

Association of Church Accountants and Treasurers

Public benefit statement

The trustee has given due consideration to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance in planning and managing the Association's activities, which comprise:

- the provision of a regularly updated Members' Handbook covering many aspects of financial administration, accounting and other legislation with which churches must comply, as well as best practice in matters of charity governance;
- publishing regular newsletters to all members;
- answering members' questions on specific issues and their advice-requests via a website helpline;
- arranging annual conference(s), with keynote speakers on relevant topics, open to members and non-members who can meet and discuss matters of common interest;
- holding nationwide training courses giving members and others the opportunity to network with their peers and increase their knowledge of relevant issues, as well as the new online training courses;
- encouraging denominations and other church groups to consider "block" membership for their treasurers and trustees at reduced annual subscription rates;
- championing members' interests as church treasurers by liaison with regulatory authorities and by responding to relevant public consultations as they arise.

For the public benefit, the Association aims to advance the Christian religion through the promotion of the efficiency and effectiveness of Christian churches and organisations by the provision, primarily to the Association's members, of advice, training in the role of the trustee, treasurer and information on accounting, financial, legal, governance and other related issues. Membership of the Association is by annual subscription, the modest level of which, the trustee believes, should not exclude any church treasurer or official with financial responsibilities from access to benefit. We provide wider public benefit by helping the Church manage and steward its financial resources effectively through equipping our members to perform their roles well.