity Number:** 518863

**Charity Address:** 14 Devonshire Road  
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**Charity Website:** <https://devyroad.com/>

**Independent Examiners:** Lifestyles Accountancy Limited  
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**Solicitors:** Brabners  
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# THE VINE CHRISTIAN TRUST

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

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The trustees submit their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)' (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

## STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

### Governing document

The Charity is a Charitable Trust which was registered on 26 June 1987. It is governed by its Deed of Trust dated 6 April 1986. The Charity is also a member of the Evangelical Alliance.

### Recruitment and appointment of the trustees

The board seeks to achieve a balance of skills and experience amongst the trustees. In order to maintain this, the board reviews its skill and experience mix each year and seeks to recruit new trustees when necessary.

According to the Deed of Trust, trustees are to be appointed by the Elders of the church, unless there are less than two elders, in which case the statutory powers of appointment are to be applied. The last time new trustees were appointed the Chairman put forward suggestions, which were discussed by the Trustees and the Elders at a meeting. Having made a decision, the Trustees then invited those persons to become trustees.

In appointing trustees due consideration is given to ensuring that the trustees have, between them, the skills and experience necessary to manage the Charity effectively and in accordance with Charity law.

### Trustee induction and training

The current board of trustees will provide any new trustee with an overview of the timetable of board meetings, copies of the recent minutes of meetings, the recent reports and accounts and explains their general and specific responsibilities.

Ongoing training is provided by the board of trustees as and when the need arises.

### Elders

Elders of the Charity are those individuals who have been given responsibility to run the day to day operation of the Charity, in consultation with the trustees, but are not themselves trustees. The elders who served during the year up to the date of this report were:

Mark Lewis  
John Moffat  
Peter Moffat

# **THE VINE CHRISTIAN TRUST**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)**

### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025**

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#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (continued)**

##### **Risk management**

The trustees are aware of the major risks to which the Charity is exposed to and have plans in place to mitigate these as far as possible. A full risk review is planned by the trustees to ensure that all known risks continue to be mitigated as effectively as possible.

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Objects of the charity**

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

The overall purpose of the Charity is the advancement of the Christian faith chiefly through evangelism, church meetings and missionary support.

This is achieved through a number of means, including evangelism, pastoral care and counselling, promoting Christian doctrine, relieving persons in need, providing meetings, equipment and other means of support for these activities. The Charity exists to support the Church in spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ by organising meetings, distributing Christian literature, films, etc. and to support people in times of their spiritual need. It also exists to perform charitable acts and services along with provision of public meetings. Leaflet, Bible distribution, outdoor meetings and involvement in the community, school activities, and retirement homes is carried out informally by groups in the church when opportunity arises.

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

Weekly worship meetings are held every Sunday morning and prayer meetings on Monday evening. These meetings are also available on Zoom for people who are not able to attend in person.

Other activities in the church include Community lunches, bible studies and pastoral care. The Joyful Kitchen Outreach at the church gate operates once a week during term times. Community lunches take place once a month and The Christian Fellowship School nearby, has access to the church kitchen for their Food Tech courses. Youth work includes a weekly meet up on Friday evenings and the group have weekends away at least one weekend a year. Outside of the church buildings, there are home group meetings weekly.

Once a month, an outreach is held at The Turner Home Men's Residential Care Home nearby. The church annually gathers at Quinta Christian Centre for The New Life Conference. Church business meetings are held as necessary to inform members of all activities and to discuss Church business. Trustees meetings are also held over the course of the year. Over the past year, there has been a focus on Safeguarding and even though we are confident we comply with Legal obligations, we are continually looking at ways to improve our commitment to all the church members.

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

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#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

##### Financial review of the year

In the year to 30 June 2025 income of £94,491 was received (2024 - £102,924). Costs during the year totalled £95,614 (2024 - £126,736) which generated a deficit throughout the year of £1,123 (2024 - £23,812). The deficit in the prior year mostly arose due to the additional costs of repair work needed on the property throughout that year.

##### Principal funding sources

The major source of income for the charity has come from donations from individuals who are members of the church and the associated gift aid tax reclaims on those eligible donations.

##### Grant Making Policy

The Charity gives regular financial support to people who have been members of the church and have gone to work as missionaries abroad. Additional gifts are also sometimes given to these people to support a particular aspect of their work. One off gifts are also given to visiting speakers where the church feels it would like to financially support the work of the speaker. All the work supported by the charity involves promoting the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

##### Reserves policy

The Charity's policy on reserves is to generate and maintain a balance which is sufficient:

- to preserve the financial viability of the Charity in the event that unforeseen and/or unavoidable circumstance precipitate a short-term fall in its income;
- to enable the Charity, in the interests of meeting its objectives, to undertake from time to time the setting up of new and innovative projects on a pilot basis to demonstrate the viability and potential benefits of such activities as a precursor to securing the external funding necessary to maintain such projects on an on-going basis; and
- to cover the unexpected repairs necessary on the buildings from which the Charity operates which are very old.

For these purposes the Charity will endeavour to generate and maintain unrestricted free reserves which are at least equal to 6 months of its annual expenditure.

As at 30 June 2025, 6 months expenditure was calculated to be £47,807, whilst the amount held in free unrestricted reserves was £71,105. The trustees appreciate that this level is in excess of what is immediately needed but is deemed appropriate given the age of the property and the level of possible ongoing repair and maintenance needed. The trustees keep the balance held in reserves under review.

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)

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#### FINANCIAL REVIEW (continued)

##### Remuneration of Trustees

All trustees act in a voluntary capacity and receive no remuneration or other material benefits from their services to the Charity. Out-of-pocket expenses necessarily and reasonably incurred by trustees in promoting the purposes of the Charity are reimbursed at cost.

##### PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

###### General plans

The Charity will continue its operations throughout the year, with a view to further its objectives. The Trust seeks to make provision for the future needs of the Church, both in respect of the maintenance of the buildings and the spiritual well being of the members of the Church.

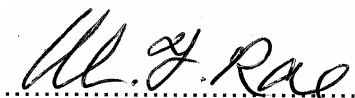
##### STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the period and of its financial position at the end of the period. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- a. select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- b. observe the methods and principals in the Charities SORP;
- c. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- d. state whether applicable UK accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- e. prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the board of trustees on 1 October 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Michael Francis Rae - Trustee

# THE VINE CHRISTIAN TRUST

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE VINE CHRISTIAN TRUST FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

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We report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2025, which are set out on pages 7 to 14.

### 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 our responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- (ii) 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
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

### Basis of independent examiner's statement

Our 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 our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

- a) which gives us 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 Acthave not been met; or
- b) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



**Daniel Styles (Independent examiner)**  
for and on behalf of Lifestyles Accountancy Limited

**Dated:** 9 October 2025

# THE VINE CHRISTIAN TRUST

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
<b>INCOME</b>					
Income from generated funds:					
Voluntary income:					
Donations and gifts	2	58,623	21,915	<b>80,538</b>	79,499
Miscellaneous	2	-	-	-	500
Investment income	3	13,953	-	<b>13,953</b>	22,925
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<u>72,576</u>	<u>21,915</u>	<u><b>94,491</b></u>	<u><b>102,924</b></u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>					
Charitable activities	4	74,862	20,652	<b>95,514</b>	126,473
Governance	5	100	-	<b>100</b>	263
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<u>74,962</u>	<u>20,652</u>	<u><b>95,614</b></u>	<u><b>126,736</b></u>
<b>NET (EXPENDITURE) / INCOME FOR THE YEAR</b>		<u>(2,386)</u>	<u>1,263</u>	<u><b>(1,123)</b></u>	<u><b>(23,812)</b></u>
Fund balances at 1 July 2024		253,581	325	253,906	277,718
Fund balances at 30 June 2025		<u>251,195</u>	<u>1,588</u>	<u><b>252,783</b></u>	<u><b>253,906</b></u>

The notes on pages 9 - 14 form part of these financial statements.

# THE VINE CHRISTIAN TRUST

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 JUNE 2025

	Notes	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	7	180,090	183,419
		<u>180,090</u>	<u>183,419</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors and prepayments	8	13,130	11,781
Cash at bank and in hand		59,889	59,032
		<u>73,019</u>	<u>70,813</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Creditors and accruals	9	326	326
		<u>326</u>	<u>326</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>72,693</u>	<u>70,487</u>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>		<u><u>252,783</u></u>	<u><u>253,906</u></u>
<b>FUNDS</b>			
Restricted funds	10 & 11	1,588	325
Unrestricted funds		251,195	253,581
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u><u>252,783</u></u>	<u><u>253,906</u></u>

Approved and signed on behalf of the board on 1 October 2025 by:



Michael Francis Rae - Trustee

The notes on pages 9 - 14 form part of these financial statements.

# THE VINE CHRISTIAN TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

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### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### a Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### b Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds which have been set aside by the trustees for particular expected future expenditure in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements where relevant.

#### c Income

All income is included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

#### d Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

# THE VINE CHRISTIAN TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

#### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

##### e Fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £500 are capitalised and included at cost including and incidental expenses of acquisition.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold property	0% reducing balance
Equipment	20% reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	15% reducing balance
Motor vehicles	25% reducing balance
Worship books	10% straight line

#### 2 VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
<b>Donations and gifts:</b>				
Donations received	46,416	21,915	<b>68,331</b>	67,689
Gift aid tax recoverable	12,207	-	<b>12,207</b>	11,810
<b>Miscellaneous income:</b>				
Energy rebate	-	-	-	500
	<b>58,623</b>	<b>21,915</b>	<b>80,538</b>	<b>79,999</b>

#### 3 INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Rental income	13,216	-	<b>13,216</b>	22,158
Bank interest received	737	-	<b>737</b>	767
	<b>13,953</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,953</b>	<b>22,925</b>

# THE VINE CHRISTIAN TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

### 4 COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
<b>Mission costs:</b>				
Grants and donations given	12,579	20,652	33,231	48,498
Visiting speakers	1,900	-	1,900	750
Youth work	40	-	40	95
Sunday school / creche	117	-	117	61
Outreach	484	-	484	435
	<u>15,120</u>	<u>20,652</u>	<u>35,772</u>	<u>49,839</u>
<b>Property costs:</b>				
Repairs and maintenance	13,381	-	13,381	38,195
Insurance	5,013	-	5,013	4,544
Council tax and water rates	11,469	-	11,469	10,006
Electricity and gas	13,692	-	13,692	10,381
	<u>43,555</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,555</u>	<u>63,126</u>
<b>Support and administration costs:</b>				
Telephone and internet	1,578	-	1,578	1,857
Vehicle and travel expenses	3,992	-	3,992	2,193
Computer costs	4,358	-	4,358	2,232
Bank charges	308	-	308	250
DBS check fees	159	-	159	599
Depreciation	3,329	-	3,329	4,035
Sundry expenses	2,463	-	2,463	2,342
	<u>16,187</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,187</u>	<u>13,508</u>
	<u>74,862</u>	<u>20,652</u>	<u>95,514</u>	<u>126,473</u>

# THE VINE CHRISTIAN TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

#### 5 GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Independent examination	100	-	100	100
Legal and professional fees	-	-	-	163
	100	-	100	263

#### 6 EMPLOYEES AND TRUSTEES REMUNERATION

No trustee received any remuneration throughout the year neither were there any employed staff.

#### 7 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold Land & Buildings £	Furniture & Equipment £	Motor Vehicle £	Total £
<b>Cost or valuation</b>				
At 1 July 2024 & 30 June 2025	163,791	97,246	2,000	263,037
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 July 2024	-	78,251	1,367	79,618
Charge for year	-	3,171	158	3,329
At 30 June 2025	-	81,422	1,525	82,947
<b>Net book value</b>				
At 30 June 2025	163,791	15,824	475	180,090
At 1 July 2024	163,791	18,995	633	183,419

#### 8 DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	2025 £	2024 £
Income tax recoverable	12,207	10,869
Prepayments	923	912
	13,130	11,781

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

### 9 CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	226	226
Accruals	100	100
	<u>326</u>	<u>326</u>

### 10 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Fixed assets	180,090	-	<b>180,090</b>	183,419
Current assets	71,431	1,588	<b>73,019</b>	70,813
Current liabilities	(326)	-	<b>(326)</b>	(326)
	<u>251,195</u>	<u>1,588</u>	<u><b>252,783</b></u>	<u><b>253,906</b></u>

# THE VINE CHRISTIAN TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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#### 11 RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance at 1 Jul 24 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 30 Jun 25 £
Missionary Support	325	21,915	(20,652)	1,588
	<u>325</u>	<u>21,915</u>	<u>(20,652)</u>	<u>1,588</u>

The restricted funds received as shown above represent donations made from church members for specific missionaries and organisations to which the charity passes to the intended recipient on a monthly basis.

#### 12 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Throughout the year there were no known disclosable related party transactions (2024 - none).