

# Accounting Statement & Report (Receipt and Payments Basis)

Financial year 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

(A) RECEIPTS .	2024/25	2023/24.
Receipts from assets and all sources to be used as income		
Charles Stanley - Investment dividends gross income	28,430.08	27,601.27
Black Rock - Investment dividends	8628.09	9574.92
Rents	21,344.92	21353.32
Bank interest (NatWest accounts)	344.16	211.90
Grants for Park lavender hedge	350.00	1168.00
Donation (Brixton Parish Council) and refund Alarm charge	860.84	0
Gift Aid reclaim	0	2.93
SHDC refund Council Tax 6 Old Road	86.74	0
Thompson & Jackson refunds (interest on Client account & EPC)	132.31	0
TRANSFER OF FUNDS	60,177.14	59,985.11
Transfer of funds for purchase of 36 Tappers Lane	0	
Charles Stanley	133,000	0
Black Rock	133,000	0
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TOTAL RECEIPTS (A)	326,177.14	59,985.11
(B) PAYMENTS		
Grants (part payments to beneficiaries)	40.000.40	40.005.40
Church (moiety grant from previous year)	10,298.13	12,325.13
Individual Grants (Relief in Need)	9,035.79	7,949.34
Community Fund	4328.60	7,178.61
Total grants expenditure	23,662.52	27,453.08
<u>Investment charges</u>		
Charles Stanley	11365.45	13187.93
Black Rock	65.08	72.77
Property Expenses Old Road cottages, The Patch, 36 Tappers Lane		
Insurance - Liability and structural (cottages and Park) (No. 11 Old Road sold	1650.59	1323.38
during 23/24 year, 36 Tappers Lane insured from 17.2.25)		
Professional fees (solicitor: Land Registry re-registration; purchase 36	4242.18	220.00
Tappers Lane. Planning Consultant re Patch. Survey for rebuild values.		
Survey 36 Tappers Lane. Management company fee 36 Tappers Lane.		
Belvoir property management agent fees inc. new tenant fees and VAT	2475,48	0
Maintenance and refurbishment, (23/24 year – new windows & doors, No. 6	14,328.96	12,286.33
& 9) (24/25 year refurbish No. 6 Old Road and 36 Tappers Lane)	•	
The Patch and Bank - grass cutting and planting	892.80	849.60
The Park		
Gardening and general care, trim hedge and shrubs	378.00	510.00
Lavender hedge		1,548.00
Regular grass cutting including weeding one flower bed	714.00	582.00
Professional fees (arborist 2023)	388.00	388.00
Administration	000.00	555.55
Clerk's honorarium	7150.00	6,750.00
Scrutineer's fee	250.00	225.00
Clerk's and Trustees' expenses - printing, stationery, telephones, ink	463.79	408.29
cartridges, postage, shredding, mileage. (Note – refurbishment of No. 6 Old	403.73	400.23
Road and purchase of 36 Tappers Lane during the 24/25 financial year)		
24/25 year - Domain name & webspace. 23/24 year - Technical advice &	338.40	770.40
registration of domain name & webspace; advice re ICO	330.40	770.40
DBS checks – Clerk/Trustees	30.00	54.00
Subscriptions (South Hams Advice, ICO), Room Hire - BCA	259.00	160.00
Gifts to retiring Trustees	259.00	53.16
Total routine costs	68,654.25	39,388.86
TOTAL PAYMENTS	050 000 70	h1/A
Purchase of 36 Tappers Lane (not counting as routine expenditure)	258,399.79	N/A
TOTAL PAYMENTS (B)	327,054.04	66,841.94
Year-end Balance - Deficit of payments over receipts	(876.90)	(6,856.83)
Cash funds last year-end	18,657.05	25,513.88
Cash funds this year-end (equals cash fund balance p.2)	17,780.15	18,657.05
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# STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT YEAR-END (A) CASH FUNDS

Cash funds in bank accounts	Year-end 31.3.25	Year-end 31.3.24
NatWest Business Reserve Account One a/c	11,767.73	13,823.55
NatWest Current Account	6,012.42	4,833.50
TOTAL (equals "cash funds at year-end" on p.(1)	17,780.15	18,657.05

# **INVESTMENT ASSETS**

# (B) BLACK ROCK BOND

Investment –	Current value	Last year's value
BlackRock Charities UK Bond	(April 2025)	(April 2024)
BlackRock Charities UK Bond Fund	£92.125.62	£232,868.12

Note - Withdrawal of £133,000 for purchase of 36 Tappers Lane during 24/25 year.

# (C) INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO - CHARLES STANLEY

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Investments - portfolio	Current value (April 25)	Last year's value (April 2024)
Balanced portfolio held in Charles Stanley Nominee account	£545,780.81	£677,285.08

Note - Withdrawal of £133,000 for purchase of 36 Tappers Lane during 24/25 year.

# (D) FIXED ASSETS

(D) Property	Current value (April 25)	Last year's value (April 2024)
Old Road cottages (valued for reinstatement purposes in October 2024)	£775,000	661,515.77
36 Tappers Lane (purchase price)	£258,000	0
Land behind No. 10 Old Road (nominal estimate)	£10,000.00	10,000
The Park (nominal estimate)	£25,000	25,000
TOTAL	£1,068,000.00	696,515.77

# TOTAL ALL ASSETS Current Value (April 2025)

(A) Cash Funds	£17,780.15
(B) Black Rock	£92,125.62
(C)Charles Stanley	£545,780.81
(D)Fixed assets	£1,068,000.00
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TOTAL ASSETS 2025 £1,723,686.58

## Value April 2024

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(A) Cash funds	£18,657.05
(B) Black Rock	£232,868.12
(C) Portfolio Charles Stanley	£677,285.08
(D) Fixed assets (property)	£661,515.00
TOTAL ASSETS 2024	£1,590,325.25

# **Brixton Feoffee Trust**

# Year-end Reconciliation – 2024/25 year

The sum available for distribution in the accounting year comprised the following:-

Payments over receipts (deficit) as recorded on Sheet (1) is

Year end deficit – payments over red	eints	£876.90
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The payments recorded on Sheet (1) include grants which are part payments made to the scheme beneficiaries from "income" received in the accounting year and made available for distribution in the same period. Those part payments must be added to the total net income to establish the total amount available for distribution in the following financial year, and they are as follows:-

Fund (a) - St. Mary's Church (Moiety due from 2022,/23) year)	£10,298.13
Fund (b) – Relief in Need (Part of moiety for current year)	£9,035.79
Fund (c) – Community Fund (Part of moiety for current year)	£4328.60
TOTAL GRANTS DURING YEAR	£23,662.52

# TOTAL AMOUNT FOR DISBURSEMENT DUE FROM THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2024/25

Part payments already made - £23,662.52 (as above). From this, DEDUCT the deficit of payments over receipts over payments (LESS £876.90) which gives a figure of £22,785.62. This is the total amount available for distribution to the Trust's beneficiaries.

This sum (£22,785.62) is divided equally between:

- (a) St. Mary's Church and
- (b) Relief in Need.
  - A grant of £11,392.81 declared to St. Mary's Church
  - A grant of £11,392.81 is declared to Relief in Need, for the following financial year 2025/26, as stated on the following page (5).

# BENEFICIARIES Amounts accruing from 2024/25 year

(a) St. Mary's Church (Fund A) – Moiety due £11,392.81 Half of annual moiety accruing from 2023/24 year - £11,392.81 Total due to St. Mary's Church = £11,392.81

# (b) Individual Grants (Fund B) - Moiety due £11,392.81

Part payments from this half (moiety) were distributed during the accounting year (2024/25) and totalled £9,035.79. It is stated in the Brixton Feoffee Trust Deed that any amount unspent from the Individual Grants Fund (Fund B) at the end of the accounting year must be transferred to the Community Fund (Fund C) to be available for distribution for the general benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish of Brixton during the ensuing year.

Accordingly, the remaining amount from the moiety of fund (b) for <u>transfer</u> to fund (C) is £11,392.81 LESS £9,035.79 (already distributed) = £2,357.02.

# (c) Community Fund (Fund C) Financial Year 2024/25

The value of the Fund at the beginning of the current accounting year (2024/25) resulting from the transfer of unspent part of (b) in 2024, including any carry forward from previous years, amounted to the sum of £8,358.92. Grants of £4,328.60 were distributed during the accounting year. The amount remaining in the Community fund at the end of the financial year 24/25 is £8,358.92 LESS £4,328.60 = £4,030.32.

To this is added the transfer from the Individual Grants Fund of £2,357.02, making a total of £6,387.34.

The Brixton Feoffee Trust declares that £6,387.34 is available for Community projects during the financial year 2025/26.

#### Administration costs for Brixton Feoffee Trust

The administration costs during the financial year 2024/25, including the Clerk's honorarium, updating the Trust's email, joining the ICO, Google access and advice, scrutineer's fee, travelling expenses, room hire, DBS checks and printer ink cartridges, amounted to £8,491.19.

(Check for balance, £6,387.34. (Community Fund available for distribution) + church moiety outstanding at year-end (£11,392.81) = £17,780.15 (= cash funds as on page 2.)

Statement of accounts prepared by Mrs S Axell, Clerk to the Trustees

Received at Brixton Feoffee Trust meeting on: 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025

Signed by two Trustees:- E. Hitchins A Williams

# **BRIXTON FEOFFEE TRUST**

# Trustees' Annual Report for Financial year 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

#### **Purpose of the Trust**

As stated within the Trust's Deed the Trust shall manage its assets in line with the restrictions imposed by the Charities Act 1993 and manage its income in maintaining its property (including the repair and insurance of any buildings thereon) and for all other charges and outgoings payable in the administration and management of the Charity.

Once all expenses incurred regarding property and administration have been met then the remaining income will be applied as follows:

- One half of the said income shall be paid to the Parochial Church Council of St. Mary, Brixton, for the upkeep, repair and insurance against fire of the fabric of the Parish Church of Brixton
- The remaining half of the said income shall be applied in relieving either generally or individually persons resident in the area of benefit\* who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress by making grants of money or providing or paying for items, services or facilities calculated to reduce the need, hardship or distress of such persons.
- If and in so far as income in any year is not required for relief the Trustees may apply the same as they think fit for any charitable purpose for the general benefit of the inhabitants of the said area of benefit.

\*In exceptional cases the Trustees may grant relief to persons otherwise eligible therefore who are resident immediately outside the said area of benefit but in the opinion of the Trustees ought nevertheless for sufficient reason be treated as if resident therein or who are located for the time being within the area of benefit

# **Trustees**

All Trustees undertake a DBS check and these checks are scheduled to be repeated every three years. Mrs. Hitchins undertook an online DBS check in February 2025. Small reimbursements of expenses, claimed on the Trust's Expenses Claim Form, have been approved by the Board of Trustees during the year. All Trustees continue to ensure that the subject of Confidentiality in their work for the Trust is their highest priority.

#### Clerk

The Board is very grateful for the continued services of its Clerk and are very aware of the amount of time that this post entails. Clerk's professional and diligent in work has been recognised by the Trust's Accountant in his review of the accounts each year.

The Board reviewed the Clerk's honoraria again this year, increasing in recognition of the level of responsibility and time needed to complete the requirements of the post throughout the year in behalf of the Trust, which has been especially demanding due to property adjustments. The Clerk has completed the Trust's Expenses Claim Form when appropriate expenses have been incurred during the year. These claims were approved by the Board of Trustees before payment.

### **Professional Advisers**

<u>Asset Portfolio</u> - The Trust's portfolio is managed by Charles Stanley/Raymond James. The Board of Trustees met with Paul Cann, Investment Director, Charles Stanley, at a Board meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025.

<u>Property</u> – Following the adoption of the Trust's Business Plan, The Board of Trustees appointed Belvoir to manage the letting of its cottages with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024.

<u>Accounts</u> - Amplitude Tax Accountants Ltd. of Lanreath, Cornwall have again scrutinised the Trust's annual accounts for this year. The Board of Trustees is grateful to John Mason of Amplitude who undertakes this task with efficiency.

<u>Governance</u> - The Board has subscribed to South Hams Community Action, who have given much valuable advice during the year; the Board of Trustees is sad to note that South Hams Community Action has ceased due to funding difficulties. The Board is also a member of Devon Voluntary Action.

<u>Data Registration</u>. The Board has subscribed again to the Information Commissioner's Office during the year.

<u>Email address</u>. The Board has taken out a "Gov.UK" email address in line with guidelines and following advice.

<u>Technical Assistance.</u> The Board is grateful to Triscott Technical Solutions for advice during the year.

<u>Legal</u> – The Board of Trustees has consulted Thompson & Jackson, solicitors, regarding the Trust's Title during the year under review. The Board of Trustees has also consulted Thompson & Jackson regarding the purchase of 36 Tappers Lane, Yealmpton.

<u>Property Surveys</u>. The Board of Trustees consulted Monk & Partners to obtain a Level Two Survey of their recent property purchase, 36 Tappers Lane, Yealmpton. The Board of Trustees has also consulted Tech Surveys to obtain EPC certificates for all its properties.

#### Governance

# Policies and Policy development

The Board continues to introduce and ratify new policies and guidelines which help establish the boundaries and best practices for acceptable behaviour for the Trust, including the Trustees, Clerk and any of its volunteers.

The routine review and updating of the Trust's policies has resumed during the year. The Board of Trustees is grateful to Trustee Mrs. Hitchins for undertaking this duty with the Clerk. All Trustees were circulated with the policies reviewed in draft format, then circulated with the final version for retention. In accordance with the Trust's Environment Policy, paperwork is kept to a minimum and policies are circulated in digital format. The purpose of the policies is to influence and determine all major decisions and actions, and all activities take place within the boundaries set by them. The current list of the Trust's policies (including risk assessments) is appended to this report (Appendix 2)

The Board of Trustees continues to be mindful of the Charity Commission's "15 Useful Questions" at all times

#### Finances and Financial Monitoring

The Board of Trustees received regular updates and newsletters from Charles Stanley on the market situation, and Paul Cann, Investment Director directing supervising the Trust's portfolio, was always freely available for consultation on any matter. Paul Cann attended a Trustee Board meeting in January 2025, in accordance with the Board's usual practice, and gave helpful advice and guidance on financial affairs.

The Board of Trustees continues its instruction to Charles Stanley to deal direct with the Trust's UK holdings in stock rather than using Fund Managers in order to save charges from collective funds: this has resulted in an increase in income. The Board of Trustees negotiated a reduction in Charles Stanley's charges during the year. The Board has kept its investment strategy as "Medium Low" to safeguard investments and generate greater income in compliance with the Trust's financial policy (BFT04). As reported below, The Board has

purchased a new property during the year under review. The Board resolved to withdraw equal amounts from BlackRock and Charles Stanley to fund this purchase.

During the year the Board continued to work to improve its reporting procedures on budget planning and monitoring, again to comply with the Trust's financial policy (BFT04).

The Trustees are pleased with the income from BlackRock following the sale of 11 Old Road in the previous year. As reported below, The Board has purchased a new property during the year under review. The Board resolved to withdraw equal amounts from BlackRock and Charles Stanley to fund this purchase.

The system of payments by BACS, direct to the person or contractor involved continues to work well. The Clerk has worked with two Trustees at regular intervals to monitor the checking and recording system to ensure that all dealings were accurate with full details and documentation. These meetings confirmed payments against ledger entry and bank statement. The bank used by the Trust provides a checking service when recipient bank details are put in which is a valuable reassurance. The Board of Trustees has acquired a Debit Card to be used in connection with the Trust's Business Current account; this has proved advantageous on several occasions when making grants.

# General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

The Board is aware of these new regulations that were introduced in 2018 and continues to be vigilant in abiding by these regulations.

### **Trust Deed**

As stated in the Trustees' Annual Report for the year 2019/20, the Brixton Feoffee Trust Deed was submitted to the Charity Commission in July 2019 and was accepted. This document is attached as Appendix 3.

# Charitable Incorporated Organisation

The Board of Trustees is considering moving towards becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. A presentation to the Board of Trustees was made by Jill Davies on this subject from South Hams Community Action on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2025. This matter will continue to be discussed.

# **Property**

#### Accommodation and Letting

All properties have been valued during the year for insurance rebuild prices. These are reflected in the end of year valuations on page 3. All properties have a current EPC rating, as required by law. These ratings will be reviewed at intervals. No. 6 Old Road has been assessed for Legionella risk.

#### Property - Yealmpton

No. 36 Tappers Lane, Yealmpton, was purchased by the Board of Trustees in February 2025. Minor redecoration was completed and the property will be let.

#### Brixton rental properties

The Board of Trustees is grateful to Belvoir! for taking over the management of the Trust properties. One cottage in Old Road was vacated in May 2024 and was re-let in September 2024.

As part of the Trust's Property Policy (BFT05) routine gas and electricity checks on the Trust's properties are undertaken along with property inspections by the Trustees. The Board of Trustees is pleased with the service given by local contractors.

#### The Park

This area of land owned by the Trust in the centre of Brixton is of most attractive appearance and is enjoyed and appreciated by all who pass. Within this area there are four Horse Chestnut trees which each have a Tree Preservation Order upon them. The trees are subject to periodic checks over the year, especially after storms by all Trustees and the Clerk. A rolling programme of visits (every eighteen months) by an arborist is under way and the trees were checked in October 2024. A continuing problem that is experienced in this area is the fouling of the area and footpaths by dogs that are walked by their owners through the Park. Signs are in place to remind dog owners of their responsibilities. The Trust is happy to allow use of the Park by local residents.

The Trust's Maintenance Plan for this area, employing Cutting Crew to undertake routine tasks is working well. The area under the trees is left for wildlife. Upgrading has taken place beside a footpath. Screening bushes have been planted beside one wall as a health and safety measure. The new lavender hedge beside the permissive footpath is growing well and has been enjoyed by all who pass through.

The Board of Trustees is grateful to Brixton Parish Council, who have given a grant of £500 towards the upkeep of this area of land, with the promise of a further grant of £500 during the 2025/26 year.

# Land owned by the Trust to the rear of Old Road

The Board of Trustees has continued to work on the appearance of the bank to the rear of the properties, adjacent to the A379 main road during the year. The planting previously undertaken is now mature and looks attractive. The Board of Trustees continues to monitor this area and to undertake necessary maintenance and improvement work.

#### Grants

## Church

As in previous years, St. Mary's Church PCC received a grant of one-half of the Trust's net income towards the maintenance of Brixton Church

#### Individuals

The remaining half share of the Trust's net income was made to individuals (Relief in Need). The Board of Trustees has been pleased to note an increase in requests for assistance, which included:

- Awards to school leavers at Brixton Primary School to enable them to acquire essential items when starting secondary school
- Cost of Living grants to individuals and families: a grant of £100 given rapidly to help with increased costs for individuals and families due to the Cost of Living crisis
- Assistance to Brixton residents for general beneficial reasons, which include uniform costs, home and mobility improvements, transport requirements, security at home, and help towards financial hardship.
- Assistance with grants to students towards Duke of Edinburgh Award costs and other Outward Bound costs
- Essential travel to school or college for Sixth Form students
- Grants to students progressing to Further Education
- A grant to Year Six children at St. Mary's School, Brixton, for travel expenses whilst in New Zealand.

The Board of Trustees has responded to the Cost of Living crisis by providing immediate grants of £100 to applicants who are experiencing difficulties with household and other expenses at this time. Availability of these grants is publicised in the local village magazine and on Facebook.

#### Community Fund

Grants this year included:

- A third share of the Brixton Village website costs
- A grant to support the costs of Dementia Friendly Parishes around the Yealm
- A grant to support the Brixton Magazine
- A Poppy Day wreath on Remembrance Day
- Grants to the Cost of Living Crisis/Warm Hub Group in the village who have provided a box of essential household items which are free to take. This support will continue for the foreseeable future

# **Brixton Feoffee Trust Community Car Scheme**

The Trust Community Car Scheme was suspended at the start of the Covid-19 pandemic in March 2020. The Board of Trustees has agreed to discontinue this Scheme during the year under review.

#### Geographical area covered by the Trust

The Board of Trustees is investigating with the Charity Commission its current geographical area.

#### **Promotion of the Trust**

The Board is mindful of the need to inform local residents and all care and support services of the availability of funds to assist those in need within the parish and regularly advertises in the village magazine, on the village website and the local Facebook page.

The new design of the Brixton village website operates well and gives a professional and efficient view of the village and its activities. The website is jointly funded by the Brixton Feoffee Trust, Brixton Parish Council and the Brixton Community Association.

#### **Complaints**

No complaints were received during the period under review.

#### **Summary**

The Board of Trustees has endeavoured to further the Trust's purposes by administering its property and portfolio as efficiently as possible in order to maximise income for beneficiaries

The Board is pleased that during the year substantial grants have been made to individuals within the parish of Brixton. The Board will continue in their efforts to maintain, and, if possible, increase, the grants made to all beneficiaries.

The Board will endeavour to ensure that the governance of the Trust will continue to meet the Charity Commission's requirements.

This annual report was approved by the Trustees at their meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025

Signature:- E Hitchins

Full Name:- Elizabeth Hitchins

Position (Chair of Trustees or Trustee):- Chair of Trustees

# Summary of Reference and Administration Details at year end 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

Charity Name: Brixton Feoffee Trust

Registered Charity No. 203604

Charity's Principal Address: c/o Clerk to the Trustees

15 Cherry Tree Drive, Brixton, Plymouth. PL8 2DD

Names of the Charity Trustees who manage the Charity:

Trustee Name	Office	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint Trustee (if any)
Mrs. E. Hitchins	Chair of Trustees	Whole Year	Parish Council Nominee
Mrs. S. Cairo	Trustee	Whole Year	Co-opted
Mrs. L. Lowe	Trustee	Whole Year	Co-opted
Mrs. J. Skentelbery	Trustee	Whole Year	Parochial Church Council Nominee
Mrs. A. Williams	Trustee	Whole Year	Co-opted

#### Names and addresses of advisers

Type of Adviser	Name	Address
Property Advice	Belvoir (property	136C Fore St, Saltash PL12 6JR
	advice)	
Financial Advice	Charles Stanley	Broadwalk House, Exeter. EX1 1TS
Accountant	Amplitude Tax	Brazemoor, Lanreath, Cornwall. PL13
	Accountants Ltd.	2PG
Bank	NatWest	14 Old Town Street, Plymouth, PL1 1DG
Solicitor	Thompson & Jackson	Hyder House, 680 Budshead Rd, Plymouth
		PL6 5XR

Structure, governance and management

**Type of Governing document:** Trust Deed dated 7.2.1996. Amended July

2019 (see Appendix 3, pp 13-24)

Trustee selection methods: Two Trustees nominated:-

One by Parochial Church Council and one by

Parish Council.

Three Trustees co-opted.

# Objectives and activities:

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

To maintain asset value. Assets to be invested to provide a secure and rising income for the Trust's beneficiaries.

# Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects:

Regular review of investments.

Regular review and care of properties owned by the Trust and rented at market value.

# Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year and declaration Please see enclosed Trustees' Report (pages 6 to 10)



# **Brixton Feoffee Trust Policy Documents**

Policy	Policy Title	Review
Reference	1 oney True	frequency
1	Recruitment	Annual
2		
	Applications for Assistance	Annual
3	Trustee Appointment dates	Annual
4	Financial	Annual
5	Property	Annual
6	Complaints	Annual
7	Conflict of Interests	Annual
8	Risk Management	Annual
9	Data Protection	Annual
10	Children's Safeguarding	Annual
11	Adults at Risk	Annual
12	Minor Repairs	Annual
13	Equipment	Annual
14	Continuity Plan	Annual
15	Disciplinary	Annual
16	Code of Conduct	Annual
17	Confidentiality	Annual
18	Environmental	Annual
19	Equality and Diversity	Annual
20	Volunteering	Annual
21	Grievance	Annual
22	Health and Safety	Annual
23	Serious Incident	Annual
24	Social Media	Annual

# Brixton Feoffee Trust

# **Trust Deed 2019**

County: **Devon** Place: **Brixton** 

Charity: Brixton Feoffee Trust

CD: (T1) 203604 a/6

Varied from the Order of the Commissioners dated 7<sup>th</sup> February 1996, by a resolution of the Brixton Feoffee Trustees at their meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019.

County	Devon
Place	Brixton
Charity	Brixton Feoffee Trust
CD	203604

Scheme including appointment of Trustees

# **CHARITY COMMISSION**

In the matter of the Brixton Feoffee Trust, in the Parish of Brixton, in the County of Devon, regulated by a Scheme of the Charity Commissioners of the 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1874, as varied by Schemes of the Commissioners of: -

- 18th February 1930
- 27<sup>th</sup> November 1962
- 7<sup>th</sup> February 1996
- 1st July 2019

In the matter of the Charities Act 1993 and updated according to the Charities Act 2011 and the new Charities Act 2016.

THE CHARITY COMMISSIONERS FOR ENGLAND AND WALES HEREBY ORDER that the following Scheme be approved and established as the Scheme for the regulation of the above-mentioned Charity:-

# **SCHEME**

## 1. Objects of the Charity

Income shall be applied as follows:

- a) One half for the upkeep, repair and insurance against fire of the fabric of the parish church of Brixton;
- b) The remaining half of the said income shall be applied in relieving either generally or individually persons resident in the area of benefit who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress by making grants of money or providing or paying for items, services or facilities calculated to reduce the need, hardship or distress of such persons. In exceptional cases the Trustees may grant relief to persons otherwise eligible therefore who are resident immediately outside the said area of benefit but in the opinion of the Trustees ought nevertheless for sufficient reason be treated as if resident therein or who are located for the time being within the area of benefit;
- c) For any charitable purpose for the general benefit of the inhabitants of the said area of benefit.

# 2. Administration of Charity

- a) The above-mentioned Charity and the property thereof shall be administered and managed subject to and in accordance with the provisions of this Scheme by the body of Trustees hereinafter constituted.
- b) The name of the Charity shall be Brixton Feoffee Trust or such other name as the Trustees from time to time by resolution may decide with the prior approval of the Charity Commissioners.

#### 3. Area of Benefit

In this Scheme the expression "area of benefit" shall be the Parish of Brixton.

Refer to Clause 29 (b) if considering applications from immediately outside the said area of benefit.

# **TRUSTEES**

#### 4. Trustees

The body of Trustees shall consist when complete of five competent persons being –

- Two Nominated Trustees
- Three Co-opted Trustees

# 5. Eligibility for Trusteeship

No one shall be appointed as a Trustee:

- a) If he or she is under the age of 18 years; or
- b) If he or she would at once be disqualified from office under the provisions of clause 9 of this deed.

No one shall be entitled to act as a trustee whether on appointment or on any reappointment as trustee until he or she has expressly acknowledged, in whatever way the Trustees decide, his or her acceptance of the office of trustee of the charity.

## 6. Appointment of Nominated Trustees

Nominated Trustees will be appointed as follows:-

- One by Brixton Parish Council
- One by the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Mary's, Brixton

Each appointment shall be made for a term of four years at a meeting of the appointing body. The person appointed may be but need not be a member of the appointing body.

# 7. Appointment of Co-opted Trustees

Co-opted Trustees shall be appointed for a term of five years by a resolution of the Trustees passed at a special meeting of which not less than 21 days' notice has been given to the Board.

In selecting individuals for appointment as Co-opted Trustees, the Trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the charity.

The Trustees must keep a record of the name and address and the dates of appointment, re-appointment and retirement of each Trustee.

# 8. Declaration by Trustees

No person shall be entitled to act as a Trustee until after signing in the minute book of the Trustees a declaration of acceptance and of willingness to act in the interests of this Scheme.

# 9. Termination of Trusteeship

A Trustee shall cease to be a Trustee if he or she:

- a) Is disqualified from acting as a Trustee by virtue of the appropriate section of the Charities Act 2016; or any statutory re-enactment of that provision
- b) In the written opinion, given to the charity, of a registered medical practitioner treating that person has become physically or mentally incapable of acting as a Trustee and may remain so for more than three months
- c) Is absent without the permission of the Trustees from all their meetings held within a period of six months and the Trustees resolve that his or her office be vacated
- d) Notifies to the Trustees a wish to resign (but only if enough trustees will remain in office when the notice of resignation takes effect to form a quorum for meetings)

#### 10. Duty of care and extent of liability

When exercising any power (whether given to them by this deed, or by statute, or by any rule of law) in administering or managing the charity, each of the Trustees must use the level of care and skill that is reasonable in the circumstances, taking into account any special knowledge or experience that he or she has or claims to have ("the duty of care").

No Trustee, and no one exercising powers or responsibilities that have been delegated by the Trustees, shall be liable for any act or failure to act unless, in acting or in failing to act, he or she has failed to discharge the duty of care.

#### 11. Vacancies

If a vacancy occurs, the Trustees must note the fact in the minutes of their next meeting. In the case of a vacancy for a Nominated Trustee, notice should be given as soon as possible to the Nominating Body. Any eligible Trustee may be reappointed.

If the number of Trustees falls below the quorum stated in Clause 17 none of the powers or discretions conferred by this deed or by law on the trustees shall be exercisable by the remaining trustees except the power to appoint new Trustees.

# 12. Delegation

In addition to their statutory powers, the Trustees may delegate any of their powers or functions to a committee of two or more Trustees. A committee must act in accordance with any directions given by the Trustees. It must report its decisions and activities fully and promptly to the Board of Trustees. It must not incur expenditure on behalf of the charity except in accordance with a budget previously agreed by the Trustees.

The Trustees must exercise their powers jointly at properly convened meetings except where they have:

- a) Delegated the exercise of the powers (either under this provision or under any statutory provision), or
- b) Made some other arrangements, by regulations under clause 22.

The Trustees must consider from time to time whether the powers or functions which they have delegated should continue to be delegated.

# **MEETINGS AND PROCEEDINGS OF TRUSTEES**

## 13. Expenses

The Trustees may use the charity's funds to meet any necessary and reasonable expenses which they incur in the course of carrying out their responsibilities as Trustees of the charity.

# 14. Ordinary Meetings

The Board of Trustees shall hold at least four ordinary meetings in each year. All Trustees should attend at least three of the four above-mentioned meetings each year.

The Trustees must arrange at each of their meetings the date, time and place of their next meeting, unless such arrangements have already been made. Ordinary meetings may also be called at any time by the person elected to chair meetings of the Trustees or by any two Trustees. In that case not less than ten days' clear notice must be given to the other Trustees.

#### 15. Special meetings

A special meeting may be summoned at any time by the chair or any two Trustees upon not less than seven days' notice being given to the other Trustees of the matters to be discussed. If matters include the appointment of a Co-opted Trustee or a proposal to amend any of the trusts of this Deed, then not less than 21 days' notice must be given. A special meeting may be called to take place immediately after or before an ordinary meeting.

## 16. Chair

The Trustees at their first ordinary meeting in each alternate year shall elect one of their number to be chair of their meetings until the commencement of the first ordinary meeting two years later. The Chair shall always be eligible for re-election.

The Chair shall remain elected until the two-year period has expired unless he/she wishes to relinquish the post.

If at any meeting the chair is not present within ten minutes after the time appointed for the meeting or there is no chair the Trustees present shall choose one of their number to be chair of the meeting.

The person elected to chair meetings of the Trustees shall have no other additional functions or powers except those conferred by this Deed or delegated to him or her by the Trustees.

#### 17. Quorum

There shall be a quorum when three Trustees are present at a meeting.

# 18. Voting

Every matter shall be determined by the majority of votes of the Trustees present and voting on the question. In case of equality of votes the chair of the meeting shall have a casting vote whether or not he or she has voted previously on the same question. No Trustee in any other circumstances shall have more than one vote.

## 19. Minutes

The Trustees shall keep, in files, minutes of the proceedings of their meetings.

## 20. Conflicts of interests

A charity Trustee must:

- a) Declare the nature and extent of any interest, direct or indirect, which he or she
  has in a proposed transaction or arrangement with the charity or in any
  transaction or arrangement entered into by the charity which has not been
  previously declared; and
- b) Absent himself or herself from any discussions of the charity Trustees in which it is possible that a conflict will arise between his or her duty to act solely in the interests of the charity and any personal interest (including but not limited to any personal financial interest).

Any charity Trustee absenting himself or herself from any discussions in accordance with this clause must not vote or be counted as part of the quorum in any decision of the charity Trustees on the matter.

# 21. Accounts and annual report

The Trustees must comply with their obligations under the Charities Act 2016 with regard to:

- a) The keeping of accounting records for the charity;
- b) The preparation of annual accounts for the charity;
- c) The auditing or independent examination of the statements of account of the charity;
- d) The transmission of the statements of account of the charity to the Commissioners; and
- e) The preparation of an Annual Report and its submission to the Commissioners.
- f) The preparation of an Annual Return with Statement of Accounts and its submission to the Commissioners.

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# 22. General power to make regulations

The Trustees may from time to time make regulations for the management of the charity and for the conduct of their business and governance, including

- a) The calling of meetings;
- b) Methods of making decisions in order to deal with cases or urgency when a meeting is impractical;
- c) The deposit of money at a bank;
- d) The custody of documents; and
- e) The keeping and authenticating of records. (If regulations made under this clause permit records of the charity to be kept in electronic form and require a trustee to sign the record, the regulations must specify a method of recording the signature that enables it to be properly authenticated).
- f) The appointment of a Clerk.

The Trustees must not make regulations or policies which are inconsistent with anything in this deed.

# 23. Disputes

If a dispute arises between the Trustees about the validity or propriety of anything done by the charity Trustees under this deed, and the dispute cannot be resolved by agreement, the Trustees party to the dispute must first try in good faith to settle the dispute by mediation before resorting to litigation.

# 24. Registered particulars

The Trustees must notify the Commission promptly of any changes to the charity's entry on the Central Register of Charities.

#### 25. Bank account

Any bank or building society account in which any of the funds of the charity are deposited must be operated by the Trustees and held in the name of the charity. Unless the regulations of the Trustees make other provision, all cheques and orders for the payment of money from such an account shall be signed by at least two Trustees.

# MANAGEMENT OF PROPERTY

# **26. Statutory Powers**

Nothing in this Deed restricts or excludes the exercise by the Trustees of the powers given by the Trustee Act 2000 as regards investment, the acquisition or disposal of land, and the employment of agents, nominees and custodians.

## 27. Powers

- a) The Trustees may exercise the power to sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of all or any part of the property belonging to the charity in order to further the objects of the charity. In exercising this power, the Trustees must comply with the appropriate sections of the Charities Act 2016.
- b) The Trustees shall ensure that any lease or letting of property meets the legal requirements of the Rent Act (including covenants).
- c) The Trustees shall keep in repair and insure to the full value thereof against fire and other usual risks all the buildings, property and land of the Charity not

- required to be kept in repair and insured by the lessees or tenants thereof and shall suitably insure in respect of public liability.
- d) Unless the Commissioners otherwise direct the clear proceeds of any such sale as aforesaid shall be invested in trust for the Charity.
- e) The Trustees shall first pay out of the income of the Charity the cost of maintaining the property of the Charity (including the repair and insurance of any buildings thereon) and all other charges and outgoings payable in respect thereof and all the proper costs, charges and expenses of and incidental to the administration and management of the Charity.

# APPLICATION OF INCOME

# 28. Application of income

Subject to payment of the expenses the Trustees shall apply the income of the Charity as follows:-

- a) One half of the said income shall be paid to the Parochial Church Council of St. Mary's, Brixton, for the upkeep, repair and insurance against fire of the fabric of the Parish Church of Brixton
- b) The remaining half of the said income shall be applied in relieving either generally or individually persons resident in the area of benefit who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress by making grants of money or providing or paying for items, services or facilities calculated to reduce the need, hardship or distress of such persons. In exceptional cases the Trustees may grant relief to persons otherwise eligible therefore who are resident immediately outside the said area of benefit but in the opinion of the Trustees ought nevertheless for sufficient reason be treated as if resident therein or who are located for the time being within the area of benefit;
- c) If and in so far as income in any year is not required for relief in need in accordance with clause 28 (b) the Trustees may apply the same as they think fit for any charitable purpose for the general benefit of the inhabitants of the said area of benefit.

In applying income for relief in need the Trustees may pay for such items, services or facilities by way of donations or subscriptions to institutions, charities or organisations which provide or undertake in return to provide such items, services or facilities for such persons.

# **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

## 29. Application of income from financial investments and property

The income from financial investments and property of the charity must be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects.

- a) A charity Trustee is entitled to be reimbursed out of the property of the charity or may pay out of such property reasonable expenses properly incurred by him or her when acting on behalf of the charity.
- b) A charity Trustee may benefit from Trustee Indemnity insurance cover purchased at the charity's expense in accordance with, and subject to the conditions in the appropriate section of the Charities Act 2016.

None of the income or property of the charity may be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise by way of profit to any charity Trustee.

# 30. Appropriation of benefits

The appropriation of the benefits of the Charity shall be made by the Trustees at meetings of their body and not separately by any individual Trustee or Trustees: Provided that the Trustees from time to time may appoint two or more members of their body to be a committee for dealing with any cases of emergency but all acts and proceedings of such committees shall be reported in due course to the Trustees.

# 31. Expenses of management

The Trustees shall first defray out of the income of the Charity the cost of maintaining the property of the Charity (including the repair and insurance of any buildings thereon) and all other charges and outgoings payable in respect thereof also to include any charges and costs incurred in the management of the Charity's investment portfolio and all the proper costs, charges and expenses of an incidental to the administration and management of the Charity.

# 32. Benefits and payments to charity Trustees and connected persons

#### 32.1. General Provisions

No charity trustee or connected person may:

- a) Buy or receive any goods or services from the charity on terms preferential to those applicable to members of the public;
- b) Sell goods, services or any interest in land to the charity;
- c) Be employed by, or receive any remuneration from, the charity;
- d) Receive any other financial benefit from the charity;

Unless the payment or benefit is permitted by clause 32.2 or authorised by the court or the Charity Commission ("the Commission"). In this clause a "financial benefit" means a benefit, direct or indirect, which is either money or has a monetary value.

# 32.2. Scope and powers permitting trustees' or connected persons' benefits

- a) A charity Trustee or connected person may receive a benefit from the charity in the capacity of a beneficiary of the charity provided that a majority of the Trustees do not benefit in this way.
- b) A charity Trustee or connected person may enter into a contract for the supply of services, or of goods that are supplied in connection with the provision of services, to the charity where that is permitted in accordance with, and subject to, the conditions in the appropriate section of the Charities Act 2016.
- c) Subject to clause 32.3 a charity Trustee or connected person may provide the charity with goods that are not supplied in connection with services provided to the charity by a charity Trustee or connected person.
- d) A charity Trustee or connected person may receive interest on money lent to the charity at a reasonable and proper rate which must not be more than the Bank of England bank rate (also known as the base rate).
- e) A charity Trustee or connected person may receive rent for premises let by the Trustee or connected person to the charity. The amount of the rent and the other terms of the lease must be reasonable and proper. The charity Trustee concerned must withdraw from any meeting at which such a proposal or the rent or other terms of the lease are under discussion.

f) A charity Trustee or connected person may take part in the normal trading and fundraising activities of the charity on the same terms as members of the public.

# 32.3. Payment for the supply of goods only – controls

The charity and its charity Trustees may only rely upon the authority provided by clause 32.2(c) if each of the following conditions is satisfied:

- a) The amount or maximum amount of the payment for the goods is set out in an agreement in writing between the charity and the charity Trustee or connected person supplying the goods ("the supplier") under which the supplier is to supply the goods in question to or on behalf of the charity.
- b) The amount or maximum of the payment for the goods in question does not exceed what is reasonable in the circumstances for the supply of the goods in question.
- c) The other charity Trustees are satisfied that it is in the best interests of the charity to contract with the supplier rather than someone who is not a charity Trustee or connected person. In reaching that decision the charity Trustees must balance the advantage of contracting with a charity Trustee or connected person against the disadvantages of doing so.
- d) The supplier is absent from the part of the meeting at which there is discussion of the proposal to enter into a contract or arrangement with him or her or it with regard to the supply of goods to the charity.
- e) The supplier does not vote on any such matter and is not to be counted when calculating whether a quorum of Trustees is present at the meeting.
- f) The reason for their decision is recorded by the charity Trustees in the minutes.
- g) A majority of the charity trustees then in office are not in receipt of remuneration or payments authorised by clause 32.

In clauses 32.2 and 32.3

- a) "charity" shall include any company in which the charity:
  - i. Holds more than 50% of the shares; or
  - ii. Controls more than 50% of the voting rights attached to the shares; or
  - iii. Has the right to appoint one or more Trustees to the Board of the company.
- b) In clauses 32.2 and 32.3, "connected person" includes any person within the definition set out in clause 33 (Interpretation).

## 33. Interpretation

#### 33.1. In this deed:

All references to particular legislation are to be understood as references to legislation in force at the date of this deed and also to any subsequent legislation that adds to, modifies or replaces that legislation.

#### 33.2. "Connected person" means:

- a) a child, parent, grandchild, grandparent, brother or sister of the Trustee;
- b) the spouse or civil partner of the Trustee or of any person falling within clause 33.2(a)

- c) a person carrying on business in partnership with the Trustee or with any person falling within clauses 33.2(a) or 33.2(b)
- d) an institution which is controlled
  - i. by the Trustee or any connected person falling within clauses 33.2(a),33.2(b)and 33.2(c); or
  - ii. by two or more persons falling within clause 33.2(d)(i), when taken together.
- e) A body corporate in which
  - i. The charity Trustee or any connected person falling within clauses 33.2(a),33.2(b)and 33.2(c) has a substantial interest; or
  - ii. Two or more persons falling within clause 33.2(e)(i) who, when taken together, have a substantial interest.

The appropriate sections of the Charities Act 2016 apply for the purposes of interpreting the terms used in clause 32.2.

#### 34. Questions under Scheme

Any question as the construction of this Scheme or as to the regularity or the validity of any acts done or about to be done under this Scheme shall be determined by the Commissioners upon such application made to them for the purpose as they think sufficient.

#### 35. Amendment of trust deed

The Trustees may amend the provisions of this deed, provided that:

- a) No amendment may be made to clause 1 (Objects), clause 10 (Duty of care and extent of liability), clause 28 (Application of income), clause 29 (Application of income from financial investments and property) and clause 32 (benefits and payments to charity trustees and connected persons), clause 36 (Dissolution) or this clause without the prior consent in writing of the Commission; and
- b) No amendment may be made that would have the effect of making the charity cease to be a charity at law.
- c) No amendment may be made to alter the objects if the change would undermine or work against the previous objects of the charity.

Any amendment of this deed must be made by deed following a decision of the Trustees made at a special meeting.

The Trustees must send to the Commission a copy of the deed effecting any amendment made under this clause within three months of it being made.

Varied from the Order of the Commissioners dated 7<sup>th</sup> February 1996, by a resolution of the Brixton Feoffee Trustees at their meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019.

# IN WITNESS of this deed the parties to it have signed below:

# 1. Signed as a deed by:

1(a) M. Landricombe

On this 1<sup>st</sup> (day) of July (month) 2019 (year)

1(b) Witness's name:

R.S. Axell

Witness's address:

15 Cherry Tree Drive, Brixton, Plymouth. PL8 2DD

# 2. Signed as a deed by:

2(a) J. Penney-Cousins

On this 1st (day) of July (month) 2019 (year)

2(b) Witness's name:

R. Axell

Witness's address:

15 Cherry Tree Drive, Brixton, Plymouth. PL8 2DD

# 3. Signed as a deed by:

3(a) E. Hitchins

On this 1st (day) of July (month) 2019 (year)

3(b) Witness's name:

R. Axell

Witness's address:

15 Cherry Tree Drive, Brixton, Plymouth. PL8 2DD

# 4. Signed as a deed by:

4(a) B. Huxtable

On this 1<sup>st</sup> (day) of July (month) 2019 (year)

4(b) Witness's name:

R. Axell

Witness's address: 15 Cherry Tree Drive, Brixton, Plymouth. PL8 2DD



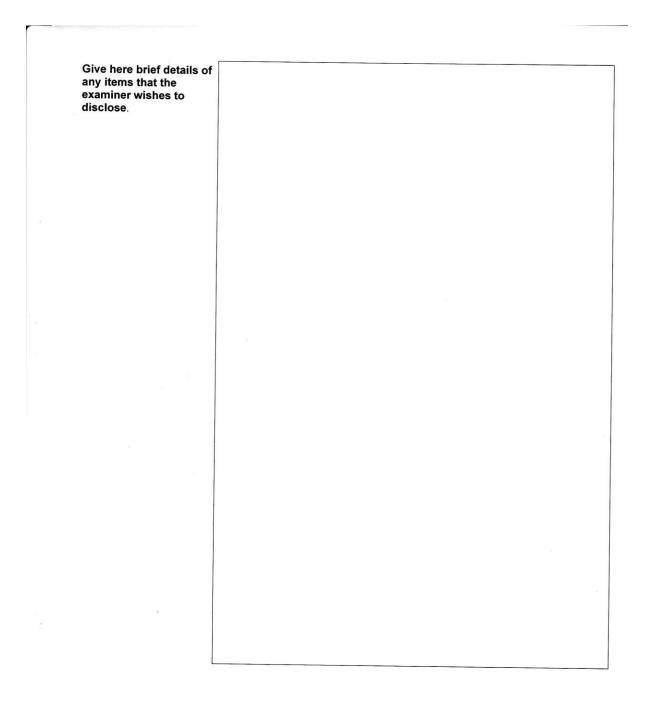
# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A	ndependent Examiner's Report			
Report to the trustees/ members of	Brixton Feoffee Trust			
On accounts for the year ended	31 March 2025	Charity no (if any)	203604	
Set out on pages	1-2			
	I report to the trustees on my examination charity ("the Trust") for the year ended	n of the accou	nts of the above	
Responsibilities and basis of report				
	I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.			
Independent examiner's statement	I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:  accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or  the accounts do not accord with the accounting records			
	I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.			
Signed:	alla	Date:	19/08/2025	
Name:	John Mason			
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	Ex H M Inspector of Taxes			
Address:	Brazemoor			
	Lanreath, Looe			
	Cornwall PL13 2PG			
Section B Dis	closure			
Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).				

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