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7 October 2026

To: The Mayor (Honorary Freeman Chris Wells)
Chairman and members of the Distribution Committee of the
CHARITY OF WILLIAM YEOMAN BENNETT FOR THE POOR INCORPORATING THE JOHN WHITE CHARITY
Lisa Smith Walker and Councillors Biscoe, Claxton, Collins-Rajna and Pascoe

AGENDA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of the **CHARITY OF WILLIAM YEOMAN BENNETT FOR THE POOR INCORPORATING THE JOHN WHITE CHARITY** will be held at **LARGE COMMUNITY ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, TRURO CITY COUNCIL, UNION PLACE, TRURO** on **MONDAY 12 OCTOBER 2026** at **19:00** for the transaction of the under mentioned business:

Before the meeting the Chairman will read out the Library Building Fire Procedures

1 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES
To **note** apologies

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3 APPOINT CHAIRPERSON
To **resolve** to appoint a chairperson.

4 MINUTES (Appendix A pg2)
To resolve to **approve.**

5 ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS (Appendix B pg3)
To resolve to **approve.**

6 DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME FOR 2026/27 (Appendix C pg6)
To **resolve** 2026/27 distribution.

7 FUTURE YEARS DISTRIBUTION PROCEDURE
To **resolve** a distribution procedure for future years

8 CORRESPONDENCE
Quarterly update emails from Charity Commission: Winter 2025/26, Spring 2026, Summer 2026. (Appendix D pg7)

9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING
An AGM meeting will be arranged for autumn 2027.

David Rodda MBE
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MEETING OF WILLIAM YEOMAN BENNETT FOR THE POOR CHARITY INCORPORATING THE JOHN WHITE CHARITY HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2025 at 7.00 pm in the Training Room, Second Floor, Truro Public Library, Union Place, Truro

PRESENT: Councillors Biscoe, Claxton (Chairman), Collins and Wells (Mayor)
APOLOGIES: Lisa Smith Walker, David Rodda (Town Clerk), Councillor Pascoe
Also in Attendance: Cheryl Simpson, Committee Clerk and Agatha Hodges, Mayor's Secretary and Administrator.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
None. WYB/25/1

2. MINUTES
It was proposed by Councillor Biscoe, seconded by Councillor Wells, and

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13 October 2025 were considered a correct record. **WYB/25/2**

3. PREVIOUS BENEFICIARIES
Noted previous beneficiaries **WYB/25/3**

4. DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME
It was proposed by Councillor Biscoe, seconded by Councillor Wells, and

RESOLVED that the Charity of William Yeoman Bennett for the Poor Incorporating the John White Charity will distribute up to £1,000 this year.

It was proposed by Councillor Claxton, seconded by Councillor Collins, and

RESOLVED that £1,000 will be provided to Trelander Community Centre, to be used for the re-equipping of the building, subject to a satisfactory governance mechanism agreed by Truro City Council with Trelander Community Centre Committee. The £1,000 grant will be paid to Truro City Council to be held with the funds they are already held for this purpose.
WYB/25/4

5. CORRESPONDENCE
i. Email from Charity Commission dated 17/10/2025 – quarterly update was **noted.** WYB/25/5

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING
AGM to be arranged in autumn 2026.

The meeting closed at 19:12.

---------- CHAIRMAN

Charity name:	Charity of William Yeoman Bennett for the Poor Incorporating the John White Charity
Other names:	William Yeoman Bennett Charity (Working name) Charity of William Yeoman Bennett for the Poor (Previous name)
Registered charity number:	276356
Address:	Municipal Buildings Boscawen Street Truro TR1 2NE
Phone:	01872 274766
Email:	joanne@truro.gov.uk
Website:	www.truro.gov.uk
Charity's trustees: As listed on Charity Commission	Councillor Christopher Wells Councillor Rod Pascoe Councillor Leigh Collins Councillor Devon James Claxton Councillor Bert Martin Montagu Biscoe Lisa Smith Walker Trevor David Rodda MBE
Governing document	Will proved on 06 July 1882 as amended by resolution dated 22 December 2004 as amended on 20 September 2016
Charitable objects	Annual income to be distributed among the poor and destitute citizens of the city not receiving alms or parochial relief.
Area of benefit	City of Truro

Charity of William Yeoman Bennett for the poor incorporating the John White Charity

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from 01/04/2025 to 31/03/2026

Receipts and payments

	2025/26	2024/25
	£	£
Receipts		
Dividend Income	1,208.72	627.01
James Trewin Charitable Trust	-	8,725.55
Sub total	1,208.72	9,352.56
Payments		
Bank charges	20.00	60.00
2024/2025 - grants made	2,250.00	-
2025/2026 - donation	1,000.00	-
Sub total	3,270.00	60.00
Asset and investment purchases		
Purchase of charifunds	-	8725.55
Total payments	3,270.00	8,785.55
Net of receipts/(payments)	**- 2,061.28**	**567.01**
Cash funds last year end	2,566.47	1,999.46
Cash funds this year end	**505.19**	**2,566.47**

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period 31/03/2026

Cash Funds - HSBC account		£505.19
Investment assets	Units	Current Value
M&G Charifund	1,272.34	£22,830.58

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print name	Date of approval

Annual Report for 2025/26

Delays in updating the William Yeoman Bennett Charity's bank mandate meant that the charity could not make payments directly. To ensure that it could continue to fulfil its charitable objectives, Truro City Council paid £2,250 of 2024/25 grants on the charity's behalf. The charity reimbursed the Council once the new bank mandate was in place.

In 2025/26, the charity awarded one grant of £1,000 to Trelander Community Centre Committee to support the re-equipping of the building following the fire. The grant has been paid to Truro City Council, which is holding the funds under an agreed governance arrangement until the Committee is ready to begin the re-equipping work.

Distribution of Income for 2026/27

Budget for 2026/27

Bank account at 01/04/2026	£505.19
Less: Liabilities	
none	
	£505.19
Add: Estimated dividend income 2026/27	£800.00
Estimated Funds available for distribution 2026-27	**£1,305.19**

Dividend income received this year so far:
29/05/2026 - £ 330.81
28/08/2026 - £ 305.36
Total £ 636.17

Suggested charities received from trustees

Charity recommendation	What charity does	Recommendation received from
Cornwall Refuge Trust	Cornwall Refuge Trust provides refuge accommodation for women, men and children who have escaped domestic abuse, offering them a safe and supportive environment in which to recover from their experiences.	The Mayor
St Petrocs	St Petrocs are a charity supporting those experiencing homelessness. They offer drop-in centres, accommodation, health and wellness support and emergency winter support.	The Mayor and Cllr Claxton
Truro Homeless Action Group (THAG)	THAG is a volunteer run group who cook daily breakfasts for the homeless & those in poverty. They also cook a Christmas meal on Christmas day	The Mayor
WithYou	WithYou provide drug and alcohol, and mental health services across Cornwall for adults and young people.	Lisa Smith Walker
Christians Against Poverty (CAP)	CAP focus on helping people get out of debt and get back into work.	Lisa Smith Walker

Previous Beneficiaries

2025/26	£1,000 Trelander Community Centre
2024/25	£750 City Life Church toddler and baby group £750 Charlie's Star Charity £750 Healey's Charitable Trust Fund.
2023/24	
2022/23	
2021/22	£500 Cornwall Refuge Trust £500 Man Down
2020/21	£1,000 Truro Foodbank
2019/20	£1,000 Acts 435

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Winter 2025-26

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In this edition:

- Charity Commission welcomes a new Chair
- Fundraising with confidence
- Senedd and local elections - a message from our CEO
- New guidance to support charities facing a hostile environment

Charity Commission welcomes a new Chair

In January, we welcomed our new Chair, Dame Julia Unwin. With extensive experience in the voluntary sector and of regulation, she will lead the board in fulfilling the Commission's statutory duties and strategic priorities. Julia looks forward to continuing her engagement with the sector in the months ahead.

Find out more

We have refreshed our fundraising guidance (CC20) to coincide with the updated Code of Fundraising Practice, which came into effect in November 2025. The revised code is clearer, more flexible and better suited to modern fundraising and our guidance complements this by focusing on how to comply with your trustee duties when you fundraise from the public.

Read the guide

Senedd and local elections - a message from our CEO

Charities can campaign in support of their purposes, and the Commission stands firmly behind that right. But in doing so they must stay within the law including ensuring they remain independent of party politics. As elections approach, read thoughts from our CEO on what we expect from charities in their campaigning and political activity in the upcoming period. Find out what charities can expect from us in how we will regulate this activity, alongside links to our most relevant guidance.

Read the blog

New guidance to support charities facing a hostile environment

Late last year we published new guidance on how charities can respond when facing a hostile environment. Read this to understand how best to safeguard your people and premises and where to find support. We also updated our guidance on reporting serious incidents to help explain when you should report to us if your charity faces threats or violence.

Recent news

- During Ramadan and other times of increased public generosity, we promote tips for safer giving.
- The Fundraising Regulator has published new guidance on the use of AI in charitable fundraising.
- If you missed our Annual Public Meeting in December, it's available to watch on our YouTube channel.

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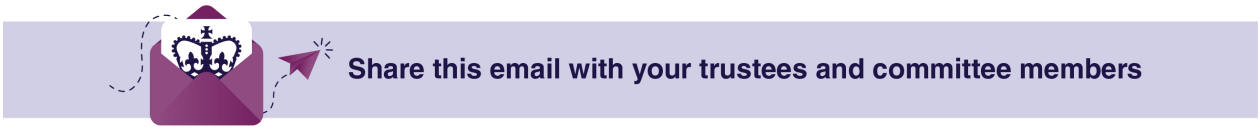

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- Clearer guidance on conflicts of interest
- Annual returns data: the headlines

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- Spot the scam be fraud aware
- Preparing for the Charity SORP 2026

Clearer guidance on conflicts of interest

We've published a redesigned version of our conflicts of interest guidance – a core piece of governance guidance that every trustee should read. Our casework shows that trustees often fail to recognise a conflict of interest, meaning they don't manage them properly.

The updated guidance makes it easier to spot and deal with conflicts. It clearly explains why

approach to identifying, declaring, managing and recording conflicts.

Read the guide

Spot the scam, be fraud aware

The Charity Commission is urging trustees and their charities to stay safe from fraud. Criminals are becoming increasingly sophisticated, using emails, texts, phone calls and online platforms to deceive people into sharing personal information or making payments.

Protect your charity by reading our guidance, reviewing your privacy settings, thinking about what identifiable information you share online such as email addresses and using strong, unique passwords for every account. Keeping software updated, and being wary of suspicious links, attachments or phone calls is also strongly advised.

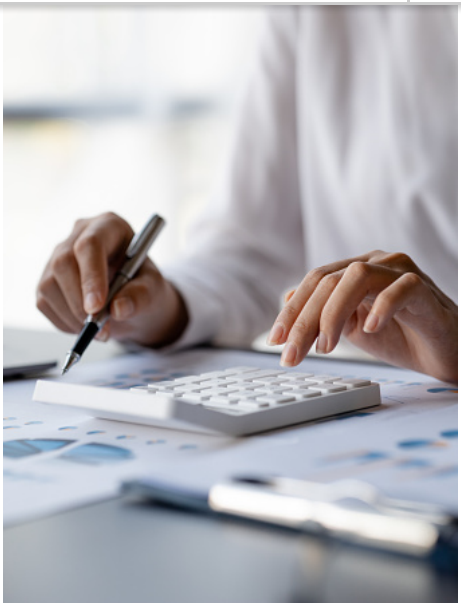
As a trustee or member of staff, you may also be personally at risk from such attempts. To help you stay safe, please take a few minutes to watch this video from the Met Police.

Watch now

Annual return data: £5bn more spent on impact, but finances remain tight

Charities across England and Wales continue to have huge impact. Our analysis of annual returns for 2024 found £100bn

million volunteers. But some charities continue to face financial pressures. Our CEO, David Holdsworth advises these trustees to act early and engage with our range of guidance designed to support charities facing financial challenges.



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Preparing for the Charity SORP 2026

The Charity Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) is effective from 1 January 2026. It has been updated to align with changes to UK accounting standards and to improve transparency and consistency in charity reporting. Charities that prepare accounts in accordance with the Charities SORP should review the updated requirements and assess how they apply to their organisation. The new requirements may require charities to amend existing accounting processes and reporting arrangements. The main areas affected by changes to UK accounting standards relate to income recognition and lease accounting.

Charities should seek advice from their auditors, independent examiners or professional advisers where additional support is needed.

Prepare for the new SORP

Recent news

- Dame Julia Unwin's first speech as Chair of the Charity Commission to Civil Society Media's Trustee Exchange in London.
- The Annual Return for those charities with financial year ending 2026, will be available from 31 July, 2026.

- Martyn's Law' Regulation is coming in 2027. The Security Industry Authority is hosting webinars on its draft guidance for premises, events and people affected by the new law. Learn more by signing up to a webinar here.

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- DBS rule change for child-facing volunteers
- Reminder: changes to account and examination thresholds

Our survey said - trustee & public research findings

Our latest public and trustee research reports have been published. The findings from 2026 show that public trust in charities remains strong, whilst one in four charities has been affected by hostility linked to social divisions. There are also updates on trustees' understanding of their responsibilities including conflicts of interest and financial controls. Read the research and consider what the findings mean for your charity's resilience, governance and engagement with supporters.

Our second annual Charity Sector Risk Assesment

Our latest report is out now. It aims to help the sector and trustees spot emerging risks and consider what they may mean for their own charity. This year's report highlights increasingly complex attempts to abuse charitable status - which can sometimes exploit gaps between regulators - and fast-moving risks linked to fraud, AI and safeguarding. We encourage trustees to use the report to inform board discussions, refresh risk registers and take early, proportionate action where needed.

Read the report

DBS rule change for child-facing volunteers

From **1 September 2026**, child-facing volunteers may need an Enhanced DBS check with a Children's Barred List check. The change mainly applies to volunteers who directly teach, train, coach, care for or supervise children often enough to meet the regulated activity rules. This could include youth groups, sports coaching, playgroups and children's activities. Charities should review affected roles, update safeguarding and recruitment processes, and identify any new checks needed from 1 September 2026.

Read the DBS guidelines

Reminder: changes to accounts and examination thresholds

Following a public consultation last year, the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) announced changes to accounting thresholds to help reduce costs and administrative effort for smaller charities. This is a reminder that these changes will come into effect on 30 September 2026 and will apply to accounting years that end on or after 30 September 2026.

Read more

Recent News

- Do your supporters fundraise for you? We've teamed up with the fundraising regulator to publish public guidance for anyone planning to raise money for charity.
- Read the blog - Measuring public trust in charities: why the research matters.
- Save the date: our Annual Public Meeting is on Thursday 15 October 2026, 12.45pm - 2.00pm. Click here to receive an online joining link or to register your interest in attending in person.

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