



COMMUNITY OF AIDAN & HILDA

**ANNUAL REPORT
AND
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
FOR
THE YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER 2022**

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 2022
END OF FINANCIAL YEAR	31st December 2022
TRUSTEES WHO SERVED DURING THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2022	Geoff Holt (Chair) Janet Bissex Joy Holt (resigned 3rd July 2023) Linda Butler (resigned 3rd July 2023) Ruth Stock
TRUSTEES APPOINTED AFTER THE YEAR END	Dr Lars Knutsen (appointed 17th January 2023)

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 2022

Review of activities during the year

Our membership has continued to steadily increase during the year, both nationally and internationally. 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.

As we emerge from the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, many individuals have continued to find the Way of Life of the Community to be a real support and encouragement. Being able to connect with one another through Zoom and other digital means has been greatly appreciated by many, recognising that in person contact may not always be practicable for a number of reasons.

We have introduced a hybrid approach for our Community Annual Gathering and Voyagers Retreat, offering both in-person and online options, and as a result significantly more people have been involved and included.

We continue to value the inspirational leadership of our three Guardians – Simon Reed, Penny Warren and Graham Booth, and the wisdom of our Caim Council and Trustees through the year, as well as the ongoing support of our Founding Guardian, Ray Simpson. Our Community Administrator Richard Brassington continues to provide an excellent point of contact and support for Members and Friends, and has introduced important improvements to our administrative and communication systems.

Finances for the Community account have held up well during the year. A generous legacy is expected early in 2023, which will allow us to set up a designated Bursary Fund to support individuals who might not otherwise be able to afford the full cost of a Community event. Our aspiration is that finance should not be a bar.

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 2023

We were pleased to welcome Dr Lars Knutsen to the Trustee Board in January 2023 and we anticipate appointing an additional Trustee in September 2023, to further strengthen the Trustee Board.

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
- 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: 31st August 2023

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**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
RECEIPTS :					
Voluntary Receipts	2a	39,246	0	39,246	45,885
Charitable Activities	2b	32,335	0	32,335	21,513
Asset and Investment Sales etc	2c	0	0	0	49,000
TOTAL RECEIPTS		71,581	0	71,581	116,398
PAYMENTS :					
Costs of Charitable Activities	3a	66,900	0	66,900	65,315
Costs of Generating Funds	3b	3,196	0	3,196	1,224
Governance Costs	3c	654	0	654	630
Asset and Investment Purchases etc	3d	0	0	0	49,000
TOTAL PAYMENTS		70,750	0	70,750	116,169
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)		831	0	831	229
Cash Balances Brought Forward		17,981	0	17,981	17,611
Add Omitted Bank Balance	10	0	0	0	141
CASH BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD		18,812	0	18,812	17,981

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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	31-Dec-22 Total £	31-Dec-21 Total £
CASH ASSETS				
Bank Account	18,448	0	18,448	17,840
PayPal Account	364		364	141
	18,812	0	18,812	17,981
OTHER ASSETS				
Gift Aid Tax Receivable	0	0	0	0
Gift Aid Tax Rebate due	3,213	0	3,213	2,596
Other Debtors	841	0	841	0
Computer Equipment	769	0	769	0
	4,823	0	4,823	2,596
LIABILITIES				
Independent Examiners Fees	684	0	684	654
	684	0	684	654

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 31st August 2023 and

Signed on their behalf by



Trustee

COMMUNITY OF AIDAN AND HILDA

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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 2022 £	Total 2021 £
a) Voluntary Receipts					
Gifts and Donations		15,774		15,774	25,382
Gift Aided Donations and Tax Recovered		23,472		23,472	20,503
		39,246	0	39,246	45,885

b) Charitable Activities

Book Sales - primary purpose trading		3,048		3,048	0
Retreat Income		29,287		29,287	21,513
		32,335	0	32,335	21,513

c) Asset and Investment Sales etc

Loans repaid		0		0	29,000
Loans received		0		0	20,000
		0	0	0	49,000

3. PAYMENTS

a) Costs of Charitable Activities

Building Repairs and Maintenance		2,088		2,088	8,709
Book Purchases		2,120		2,120	0
Office, Secretarial and Administration	4	11,282		11,282	7,557
Retreat Expenses		25,109		25,109	22,766
Staff and Volunteer Expenses (incl training)		2,221		2,221	2,829
Staff (Self Employed Individuals)		22,631		22,631	23,454
Travel		1,449		1,449	0
		66,900	0	66,900	65,315

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3. PAYMENTS (continued)

Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
b) Costs of Generating Funds				
Publicity, Mission and Outreach	3,196		3,196	1,224
	3,196	0	3,196	1,224

c) Governance Costs

Accountancy and Independent Examination	654		654	630
	654	0	654	630

d) Asset and Investment Purchases etc

Loans made	0		0	29,000
Loans repaid	0		0	20,000
	0	0	0	49,000

4. ANALYSIS OF OFFICE, SECRETARIAL AND ADMINISTRATION COSTS

	Total £	Total £
Books and Publications	0	0
Cleaning Costs	960	90
IT and Computer	5,388	771
Licences and Subscriptions	35	366
Printing, Postage and Stationery	1,894	1,331
Secretarial Support	2,494	3,555
Sundry Administration and Office	511	512
Telephone and Internet	0	932
	11,282	7,557

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.

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7. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year the following related party transactions took place:

A gift of £2,000 was given in November 2022 to Lindisfarne Trust (charity number 1092445) to assist with capital improvements to the properties held by Lindisfarne Trust. The two charities work closely together and Lindisfarne Trust has a particular responsibility to manage the property and other facilities of the Community of Aidan and Hilda, including the regular maintenance and improvement of the Community's buildings and other assets, in keeping with the ethos of the Community, and so to offer spiritual renewal and refreshment to guests, pilgrims and visitors.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. INTRODUCTION OF BANK ACCOUNT

The balance of £141 held by PayPal as at 31st December 2021 was inadvertently omitted from the Statement of Assets and Liabilities in the previous years accounts. It has been added into the accounts this year as an adjustment to balances brought forward.

The PayPal account is primarily used for Overseas Community Members to pay into, as PayPal offers a simpler payment method for international payments. The charity movement on the PayPal account in 2021 is disclosed below:

	£
Receipts in 2021	6,406
Expenditure in 2021	(905)
Transferred to the Charity's NatWest bank account in 2021	(6,939)

Note also that an amount of £2,139 was paid out of PayPal to Lindisfarne Trust (charity number 1092445) in 2021. This amount was received into the PayPal account in error, it was in fact destined for Lindisfarne Trust.

11. POST YEAR END EVENT

The charity was fortunate to receive a generous legacy of £20,000 in February 2023. The Trustees plan to utilise this to establish a designated Bursary Fund to support individuals who might not otherwise be able to afford the full cost of a Community event.

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 2022.

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: 

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Date: 5th September 2023

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