



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1	January	2016		31	December	2016

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Churches Together in Fleet & Crookham

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

12 Perry Drive
Fleet
Postcode **GU51 4ES**

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	Will Parker	Chair		
2	Rev Patrick Butler	Deputy Chair		
3	Rev Christopher Bird			
4	Mr Paul Brice			
5	Rev Ruth Dillon			
6	Rev Dan Haylett			
7	Rev Mark Hayton			
8	Rev Roland Olliff			
9	Father Sean Tobin			
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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Unincorporated association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Chair and deputy Chair elected at the September meeting of church representatives. Senior Ministers of member churches are automatically trustees.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

Hart Foodbank, one of the charity's projects, is overseen by Hart Foodbank Management Committee which reports to the representative meetings of Churches Together in Fleet & Crookham (CT Reps meetings).

The CT Project Group acts as an accountability group for the charity's employees and takes an overview of the charity's projects (and projects of related charities) to optimise benefit from those projects, and is accountable to the CT Reps meeting.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

Motivated by the prayer of Jesus (John17:23) "May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me", the aims of Churches Together in Fleet and Crookham are -

- (a) to enable the churches, as pilgrims together, to explore the Christian faith together, to develop mutual relationships, to seek a common mind, and to make decisions together;
- (b) to encourage churches to worship, pray and reflect together on the nature and purpose of the church in the light of its mission - each church sharing with others the treasures of its traditions;
- (c) to enable the churches to live and share the Gospel, to evangelise and serve together and to take further steps towards fuller unity;
- (d) to enable the churches to respond to the needs of society and to witness to the Gospel together.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The charity runs four projects for the benefit of the community (the trustees having regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit):

1. Fleet Angels, a Christian nightlife initiative and outreach project, the aim of which is to reduce anti-social behaviour, to be a neutral presence whilst being a positive influence, and to provide non-judgemental and caring support to those who are 'out on the town', and those working in the night-time economy, in Fleet town centre, while "giving an account of the hope that is in us" when asked. Fleet Angels is a partner in the Safer North Hampshire partnership.
2. Christians Against Poverty; we run a CAP Debt Centre through which the volunteer debt advisers work with local indebted people with the goal of them becoming debt free, thereby demonstrating the love of Jesus to them. We also offer the CAP Money Course, helping people to budget and manage their money well, to adults and students.
3. Hart Foodbank, a Trussell Trust food bank operating in Fleet, Darby Green and Hook with the aim of providing emergency food and support to people living in crisis locally.
4. Anna Chaplaincy, a new project aiming to meet the spiritual and pastoral needs of older people,

The charity provides regular activities to enable Christians to fellowship together and grow in their faith - a 20s30s group, a Men's group, an annual Unity Service, Easter events including an Easter Sunday Sunrise service, and bi-monthly prayer meetings.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

1. Through Fleet Angels, volunteers were on and around the streets of Fleet on every Saturday night and other special occasions. Our contribution to maintaining peace was recognised by the Police with gratitude and appreciated by those out eating and drinking. From June 2015, statistics were kept of the number of people helped, the number of hot drinks given free etc. and the figures for 2016 are as follows:
 Approximately 800 volunteer hours provided by the teams - 100 days!
 Drinks provided: 2702
 Lollipops handed out: 4638
 Flip flops: 34
 Bottles/glasses collected: 498
 Supporting vulnerable people: 46

Nigel Pool, the founder and Leader of the project, retired on 30 June 2016 and was replaced by Jeremy Dunk, who had been a team leader with Street Pastors in the Midlands. A little before then, we moved the Stall into the entrance to the Emporium car park which has made us much more visible.

2. The CAP Debt Centre worked with around 10 clients, half of whom committed to a debt relief programme. We ran an adult money course and a student course. We also did a budgeting lesson across Year 9 at Calthorpe Park School where we have been invited to put on a course aimed at parents.

3. Hart Foodbank operates from bases in Fleet, Hook and Darby Green and draws clients and volunteers from all three areas. Over 940 three day emergency food supplies were provided to local people in crisis by Hart foodbank in the year ended 31 March 2017, compared to 1150 in 2015-16. Of this number, 322 went to children. The local decrease is due to increased local employment, signposting and additional support given at the foodbank and more support available for people elsewhere in the community.

The top three reasons for foodbank referral were: Low Income 33%, Benefit Delays 22% and Benefit Changes 20%.

Over the last year, local people have donated 15.016 tonnes of food to Hart Foodbank, and over 90 people volunteered. Local schools, businesses and faith groups have provided vital support to the foodbank, enabling us to give three days' nutritionally balanced food and support to people in crisis. .

The foodbank moved to permanent storage locally in Fleet in November 2016 following renovation by Hart District Council of a property in a local car park. The cost of storage was met by a generous anonymous donation.

4. The Anna Chaplaincy team is working on an invitation leaflet to coffee mornings and the like, and seeking to work with a local care home to develop best practice on identifying the spiritual and pastoral needs of new residents.

5. We hosted 3 special events:
 - an Evening with Jackie Pullinger attended by over 300 people at Church on the Heath
 - an EU Referendum debate attended by 140 local Christians
 - a Local Houses of Prayer training day with 65 delegates from the region.

6. At Easter, we offered Fleet families the opportunity (a) for their children to enter a drawing competition (b) to Treasure Hunt in shop windows (c) to look for hidden items in town parks

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity's policy is to retain reserves equivalent to 6 months salary costs of the paid employees.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The charity is supported by subscriptions from member churches supplemented by grants and donations from civic bodies, charities and individuals.

By God's grace and the generosity of many, Fleet Angels has sufficient funds in reserve for 2 years and Hart Foodbank for over one year, taking into account known income for 2017. It is good practice for charities to be fundraising one year ahead so this healthy position leaves no room for complacency.

Section F

Other optional information

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Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)		
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)		
Date		