

ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
COLEHILL

Annual Report for the year ended
31 December 2016

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Reference and administrative details of the Charity, its Trustees and Advisers

Full name of the Charity	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Michael and All Angels, Colehill, known as St Michael and All Angels
Charity Registration Number	1134712
Address of the Charity	St Michael's Church Centre, Colehill Lane, Colehill, Wimborne, Dorset. BH21 7AB

TRUSTEES

Ex Officio Trustees

Incumbent	Revd Suzanne Pattle	Chair
Parish Priest	Revd Lorraine McGregor	
Licenced Lay Ministers	Mr Malcolm Chisholm	
	Mr Alan Motson (Reader Emeritus 25 Sept 2017)	Treasurer (co-opted to PCC Oct 2016 following change in status)
	Mr John Weaver (Reader Emeritus 24 Jan 2016)	
Deanery Synod Representatives	Mrs Muriel Jacobs	
	Mrs Janice Stones	
	Mrs Freda Smith	

Elected Trustees

Mr Robin Hill	Church Warden
Mrs Marjorie Shaw	Church Warden and Lay Chair
Mrs Jill Beech	Electoral Roll Officer (until 10 April 2016 but remaining as ER by agreement of PCC)
Mrs Joanne Clayton	Deputy Parish Safeguarding Representative - Re-elected 10 April
Mr Nigel Davies	Re-elected 10 April
Mr Richard Ely	
Mr Robert Heaton	Health and Safety Officer (from 10 April 2016)

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	Mrs Claire Heaton	From 10 April 2016
	Mrs Daphne Jones	
	Miss Barbara King	
	Mr Steve Kingston	Health and Safety Officer (until 10 April 2016)
	Mrs Ann Plummer	PCC Secretary From 10 April 2016
	Mr Robert Plummer	Minutes Secretary (from 10 April 2016) Co-opted onto PCC
	Mrs Elizabeth White	Parish Safeguarding Representative
	Mrs Gunilla Vincent	Until 10 April 2016
Independent Examiner	Mr George Vincent, 53 Canford View Drive, Colehill, Wimborne, Dorset.	
Bankers	TSB 5 The Square, Wimborne, Dorset.	

Structure, governance and management

The Church of St Michael and All Angels is situated in Colehill, near Wimborne Minster in Dorset. It is part of the Diocese of Salisbury.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity registered with the Charity Commission.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Objectives and activities

St Michael's Parochial Church Council has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church; spiritual, pastoral, prophetic, evangelistic, ecumenical and social. It also has the responsibility for the fabric of the church and for the operation of St. Michael's Church Centre.

The PCC met 5 times during the year. Other committees met at various times and, where appropriate, discussions and decisions at these committees were presented to and discussed by the PCC.

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Committees

The PCC operates through a number of committees and sub groups, which meet between full meetings of the PCC. The principal committees are:

Standing Committee:

This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. The committee met 3 times during the year.

The members of the committee are:

Rev Suzanne Pattle, Mr Robin Hill, Mrs Marjorie Shaw, Mr Alan Motson, Miss Emily Jones (until 10 April 2016), Mrs Ann Plummer PCC Secretary (from 10 April 2016) Mr Robert Plummer (from 10 April 2016) Minutes Secretary (co-opted)

Church Centre Management Committee:

This committee is responsible to the PCC for the day to day running of St Michael's Church Centre, for determining hiring policies and prices. The committee met 4 times during the year. The members of the committee who served during the year are:

Rev Suzanne Pattle, Mrs Daphne Jones, Mr Alan Motson, Mr Robin Hill, Mr Steve Pattle*, Mrs Karen Phillips and Mr Eric Jones.

*Steve Pattle agreed to act as an advisor on IT/computer issues on an 'as needed' basis and ceased attending meetings

Fund Raising Committee:

The committee is responsible to the PCC for fund raising in general. It's remit has been under review during the past year, and in early 2017 was redesignated as the Social and Fellowship Committee responsible for parish events .

Centre Rendezvous Management Committee:

The committee is responsible to the PCC for the overall operation of Centre Rendezvous, and in particular in ensuring that all health and safety issues and requirements are fully met. The Committee has met regularly through the year to review financial information, to plan rotas, to review progress overall and to determine prices and menus.

The members of the committee are:

Rev Lorraine McGregor (until July 2016), Mrs Daphne Jones (from July 2016) Rev Suzanne Pattle, Mrs Marjorie Shaw, Mr Alan Motson.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

REGULAR WORSHIP

The pattern of worship agreed with the PCC in 2015 continued as follows:

8am HC alternating between Common Worship and BCP

9.30am First Sunday All Age Worship - a non-Eucharistic service with the aim of attracting more families into the worshipping life of the church. Those seeking baptism for their children are encouraged to attend this service.

Third Sunday: All Together Communion - a shorter, more informal communion service where all ages remain in church and there are reflective activities available to help children become familiar with the pattern of Eucharistic worship.

All other Sundays: Parish Eucharist with choir anthem and Sunday School provision.

Morning Prayer Tuesday to Friday: ministry team in attendance on Fridays

Last Wednesday of each month: MU Corporate Communion, open to all

The PCC will in the course of 2017 review the status of All Together Communion on the third Sunday of the month, which has not been attracting families as had been hoped. In September 2016, it was decided that children would remain in church for the whole of the service and participate in the liturgy, with themed activities available in the Children's Corner, supervised by the Sunday School Team.

During the course of 2016, St Michael's conducted 4 Weddings, 9 Baptisms and 10 Funeral services (Church or Crematorium/Cemetery).

FESTIVALS

Lent and Easter:

A Lent course based on the film, Les Miserables, was run in 2016, which was attended by around 20-25% of the congregation. This was well received by those who attended. Maundy Thursday was marked by an evening Eucharist, and on Good Friday a families craft event reflecting on the story of Holy Week was held, followed by the Hour at the Cross on Good Friday afternoon. Easter Day started with a Dawn Service, followed by Breakfast and a 9.30 All Together Communion.

Ascension Day was celebrated with a 7.30pm Sung Eucharist

Harvest Festival was celebrated with an all age service followed by a frugal lunch to raise money for International Care Network, a Poole-based charity working with refugees.

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Remembrance Sunday was marked with a short reflective Service of the Word at 10am concluding with the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial attended by over 400 people. The uniformed organisations came into church for their Annual Peace Service, attended by around 120 young people and adults.

Advent and Christmas - A craft event for all was held on the First Sunday of Advent, tying in with the annual lighting of the community Christmas tree. Services designed especially for young families (Christingle Service in mid-December and Crib Service on Christmas Eve) were well attended and well received this year. Following a decision by the PCC, the First Communion of Christmas (Midnight Mass) was brought forward to 11pm. Christmas Day was marked by services at 8am and 9.30am. As New Year's Day fell on a Sunday in 2016, the Vicar devised a special service of Holy Communion which enabled people to reflect on the year that had passed and the year ahead.

DEVELOPING A VISION:

St Michael's : 'a loving, praying, worshipping community' ; 'a community of worshipping Christians of all ages being drawn in from the wider community, basking in the sunshine of God's love' - Two Statements from Vision afternoons in 2016

In early 2016 the Vicar called the PCC together to embark on two afternoon workshops designed to reflect on where the parish sees its priorities. The first session, held in January 2016 and facilitated by the Archdeacon, used a SWOT analysis to assess how the PCC viewed the parish, and challenged the PCC to identify areas for development. A second afternoon was held in May 2016, and three areas for development were highlighted by the PCC. The remainder of this report focuses on progress during 2016 under the headings identified.

A. SPIRITUAL GROWTH - WORSHIP, PRAYER AND DISCIPLESHIP

Worship

Creativity and variety in worship is appreciated by the congregation, and much has been done through the year. The All Age Worship Planning Team is now firmly established, and members of the team are using their gifts in both the planning and leading of All Age Services. There has been much creativity and at other special times during the year, such as Candlemas, Mothering Sunday, Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter, Pentecost, Harvest and Remembrance Sunday. Dementia-friendly services entitled 'Just as I am', are held once a quarter and led ecumenically. Creative craft events were held at Advent and on Good Friday, enabling all ages to come together more informally to explore the themes of the season. Toddler services are now held once a half-term in church on a Friday morning for children, carers and parents. The church is well served musically both by the four part choir, and the developing All Age Worship Band. Discussions are underway regarding the sourcing of new hymn books. The PCC is keen to explore alternatives to Sunday mornings for worship, but this requires both further exploration and resourcing.

The Vision afternoons also established a long-standing need to address aspects of the ordering of the church building further to enable and enhance our worship. Much was

expressed regarding the layout of the church in terms of its inflexibility, impracticalities surrounding the narrowness of the chancel and sanctuary, disability access issues (steps to chancel and altar), the lack of connection between celebrant and congregation, among other issues. Suggestions made to explore a temporary reordering scheme by the PCC at the vision day in May were actively put in place following a PCC decision in July, and Archdeacon's permission for a temporary reordering scheme was granted for a 15month period beginning September 2016. Since that date, the church has been experimenting with a north facing orientation with a nave altar, and having discussions with representatives from the Diocesan Advisory Committee as to the way forward. By the end of the year the PCC was preparing to make a final decision about the organ (replacement of Allen digital organ or restoration of the pipe organ). The leadership of the church has been actively encouraged to explore as many creative possibilities as is practical regarding the layout of the church and assess how this enhances the conduct of the liturgy and the overall experience of worship. The Vicar and PCC remain in close consultation with the congregation, through an Open Forum to provide initial feedback midway through the autumn, and the issuing of a Christmas Letter to all on the electoral roll. This process of consultation and exploration will continue into 2017.

Prayer:

There has been an on-going emphasis on the prayer life of the congregation from initiatives begun in 2015. In response to needs expressed by the PCC about the need for more teaching on prayer, a special service was held in July exploring the gift of prayer - both teaching and experiential. Associate Priest Lorraine Macgregor and LPA Sharon Boyle co-lead monthly sessions (daytime and evening) exploring silent prayer and lectio divina, begun in September 2016. The ministry team had plans well in hand by the end of 2016 for the running of a Lent Course on Prayer entitled 'Pray as you Can', to be led by members of the Ministry Team and the congregation. A training evening for intercessors was held in May.

Discipleship and Vocations

A felt need expressed by the PCC in 2016 was to continue not only the long established pattern of Lent and autumn courses, but also to introduce Home Bible Study groups, which is to be actively explored in the course of 2017. Preaching and teaching regularly touch on the themes of deepening discipleship and discovering the call of God. Three members of the congregation regularly attend a taught theology course at Sarum College (Theology Quest and Questions). One member of the congregation has been actively exploring a vocation to ordained ministry, and was selected for training for ordination by a Bishops' Panel in November. Another member of St Michael's offered himself for Lay Pastoral Assistant Training and was licensed at the end of the year.

There is a dedicated team of Sunday School leaders who have been teaching the children and young people, but there have been challenges regarding regularity of church attendance and the changing needs of families. In September 2016 it was decided that children would not go out from the main service of worship and remain with the whole church family. The Sunday school team now focuses on providing age- appropriate

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resources for the Children's Corner (now firmly established in the church building) and sit with any children who are attending on any given Sunday.

B. Families, Schools and Youth

The PCC recognises the weakness of the current demographic within the congregation - an issue which is not new. The development of All Age Worship has been a positive step, and the year has seen an increase in attendance of young families, particularly as part of baptism preparation, but with the intention that the pattern continues post baptism. There is still work to be done here. The Church Toddler Group, Cherubs, is a valued engagement with this age group, and worship appropriate to that age group is being developed as reported above. The craft events held in 2016 were well received, and the church is actively looking at ways we can engage with families, especially those connected to our two First Schools and Church of England Middle School.

There are well-established relationships with the two First Schools through regular assemblies, the dedicated work of the Open the Book team led by Revd Lorraine McGregor, Associate Priest. There are services in church at Easter and visits at other times of the year. The Vicar takes assembly once a half term in each of the First Schools as timetables allow. The schools receive publicity about family-friendly services and events throughout the year.

'Experience Church' is now firmly established in the parish and school calendars and takes place in October, having been extremely well received by both the First Schools (Y3 groups) and Y5 from St Michael's CE Middle School. Parents were invited at the end of the week for refreshments and the opportunity to explore the building and see what the children had been doing. The Vicar is on the governing body of St Michael's Middle School and regularly takes whole school collective worship as well as year group worship in church. Other members of the congregation serve as Foundation Governors, or visit to support pupils with numeracy and literacy; the PCC receives regular reports about the life of the school. The prayer space established in school in 2015 continues to function, which enables each of the year groups to use the space during morning breaks. The Vicar has been supporting the school at Festival times in planning worship with school leaders, and is developing relationships with the art, music and drama departments to offer help and support to deepen the school's experience of worship in all its aspects. The Vicar is actively working to bring together those involved in the spiritual life of the school in order to share good practice and work more closely together - this has not moved as quickly as might have been the case and will continue to be a priority during 2017.

The Reef Youth Centre opened in autumn 2016 after many setbacks. Following the withdrawal of youth funding, the Reef Committee faced the task of employing youth workers. The Vicar and Headteacher of St Michael's were able to broker a relationship between the committee and a local church plant (The Point) and offer practical support through the gifting of time offered by a Christian youth worker. There is a desire among the congregation to support youth work, but in practical terms this is not something that we can do on our own. The Vicar is meeting with the Methodist minister to explore potential shared ministry in this area but progress is currently slow.

C. COMMUNITY OUTREACH, SOCIAL AND GLOBAL CONCERNS

The PCC vision days were keen to stress that our priorities should not only be shaped by our own immediate interests but be outward-looking locally, nationally and internationally. The PCC tries to ensure that this emphasis is reflected in its away giving and fundraising initiatives.

Use of buildings as a community resource:

Church Centre

- St Michael's Church Centre continues to be a valuable resource, and is much used by the local community. On a regular basis it is the venue for the Wimborne Camera Club, Tuesday and Thursday Art groups, Dancing Classes, RelaxKids, Yoga and Pilates, Slimming World, among many hirers.
- It is also used actively by the Church itself for fund raising, other social events, meetings and learning groups.

Church

- The Church itself is used regularly by the community for activities other than worship.
- The Churchyard is maintained by members of the congregation who have a keen interest in conservation and are actively involved in the Living Churchyards Project. In 2015 St Michael's achieved a Gold Award, followed by a Silver Award in 2016.
- The Ferndown and Colehill Community Choir rehearse at St Michael's Church every Thursday evening.
- Wimborne Music Society put on a number of concerts in the Church throughout the year

Centre Rendezvous

Over 40 volunteers are involved with the running of the church lunch club each Wednesday, which is seen as a key opportunity to reach out to our community. Learners from Beaucroft Community Special School regularly attend as part of their developing social skills programme. A cross section of ages attends, and the local PSCOs and Neighbourhood Watch attend monthly to provide community information and outreach. Local councillors attend on an ad hoc basis should anyone need to raise issues of concern. Information sessions on Dementia Awareness have also been held.

Social and Fundraising Events

Social and other fund raising events are run regularly through the year, the principal ones being the Summer Fete and the Christmas Market. In 2016 the church shifted its focus to run a joint event with Colehill Parish Council to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday, with fundraising as a secondary priority. The Christmas Market was replaced by the Advent Craft Event and Lighting of the Christmas tree, in order to focus on outreach to the community. During the year, a Plant Sale and a Bistro, were held as social/fundraising events. In August members of the congregation opened up their gardens for coffee morning fundraisers, and raising money for the following: MyTime, a local charity for

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young carers, The Reef Youth and Community Centre, Church Funds, and Christian Aid emergency appeal for the Christian Aid Syrian Appeal.

Social and Global Concerns

Our Lent focus in 2016 was Tearfund Toilet Twinning. A frugal lunch was held to raise money for this and members of the congregation were encouraged to donate money from anything that they had given up during Lent to support this cause. Money raised enabled the parish to twin all of the toilets in the Church Centre as well as twinning some of the school toilets with a school toilet block in the developing world. The Vicar also went 'Barefoot and Coatless' on Ash Wednesday 2016 to raise money for Syrian Refugee Children. Our harvest lunch raised money for a local charity, International Care Network, which works with refugees, and its chairman invited to preach at the Harvest service as well as giving a presentation.

Involvement with the Wider Church

Deanery

The deanery has been involved in supporting the Sudan and this continues through the contribution of the churches. The Deanery Plan, reviewed in 2016, will focus on young people, ministry among men, support for the Sudan, exploring ministry in New Housing Developments, Vocation and Discipleship, Music and Worship, and the Environment and Eco-Church, with projects in various areas being supported by churches in the deanery.

Ecumenical Relationships

St. Michael's maintains good relationships with other churches locally & fully supports ecumenical gatherings such as the Christian Aid lunches, Christian Aid Week & the Women's World Day of Prayer, as well as regular Taize services hosted by various churches (September 2016 hosted by St Michael's). Ecumenical events are regularly publicised through the parish notices. The Vicar is hoping to develop areas of partnership with Colehill and Wimborne Methodists in the coming year.

Worldwide Church

On-going links to the deanery of Karika in the Yambio Diocese in South Sudan have proved difficult for political reasons during the past year. Our Mothers' Union Branch continues to be active in supporting projects overseas.

Financial Review

The overall Statement of Financial Activities, as required by FRSSE SORP (SORP 2015) is set out below.

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Statement of Financial Activities					
For the period from 01 January 2016 to 31 December 2016					
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations, Legacies and similar incoming resources	67,881	3,906	—	71,787	71,184
Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects	2,213	6,253	—	8,466	7,375
Other trading activities	5,829	2,201	—	8,030	9,882
Investments	130	—	—	130	121
Other income	24,893	—	—	24,893	21,160
Total income	100,947	12,361	—	113,308	109,724
Expenditure on:					
Costs of generating funds	684	91	—	776	1,045
Grants payable in furtherance of charity's objects	1,554	4,747	—	6,302	5,147
Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects	60,411	6,026	—	66,437	66,499
Support costs	26,294	—	—	26,294	28,735
Expenditure on managing-administering the charity	4,348	31	—	4,380	3,517
Total expenditure	93,294	10,897	—	104,191	104,945
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	7,652	1,463	—	9,116	4,778
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	6,799	12,272	—	19,071	3,167
Gross transfers between funds - out	—	(19,071)	—	(19,071)	(3,167)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	14,451	(5,335)	—	9,116	4,778
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	28,522	18,294	—	46,816	42,038
Total funds carried forward	42,974	12,959	—	55,933	46,816

Total funds at the end of the year were £55,933 (2015: £46,817)

General Fund (Unrestricted Funds)

The General Fund made a surplus in the year of £4,730 (2015: £6,018). This compared to a budgeted surplus of just under £900 for the year. The improvement arose through

- a higher level of giving than budget, mainly through increased planned giving, but also through higher open plate collections. Both gave rise to an increase in the level of Gift Aid recovered.
- Higher than budgeted fees from weddings and funerals.

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- A slight reduction in the level of Parish Share
- General control on expenditure, with improved deals for utilities.

Set against this was a reduction in fund raising activities, particularly from Summer Fete and Christmas Market, the reasons for which have been set out above.

Designated Funds

Designated Funds include the Church Centre Operations Fund, Centre Rendezvous Fund, General Reserve Fund, Flower Fund, Cherubs Toddler Group, and Choir Fund.

Church Centre Operations Fund

This Fund deals with all income and expenditure relating to St Michael's Church Centre. Income in the year was £18,968 (2015: £14,760). The increase has arisen from a general rise in hire charges from the beginning of the year, together with increased bookings for the use of the Centre.

The overall surplus for the year was £2,785 (2015: deficit £142), but there were exceptional costs in the year £4,000 (2015: £3,900) relating to the replacement of the dishwasher in the kitchen and the replacement of the thermostatic valves on the central heating radiators. This left a corrected operating surplus of £6,813 (2015: £3,796). All the exceptional costs were met from reserves.

It has been our policy to provide for replacement and maintenance costs out of the surpluses made each year. This meant that we had sufficient funds in hand to meet the requirements this year. We are carrying forward reserves of £13,142 (2014: £10,358).

General Reserve Fund

It has been the policy of the PCC to try to ensure that we carry sufficient reserves for meeting significant but unexpected expenditure on the General Fund. This year we have had no exceptional expenditure to warrant using any of this fund and the balance on the General Reserve Fund was £7,000 at the end of the year (2015: £7,000)

Centre Rendezvous

Centre Rendezvous is a weekly lunch time "café" which St Michael's offers to the local community to provide a meeting place and a social gathering. It does not seek to make any significant profits, but as long as costs are met, it aims to be a service to the community. The balance on this fund carried forward at the end of the year was £1,257 (2015: £1,061)

Restricted Funds

Restricted Funds include Organ Fund and Charities Fund.

Organ Fund

In 2010, the PCC agreed to consider the acquisition of a "new" organ, which could either be a replacement of the existing digital organ or the restoration of the pipe organ. Despite considerable efforts by the Organ Working Party, insufficient funds have been found at this stage to restore the pipe organ.

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The Organ Fund had been treated as a restricted fund, but following advice from the Diocesan Treasurer received in February 2017, the balance on the fund at the end of the year (£17,815) has been reanalysed and is now correctly identified as follows:

	Restricted £	Designated £	Purpose
Church Restoration Fund	3,835		This is the balance remaining on the restricted Restoration Fund and used in the past for repairs to roof and east window. This fund may be used for Church restoration and repair in general or for the future development of the Church. . It may be used for the restoration of the pipe organ but is not limited to that purpose
Pipe Organ Restoration only	2,105		This represents amounts given specifically for the restoration of the pipe organ, less expenditure already incurred on that project.
Pipe Organ Restoration OR Digital Organ Replacement	5,443		This represents amounts given which may be used for the restoration of the pipe organ or for the replacement of the digital organ.
Organ Fund General		5,542	This represents amounts given which have been allocated to this project by the PCC and which can be used for any purpose as the PCC may direct.
Totals	12,273	5,542	

Charities Fund

All funds raised specifically for charity are maintained in a restricted fund. In addition, some donations to charities may be made through the General Fund.

Total donations to charities in 2016 amounted to £6,752, which represents 6.3% of our total income (2015: £5,899 - 5.8%)

The balance on the fund at the end of the year £686, representing amounts waiting to be paid over to charities.

Notes to the accounts

The charity's trustees (PCC) 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.

1. The accounts are prepared on an accrual basis for years ending on 31 December.
2. Full provision is made for all anticipated expenditure incurred but not yet spent.
3. Income is included based on the period to which it relates rather than when actually received. Full provision is made for any income that may not be received.
4. It is the policy of the PCC to retain reserves sufficient to meet:
 - Church Centre Operations - anticipated replacement of boilers, ovens, etc, and major redecoration costs for the internal and external aspects of the building.
 - General Reserve Fund - anticipated replacement of central heating boilers and associated capital work, plus any other expenditure anticipated through the quinquennial report.
5. The accounts have been reviewed by and approved by an independent examiner as required by the Charities Act. The Independent Examiners Report is included with the accounts submitted to the Charities Commission.