



COMMUNITY OF AIDAN & HILDA

**ANNUAL REPORT
AND
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
FOR
THE YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER 2020**

CHARITY REGISTRATION No: 1055306

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COMMUNITY OF AIDAN AND HILDA

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY NUMBER	1055306
CHARITY REGISTRATION DATE	16th May 1996
START OF FINANCIAL YEAR	1st January 2020
END OF FINANCIAL YEAR	31st December 2020
TRUSTEES AT 31 DECEMBER 2020	Geoff Holt (Chair) Janet Bissex Linda Butler Sue Clarke (resigned 1st March 2021) Joy Holt Ruth Stock

The existing trustees appoint any new trustees following the provisions laid out in the Charity's governing instrument.

GOVERNING INSTRUMENT	Charitable Trust Deed dated 22 April 1996
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OBJECTS

The advancement of the Christian religion, in particular:

- to develop an international ecumenical Christian community with a shared way of life
- the resourcing of houses of prayer and hospitality
- to promote research, education and resourcing of the existing and emerging church
- to encourage spiritual growth through pilgrimage, retreats and provision of resources for worship and prayer

BANKERS	National Westminster Bank Plc Stratford-Upon-Avon
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CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS	137 Newton Road Sparkhill Birmingham B11 4PU
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Independent Examiners Limited Unit 2 The Broadbridge Business Centre Delling Lane Bosham West Sussex PO18 8NF
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COMMUNITY OF AIDAN AND HILDA
TRUSTEES REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Review of activities during the year

Our membership has continued to steadily increase during the year. We are aware of growing interest in dispersed New Monastic community and living by a Way of Life, a rhythm of prayer, and a network of Soul Friendship.

Covid-19 has impacted all of our lives, and many individuals have found the Way of Life of the Community to be a real support and encouragement during lockdown and extended times of restriction and social isolation. Being able to connect with one another through Zoom and other digital means has been greatly appreciated by many.

Our Community Retreats have been online during the year and as a result significantly more people have been involved and included. A number of online retreats and training sessions have been run during the year, which have had a good take-up. This suggests to us the value of a hybrid model of delivery, once we are able to meet in person.

During the year Carol Few stepped down as Community Secretary, but will continue to support the important work of Regional Groups. We have much appreciated all her work over the years. Richard Brassington has been appointed as Community Administrator and has settled into his role very well.

We continue to value the inspirational leadership of our three Guardians – Simon Reed, Penny Warren and Graham Booth – our Deputy Guardian Brother Cassian, and the wisdom of our Caim Council and Trustees through this difficult and unprecedented year, as well as the ongoing support of our Founding Guardian, Ray Simpson.

Finances for the Community account have held up well during the year as we have seen a number of generous gifts and donations.

The implications for our work on Holy Island have been considered in the report for Lindisfarne Trust Ltd.

We believe we can look forward with confidence to the work and ministry of the Community growing further in 2021.

Covid 19

Many individuals have found the Way of Life of the Community to be a real support and encouragement during lockdown, and as Covid-19 remains a significant concern. Our membership continues to steadily increase.

There has been no negative financial impact on the Charity.

Trustees have been meeting much more frequently (by video conferencing) to keep the ongoing situation under close and regular review.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

There are none.

Policy on Reserves


The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and the level of financial commitments held. The Trustees aim to ensure the charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The Trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

Trustees Responsibilities

The Charities Act 2011 require the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the trust and of the surplus of the trust for that period. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- Prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the trust will continue in existence.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the trust. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.



Signed on behalf of the Trustees:.....Date: 24 August 2021

COMMUNITY OF AIDAN AND HILDA

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
RECEIPTS :					
Voluntary Receipts	2a	55,733	0	55,733	28,985
Charitable Activities	2b	13,231	0	13,231	37,080
Asset and Investment Sales etc	2c	0	0	0	500
TOTAL RECEIPTS		68,964	0	68,964	66,565
PAYMENTS :					
Costs of Charitable Activities	3a	49,308	0	49,308	65,709
Costs of Generating Funds	3b	1,000	0	1,000	1,013
Governance Costs	3c	630	0	630	600
Asset and Investment Purchases etc	3d	2,000	0	2,000	500
TOTAL PAYMENTS		52,938	0	52,938	67,822
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)		16,026	0	16,026	(1,257)
Cash Balances Brought Forward		1,585	0	1,585	2,842
CASH BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD		17,611	0	17,611	1,585

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	31-Dec-20 Total £	31-Dec-19 Total £
CASH ASSETS				
Bank Account	17,611	0	17,611	1,585
	17,611	0	17,611	1,585
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS				
Gift Aid Tax Rebate due	2,688	0	2,688	3,641
	2,688	0	2,688	3,641
LIABILITIES				
Independent Examiners Fees	630	0	630	630
Loans payable by the Charity (no fixed term, interest free)	0	0	0	2,000
	630	0	630	2,630

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE ACCOUNTS

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which comply with the regulations set out in the Charities Act 2011. The Trustees have elected to take advantage of the provisions that apply to small charities and have prepared a Receipts and Payments Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities which are set out on pages 5 and 6.

Approved by the Trustees on 24 August 2021 and

Signed on their behalf by , Trustee

COMMUNITY OF AIDAN AND HILDA

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accounts have been prepared under the "Receipts and Payments" basis as prescribed by the Charity Commissioners, and they meet the appropriate legal requirements.

2. RECEIPTS

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
a) Voluntary Receipts					
Gifts and Donations		21,645		21,645	13,330
Gift Aided Donations and Tax Recovered		34,088		34,088	15,655
		55,733	0	55,733	28,985

b) Charitable Activities

Retreat Income		13,231		13,231	37,080
		13,231	0	13,231	37,080

c) Asset and Investment Sales etc

Loans received				0	500
		0	0	0	500

3. PAYMENTS

a) Costs of Charitable Activities

Building Repairs and Maintenance		7,768		7,768	0
Gifts		3,215		3,215	685
Office, Secretarial and Administration	4	5,629		5,629	8,320
Retreat Expenses		8,426		8,426	32,725
Staff and Volunteer Expenses		3,475		3,475	5,992
Staff Honoraria		20,795		20,795	17,987
		49,308	0	49,308	65,709

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

3. PAYMENTS (continued)

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
b) Costs of Generating Funds					
Publicity, Mission and Outreach		1,000		1,000	1,013
		1,000	0	1,000	1,013
c) Governance Costs					
Accountancy and Independent Examination		630		630	600
		630	0	630	600
d) Asset and Investment Purchases etc					
Loans repaid		2,000		2,000	500
		2,000	0	2,000	500

4. ANALYSIS OF OFFICE, SECRETARIAL AND ADMINISTRATION COSTS

	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Cleaning Costs	0	80
IT and Computer	525	860
Licences and Subscriptions	271	332
Printing, Postage and Stationery	758	2,083
Secretarial Support	3,659	4,605
Sundry Administration	0	10
Telephone and Internet	416	350
	5,629	8,320

5. RESTRICTED FUNDS

The charity held no restricted funds during or at the end of the financial year.

6. PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES

No payments were made to trustees or any persons connected with them during this financial period. No other material transaction took place between the organisation and a trustee or any person connected with them.

7. RISK ASSESSMENT

The trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated, combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

8. PUBLIC BENEFIT

The charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the charity has achieved this are provided in the Trustees report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Community of Aidan and Hilda for the year ended 31st December 2020.

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

Responsibilities and basis of report


I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Name: J Irvin Smith FCIE

Date: 25th August 2021

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