

KING'S CHURCH COCKERMOUTH

CHARITY INFORMATION Year Ended 31 March 2023

Charity Number	1191009
Principal office	The Hub, 2 Market St Cockermouth Cumbria CA13 9NJ
Trustees	Mr Stephen Arnold (Chair) Mrs Ann Morgan Mr Patrick Sharman (Treasurer) Mrs Lorna Casson Mr David Purfield
Eldership team	Mr Roger Bye Mr Chris Robins (retired)
Operations Director	Mr Paul Mogford
Bankers	National Westminster 31 Pow St Workington CA14 3WY
Solicitors	Brockbanks 44 Duke St Whitehaven CA28 7NR
Independent Examiner	Mr Tony Hindmoor Gibbons Chartered Accountants Carleton House 136 Gray St Workington CA14 2LU



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Charity No: 1191009 – A Charitable Incorporated Organisation

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TRUSTEES REPORT Year Ended 31 March 2023

Charity information

Details of trustees and other information are set out on the front page and forms part of this report.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is governed under a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) constitution dated 30 July 2020 and registered with the Charity Commission on 25 August 2020. Initial trustees are the same as those for the trust that converted to the CIO. New trustees are recruited from within the church congregation with the aim of there being at least four trustees.

The trustees met regularly during the year (at least every three months) to discuss financial, legal and employee issues, whilst receiving activity reports, though day-to-day organisation of the church's activities is the responsibility of the church elders and employees. With Chris Robins retiring and the remaining elder Roger Bye taking a 3-month break from 1 April 2023 a new core team has been formed of 7 people to support our sole elder with the spiritual leadership of the church. During the elder's break this team was led by a trustee. The Operations Director and an elder regularly attend trustees' meetings to provide reports and as a link to the eldership/core teams.

Whilst independent, the church is affiliated to the Christ Central sphere of the New Frontiers group of churches and is actively involved with member churches throughout Cumbria, the UK and internationally with interaction being voluntary. However the charity makes use of the assistance available from such a group particularly when dealing with challenging issues or training needs. The church attends various sphere events both in-person and online.

Part of the trustees' responsibilities is the review of risk factors and Safeguarding is constantly under review with training provided for children workers. Mr Paul Mogford as Operations Director has as part of his role is to regularly review all operational risks, policies and procedures, which have been done. Trustees have also been involved in elements of training for their role. A risk register is in place which is reviewed at trustee meetings. Trustees have an established policy of annual appraisals for all employed staff.

Objectives and activities

The primary objects are the advancement of the Christian faith and the relief of poverty both for the public benefit.

To achieve these aims the charity has carried out the following main activities.

- The meeting of church members for regular worship, teaching and prayer. This is normally undertaken weekly at Cockermouth School and at other times in homes, youth groups, smaller gatherings using halls, church office etc. Some meetings are still held on Zoom and the Sunday service is accessible online.
- Pastoral support throughout the church and the locality as required or requested.
- Attending major Christ Central events.
- Establishing and supporting new church plants in the county and elsewhere.
- Operating a church resource centre including a programme of social action and engagement with a particular focus on poverty in all its forms.
- Supporting Churches Together in the Cockermouth Area (CTICA)

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- Providing grants to Christian organisations and individuals engaged in missionary type work or for the relief of poverty.
- Developing contacts with Christians in other nations.

Achievements

The trustees are satisfied that the objectives are being achieved and would like to make specific reference to the following.

The church family totals approx. 100 regular attenders, which is a reduced number from the pre-pandemic years. However more recently we have noted more young families attending. We have been encouraged with attenders who come from Ukraine and other countries and have revived a course for new attenders. Several people have been baptised which we hope is a growing trend. The church continues to grow in maturity whilst retaining the calling to resource churches, other charities and individuals locally, regionally and internationally. The church both supports and has regular contact with Christian workers in places such as Canada, Sweden, Romania, Mexico, Zambia and until recently Zimbabwe. We normally meet on Sundays at the local secondary school and other locations during the week for prayer, worship and study. A growing work is our involvement in "Meal share" which is designed to help local people struggling to feed their families.

Both the church and individual members support Christian outreach and social action projects such as:

- The NISCU School's worker project taking assemblies and clubs in local schools.
- Food bank and our own regular Thursday Meal Share project – distributing food to those in need locally. Also assisting in the distribution of food vouchers and efficient cooking and heating equipment for the County Council.
- Long-term response to the community affected by the December 2015 floods in Cockermouth with the provision of a twice weekly café north of the river. An employee has a specific task in managing this outreach, including a regular visiting programme to reach out to folk living in that part of town.
- Regular social events for the community of all ages based at the Hub
- Engagement in the Ukraine refugee settlement programme plus from December 2022 the employment of a new staff member to run events for refugees including a weekly café to encourage interaction and language skills.
- The secondment of our operations director to Jubilee+ on a part-time basis to assist that national social action charity in network development.
- Linking Lives, a CTICA outreach to folk affected by loneliness and Safe Families for Children supporting families in crisis.

Our office and function room known as the Hub is our town base. The Hub is also the place where several youth groups meet and one, Amplify, being a Friday night group open to all youth in the town receives grant funding from the Cumbria Youth Alliance which enables us to employ a youth worker. The church also runs youth work open to all on a Monday evening and provides opportunities to attend weekend activity centres and the national Christian youth event Newday. From September 2023 a full-time youth and young families worker was appointed.

Various house groups meet on a regular basis during the week online or in-person for prayer study and social interaction.

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Financial review

The detailed figures are set out on the pages that follow. The trustees have decided that they will take advantage of the exemption from preparing full "accrual" accounts. The trustees are satisfied that the church retains sufficient reserves to meet the policy of having a minimum of 3 months expenditure or if higher £50k. The trustees designated £190k of the Station Street shop net proceeds for a new meeting site opportunity, should it arise, but have since transferred £50k of this to support strategic interventions. Whilst a substantial deficit is reported for the year this is primarily due to donations of £18500 made from the Designated fund.

Management accounts are produced regularly to aid decision-making and expense monitoring. A budget is prepared annually to assist planning. Xero is used as the charity's accounting software and the church utilises online banking linked to a review of financial controls.

No investments are held, and surplus cash funds are retained in various savings accounts and bonds with organisations that support the charity sector.

The church continues to have gift days to support individual projects as set out in the notes.

Acknowledgement

The trustees wish to place on record their thanks to the employees and leadership team for their work on behalf of the charity. A considerable amount of work is carried out by volunteers who support the Visions and Values of the church, which is gratefully acknowledged by the trustees.

Approved by the Board of Trustees at their meeting on 26th November 2023 and signed on their behalf.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen Arnold". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke underneath.

Stephen Arnold – Chair

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT


Year ended 31 March 2023

	2023	2023	2023	2023	2022
	General	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Gift Aid	121,998		19,820	141,818	151,043
Other gifts and grants	10,214		24,033	34,247	31,244
Tax refund	30,329		7068	37,397	33,732
Other	579		0	579	1,642
Rental income	1,707		0	1,707	220
Interest	1,445		0	1,445	738
Total	166,272	0	50,921	217,193	218,619
Payments					
Staff costs	102,144		11,035	113,179	99,832
Church gifts & grants	22,670	18,500	23,855	65,025	40,262
Visitors gifts & expenses	500		0	500	1,100
Travel	1,787		0	1,787	1,481
Staff expenses	665		0	665	699
Apostolic outreach	2,978		0	2,978	1,240
Premises and insurance	16,744		363	17,107	16,745
Administration	5,708		75	5,783	5,411
Venue	11,925		1,332	13,257	4,040
Resources and training	6,207		482	6,689	3,357
Connect groups	0		0	0	78
Youth activities	996		7,563	8,559	2,378
Children	70		0	70	220
Outreach	4,723		7,736	12,459	2,967
Pastoral	675		0	675	527
Worship	0		0	0	76
Equipment	1,600		1,296	2,896	183
Mealshare (Covid19)	0		0	0	3,226
Total	179,392	18,500	53,737	251,629	18,3820
Net movement	-13,120	-18,500	-2,816	-34,436	34,799
Transfer between funds	0	0	0	0	0
	-13,120	-18,500	-2,816	-34,436	34,799
Transfer from CCFT				0	242,246
Balances 1 April 2022				277,045	0
Balances 31 March 2023				242,609	277,045

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
Year ended 31 March 2023

	£	£	
Assets			
Bank and cash			
Cash float	150		Notes
Bank current account	17,969		
Savings accounts	<u>224,489</u>		
		242,608	
Other monetary assets			
Gift Aid reclaim 2022/23	36,719		received after year end
Debtors	<u>0</u>		
		36,719	
Assets retained for the charity's own use			
Stock books and food		3,000	estimate current value
Equipment		14,650	estimate current value
Liabilities			
Creditors		10,526	

Approved by the Board of Trustees at their meeting on 26 November 2023 and signed on their behalf



 Patrick Sharman (Trustee)

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Note 1

Restricted funds

	B/Fwd	Less G/A 2021/22	Receipts	Payments	Add GA 2022/23	Transfers	C/Fwd
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Romania	701	-65	545	-1,005	60		236
Zimbabwe	1,080	-360	1,800	-1,800	360		1,080
Pastoral Needs	3,029	-89	1,069	-1,492	245		2,762
Disaster Relief	2,151	0	6,251	-7,150	1,315		2,567
Devoted 2021	9,78	-978	978	-940	0	-38	0
Newday/Youth	-298	0	6,264	-6,619	653		0
Amplify/Youth	7,480	0	6,260	-1,909	0	-9,747	2,084
Mealshare	971	-300	6,836	-6,100	400	362	2,169
CTICA	7,108	0	0	-920	0		6,188
CYA youth Fund	1,262	0	0	-330	0		932
Building Fund	293	-59	59	0	0		293
Ukraine	13,535	-4,320	5,794	-3,387	225		11,847
Christ Central 2022	0	0	2,758	-2,759	510	38	547
Gothenburg plant	1,656	-831	2,811	-2,687	495		1,444
Mission Fund	0	0	2,510	-2,510	593		5,93
Other	0	0	400	-125	100		3,75
Tear Fund	0	-4	4	0	0		0
Social Action	62	-62	62	0	0	-62	0
Warm Hub	0	0	6,520	-1,636	0	-2,620	2,264
Zambia house repairs	300					-300	0
	40,308	-7,068	50,921	-41,370	4,956	-12,367	35,381

Fund Purpose

Romania	Financial support for partner church and leaders
Zimbabwe	Financial support for B Oldrieve - Foundations in Farming
Pastoral needs	Relief of poverty and distress within church and locality
Disaster relief fund	Funds to react to disasters home or abroad
Christ Central /Devoted	Appeals from online events to fund church planting, poor relief etc.
Newday /Youth	Youth camp
Amplify/Youth	Youth project in Cockermonth
Mealshare	Food distribution to the poor
CITICA	Funds held for Churches Together
CYA Youth fund	Transfer of funds from a charity ceasing youth work
Building fund	Funds for a new building
Ukraine fund	Support for refugees and people affected by war
Gothenburg church	Support of church plant
Mission fund	Support individuals training and trips to mission
Social Action	Poverty relief
Warm Hub	Providing warm winter spaces

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Note 2

Designated funds

	Building £	Strategic Intervention £	Total £
B/F 1 April 2022	190,000		190,000
Transfer	-50,000	50,000	0
Gifts Made	0	-18,500	-18,500
			0
C/F 31 March 2023	140,000	31,500	171,500

Note 3

Gifts & grants made

	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total £	2022 £
Evangelical Alliance	240			240	240
NISCU	6,000			6,000	6,000
Christ Central churches	6,000		3,699	9,699	11,074
Jubilee Teeside Ghana	0	2,000		2,000	0
Waymaker Zambia school	0	10,000		10,000	0
Grace Whitehaven	0	5,000		5,000	0
Tear Fund	0			0	763
Zimbabwe	4,800		1,800	6,600	6,600
Romania	0		1,005	1,005	0
Safe Families	1,000			1,000	0
Linking Lives	1,000			1,000	0
Foodbank	1,000			1,000	0
Pastoral needs	0		1,492	1,492	500
Mexico Drug rehab 22/23	0	1,500		1,500	1,000
Social action	0			0	750
Disaster relief	0		7,150	7,150	0
Zambia pastor training	0			300	300
Gothenburg church plant	0		2,687	2,687	2,800
Mission individuals	2,300		2,510	4,510	0
Ukraine relief	0		3,387	3,387	10,000
Sundry	330		125	455	235
Total	22,670	18,500	23,855	65,025	40,262

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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