



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 January 2023

To

31 December 2023

Charity name: Weston-super-Mare Spiritualist Church

Charity registration number: 1159933

Objectives and Activities

<p>Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document</p>	<p>The objects of the Church are to advance the religion and the religious philosophy of Spiritualism on the basis of the Seven Principles of SNU Spiritualism.</p>
<p>Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.</p>	<p>Weekly activities open to all: Sunday Divine Service, Open Circle, Guild, Spiritual Healing, Awareness Group Periodic activities open to all: Demonstrations of Mediumship, Sittings, Workshops Communication to the public through website and Facebook page Provided a Christmas party and Warm Get Togethers open to all who attend the Church and their friends/family</p>
<p>Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit</p>	<p>The Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant</p>
<p>Contribution made by volunteers</p>	<p>The Church is run by volunteers, who are committed to the long term running of the Church and ensuring that all, who visit the Church, are made welcome and feel comfortable. The Church Committee are particularly grateful for the contribution of volunteers who are not Committee Members: Ann Gibbins for running the Guild, Huw Boyce for taking on the role of Healing Leader, Michael Clifton for running the Open Circle and Andrew Cairns for keeping the Church clean.</p>

Achievements and Performance

<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p>	<p>Promoted awareness of the Seven Principles both in the Church and to the wider public through our Internet presence Provided a welcoming environment and comfort to those in need visiting the Church through the philosophy and religion of Spiritualism Provided education and practice through our Circles Provided an opportunity for people attending the Church to discuss Spiritualism and to experience being part of a Spiritualist community Put the Seven Principles into practice through fundraising for local charities: Easter, Harvest and Christmas Raffles, and collections in aid of charities: MIND UK, Weston Hospicecare and Somewhere to Go. Sittings and Sitting with a Medium raffles in aid of charity South West Children's Hospice. Collection in aid of the Poppy Appeal. Food collection point for WSM Foodbank. Promoted Pride Burnham-on-Sea Spiritual Medium event through Facebook and posters and by buying advertising brick</p>
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Reserves are held to fund significant future maintenance requirements of the building and as a contingency for rising fuel prices and inflation
Amount of reserves held	£20k
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	North Somerset Council decided not to implement the Residents Parking Zone (RPZ) which North Somerset Council, so this risk has been removed. No other uncertainties

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts	
Type of governing document	Constitution adopted 1 December 2017
How is the charity constituted?	The Church is affiliated with the Spiritualists National Union.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	All Officers and Members of the Church Committee are Trustees of the charity. Officers and Members are elected in accordance with the Rules for Churches 2022 (Rules 10-13)

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Weston-super-Mare Spiritualist Church
Other name the charity uses	Weston-super-Mare National Spiritualist Church
Registered charity number	1159933
Charity's principal address	2 Stafford Road Weston-super-Mare BS23 3BW

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Rachel Arnold	President and Church Representative		Members
2	Pat Bendall	Senior Vice-President		Members
3	Diana Starling	Vice-President		Members
4	William Tomlinson	Treasurer		Members
5	Laura Chalmers	Secretary		Members
6	Steve Satchwell	Local Warden and Trust Representative		Members
7	Raymond Tallis			Members
8	Philippa Hooper			Members
9	Sharon Ledbrook			Members
10	Ann Peck		To November 2023	

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
None		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
None		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	None
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	None

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
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Full name(s)	Rachel Arnold	Laura Chalmers
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Position	President	Secretary
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Date	7 th April 2024
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