Charity number 1124560

Cheshire Reform Congregation Limited Company limited by guarantee

Directors' report and unaudited financial statements

for the year ended 31 March 2017

Company information

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Mr David Cotton
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Company number 06438680

Charity number 1124560

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Directors' Report for the year ended 31 March 2017

The Directors present their report and financial statements to the Members for the year ended 31 March 2017.

Legal and Administrative Details

Cheshire Reform Congregation Limited is a charitable company, incorporated on 27th November 2007 and its company number is 06438680. The charitable company is a registered charity with the Charity Commission, charity number 1124560.

The registered office of the company is 198 Altrincham Road, Manchester, M22 4RZ.

Directors and Trustees

The Directors of the charitable company are its Trustees for the purpose of charity law and are collectively referred to as the Directors. The Directors who served during the year were;

Mr Robert Cline	Mr Andrew Grantham	Mr Mark Mitchell
Ms Gita Conn	Ms Sacha Gottlieb	Mr Andrew Pal
Mr David Cotton	Mr Steven Holt	Mr David Rabin
Mrs Eve Davidson	Mr Simon Jacobs	Mr Reuben Saffer
Mrs Jennie Ferrario	Mr Lawrence Kershaw	Dr Robert Shields
Mr Baron Frankal	Mr Robert Kletz	
Mrs Vicki Garson	Mr Jeffrey Krell	

Governance and Internal Control

The company is administered by the Board of Directors which meets regularly to discuss and implement policies.

The company is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, incorporated on 27th November 2007 and with the Bye Laws of the Congregation dated 16th June 2009.

Objectives and Activities

The principal objective of the charitable company is to advance the Jewish religion by the provision and maintenance of a synagogue for the purpose of public worship, marriages, burials and social welfare, youth and other activities for its members and others and for such other charitable purposes as the Board shall determine.

The Directors have given due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

In order to achieve the objectives the charitable company has the following strategies;

- The employment of a Rabbi.
- The running of a religious school.
- Holding services on the Sabbath, all religious holy days and to celebrate religious festivals.
- Educational and social activities to encourage friendships and promote a Jewish experience.

Financial Review

During the year the charitable company recorded a small excess of expenditure over income. The Directors consider the results to be satisfactory and that there are sufficient funds to meet future intended projects.

Unrestricted reserves available for current activities have increased slightly during the year. The charitable company had net current assets at the balance sheet date. The charitable company is therefore able to continue in operation and meet its debts as they fall due. The Directors are monitoring the position on a regular basis.

The Directors' investment powers are governed by the charitable company's Bye Laws. The policy is to aim for safety commensurate with immediate and planned spending requirements. Accordingly funds are held as cash balances and not otherwise invested. The Directors continue to manage the investments in conformity with the policy and its Bye Laws. They are averse to risk and surplus funds will be held on deposit.

The Board of Directors have identified and examined all major risks to which the charity is exposed. Procedures have been established to enable regular review and assessment of the risks. Consequently the Directors are satisfied that all the necessary steps have been taken to lessen and mitigate those risks.

Statement of the Responsibilities

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the surplus or deficit of the charitable company for that period. In preparing the financial statements the Directors are required to:

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

The Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for the safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- the Directors have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant account information and to establish the charitable company's accountants are aware of that information.

Small Company Exemptions

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

This report was approved by the Directors on 21 June 2017

Mr Reuben Saffer Chairman

Dr R Shields Director

Accountants' report to the Board of Directors on the unaudited financial statements of Cheshire Reform Congregation Limited

In accordance with the engagement letter and in order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2006, we have compiled the financial statements of the company which comprise Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes from the accounting records and information and explanations you have given to us.

This report is made to the company's board of directors in accordance with the terms of our engagement. Our work has been undertaken so that we might compile the financial statements that we have been engaged to compile, report to the company's board of directors that we have done so and state those matters that we have agreed to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's board of directors, as a body, for our work or for this report.

We have carried out this engagement in accordance with technical guidance issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales and have complied with the ethical guidance laid down by the Institute relating to members undertaking the compilation of financial statements.

You have acknowledged on the balance sheet for the year ended 31 March 2017 your duty to ensure that the company has kept proper accounting records and to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view under the Companies Act 2006. You consider that the company is exempt from the statutory requirement for an audit for the year.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit of the financial statements. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the financial statements.

Downham Mayer Clarke & Co Reporting Accountants and Registered Auditor 41 Greek Street Stockport Cheshire SK3 8AX Date: 21 June 2017

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2017

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			Restricted	Total	Total
		Fund	Funds	2017	2016
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources					
Subscriptions		252,869	67,912	320,781	281,398
Donations and Memorial Offerings		22,124	-	22,124	42,074
Bank Interest		1,614	164	1,778	2,200
Other Incoming Resources	3	17,567	8,822	26,389	26,447
Total Incoming Resources		294,174	76,898	371,072	352,119
Resources Expended					
Payroll - Rabbi, Office and Caretakers		179,722		179,722	158,572
Payroll - Education and Youth		21,420		21,420	27,384
Insurances		9,237		9,237	9,399
Heat, Light and Water		12,217		12,217	11,104
Repairs, Renewals and Maintenance		22,786		22,786	25,177
Shofar Synagogue Magazine		3,257		3,257	1,051
Printing, postage and stationery		12,474		12,474	11,333
Festivals		4,212		4,212	3,848
Telephone and internet charges		3,126		3,126	5,469
Professional Fees		5,239		5,239	3,042
MRJ Affiliation		37,425		37,425	36,519
Bank charges		2,322		2,322	2,440
Miscellaneous Expenses		3,937		3,937	2,706
Depreciation on Fixtures and Fittings		8,500		8,500	8,500
Depreciation on Building			39,460	39,460	39,460
Costs regarding restricted funds		-	57,456	57,456	54,047
Total Resources Expended		325,874	96,916	422,790	400,051
Net (Resources Expended)/					
Incoming Resources for the year		(31,700)	(20,018)	(51,718)	(47,932)
Burial Income		19,780		19,780	15,218
Net movement in Funds		(11,920)	(20,018)	(31,938)	(63,150)
Fund Balances as at 1 April 2016		83,343	2,070,749	2,154,092	2,181,806
Fund Balances carried forward at 31 Ma	rch 2017	71,423	2,050,731	2,122,154	2,118,656

as at 31 March 2017

		20:	17	20	16
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	7		1,687,951		1,730,657
Cemetery plots	8		94,067		99,067
			1,782,018		1,829,724
Current assets					
Debtors	9	104,650		94,777	
Cash at bank and in hand		289,469		285,720	
		394,119		380,497	
Creditors: amounts falling					
due within one year	10	(53,983)		(56,130)	
Net current assets			340,136		324,367
Total assets less current					
liabilities			2,122,154		2,154,091
Net assets			2,122,154		2,154,091
Net assets			2,122,134		2,134,071
Reserves					
Restricted funds	11		2,050,731		2,070,749
General funds			71,423		83,342
			2,122,154		2,154,091

For the financial year in question the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

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

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

Mr Reuben Saffer Chairman Date: 21 June 2017

Registration number 06438680

The notes on pages 6 to 11 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2017

1. Accounting policies

1.1. Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008) and follow the recommendations in the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP - Revised 2008), the Charities Act 1993 and the Companies Act 2006.

1.2. Incoming resources

Donations and other income are credited as income in the year in which they are receivable. No donations or income are recognised until there is reasonable certainty that it will be received. Tax recoverable on income received is recognised in the same period that its associated income is recognised.

1.3. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Land and buildings - Straight line over 50 years

Fixtures, fittings

and equipment - 5% Straight Line

2.	Operating profit	2017	2016
		£	£
	Operating profit is stated after charging:		
	Depreciation and other amounts written off tangible assets	8,500	8,500
	Depreciation - land and buildings - restricted	39,460	39,460

3.	Other incoming resources	General	Restricted	2017	2016
		£	£	£	£
	High Holy Day (non-members)	3,24	5 -	3,245	2,533
	Sundry Income and Events	14,32	2 8,822	23,144	28,914
		17,56	7 8,822	26,389	31,447

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4. Employees

Number of employees	2017	2016
The average monthly numbers of employees	22	22
(including the directors) during the year were:	22	22
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Employment costs	2017	2016
	£	£
Wages and salaries	187,062	172,940
Social security costs	14,080	13,016
	201,142	185,956

During the year no employees earned £60,000 per annum or more.

5. Directors' remuneration

The Directors received no remuneration and were not reimbursed for any expenses.

6. Pension costs

No contributions were made for the higher paid employees.

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7.	Tangible fixed assets	Land and buildings	Fixtures, fittings and	
		freehold	equipment	Total
		£	£	£
	Cost			
	At 1 April 2016	1,973,007	181,591	2,154,598
	Additions		5,254	5,254
	At 31 March 2017	1,973,007	186,845	2,159,852
	Depreciation			
	At 1 April 2016	298,105	125,836	423,941
	Charge for the year	39,460	8,500	47,960
	At 31 March 2017	337,565	134,336	471,901
	Net book values			
	At 31 March 2017	1,635,442	52,509	1,687,951
	At 31 March 2016	1,674,902	55,755	1,730,657

8.	Cemetery - Mill Lane, Cheadle	Cemetery	
		plots	Total
		£	£
	Plots at Cost		
	At 1 April 2016	99,067	99,067
	Disposals	(5,000)	(5,000)
	At 31 March 2017	94,067	94,067
	Net book values		
	At 31 March 2017	94,067	94,067
9.	Debtors	2017	2016
9.	Debtois	£	£
	Other debtors	52,873	-
	Income tax recoverable	13,251	56,251
	Prepayments and accrued income	38,526	38,526
		104,650	94,777

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10.	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2017 £	2016 £
	Amounts owed to sub-groups	20,147	16,294
	Building and maintenance provision	25,000	31,000
	Accruals and provisions	8,836	8,836
		53,983	56,130

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11.	Restricted funds	2017 £	2016 £
	Building Fund		
	As at 1 April 2016	1,812,015	1,849,755
	Donations and interest less depreciation	(39,460)	(37,740)
	Other movements	(2,040)	-
		1,770,515	1,812,015
	Burial Scheme Fund		
	As at 1 April 2016	203,789	195,887
	Subscriptions less expenses	21,586	7,902
	Other movements	5,000	-
	Bank interest	103	-
		220,478	203,789
	Fund 65		
	As at 1 April 2016	23,772	20,325
	Subscriptions and interest	5,543	3,447
		29,315	23,772
	Kol Nidrei Appeal Fund		
	As at 1 April 2016	10,470	14,095
	Movement during the year	(778)	(3,625)
		9,692	10,470
	Dr Madeline Makin Memorial Education Fund		
	As at 1 April 2016	20,703	20,657
	Movement during the year	28	46
		20,731	20,703
	As at 31 March 2017	2,050,731	2,070,749

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12. Company limited by guarantee

Cheshire Reform Congregation Limited is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated under the Companies Act 2006.

Under paragraph 7 of the Company's Memorandum of Association every member of the Company undertakes to contribute such amounts as may be required (not exceeding £1) to the assets of the Company if it should be wound up while he is a member or within one year after he ceased to be a member, for payment of the Company's debts and liabilities contracted before he ceases to be a member, and of costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributors among themselves.