

SCARBOROUGH CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
Registered Charity Number 1068941

Trustees Annual Report & Financial Statement
For the period 1st January – 31st December 2022
(Incorporating the Financial Statement for the same time
period)
(to be attached after the AGM in March 2023)

Christian Science Society
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This report is the Trustees report and covers the activities of Scarborough Christian Science Society for the year 2022 and the financial statement covering the same period.

Reference & Administration Details

Charity Details

Name: Scarborough Christian Science Society

Registered Charity Number: 1068941

Address: 60 Ramshill Road, Scarborough, N. Yorks, YO11 2QG

Names of the Trustees who manage the Charity for the calendar year 2022

Name	Office
Ilona McGivern	Chair of the Executive Board
Jane Leigh	Board member
Peter Daniel	Board member
Alex Mills	Board member

Note 1. There were no resignations in the period covered by this report

Name of Bookkeeper

Alan Moss
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Names of others with delegated responsibilities:

Carol Daniel – Treasurer and Safeguarding remit
Jane Dickinson Scott – President (Members Meetings)
First Reader – Rosemary French
Second Reader – Ilona McGivern
Peter Daniel – Librarian & Sunday School Superintendent
Margaret Perry Scott – Technical Host

Note 2. The Charity has no employees. All activities are carried out by volunteers or self-employed persons.

Structure, Government and Management

Description of the Charity's Objects

To maintain, practise and raise awareness of the Truth as set forth in the Bible and in Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science.

This is done through church activities including, but not limited to, providing regular church services and testimony meetings, offering Sunday School classes, maintaining a public Reading Room and sponsoring Christian Science talks – all for the public benefit.

Type of Governing Document

The Society is governed by an official set of Bye-Laws. Originally adopted in 2005 and amended (according to the rules laid down at each amendment date) in 2015 and December 2020.

How the Charity is Constituted

Scarborough Christian Science Society is a non-incorporated charity under the advancement of religion designation.

Trustee Selection Method

The Executive Board is elected by the Society membership annually by ballot and may have 3-5 members. This Board constitutes the Charity Trustees. The rules are set out in the Bye-laws.

How New Trustees are inducted and Trained

New Trustees are given access to recent minutes of Trustee/Board meetings and all policies in place are available to them. A joint meeting of the retiring Board and the new Board is scheduled before the new Trustee period begins. All Trustees are given access to the Charity Commission document concerning expectations of Charity Trustees and on public benefit.

Statutory Declaration on Public Benefit

The Trustees declare that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

Executive Summary and Reports of Activities, Achievements and Performance

The Executive Board/Charity Trustees have continued to meet monthly via Zoom as some Trustees are not locally resident to enable in person meetings.

At all the Trustees meetings the Treasurer has provided an update on the Society's finances.

During this period, the following policies were reviewed and appropriately amended:- Safeguarding and Disclosure and Barring associated policies; Financial Reserves; Conflicts of Interest Policy and Declarations; Data Privacy; Health & Safety Policy and Financial Oversight Policy. The minutes of Trustee meetings record the review schedule.

The Trustees have also set the agendas for the bi-monthly Member's Meetings and made various proposals for discussion at those meetings. One of these proposals was to make a small amendment to the Bye-laws regarding teachers in the Sunday School. This amendment within Article 2 Section 6 was agreed according to the rules set out in the Bye-Laws and now reads "The Superintendent and teachers will be members of The Mother Church and/or have taken Primary Class instruction."

Although most of the refurbishment of the church and Reading Room areas was completed last year, there have been some further improvements made this year. The Sunday School area has now been furnished with a new mural, extra resources aimed at very young children and a colourful radiator screen. In the church auditorium some coloured adhesive panels have been added to the lower windows to enhance the view for those accessing the church services via live-streaming.

Other issues that arose during the year included the resignation of the Clerk and of the Health and Safety Officer. The former issue was partially resolved by sharing the Clerk duties between various Board members or other Society members. The Trustees also implemented greater negotiation with the management company who deal with building issues for the tenants in our building in regard to health and safety issues in the church and Reading Room areas.

Unfortunately, the Reading Room window was smashed (along with other windows in the vicinity) and the Trustees had to work with our insurance company and the managing agents to get the repair work completed and paid for. The payment was quickly effected but there were significant delays in getting the new window pane installed. Some "making good" is still required.

The Trustees were pleased to inform members that the Society had received a large donation of £50,000 from a Yorkshire Christian Science church that had sadly closed down but wished Scarborough to carry on with the same charitable purposes. This has been a real blessing to the Society and will enable us to do more outreach for the public benefit. Some new projects have already been under discussion.

Church Services

We were so happy to return to Sunday services in church this year and we have been able to live stream these services in order to reach those who cannot attend church in person. The live stream services can be easily accessed through our website where there is an immediate link available. We are especially grateful to our member Margaret Perry Scott who has been our "Technical Host" for this facility and another member who regularly shares this role means the livestream is available every week.

We have also been holding an in-person testimony meeting at lunchtime on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. Alongside this we have continued providing an online Zoom meeting in the evenings on the same Wednesdays and it is encouraging to report that these meetings generally attract a greater number from a wider region than are able to attend in person at the church premises.

We continue to prayerfully support the idea of welcoming children into the refurbished Sunday School and now often do have a very young visitor to our nursery provision on Sunday mornings.

Reading Room

Our Reading Room is open on a regular basis on Wednesdays 10-12 and 2-4 and on Saturdays 10-12. Our large windows on both sides of the building feature uplifting and encouraging ideas to help our community through large posters and a multi-media daylight screen. Visitors enjoy our Reading Room as a centre for spiritual discovery which provides them with a peaceful space to read, pray, get inspired and nurture their connection with God.

Outside, by our front door, we maintain a literature distribution box for all our church publications. The Christian Science Monitor is taken regularly and is very popular with passers-by. It is a weekly news magazine, which has won many accolades for its low-ego, high-curiosity journalism. Its mission is to injure no man and to bless all mankind.

The Christian Science Journal is a monthly publication that is stocked. It includes a worldwide directory of Christian Science Practitioners who make themselves publicly available to respond to requests for prayer. They work with people of any location, background, culture or faith. One of our members is listed in this directory.

We have continued the regular Bible Reading activity in the Reading Room on a Wednesday afternoon and have made this available to join online via Zoom. In the recent readings of the Sermon on the Mount we have had people joining us online from other parts of Yorkshire, Kent, Italy, Canada and Switzerland.

Our Librarian alerted us to the 'Big Ideas By the Sea' event taking place in Scarborough and he engaged with the organisers and attended an event about environmental impacts. The Christian Science literature made available in the Reading Room supported the environmental issues raised. Our Reading Room organised an 'Open Day' to coincide with the 'Big Ideas' event and visitors joined us to share their interests and thoughts and to learn something of Christian Science.

Throughout the year we have encounters with individuals in the community who find the Reading Room to be a quiet place where they find approval, where they are listened to and where they can speak openly about themselves and their life experiences. Through

this kind of outreach, the members can be made aware of the needs of those in the local community and be collectively praying to support these needs. The Reading Room team have engaged with local businesses and established productive relationships with their proprietors and staff.

Lecture

An important activity for our outreach is that of providing a lecture to the public on Christian Science. This year we again decided to have an online lecture. Our lecture lead person this year was Margaret Perry Scott and she linked us up with Janet Hegarty CSB, based in the USA for a lecture entitled "How To Make Change For The Better." This was given live on Saturday 26th March and afterwards it was available online for some time. The analytics from the webplayer, Facebook pages and YouTube views show that the lecture was accessed over 300 times. We are so pleased that this event reached so many people and give our thanks to Trust Brit who gave us a 75% grant towards this activity.

Later in the year, a UK wide Summit on Christian Science took place in Birmingham from October 28th-30th. Several members attended and we also know that newcomers were welcomed and enjoyed the variety of activities on offer. One of our members was on the national organising committee. The Society supported the Summit by jointly sponsoring a lecture at the event. It was given by Alexandre Fischer CSB and entitled "Finding the Light That Frees Us From Fear." It was seen live by many participants and again was made available for views online

Prison Chaplaincy work

It is very pleasing to report that one of our members is now on the chaplaincy team that supports prisoners in various facilities in the Yorkshire region. She keeps us regularly updated on the nature of the input she can provide and the members support the work through prayer and by providing access to Christian Science publications that may help and uplift those she works with.

Thanks to volunteers

Some of our activities could not go ahead successfully without the support of non-members. We would like to thank those who have given their time and expertise in carrying out some maintenance work and in developing our Asset Register and in supporting the Reading Room activity.

The Financial Review for the period covered by this Trustees Annual Report will be prepared by our bookkeeper for presentation at the Members Annual Meeting in March 2023. It will be approved and signed off at that meeting by all members, including the Trustees and sent to the Charity Commission.

This Trustees Annual Report was agreed by the retiring Board of Trustees

Signed:

Peter Daniel

Date: 9.1.23

Chair person

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Financial Statements For the year ended 31 December 2022

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Date: 20 January 2023

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY SCARBOROUGH

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Christian Science Society

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under Section 43(3)(a) of the 1993 Act)
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act: and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- To keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act: and
- To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act

Have not been met: or

(2) To which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts be reached.

Alan Moss
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Dated 20 January 2023

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Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted Total Funds 2022	Unrestricted Total Funds 2021
Receipts		
Collections	£ 1,713	£ 677
Donations	£ 56,475	£ 13,374
Bank Interest	£ -	£ 1
Rents Received	£ 12,060	£ 12,000
Tax Refunds	£ 1,573	£ 1,482
Grants Received	£ 2,624	£ 15,183
Insurance Claim	£ 534	
Reading Room Receipts	£ 2,632	£ 2,761
	<u>£ 77,611</u>	<u>£ 45,478</u>
Expenses		
Bank Charges	£ 154	£ 61
Cleaning	£ 1,333	£ 560
Printing Stationery Advertising	£ 1,643	£ 35
Lighting & Heating	£ 1,482	£ 1,388
Telephone & Internet	£ 474	£ 407
Insurance	£ 2,384	£ 2,368
Rates & Water	£ 159	£ 249
Reading Room Expenses		£ 250
Pianist/Soloist	£ 1,090	£ 245
Donations Made	£ 1,500	£ 367
Committee on Publication	£ 155	£ 163
Lecture Expenses	£ 2,296	£ 2,992
Repairs & Maintenance	£ 6,435	£ 14,013
Librarian's Fees/Technical Host	£ 1,432	£ 2,592
Letting Agent Fees	£ 2,536	£ 1,637
Legal & Accounting	£ 1,440	£ 1,963
Sundry Expenses	£ 418	£ 117
Website		
Information Technology	£ 544	£ 9,166
Dues & Subscriptions	£ 669	£ 604
Monies to Reading Rooms	£ 1,320	£ 1,500
Reading Room Expenditure	£ 2,474	£ 3,092
	<u>£ 29,938</u>	<u>£ 43,769</u>
Excess of Receipts over Payments	£ 47,673	£ 1,709
Balance Brought Forward	£ 33,220	£ 31,511
Retained Earnings		
Balance Carried Forward	<u>£ 80,893</u>	<u>£ 33,220</u>

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted Total Funds 2022	Unrestricted Total Funds 2021
Monetary Assets		
Bank Current Account	£ 80,045	£ 18,273
Management Account		£ 14,012
Undeposited Funds	£ 488	£ 672
Reading Room Account	£ 360	£ 263
	<u>£ 80,893</u>	<u>£ 33,220</u>

Non Monetary Assets

Freehold Property

The freehold property at 60 Ramshill Road, Scarborough is owned by the charity and was purchased from unrestricted funds

Fixtures Fittings and Equipment

The Charity owns various fixtures, fittings and equipment, including tables chairs, soft furnishings and electrical equipment, all of which were purchased from unrestricted funds and are used for the charity's ongoing activities.

Stock

The charity maintains a small stock of books and church literature for sale to the public.

Approved by the Board on 9.1.23

and signed on its behalf by:

Peter Daniel