REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 246816

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015 FOR NEWCASTLE REFORM SYNAGOGUE

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2015. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 (the FRSSE) (effective 1 January 2015).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The synagogue is an unincorporated association formed and managed by its members with the objective of providing and maintaining a place or places of public worship and for the furtherance and advancement of religious, educational and charitable objectives. The synagogue is affiliated to the Movement for Reform Judaism (formerly The Reform Synagogues of Great Britain) and is guided by their practices whilst maintaining its independence under the constitution. The affairs of the synagogue are managed by its members in general meetings and in accordance with its constitution and the rules of the synagogue.

Significant activities

The principle activities of the synagogue are the maintenance of the synagogue building at The Croft, Newcastle upon Tyne for divine services and public worship, provision of religious education and support of charitable activities. The charity operates a Prayer House and cemetery plots at Preston Cemetery, North Shields, and a burial scheme for this cemetery.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The charity received donations and gift aid totalling £10,080 (2014: £11,308).

Increase in support costs have led to a decrease in total net assets, with a deficit in the period of $\pounds 2,026$ (2014: $\pounds 10,435$ surplus), from its normal operating activities.

This deficit has arisen due to the increase in Rabbi Services Fees payable in the period, increased repair and maintenance works including CCTV maintenance and the reduction in subscription income due to no longer charging fees for children.

The trustees feel that they would be able to continue the current activities of the charity in the event of a decline in membership.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

At the end of the year the charity had restricted funds of £344,975 (2014: £356,155) and unrestricted funds of £278,131(2014: £268,977). The trustees have established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets ("The Free Reserves") held by the Charity should represent 5 years of the resources expended, this has been agreed as a sufficient level with regards to the current economic climate, the decline in subscription income and the potential requirement of a rabbi salary. The charity has been able to maintain the general reserves at this level at 31 December 2015.

FUTURE PLANS

The synagogue and community are committed to the maintenance and expansion of the religious, educational and charitable activities.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is an unincorporated charity, constituted under a trust deed dated 3 March 1966 and is a registered charity, number 246816.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The charity is managed by a Council of trustees. Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting. Meetings of the Council of trustees are held at least bi-monthly (with the exception of August).

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number 246816

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Principal address

c/o Newcastle Reform Synagogue The Croft off Kenton Road Gosforth Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 4RF

Trustees

Mrs G Bernstone		
Mr I Cohen		
Miss G Mandell	Hon Secretary	
Mrs S Rowlands		
Mr C Scott		
Miss P Statt	- appointed 3	1.5.15
Mr A Wortman	Chair	
Mrs L A Huddart		
Mrs L Scott	Vice Chair	
Mr J Rollin-Jones	- resigned 31	.5.15
Mrs H Bussell	Treasurer	
Mr T Benson		
Mrs B Berg		
Mr D Luper		
Mrs K B Fleming	- resigned 31	.5.15
Mrs R Hayman	- appointed 3	
Mrs J Edwards	- appointed 9	
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Honorary Life President Mrs B Dinsdale

Mr G Loble

Independent examiner

David Wiseman FCA Robson Laidler Accountants Limited Fernwood House, Fernwood Road Jesmond Newcastle upon Tyne Tyne and Wear NE2 1TJ

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Synagogue hosts many visits from schools, colleges, scouts groups and local groups, from other Faiths as well as holding Inter- Faith meetings. Its members support the West End Refugee centre the Peoples' Kitchen and make regular donations to outside charities.

The Charity also organises education classes for children and adults, social events, pre-service discussions of selected readings from the Scriptures which are well received and are well supported by the community. The Council is constantly looking for additional activities for members' participation.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 19 May 2016 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr A Wortman - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF NEWCASTLE REFORM SYNAGOGUE

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2015 set out on pages four to thirteen.

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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as 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 statements below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

David Wiseman FCA Robson Laidler Accountants Limited Fernwood House, Fernwood Road Jesmond Newcastle upon Tyne Tyne and Wear NE2 1TJ

6 June 2016

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

	Un Notes	nrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2015 Total funds £	2014 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	1100005	~	~		
Donations and legacies	2	37,396	15,544	52,940	49,498
Other trading activities	3	2,486	-	2,486	3,579
Investment income	4	5,073	-	5,073	4,521
Other income		1,007	-	1,007	2,312
Total		45,962	15,544	61,506	59,910
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		2,676	212	2,888	3,311
Charitable activities	5				
Charitable activities		31,245	11,886	43,131	36,218
Burial costs		-	13,648	13,648	4,994
Kol Nidre Fund		-	978	978	552
Social events		324	-	324	504
Insurance		621	-	621	606
Heat, light and water		473	-	473	1,176
Travel expenses		-	-	-	522
Repairs and renewals		557	-	557	521
Printing, postage, stationery, telephone		210	-	210	338
Cleaning and gardening		458	-	458	581
Sundry expenses		244	-	244	152
Total		36,808	26,724	63,532	49,475
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		9,154	(11,180)	(2,026)	10,435
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		268,977	356,155	625,132	614,697
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		278,131	344,975	623,106	625,132

The notes form part of these financial statements

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2015

FIXED ASSETS Tangible assets	U Notes 9	nrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £ 275,901	2015 Total funds £ 275,901	2014 Total funds £ 287,612
Investments	10	29,509		29,509	- 207,012
		29,509	275,901	305,410	287,612
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	11	300	-	300	300
Debtors	12	29,796	-	29,796	34,120
Cash at bank and in hand		251,400	72,977	324,377	340,570
		281,496	72,977	354,473	374,990
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(32,874)	(3,903)	(36,777)	(37,470)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		248,622	69,074	317,696	337,520
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		278,131	344,975	623,106	625,132
NET ASSETS		278,131	344,975	623,106	625,132
FUNDS	14				
Unrestricted funds				278,131	268,977
Restricted funds				344,975	356,155
TOTAL FUNDS				623,106	625,132

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 19 May 2016 and were signed on its behalf by:

Mr A Wortman -Trustee

Mrs H Bussell -Trustee

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRSSE) '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 (the FRSSE) (effective 1 January 2015)', the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015) and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost 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 resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 2% straight line basis
Leasehold prayer house	- 2% straight line basis
Religious assets	- 2% straight line basis
Fixtures and fittings	- 15% on reducing balance

Stocks

Stock consists of purchased goods for resale. Stocks are valued at lower of cost and net realisable value. Items donated for resale or distribution are not included in the financial statements until they are sold or distributed.

Taxation

As a charity, Newcastle Reform Synagogue is exempt from tax on income and gains to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Fixed asset investments

Investments are stated in the accounts at market value. Changes in value are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2015	2014
	£	£
Donations	4,422	4,541
Gift aid	5,658	6,767
Legacies	-	300
Subscriptions	27,516	29,131
Burial scheme	13,152	6,013
Kol Nidre appeal	2,142	2,550
Board of Deputies	50	196
	52,940	49,498

3. **OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	2015	2014
	£	£
Shop income	45	-
Social events	615	1,127
Guild social events	1,826	2,452
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	2,486	3,579

4. **INVESTMENT INCOME**

	2015 £	2014 £
Deposit account interest	5,023	4,447
Guild account interest	50	74
	5,073	4,521

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct costs	Support costs (See note 6)	Totals
	£	£	£
Charitable activities	29,245	13,886	43,131
Burial costs	13,648	-	13,648
Kol Nidre Fund	978	-	978
Social events	324	-	324
Insurance	621	-	621
Heat, light and water	473	-	473
Repairs and renewals	557	-	557
Printing, postage, stationery, telephone	210	-	210
Cleaning and gardening	458	-	458
Sundry expenses	244	-	244
	46,758	13,886	60,644

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

6. SUPPORT COSTS

	Governance
	costs £
Charitable activities	13,886

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

No members of the management committee received any remuneration during the year.

Trustees' expenses

During the year $\pounds 2,828$ (2014: $\pounds 2,993$) was reimbursed to 7 (2014: 9) of the Trustees for expenses incurred in the course of their duties.

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	~		~
Donations and legacies	40,933	8,565	49,498
Other trading activities	1,127	2,452	3,579
Investment income	4,447	74	4,521
Other income	2,312	-	2,312
Total	48,819	11,091	59,910
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	1,811	1,500	3,311
Charitable activities	,	,	,
Charitable activities	23,671	12,547	36,218
Burial costs	-	4,994	4,994
Kol Nidre Fund	-	552	552
Social events	504	-	504
Insurance	606	-	606
Heat, light and water	813	363	1,176
Travel expenses	522	-	522
Repairs and renewals	513	8	521
Printing, postage, stationery, telephone	338	-	338
Cleaning and gardening	455	126	581
Sundry expenses	152	-	152
Total	29,385	20,090	49,475
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	19,434	(8,999)	10,435

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

8.	COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FI	NANCIAL ACTIVITIES	- continued		
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
		funds	funds	funds	
		£	£	£	
	RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
	Total funds brought forward	249,543	365,154	614,697	
	TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	268,977	356,155	625,132	

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Leasehold prayer house £	Religious assets £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST					
At 1 January 2015 and					
31 December 2015	251,041	26,259	73,980	119,400	470,680
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 January 2015	84,495	8,926	1,480	88,167	183,068
Charge for year	5,021	525	1,480	4,685	11,711
At 31 December 2015	89,516	9,451	2,960	92,852	194,779
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 December 2015	161,525	16,808	71,020	26,548	275,901
At 31 December 2014	166,546	17,333	72,500	31,233	287,612

In 2010 the synagogues fixed assets including fixtures and fittings, Torah Scrolls and silverware were revalued independently for insurance purposes. This has resulted in the religious assets being valued at \pounds 73,980, an increase of \pounds 53,980, and the fixtures and fittings being valued at \pounds 118,503, an increase of \pounds 58,180.

The trustees are not aware of any material changes since the last revaluation.

The Synagogue also has to insure the Torah Scroll 2 which belongs the the Czech Memorial Trust No 831.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

10. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments
	£
MARKET VALUE Additions	30,000
Impairments	(491)
At 31 December 2015	29,509
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2015	<u> </u>
At 31 December 2014	

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

11. STOCKS

	2015 £	2014 £
Stocks	300	300

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2015	2014
	£	£
Trade debtors	20,725	23,432
Gift aid recoverable	5,377	6,767
Prepayments and accrued income	3,694	3,921
	29,796	34,120

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2015	2014
	£	£
Trade creditors	5,457	3,362
Deferred income	29,595	32,468
Accrued expenses	1,725	1,640
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	36,777	37,470

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	n	Net novement in	
	At 1.1.15	funds	At 31.12.15
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	268,977	9,154	278,131
Restricted funds			
Prayer House reserve fund	17,334	(525)	16,809
Capital revaluation reserve	106,579	(6,165)	100,414
Burial scheme fund	55,311	(421)	54,890
Building reserve fund	166,545	(5,021)	161,524
Kol Nidre appeal fund	9,064	1,164	10,228
Tree of Life fund	391	-	391
Siddur income fund	931	(212)	719
	356,155	(11,180)	344,975
TOTAL FUNDS	625,132	(2,026)	623,106

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	45,962	(36,808)	9,154
Restricted funds			
Capital revaluation reserve	-	(6,165)	(6,165)
Burial scheme fund	13,402	(13,823)	(421)
Kol Nidre appeal fund	2,142	(978)	1,164
Siddur income fund	-	(212)	(212)
Prayer House reserve fund	-	(525)	(525)
Building reserve fund	-	(5,021)	(5,021)
	15,544	(26,724)	(11,180)
TOTAL FUNDS	61,506	(63,532)	(2,026)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Building Reserve

The building reserve fund has been established to provide for the synagogue building at The Croft, Newcastle upon Tyne and represents building cost less depreciation.

Prayer House

The prayer house reserve fund provides for the building at Preston Cemetery, North Shields and represents building costs less depreciation.

Capital Revaluation Reserve

The capital revaluation reserve represents the re-valued amount of other fixed assets, together with monies donated to help fund future expenditure.

Burial Scheme

The burial scheme fund represents contributions towards members' burial costs within the rules of the fund.

Kol Nidre

The Kol Nidre appeal fund provides for the raising of funds on an annual basis for distribution to charities nominated by the synagogue.

Tree of Life

The Tree of Life fund provides for the raising of funds for the Tree of Life project.

Siddur income fund

The Siddur income fund provides for the raising of funds for Guild events.

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2015.

16. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The ultimate controlling party of the synagogue is considered to be the Council of the synagogue.

17. BURIAL SCHEME FUND

Included in the Detailed Statement of Financial Activities are the following transactions which relate to the burial scheme:

	2015	2014
Income	13,152	6,013
Expenditure	(13,648)	(5,357)
Surplus	(496)	656

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

18. GUILD ACCOUNTS

Included in the Detailed Statement of Financial Activities are the following transactions which relate to the guild accounts:

	2015	2014
Income	1,876	2,526
Expenditure	(1,551)	(1,687)
Surplus/(Deficit)	325	839
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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

	2015 £	2014 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	4,422	4,541
Gift aid	5,658	6,767
Legacies	/ /	300
Subscriptions	27,516	29,131
Burial scheme	13,152	6,013
Kol Nidre appeal	2,142	2,550
Board of Deputies	50	196
	52,940	49,498
Other trading activities		
Shop income	45	-
Social events	615	1,127
Guild social events	1,826	2,452
	2,486	3,579
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	5,023	4,447
Guild account interest	50	74
	5,073	4,521
Other income		
Focus advertising and donation	176	66
Other income	-	1,475
School visits	831	771
	1,007	2,312
Total incoming resources	61,506	59,910

EXPENDITURE

Raising donations and legacies		
Insurance	620	606
Heat, light and water	473	741
Telephone, stationary & post	213	338
Sundries	64	51
Travel expenses	-	75
Misc expenses - Guild	1,498	1,500
Shop purchases	20	-
	2,888	3,311

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

	2015 £	2014 £
Charitable activities	t	t
Insurance	621	606
Heat, light and water	473	1,104
Telephone, stationary and post	210	338
Sundries	244	152
MRJ levy	4,033	4,013
Burial scheme expenses	13,648	4,994
Kol Nidre appeal	978	552
Board of Deputies levy	225	-
Social events	324	504
Travel expenses	-	522
Repairs and renewals	557	521
Cleaning and gardening	907	581
Rabbi Service Fees	12,336	7,812
Freehold property depreciation	5,021	5,021
Prayer house depreciation	525	525
Religious assets depreciation	1,480	1,480
Fixtures and Fittings depreciation	4,685	5,467
Change in market value	491	-
	46,758	34,192
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Insurance	1,863	1,818
Light and heat	1,419	2,222
Postage and stationery	631	1,014
Sundries	64	51
Accountancy and legal fees	4,050	2,850
Repairs and renewals	3,878	2,054
Cleaning and gardening	1,981	1,814
Travel expenses	-	149
	13,886	11,972
Total resources expended	63,532	49,475
Net (expenditure)/income	(2,026)	10,435

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