



Trustee's Annual Report

January 2024 to December 2024

Reference & Administrative details..

Spilsby Christian Fellowship

Charity Reg Number – 1052165

Registered Address – 20, Halton Road,
Spilsby,
Lincolnshire,
PE23 5LA

Trustee's serving during the year – Mr Nigel T Coe
Mrs Judith S Coe
Miss Sophie Chamberlain

During the year Mrs Deborah Barker-Brown was also appointed trustee
And Mr Graham Hand was appointed trustee

There were no resignations in this period

Objectives and Activities – these have not altered

Spilsby Christian Fellowship serves the local community of Spilsby and it's surroundings, our constitution states, the aim of SCF is to benefit the public...

a) to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement in such ways or in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the church council from time to time may think fit

b) to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods and services of any kind including the provision of counselling and support in such parts of the UK or the world as the church council from time to time may think fit

c) to advance education in such ways and in such parts of the UK or the world as the church council from time to time may think fit.

In a nutshell the overall aims of SCF remain - to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health, whilst helping to advance education, within our local community.

Changes... The activities the charity has undertaken during the year 2024 include a variety of face - face groups, community services and activities. Every service is accessible to ALL, and we continue to offer these with no need for referrals, although this year we have found local social services and schools have made a few referrals, which have led to us offering additional support. Our

Services are available to local people at no Financial Cost or occasionally for a small voluntary donation (primarily because the charity SCF has found people feel better paying a small contribution)

Services, Activities and Groups offered through 2024 include:-

Weekly services (predominantly term time)

- * Antenatal Support Groups - taking 2 different forms – our more formal “Mellow Bumps” and our practical “Preparing for Baby” through 2024 we ran 3 cohorts. Cohort 1 with 5 parents, Cohort 2 with 3 parents and Cohort 3 with 1 parent
- * “Come & Play Toddler Group” twice weekly on a Monday and Wednesday morning – with “Tots on Tour” our summer holiday programme
- * Baby Group – once weekly on a Tuesday morning
- * NEW montly – parent support group for parents of children with additional needs ran in partnership with Eresby Special School
- * Coffee n Chat – warm space, all welcome providing tea/coffee n cake and a friendly atmosphere
- * Youth Groups – weekly on a Friday evening – 2 groups 1 for primaries, 1 for secondaries
- * Sunday morning worship services, with Children’s Glu Club in the hallway

Support Services

- * Food bank plus care packs, cleaning products, baby sundries and sanitary supplies and FREE Surplus Food Trolley
- * School uniform bank
- * Household items/clothing and baby equipment as available

Occasional Events

- * Family fun days/events – Summer Holiday Activities including “Tots on Tour”
 - Easter trail
 - Christmas crafts
- * Fundraising events – Rummage Sales, Summer Fun Day, Christmas Fayre
- * Ladies social events occasionally

EXTRA's

*Christmas Stocking Appeal, in 2024 145 christmas gifts comprising of biscuits, sweets, savoury snacks, a family game, selection boxes and colouring packs were donated to families and individuals, referred by schools, support agencies and local groups to help improve their Christmas just a little

*Christmas Jumper Appeal – making pre-loved jumpers available at a low cost

*Support of “Children’s Hospital Pyjamas” the national charity which collects new pyjamas for children in hospital

Achievements & Performance – to include “impact your charity has in the local community” - NOTES -, transitional and deprived rural town

Summary of main achievements –

“Grant Applications & Refurbishments Galore”

2024 has been a year of change at the fellowship – whilst the management committee has been added to, the main people within the services at the fellowship have remained, however the building and premises have undergone dramatic change. Thanks to a grant from Lincs Grassroots fund, and some fundraising within the local community, a new suspended ceiling has been installed and the front and rear entrances have been adapted with ramps and updated to make them accessible for all, particularly parents with prams, those using mobility vehicles and those who may be unsteady on their feet. The front hallway has been given a makeover, with a coat of paint, new tiled flooring, fresh furnishing and the doors have been changed to ensure they all fit in and give a more modern feel, we have also been able to improve storage within the hall, to make it less cluttered and more streamlined – this all leads to a more welcoming entrance. A door-bell makes it safer and easier.

These improvements have not only improved accessibility, but they have made a big improvement to the aesthetics of the building, the hall looks brighter, lighter, warmer and the adaptations have improved the comfort of those attending groups, sessions – many comments have been made to support this. We hope that these improvements will also help reduce our heating bills, but this will take a while to assess. We look forward to continuing with these improvements as we alter the remaining older style toilet to 2 modern usable facilities in the new year.

In 2024 “Come & Play Toddler Group” still remains popular, and a valuable asset to the town according to families, schools and the town council. In 2024 we continued to see a good mix of families attend, including teen mums, grandparents, first time parents, foster families, kinship carers, from a variety of backgrounds sharing different experiences. At the beginning of the year each session averaged 15 families, in the autumn term increasing to 18 families and by the end of the year we were seeing 20 or so regular attendees. Our core group of regulars have now been coming for 3 or more years and often add an additional sibling during their time with us. New families attend from time to time, and often become keen members of the group, bringing friends and relatives along too. For many families attending our group is a literal “life saver” it gets them out of the house, offers opportunities to make friends and to access support on a number of parenting issues. Our now paid leaders (from July 2024) have countless testimonies of parents who value the care and friendship they have found through coming to the group – a new young mum, who attended our antenatal 1-1 session, and baby group, has just finished school, it’s been a tough time – but she is now studying at college and has popped her little one in daycare – she attributes her improved confidence saying “coming to group, gave me something to do, it helped me make friends and to push myself to do things, to make the future for my little one better” One of our regulars recently started full time school on his last day with us, mum was in tears.. “ive been coming for 4yrs, I don’t know what I’ll do when his brother goes to school too – tots is what we do, I’ll be lost without it”. Our group is special, our parents and children are special, there is a obvious care for one another, and each parent supports and welcomes new comers where they can, the atmosphere cant really be described, it needs to be experienced first hand. In 2024 Lincolnshire Family Hubs – have continued to see us as valuable partners in their offer to Lincolnshire Families and as such have offered support as funders who have provided us with resources for our under 2’s, feeding equipment and specific early years training. As part of this partnership members of their experienced early years teams have visited the setting on a number of occasions and each visit has been followed up with praise about our achievements, about the care and compassion we give, the varied activities and resources we provide and the feeling of “family” at our groups.

Many local families appreciate having opportunities in Spilsby – many do not drive and finding public transport to fit into sessions elsewhere is not easy. The experience, early years training and knowledge and value of our group leaders has been recognised and in July 2024 SCF was able to pay them for delivering

the service, this has served to ensure the groups continue to run, and parents are assured regular committed leaders with in depth early years experience, who recognise both parental and child needs and can support them in other ways if needed – hopefully before situations get to a head. Our experienced staff have also been able to write reports to further support additional needs and access more specific help, ie speech therapy or disability living

“Baby Group”

Our baby group has been well attended, with a core group of parents who have eagerly encouraged new parents to join. Sessions are relaxed and friendly, in 2024 following staff training, we began to introduce elements of PEEP (an early years programme focusing on building on the positive experiences parents give at home) into our sessions – focusing on a sung welcome, story and singing, sensory opportunities for babies, and information/discussion with parents to explore parenting, child development and care needs. One of the most important elements of our group is still the opportunity to just “be with” and “chat” to other parents.

“Youth Group”

Friday night Youth group continues, 2024 has been a bumper year with numbers at the primary session rising to 24 on average, and on a couple of sessions reaching 30 – many of our former tots childrens join us when they begin full time school and its good to have the continued link with these local families. Our evenings consist of games, crafts and learning opportunities, this year we have been able to offer a “first aid session” and a session on money awareness” archery and a fun music session with drums. It’s a pleasure to be able to offer new and different learning opportunities and experiences and we’ve noticed how far many of the children have come especially in their own self-esteem and confidence. The nurturing nature of the group and its regular committed leaders helps children settle quickly, become confident to join in and keen to attend. A number of our children are identified with special needs, many on the autistic spectrum and having a volunteer trained in these areas, is of such value, not only for all staff, but also helps parents to feel secure in leaving their children.

“Coffee n Chat”

Thursday Coffee Morning throughout 2024 has been varied in the amount of visitors, some sessions are busy others very quiet and there seems no rhyme or reason, but we have possibly been affected by the library hosting a coffee morning at the same time. Through some of 2024 we were fortunate to have “Lincs Digital” come along to some of our sessions, helping support local people with their digital, internet needs and queries.

“Church Services”

Church service attendance continues with around 12 to 14 regular worshippers, who meet together to pray, fellowship and learn together. Our family celebration services this year have brought along a couple of new families, but it is a bit disheartening to find these families are not able to commit to regular worship with us – we remain committed to finding ways to introduce families to God, but will not force this on them. We often find families facing tough times will ask for prayer and this is a privilege we are happy to oblige.

“Wrap around Services”

Once again overall the demand for food parcels continues to rise, although we notice pockets of time when less parcels are being requested – this appears in line with when the local schools provide “School holiday food vouchers”

Due to a couple of funding streams including funding from East Lindsey Household Fund, our regular collections and harvest donations from all the local schools this year we have been able to keep up with demand for food parcels and have been able to offer Sainsbury’s vouchers to allow people to buy fresh, meat and dairy produce, these in particular have been well received, and allow families to experience the “normality” of shopping for their own food, to suit their own personal needs. Families or individuals requesting a food parcel, also receive a personal care pack, as well as household supplies – washing powder, cleaning items, we are also able to supply baby goods should they be requested.

“Family Events”

2024 Easter Family Trail was another great success, an opportunity for us to share the real easter story, whilst discovering eggs and local areas... families loved the “live animals” we had on show especially the donkey and the chance to get out in the fresh air.

During the autumn – always such a busy time, we enjoyed a busy Harvest Festival and shared our annual jacket potato lunch, with regulars and visitors. The run up to Christmas was hectic, collecting items for our Christmas Pj appeal and our Christmas Stocking Appeal – this year we had made some adaptations, due to funding and time restrictions so generic gift bags were put together and distributed to the schools in the last week of term – this year we did experience one hiccup with a school whose member of staff who normally liaised with us was off on long term sick, but it was sorted. In 2024 145 stockings were gifted to families as well as older individuals referred to us. Our nativity service was popular and we relaunched our “Christmas Eve Surprises” which was a lovely small, gathering of music, story, fun activities and hot chocolate to get us in the mood for Christmas, this merged with our collection of Christmas surplus items for the food bank.

Future Plans

We would like to see our partnership with Lincolnshire Family Hubs continue and hopefully this will see toddler group volunteers accessing some further early years training, which will in turn enable us to offer parents and their children new opportunities and possibly parent training.

We would like to see works continue in the updating of the building – the 2nd toilet needs refurbishing, and this is due to be started in the new year. We would also like to make steps towards getting the “community rooms” back in use – although this is a long process and it is currently proving difficult to find local tradesmen available to give quotes.

Structure, governance and management

How trustees are appointed and trained

Trustees are appointed, by the current trustees meeting with them, discussing the roles and responsibilities of trustees, why they feel they want to be a trustee and what they can bring to the board, character references may be sought, and a vote is made on whether they are appointed.

Trustees may attend local training sessions as deemed necessary – these are often provided by LCYVS and other local agencies.

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Come and Play Tots

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending 31st December 2024

	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>Income</u>		
Subscriptions	727.84	
Donations	133.99	
Day Trip	159.00	
	<hr/>	1,020.83
 <u>Expenditure</u>		
Food	18.45	
Crafts	11.65	
Ice Cream	80.00	
Hire of Sandpit and Toys	43.34	
Gifts	38.21	
Resources	53.64	
Donations	80.00	
Parking Charge	1.00	
	<hr/>	(326.29)
 <u>Excess of Income over Expenditure for the Year</u>		<hr/> <hr/> 694.54

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Church Accounts

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending 31st December 2024

	£	£
Income		
Offerings	1,495.40	
Tithes	1,780.00	
Sum-Up Fundraising, Donations etc	3,992.81	
Grants	59,867.38	
Donations	4,784.79	
C.A.F.	250.00	
Rummage and Church Sales	6,155.80	
Smartie Fundraiser	50.00	
Coffee Mornings	648.90	
Easter Trail	710.00	
Paypal Sales	325.16	
Match Funding	50.00	
Youth Group	12.00	
Sale of Kitchen from Church House	650.00	
Sale of Church House	108,425.50	
		189,197.74
Expenditure		
Equipment Purchased	224.40	
Gas and Electric	2,618.93	
Water Rates	494.15	
Church House Rates	2,092.69	
Trinity Re-Use Rates	333.32	
Broadband	360.00	
Insurance	1,043.48	
Wages	10,753.42	
Nest Pensions	143.83	
Foodbank	662.34	
Storage Fees	1,296.00	
Accountancy and Payroll Fees	1,080.00	
Postage, stationery, printing and advertising	639.62	
Resources	1,084.64	
Subscriptions	242.72	
Food Safety Training	172.80	
Estate Agents Fees	420.00	
Solicitor Fees	300.00	
Land Registry Fee - Church House	1,386.80	
Christmas Stockings and Spending	1,594.09	
Grant Spending	7,692.74	
Easter Outreach	110.05	
Church Repairs	186.89	
Suspended Ceiling for Church	11,737.78	
Ramp for Church Access	10,383.40	
New Doors for Church	1,805.00	
Asbestos Survey	288.00	
Cupboards	805.00	
Kitchen for Church House	750.00	
Toilet Hire	40.00	
Sand for Tots	76.86	
Toiletries	101.16	
Miscellaneous	217.44	
		(61,137.55)
Excess of Income over Expenditure for the Year		128,060.19

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Summary of Income and Expenditure Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2024

	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>Church Account</u>		
Income	189,197.74	
Expenditure	<u>(61,137.55)</u>	
<u>Net Profit</u>		128,060.19
<u>Come and Play Account</u>		
Income	1,020.83	
Expenditure	<u>(326.29)</u>	
<u>Net Profit</u>		694.54
<u>Youth Account</u>		
Income	563.87	
Expenditure	<u>(434.78)</u>	
<u>Net Profit</u>		129.09
<u>Building Account</u>		
Income	925.24	
Expenditure	<u>-</u>	
<u>Net Profit</u>		925.24
<u>Combined Net Profit for the Year</u>		<u>129,809.06</u>
<u>Net Increase in Available Funds</u>		<u>129,809.06</u>


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Accountants Reports

We have prepared these accounts based on the information and explanations provided to us by the officers of the Spilsby Christian Fellowship, without carrying out an audit, and are of the opinion that they form a true and fair view of the financial situation at the accounting date.

The monies held in the bank accounts from the sale of the church house are ring-fenced to be spent on updating and improving the church community rooms. Also included within the bank accounts are monies received from the National Lottery to enable the funding of staff wages until July 2026.



R M Johnson
for Dexter & Sharpe



Date

Officers Approval

We approve these accounts and confirm that we have provided sufficient information and explanations to enable their preparation, and provide a true and fair view at the accounting date.

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Treasurer

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Officer

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Date

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Date

SPILSBY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2024

Dexter & Sharpe
Chartered Certified Accountants
26 Ida Road
Skegness
Lincolnshire
PE25 2AR

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Movement in Funds for the year ending 31st December 2024

<u>£</u> 2023			<u>£</u> 2024
	<u>Bank Accounts</u>		
1,389.63	Treasurers Account	32,265.76	
6,718.47	Church House Account	5,792.28	
1,670.16	Instant Saver Building Account	100,815.40	
<u>9,778.26</u>	Total Church Account Funds	<u>138,873.44</u>	
1,540.08	Come and Play Account	<u>2,339.22</u>	
<u>11,318.34</u>			141,212.66
	<u>Cash Accounts</u>		
100.30	Come and Play Account	9.20	
13.25	Youth Account	19.09	
<u>113.55</u>			28.29
<u>11,431.89</u>			<u>141,240.95</u>
<u>11,431.89</u>	<u>Net Funds Available at the Year End</u>		<u>141,240.95</u>

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Building Account

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending 31st December 2024

	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>Income</u>		
Sales	560.30	
Interest	7.74	
ASTCO	205.70	
Tots	1.50	
Donation	150.00	
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		925.24
 <u>Expenditure</u>	 None	
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 <u>Excess of Income over Expenditure for the Year</u>		 <hr/> <hr/>

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Youth Group

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending 31st December 2024

	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>Income</u>		
Subscriptions	455.00	
Tuck Shop	106.87	
Donations	2.00	
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		563.87
 <u>Expenditure</u>		
Tuck Shop, Food and Refreshments	266.92	
Gifts and Prizes	70.00	
Cleaning	24.00	
Stationery and Ink	10.10	
Resources	63.76	
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		(434.78)
 <u>Excess of Income over Expenditure for the Year</u>		<hr/> <hr/>
		129.09

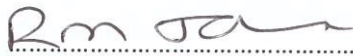
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