# ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016

#### **ABINGDON VINEYARD CHURCH**

**CHARITY REGISTRATION NO: 1123914** 

**COMPANY REGISTRATION NO: 06513569** 

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#### **LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

CHARITY NUMBER 1123914

**COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER** 06513569

**START OF FINANCIAL YEAR** 1 April 2015

END OF FINANCIAL YEAR 31 March 2016

DIRECTORS AT 31 MARCH 2016 Mr Ray Ball

Mr Dominic Rogers Mr Chas Winder

Mrs Harriet Kanyanta (appointed 7th June 2015)

COMPANY SECRETARY Mr Dominic Rogers

REGISTERED ADDRESS PO Box 533

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**DATE OF INCORPORATION** 26 February 2008

**GOVERNING DOCUMENT** Memorandum and Articles of Association

**BANKERS** The Co-operative Bank Plc

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#### **OBJECTS**

(i) to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs in such ways and in such parts of Abingdon, The United Kingdom or the World as the trustees from time to time may think fit; (ii) to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counselling and support in such parts of Abingdon, The United Kingdom or the World as the trustees from time to time may think fit; (iii) the trustees must use the income and may use the capital of the charity in promoting the objects.

# REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016

#### Structure, Governance and management:

Description of the Charity's trusts

Governing Document:
Directors selection method:
Additional Governance issues:
Policies and procedures for inducting and training directors

} Please see
} Articles &
} Memorandum

} attached

#### **Organisational structure**

The Trustees are responsible for the good governance of the charity. They meet as required and by electronic means to review and agree the annual budget, to review and improve the function of the charity and monitor the financial position in line with the budget. The charity is managed on a day to day basis by the Senior Pastor and Finance Manager, both of whom are Directors and Trustees. Significant financial commitments are reviewed and agreed at a meeting of the Trustees, prior to implementation. Most of the activities and ministries of the church are led by and undertaken by volunteers. There is one paid member of staff, a student Children and Family Worker, who is on a two year degree course with CYM Oxford. The student is employed part-time under a scheme where this charity provides a professional practice placement and benefits from work of the student.

#### Relationship with related parties

The charity continues to make a significant contribution to the local community both as a local church and in the coordination of family orientated activities that open up relationship within the community and provides services to the community. The charity also works with other churches on community initiatives and to make church accessible to the community in its variety of traditions. Working through local support agencies the charity has been successful in providing small household items and bedding etc. to families in need, also hampers at Christmas through its Storehouse ministry.

Open meetings and events are normally held at the Preston Road Community Centre, itself a charitable organisation, and with whom good relations have been developed with the church supporting the operation and management of the centre by volunteer help and being represented on the management committee.

The charity continues to have good working relationships with the Police, Police Community Support Officers and Social Services. The charity, as part of its community outreach, continues to organise and fund the weekly Baby & Toddler Group and South Abingdon Youth Club the latter run as a partnership of the Police Neighbourhood Policing Officers and the Preston Road Community Centre. The charity continues to look at opportunities for partnering or collaborating with other charities having complementary objects to enhance our work in the community to the mutual benefit of all parties concerned. The charity is a member of the Church in Abingdon collective making relationship with other churches easier to maintain.

#### Objects of the charity and review of principal activities

The Objects of the Charity are for the benefit of the public: (a) to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs in the Schedule hereto attached in such ways and in such parts of Abingdon, the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit; (b) to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counselling and support in such parts of Abingdon, the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit; (c) The Trustees must use the income and may use the capital of the Charity in promoting the Objects.

The principal activities of the charity in pursuance of its objectives are the advancement of the Christian faith, education and training and the relief of the needy. The vision for the Abingdon Vineyard Church that the leaders had when the church was first planted and set up as a charity was that it would be a 'church without walls' reaching out into the community through demonstrating Christian principles though actions and activities in the community.

### REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016

Under the leadership of the Senior Pastor, supported by his leadership team, ministries within the church continue to mature meeting the spiritual needs of members through teaching, pastoral care and fellowship at weekly Small Groups and at Sunday open meetings. We meet every Sunday providing a greater opportunity to engage with the community offering variety in our meetings including our monthly family friendly 'Vineyard Breakfast Sunday' with breakfast refreshments and activities provided free to all. Weekly Small Groups are the principal place where our members can grow spiritually and develop strong friendships through sharing in bible teaching, prayer for each other in an informal and comfortable environment. Our numbers continue to grow slowly adding new skills and abilities to what we are able to do both inside and outside of the church.

For the community at large and in pursuance of its outreach to the community, the charity has organised key family fun events on its own and with other churches. Of particular note is our increasingly popular and noted annual Easter Party in the Park event. This attracts over 100 children with their families for traditional games and Bunny Hunt, with the Easter message woven into proceedings. This year we also part sponsored and supported an Oxfordshire Play Association (charity) Play and Activity Day in the local park. The event was free to all and was the first of its kind in the area attracting hundreds of local family members. These events have been very successful in breaking down social barriers and in demonstrating the inclusive nature of the modern church.

The charity continues to recognise the need for organised activities for young people in the south of the town. Since its formation at the beginning of 2009 the South Abingdon Youth Club has continued to meet a need for young people of South Abingdon. Through its recreational activities and 'Vineyard Cafe', offering low cost snacks, the club has grown as a popular meeting place with an average weekly attendance of between 30 and 50 young people. The club does not require membership to the church and is available free to any young person in the age group of 10 to 15 years living in the South Abingdon area. A new generation of young people have joined the club this year joining well over a hundred young people who have registered and used the club since in the year. The Youth Club continues to open every Friday during school term time with a variety of theme activities available as well as traditional games. For young people reaching the age of 15 years an opportunity is provided for on-the-job training as Junior Leaders. The role has a specific Job Description and offers a form of a work experience through a structured itinerary in task leadership and increasing responsibility. There were four such Junior Leaders in this reporting year.

To provide the opportunity for young people to discover more about the Christian Faith, the charity continues run a Youth Alpha type courses that discusses the basis for Christianity in an evidential manner. This allows those attending to make their own minds up and to explore as little or as much as they choose. The charity continues to sponsor the attendance of young people at the national Soul Survivor youth Christian festival to join with thousands of other youngsters in discovering more about the faith in a fun inclusive environment.

The charity also provided an adult Alpha course as part of a Church in Abingdon annual initiative to provide courses through its member churches.

Within the church administration, leaders have received training through attendance at the 4 day Vineyard UK National Leaders Conference that brings Vineyard church leaders and potential leaders together to share experiences and to receive sound teaching through presentations by internationally recognised speakers. The conference brings knowledge, refreshing and spiritual growth that contributes significantly to delivering the objectives of the church. The charity has been able to extend training for specific ministries to provide opportunities for leaders to attend relevant conferences meeting with leaders from other churches to share and learn from the wider group. In house training has also taken off to develop our leaders and to underpin the objects of the charity. In our Worship Team, we continue to offer the opportunity for younger musicians to be part of our team and play along with established musicians which provides a valuable learning opportunity and builds confidence.

#### REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016

Fulfilment of the charity's objectives concerning relief of hardship, our ministry to the needy, is both inward and outward facing. We seek to directly support the needy within the church (inward facing) directly through our Home Group and ministry leaders. Pastoral care, and practical support are provided to anyone according to their need and introductions to outside agencies can be arranged through contacts the church has developed where specialist support is needed. The charity continues to support the Christians Against Poverty (CAP) charity through regular donation and offers church contact to CAP clients in Abingdon. We also launched 'Isaiah 61' that provides a drop in group for depressed or anxious people to come and talk through their issues with others who have suffered similarly.

Through the charity's 'Storehouse' ministry (outward facing) we continue to provide basic household items to families and individuals in need who are trying to establish homes under various circumstances. This ministry is conducted under local support agency introduction or referral and is well received by the agencies and recipients alike. This year the charity was able to increase the number of Christmas hampers distributed to families identified by our Social Services with each hamper being matched to the size of the family and each child received a quality toy or gift appropriate to their age and gender.

The charity continues to work hard with the Community Centre (charity) where the church meets and conducts a lot of activities with a joint aim of enhancing the operation of the centre to become a 'Community Hub' with a diverse range of activities and support for the local community.

#### Further financial review details:

#### **Principle sources of funds**

The majority of our funds come from regular donations and people are free to donate or not according to their personal situation. We do not hold collections. Our regular donations are uplifted through the Gift Aid scheme and we are recognised as a Charity for the purposes of Tax.

We have a small income specifically for the Youth Club which is held in a restricted fund.

#### How expenditure supports key activities of the charity

With the exception of our student Children and Family worker, we do not have any other paid staff. Thus all other expenditure is available for promoting and delivering the objects of the charity. Our main assets have either been donated (prior to incorporation) or have been recently purchased so renewal is accounted for in allowances for depreciation. All venues are hired so there are no maintenance costs. Our overhead costs are therefore low so as well as delivering our objectives we are also holding reserve funds to cover any lean periods of donation and to support future development of the charity.

#### **Investment policy**

We have chosen to place our reserve funds in a low risk ethical deposit account with easy access. Our reserves include funds set aside in a designated fund for Church Development to support the charity's aspirations for growth and the provision of greater access for the community. This is consistent with our objectives of the advancement of the Christian faith, education and training and the relief of the needy.

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

#### Statement of Director's responsibilities:

The Charities Act and the Companies Act require the Board of Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit of the charity. In preparing those financial statements the Board is

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- . make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume
- that the charity will continue in business.
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial

statements

The trustees are responsible for maintaining adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with regulations made under the Charities Act. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of traud and other irregularities.

The trustees are also responsible for the contents of the trustees' report, and the responsibility of the independent examiner in relation to the trustees' report is limited to examining the report and ensuring that, on the face of the report, there are no inconsistencies with the figures disclosed in the financial statements.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

I approve the attached statement of financial activities and balance sheet for the year ended 31 March 2016, and confirm that I have made available all information necessary for its preparation.

Signed on behalf of the board by R. Ball

Date of Dic 2016

PRINT NAME: R BALL

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	TOTAL 2016/15 £	TOTAL 2015/14 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FR	OM:					
Donations and Legacies	3a	74,411	0	0	74,411	43,006
Other Income	3b	217	0	0	217	139
Charitable Activities	3c	1,425	0	0	1,425	1,557
TOTAL INCOME		76,053	0	0	76,053	44,702
EXPENDITURE ON:					•	
Raising Funds	4a	228	0	0	228	140
Charitable Activities	4b	36,524	1,263	0	37,787	37,414
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		36,752	1,263	0	38,015	37,554
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		39,301	(1,263)	0	38,038	7,148
Transfers Between Funds		(39,301)	296	39,005	0	0
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		-	(967)	39,005	38,038	7,148
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total Funds Brought Forward		31,447	967	57,148	89,562	82,414
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWA	RD	31,447	0	96,153	127,600	89,562

Movements on all reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above. All of the organisation's operations are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

#### **BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2016**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	31-Mar-16 Total £	31-Mar-15 Total £
Fixed Assets						
Tangible assets	2	1,890	0	0	1,890	2,472
Current Assets						
Debtors	7	8,688	0	0	8,688	8,591
Cash at bank and in hand		23,410	0	96,153	119,563	79,419
Total Current Assets		32,098	0	96,153	128,251	88,010
<b>Creditors:</b> amounts falling due within one year	8	2,541	0	0	2,541	920
NET CURRENT ASSETS		29,557	0	96,153	125,710	87,090
TOTAL ASSETS less current liabilit	ies	31,447	0	96,153	127,600	89,562
NET ASSETS		31,447	0	96,153	127,600	89,562
Funds of the Charity						
General Funds		31,447	0	0	31,447	31,447
Designated Funds	6	0	0	96,153	96,153	57,148
Restricted Funds	5	0	0	0	0	967
Total Funds		31,447	0	96,153	127,600	89,562

The directors are satisfied that for the year ended on 31 March 2016 the charitable company was entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and that no member or members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act. However, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an Independent Examiner whose report appears on page 16.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015).

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for ensuring that the company keeps proper accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit and loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

Approved by the Board on 94 Dec 2016

Signed on their behalf by R Ball, Director. Print name R BALL

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016

#### **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 for Smaller Entities published on 16/7/14, the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015) and the Companies Act 2006.

Advantage has been taken of Section 396(5) of The Companies Act 2006 to allow the format of the financial statements to be adapted to reflect the special nature of the charity's operation and in order to comply with the requirements of the SORP.

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No 1 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement.

The particular accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Income

Recognition of Income

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the Directors believe it is probable they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

#### Income with related expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resource and related expenditure are reported gross in the SOFA.

#### Grants and Donations

Grants and Donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

#### Tax reclaims on Donations and Gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SOFA in the same financial period as the gift to which they relate.

#### Contractual Income and Performance Related Grants

This is only included in the SOFA once the related goods or services has been delivered.

#### Gifts in Kind

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SOFA as incoming resources when receivable.

#### Donated Services and Facilities

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

#### Volunteer Help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the Directors' annual report.

#### Investment Income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

#### Investment gains and losses

This included any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016

#### **Expenditure and liabilities**

#### Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

#### Governance Costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of the Directors' meetings and cost of any legal advice to Directors on governance or constitutional matters.

#### Changes in Accounting policies and previous accounts

The charity has opted to follow the SORP (FRSSE) for the financial year ending 31 March 2016. The comparative figures have been restated to reflect the requirements of Charity reporting. There is no effect on the results for the year ended 31 March 2015 or the net assets at 31 March 2015.

#### Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity:

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £400. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

Depreciation is calculated at a rate to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets on a straight line basis over their estimated useful lives. The rates applied per annum are as follows:

Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment

20%

2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	Notes		Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
FIXTURES, FITTINGS AND EQUIPMENT					
Cost		01-Apr-15	9,989	0	9,989
Additions -			0	0	0
Cost at		31-Mar-16	9,989	0	9,989
Depreciation		01-Apr-15	7,517	0	7,517
Charge			582	. 0	582
Depreciation at		31-Mar-16	8,099	0	8,099
Net Book Value		31-Mar-16	1,890	0	1,890
Net Book Value		31-Mar-15	2,472	0	2,472

The annual commitments under non-cancelling operating leases and capital commitments are as follows:

31 March 2016: None 31 March 2015: None

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016

3. INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2016/15 £	TOTAL 2015/14 £
a) Donations and Legacies					
Donations		0	0	0	1,042
Gift Aid tax reclaimed		8,182	0	8,182	7,024
Legacies		30,000	0	30,000	0
Offerings		36,229	0	36,229	34,940
		74,411	0	74,411	43,006
b) Other Income		217	0	217	120
Bank interest received		217	U	217	139
Sum medicatives		217	0	217	139
c) Charitable Activities					
Events		184	0	184	0
Other Activities		110	0	110	147
Primary Purpose Trading Activities:					
CD Sales		52	0	52	156
Youth Club tuck shop		1,079	0	1,079	1,254
		1,425	. 0	1,425	1,557

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016

#### 4. EXPENDITURE ON:

4. EXPENDITURE ON:				
	Unrestricted		TOTAL	TOTAL
Not		Funds	2016/15	2015/14
	£	£	£	£
a) Raising Funds				
Advertising and promotion	71	0	71	0
CD Purchases	157	0	157	140
	228	0	228	140
b) Charitable Activities				
Furthering Charitable Aims				
Association of Vineyard Churches	3,421	0	3,421	1,900
Children's work	801	0	801	552
Church overheads	5,312	0	5,312	6,069
Church youth activities	3,559	0	3,559	4,343
Conferences, teaching and training	2,888	0	2,888	2,292
Depreciation	582	0	582	748
Evangelism _ 5	1,170	713	1,883	630
External giving	2,850	0	2,850	8,378
Gifts to church helpers	77	0	77	0
Meetings	5,786	0	5,786	4,507
Ministry event costs	1,085	0	1,085	689
Other activities costs	188	0	188	0
Wages and Salaries 9	7,280	0	7,280	4,247
Youth Club 5	1,105	550	1,655	2,639
Governance				
Independent Examiners fees 8	420	0	420	420
	36,524	1,263	37,787	37,414

#### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)** FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016

#### **5. RESTRICTED FUNDS**

The Youth Club fund relates to funds donated specifically for the Youth Club and cannot be spent on any other church activities.

The Compassion Ministry fund relates to monies donated to the church, to be used specifically for the help of the poor and the needy.

The restricted funds are wholly represented by cash reserves of the charity

#### 6. DESIGNATED FUNDS

	Balance 01-Apr-15 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer Btw Funds £	Balance 31-Mar-16 £
Church Development Fund	57,148	(	0	39,005	96,153
·	57,148	(	0	39,005	96,153

The Church Development Fund is money set aside for possible future building projects.

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 31-Mar-16 £	Total 31-Mar-15 £
Prepayments	540	0	540	1,060
Tax Recoverable	8,148	0	8,148	7,531
•	8,688	0	8,688	8,591

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016

### 8. CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

DOE WITHING ONE PEAK	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 31-Mar-16 £	Total 31-Mar-15 £
Accruals	2,121	0	2,121	500
Independent Examiners Fees	420	0	420	420
	2,541	0	2,541	920

#### 9. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

Crear Wages and Salaries	31-Mar 2016 £	31-Mar 2015 £ 4,247
Gross Wages and Salaries Employer's National Insurance Costs	7,280 0	4,247
Pension Contributions	0	0
	7,280	4,247
Employees who were engaged in each of the following activities:	<b>31-Mar</b> <b>2016</b> TOTAL	<b>31-Mar</b> <b>2015</b> TOTAL
Activities in furtherance of organisation's objects	1	1
	1	1

Abingdon Vineyard employs one staff member. No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000. Staff are paid through the PAYE system.

#### 10. DIRECTORS AND OTHER RELATED PARTIES

No payments were made to directors or any persons connected with them during this financial period. No material transaction took place between the organisation and a trustee or any person connected with them.

#### 11. RISK ASSESSMENT

The directors actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated, combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The directors have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016

#### 12. RESERVES POLICY

The directors have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and the level of financial commitments held. The directors aim to ensure the charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The directors will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

#### 13. PUBLIC BENEFIT

The charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the charity has achieved this are provided in the Trustees report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.