

TRUSTEE REPORT YEAR ENDED 6 APRIL 2023

Reference and Administrative Information:

Shekinah Christian Trust, Charity No 1043002 Shekinah Christian Centre, Well Head Road, Newchurch in Pendle, Burnley, BB12 9LP

Names of Trustees: Mrs Margaret Capstick, Mrs Joyce Lewis, Mr Alastair MacDonald, Mr Andrew Kay, Mrs Janet Kay.

Structure, Governance and Management:

Trust Deed setting out the objectives of the Trust and the powers exercised by Trustees; provisions for appointment and retirement of Trustees and provisions for amending the Trust document.

New Trustees are appointed on recommendation of serving Trustees or Warden and only by full agreement of all Trustee body. No outside party can appoint Trustees.

Objectives and Activities:

To provide an environment of peace and quiet for people to come on residential retreats – as a day retreat or overnight stay - or day courses, conferences, awaydays.

Provision of facilities for other Christian organisations and/or churches to hold meetings, events, away-days etc.

Achievements and Performance:

Shekinah has a policy of not excluding anyone on the grounds of cost. We continue to offer facilities free of charge to various individuals and groups – in particular, those who are using the facilities for respite and/or prayerful purposes.

Financial Review:

Opening balance on 6.4.22 was £9810.04. Income for the year was £104,247.56. Closing balance on 6.4.23 was £111118.34. Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others: Not applicable.

Statement of Financial Activities:

Incoming resources from gift aid and donations £25755.50. Incoming resources from charitable activities £73576.04 Other incoming resources – reclaimed gift aid £4734.10. Wages/pensions £70867.20. Running costs (building, maintenance, utilities, rates, phone/internet, etc) £41694.09

Summary

Overall, it has been a year where the after-effects of two years of Covid have continued to be felt, particularly with regard to group bookings where there has been a caution about booking events in advance. On the whole, though, such bookings have continued to be steady, but the importance of donations is still a key element to the financial figures.

A mini-project to install some solar panels was achieved via gift donations. An immediate advantage is that they provide a certain backup for some areas of the premises, should there be a mains power cut. The financial advantages have not been immediately obvious, but the panels are considered to be a positive facility.

Joyce Lewis Chair of Trustees

SHEKINAH CHRISTIAN TRUST

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 6 APRIL 2023

	£
Opening Bank Balance	9810.04
INCOME	
Gift Aid Donations	22510.00
Donations	3245.00
Generated (Earned) Income via bank transfer	66945.34
Generated (Earned) Income via cash	6811.20
Income Tax Reclaimed	4734.10
Other Income	1.92
TOTAL	104247.56
EXPENDITURE	
Expenses of Generated (Earned) Income	3676.92
Wages/Pensions	70847.20
Building	8360.00
Maintenance	6576.17
Utilities	17313.39
Rates	1482.96
Phone & Internet	1069.31
Other expenses	1812.39
TOTAL	111118.34
Closing Bank Account	2939.26
Capital Account represented By:	
Virgin Money	2939.26
CBF Deposit	100

Examiners' Report to the Trustees of SHEKINAH CHRISTIAN TRUST

This report on the Receipts and Payments Account of the Shekinah Christian Trust for the year ended 5 April 2023

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiners

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our (the Examiners') responsibility to:-

- Examine the accounts
- To follow procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission
- To state whether or not any particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of Examiners' Report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directors given by the Charity Commission.

That examination includes a review of the account records kept by Shekinah Christian Trust and a comparison of the accounts and those records.

It also includes considering 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 we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Examiners' Statement

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

- 1) which requires us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:-
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with the Charities Act 2011; and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the requirement of the Act have not been met; or
- 2) to which in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Examiners: E D'Silva N D'Silva H D'Silva