



**ANNUAL REPORT
AND
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
FOR
THE YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER 2024**

CHARITY REGISTRATION No: 1055306

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COMMUNITY OF AIDAN AND HILDA

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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 2024
END OF FINANCIAL YEAR	31st December 2024
TRUSTEES WHO SERVED DURING THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2024	Geoff Holt (Chair) Janet Bissex Ruth Stock Dr Lars Knutsen Rev Carol Smith

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 The Grain Store Hills Barns Appledram Lane South Chichester PO20 7EG
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COMMUNITY OF AIDAN AND HILDA
TRUSTEES REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Review of activities during the year

Our membership has continued to increase steadily throughout 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 genuine source of support and encouragement, with the potential to connect with one another, both remotely (through Zoom and other digital means) and in person. This means that the groups run by the Community are no longer limited to local geographic areas. We have continued to offer a hybrid approach for our Community Annual Gathering and Voyagers Retreat, offering both in-person and online options, which has resulted in significantly more people being involved and included.

We value the inspirational leadership of our three Guardians – Simon Reed, Penny Warren, and Scott Brennan – our Deputy Guardian, Thénue, and the wisdom of our Caim Council and Trustees. After a thorough process, Scott Brennan was formally appointed as Guardian in January 2024, taking over from Graham Booth. We continue to appreciate the wisdom and support of our Founding Guardian, Ray Simpson.

The Trustees have a particular responsibility for overseeing the management and sustainability of the Community's finances, resources and properties, and for ensuring compliance with relevant legislation, policies and procedures, including health and safety, risk assessment, personnel management and safeguarding matters, in accordance with our Way of Life.

The Caim Council is responsible for setting and agreeing the overall strategic direction of the Community, and includes the Community Guardians, the Chair of Trustees and other Voyagers approved by them.

Our Community Administrator, Richard Brassington, provides an excellent point of contact and support for Members and Friends. We continue to use ChurchSuite as our database, offering focused administrative and communication support for our growing Community.

Finances for the Community account have held up well during the year. We continue to provide a designated Bursary Fund to support individuals who might not otherwise be able to afford the full cost of a Community event.

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 2025.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

There are none.

Financial Review

At the end of the year, we held £12,026 in the bank accounts. Of this amount, £4,710 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.

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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
- 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:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'A. Hilda', written over a faint horizontal line.

Date: 13th October 2025

COMMUNITY OF AIDAN AND HILDA

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
RECEIPTS :						
Voluntary Receipts	2a	51,615	403	0	52,018	66,279
Charitable Activities	2b	42,846	0	0	42,846	38,080
TOTAL RECEIPTS		94,461	403	0	94,864	104,359
PAYMENTS :						
Costs of Charitable Activities	3a	103,288	0	0	103,288	96,236
Costs of Generating Funds	3b	562	0	0	562	4,519
Governance Costs	3c	720	0	0	720	684
TOTAL PAYMENTS		104,570	0	0	104,570	101,439
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)		(10,109)	403	0	(9,706)	2,920
Transfers Between Funds	6	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Balances Brought Forward		17,425	4,307	0	21,732	18,812
CASH BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD		7,316	4,710	0	12,026	21,732

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Fund £	Restricted Fund £	31-Dec-24 Total £	31-Dec-23 Total £
CASH ASSETS					
Bank Account	6,966	4,710	0	11,676	21,238
PayPal Account	350	0	0	350	494
	7,316	4,710	0	12,026	21,732
OTHER ASSETS					
Gift Aid Tax Rebate due	3,914	0	0	3,914	3,660
Prepayments	21,793	0	0	21,793	0
Computer Equipment	2,068	0	0	2,068	1,185
	27,775	0	0	27,775	4,845
LIABILITIES					
Independent Examiners Fees	750	0	0	750	720
Other Creditors	12,681	0	0	12,681	945
	13,431	0	0	13,431	1,665

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 6 and 7.

Approved by the Trustees on 13th October 2025 and

Signed on their behalf by



Trustee

COMMUNITY OF AIDAN AND HILDA

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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 2024 £	Total 2023 £
a) Voluntary Receipts						
Crowdfunding		915	0	0	915	810
Gifts & Donations		23,009	403	0	23,412	19,766
Gift Aided Donations & Tax Recovered		27,691	0	0	27,691	25,703
Legacy		0	0	0	0	20,000
		51,615	403	0	52,018	66,279

b) Charitable Activities

Book Sales - primary purpose trading		4,255	0	0	4,255	3,429
Retreat Income		38,591	0	0	38,591	34,651
		42,846	0	0	42,846	38,080

3. PAYMENTS

a) Costs of Charitable Activities

Gift re: Building Repairs & Maintenance	7	15,634	0	0	15,634	4,000
Book Purchases		1,143	0	0	1,143	1,493
Gifts to Individuals		4,230	0	0	4,230	0
Gift re: Guardian costs	7	4,800	0	0	4,800	0
Legacy to Lindisfarne Trust Ltd		0	0	0	0	10,000
Office, Secretarial & Administration	4	8,071	0	0	8,071	6,311
Retreat Expenses		29,695	0	0	29,695	46,105
Staff & Volunteer Expenses (incl training)		1,355	0	0	1,355	1,756
Staff (Self Employed Individuals)		37,635	0	0	37,635	26,525
Travel		725	0	0	725	46
		103,288	0	0	103,288	96,236

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3. PAYMENTS (continued)

Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
b) Costs of Generating Funds					
Publicity, Mission & Outreach	562	0	0	562	4,519
	562	0	0	562	4,519

c) Governance Costs

Accountancy & Independent Examination	720	0	0	720	684
	720	0	0	720	684

4. ANALYSIS OF OFFICE, SECRETARIAL AND ADMINISTRATION COSTS

	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Cleaning Costs	1,381	2,280
IT & Computer	3,199	2,001
Licences & Subscriptions	77	77
Printing, Postage & Stationery	2,998	1,682
Sundry Administration & Office	187	147
Telephone & Internet	229	124
	8,071	6,311

5. RESTRICTED FUNDS

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

6. DESIGNATED FUNDS

The charity established a designated Bursary Fund in 2024 to support individuals who might not otherwise be able to afford the full cost of a Community event.

CURRENT YEAR

	Balance 01-Jan-24 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer btw funds £	Balance 31-Dec-24 £
Bursary Fund	4,307	403	0	0	4,710
	4,307	403	0	0	4,710

PREVIOUS 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

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6. PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES

Two Trustees were reimbursed £170.76 and £109.20 respectively for travel costs incurred when attending a Trustee meeting. Apart from the reimbursement of charitable expenditure paid personally, no other 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 £15,634 (2023: gift of £4,000) to assist with building works was given by the Community of Aidan and Hilda to Lindisfarne Trust (charity number 1092455). A contribution of £4,800 to Guardian costs was also paid to Lindisfarne Trust by the Community of Aidan and Hilda. 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.

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 2024.

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: 15 October 2025

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