



COMMUNITY OF AIDAN & HILOE

**ANNUAL REPORT
AND
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
FOR
THE YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER 2023**

CHARITY REGISTRATION No: 1055306

Independent Examiners Ltd
Unit 2 The Broadbridge Business Centre
Delling Lane
Bosham
West Sussex
PO18 8NF

COMMUNITY OF AIDAN AND HILDA

CONTENTS

Page 3	Legal and Administrative Information
Page 4	Trustees' Report
Page 5	Statement of Receipts and Payments
Page 6	Statement of Assets and Liabilities
Pages 7 to 9	Notes to the Accounts
Page 10	Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees

COMMUNITY OF AIDAN AND HILDA

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY NUMBER	1055306
CHARITY REGISTRATION DATE	16th May 1996
START OF FINANCIAL YEAR	1st January 2023
END OF FINANCIAL YEAR	31st December 2023
TRUSTEES WHO SERVED DURING THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2023	Geoff Holt (Chair) Janet Bissex Joy Holt (resigned 3rd July 2023) Linda Butler (resigned 3rd July 2023) Ruth Stock Dr Lars Knutsen (appointed 17th January 2023) Rev Carol Smith (appointed 6th November 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
-----------------------------	---

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
----------------	--

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS	137 Newton Road Sparkhill Birmingham B11 4PU
-------------------------------	---

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Independent Examiners Limited Unit 2 The Broadbridge Business Centre Delling Lane Bosham West Sussex PO18 8NF
-----------------------------	--

COMMUNITY OF AIDAN AND HILDA
TRUSTEES REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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.

Many individuals continue to find the Way of Life of the Community 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 continued 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 value the inspirational leadership of our three Guardians – Simon Reed, Penny Warren and Graham Booth, our Deputy Guardians Sister Thénue and Brother Cassian, and the wisdom of our Caim Council and Trustees through the year, as well as the ongoing support of our Founding Guardian, Ray Simpson. During the year Graham announced his intention to step down and after a thorough process Scott Brennan will be formally appointed as Guardian early in 2024.

Our Community Administrator Richard Brassington provides an excellent point of contact and support for Members and Friends. He has introduced ChurchSuite as our database, providing focused administrative and communication support for our growing Community.

Finances for the Community account have held up well during the year. A generous legacy has been received, which has allowed 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 2024.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

There are none.

Financial Review

At the end of the year, we held £21,732 in the bank accounts. Of this amount, £4,307 is designated (ringfenced) for the Bursary Fund.

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 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: 4th October 2024

COMMUNITY OF AIDAN AND HILDA

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
RECEIPTS :						
Voluntary Receipts	2a	66,086	193	0	66,279	39,246
Charitable Activities	2b	38,080	0	0	38,080	32,335
Asset and Investment Sales	2c	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL RECEIPTS		104,166	193	0	104,359	71,581
PAYMENTS :						
Costs of Charitable Activities	3a	95,350	886	0	96,236	66,900
Costs of Generating Funds	3b	4,519	0	0	4,519	3,196
Governance Costs	3c	684	0	0	684	654
Asset and Investment Purchases	3d	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL PAYMENTS		100,553	886	0	101,439	70,750
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)		3,613	(693)	0	2,920	831
Transfers Between Funds	6	(5,000)	5,000	0	0	0
Cash Balances Brought Forward		18,812	0	0	18,812	17,981
CASH BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD		17,425	4,307	0	21,732	18,812

COMMUNITY OF AIDAN AND HILDA

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Fund £	Restricted Fund £	31-Dec-23 Total £	31-Dec-22 Total £
CASH ASSETS					
Bank Account	16,931	4,307	0	21,238	18,448
PayPal Account	494	0	0	494	364
	17,425	4,307	0	21,732	18,812
OTHER ASSETS					
Gift Aid Tax Rebate due	3,660	0	0	3,660	3,213
Other Debtors	0	0	0	0	841
Computer Equipment	1,185	0	0	1,185	769
	4,845	0	0	4,845	4,823
LIABILITIES					
Independent Examiners Fees	720	0	0	720	684
Other Creditors	945	0	0	945	0
	1,665	0	0	1,665	684

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 4th October 2024 and

Signed on their behalf by



Trustee

COMMUNITY OF AIDAN AND HILDA

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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 £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
a) Voluntary Receipts						
Crowdfunding		810	0	0	810	0
Gifts & Donations	6	19,573	193	0	19,766	15,774
Gift Aided Donations & Tax Recovered		25,703	0	0	25,703	23,472
Legacy	7	20,000	0	0	20,000	0
		66,086	193	0	66,279	39,246

b) Charitable Activities

Book Sales - primary purpose trading		3,429	0	0	3,429	3,048
Retreat Income		34,651	0	0	34,651	29,287
		38,080	0	0	38,080	32,335

c) Asset and Investment Sales etc

Loans repaid		0	0	0	0	0
Loans received		0	0	0	0	0
		0	0	0	0	0

3. PAYMENTS

a) Costs of Charitable Activities

Building Repairs & Maintenance	7	4,000	0	0	4,000	2,088
Book Purchases		1,493	0	0	1,493	2,120
Legacy to Lindisfarne Trust Ltd	7	10,000	0	0	10,000	0
Office, Secretarial & Administration	4	6,311	0	0	6,311	11,282
Retreat Expenses	6	45,219	886	0	46,105	25,109
Staff & Volunteer Expenses (incl training)		1,756	0	0	1,756	2,221
Staff (Self Employed Individuals)		26,525	0	0	26,525	22,631
Travel		46	0	0	46	1,449
		95,350	886	0	96,236	66,900

COMMUNITY OF AIDAN AND HILDA
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

3. PAYMENTS (continued)

Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
b) Costs of Generating Funds					
Publicity, Mission & Outreach	4,519	0	0	4,519	3,196
	4,519	0	0	4,519	3,196

c) Governance Costs

Accountancy & Independent Examination	684	0	0	684	654
	684	0	0	684	654

d) Asset and Investment Purchases etc

Loans made	0	0	0	0	0
Loans repaid	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0

4. ANALYSIS OF OFFICE, SECRETARIAL AND ADMINISTRATION COSTS

	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Cleaning Costs	2,280	960
IT & Computer	2,001	5,388
Licences & Subscriptions	77	35
Printing, Postage & Stationery	1,682	1,894
Secretarial Support	0	2,494
Sundry Administration & Office	147	511
Telephone & Internet	124	0
	6,311	11,282

5. RESTRICTED FUNDS

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

6. DESIGNATED FUNDS

The charity has established a designated Bursary Fund in 2023 to support individuals who might not otherwise be able to afford the full cost of a Community event

CURRENT YEAR

	Balance 01-Jan-23 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer btw funds £	Balance 31-Dec-23 £
Bursary Fund	0	193	(886)	5,000	4,307
	0	193	(886)	5,000	4,307

PREVIOUS YEAR

	Balance 01-Jan-22 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer btw funds £	Balance 31-Dec-22 £
Bursary Fund	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0

COMMUNITY OF AIDAN AND HILDA
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year the following related party transactions took place:

A gift of £4,000 (2022: gift of £2,000) to assist with building works was given by the Community of Aidan and Hilda (charity number 1055306) to 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 (CAH), 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. All of The Trustees of Lindisfarne Trust are also Trustees of CAH.

As disclosed in the 2022 accounts, a legacy of £20,000 was received in February 2023. Of this £10,000 was attributable to Lindisfarne Trust Ltd (charity number 1092445) and this was duly paid over on 15th February 2023.

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.

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 2023.

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: 8 October.....2024

Independent Examiners Ltd
Unit 2 The Broadbridge Business Centre
Delling Lane
Bosham
West Sussex
PO18 8NF