

CSUK ANNUAL REPORT 2023



CHRISTIAN SURFERS
UNITED KINGDOM

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INTRODUCTION

The vision of CSUK is 'that every surfer and surfing community has opportunity to know and follow Jesus.' That vision statement is traditionally conducted through initiatives ranging from individual discipleship, to serving at high profile surfing contests throughout the UK and beyond.

2023 was a busy year from the summer onwards a whole raft of events condensed into a few short months which meant that the staff and volunteer event team were kept really busy right up until the end of October. The organisation was fortunate to have a strong trustee and a leadership team, and whilst we were anticipating some really tough financial challenges, strangely enough, because of the pandemic we actually ended the year in quite a positive position, as most of our events cost us money to put them on.

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STRUCTURE



Structure of Christian Surfers UK

CSUK is part of Christian Surfers International, which is reaching out to surfers in over thirty countries around the world. It has been a registered charity since 1999 (charity number 1070830).

Board of Trustees

A board of trustees oversees the work, and these individuals come from a variety of backgrounds, from ordained ministers to significant individuals within the surfing community.

Staff Team

CSUK does not employ any staff. The organisation is run by a national director, who lives by faith and give his time freely. In addition, we are also fantastically supported by a part time, self-employed administrator, and some amazing volunteers.



Vision Statement

That every surfer and every surfing community has opportunity to know and follow Jesus.

Core Values

We share the good news of Jesus with surfers, following them together in community, enabling them to do the same. We are:

Gospel-centred – Bible based, Jesus, discipleship, prayer and incarnational, (Matt 28:18-20)

Servant-hearted – Humility, trust, sacrificial, empowering, (Matt 20:26-27)

People of Integrity – accountability, character, authentic, (Titus 2:11-12, James 4:17)

Inclusive – Celebrate diversity, open source, partnering, relational, community (Gal 3:28)

Adventurous – Fun loving, surfing, fun, have a go, (John 10:10)





Broad Based Strategies

Connecting – Those activities that enable us to have a platform in the surfing community that help us initiate relationships e.g. personal surfing, media, movie nights, camps and contests.

Discipling – Those activities that will help and grow a surfer in their lifelong relationship with Jesus. e.g. Bible Studies, Camps, local missions, prayer
Serving – Those activities that enable us to meet the needs of our wider surfing community e.g. chaplaincy, events, logistical support, community development.

Equipping – Those activities that empower our people to advance the vision e.g. Training, mentoring, resources, leadership development, spiritual disciplines.

Partnering – Those activities that by sharing and joining with others help us to achieve our mission e.g. surf industry, local church, mission agencies, industry, alumni.



2023 HIGHLIGHTS



It was great to get back to full activities working closely with so many different parts of the UK surfing community for which we continue to be hugely appreciative of the opportunities, and of all the volunteers that make serving at these events possible.

Jesus Longboard Classic

As a result of many of the leadership been involved with the Christian surfers Europe Middle East and Africa gathering which was scheduled for early October it was decided for the first time to move the very popular longboard classic to an earlier spring date in April. This event attracted around 80 of the U.K.'s top longboard community and was supported by around 30 of the CSUK members and friends ensuring a really well-run event. Some great waves and a positive weekend, moving the date worked well and enabled us to continue to invest in the longboard community.



National Gathering:

The national gathering took place at Polzeath with an internal focus very much based at growing the UK mission, reconnecting and focusing on our core values and key leaders as well as welcoming many new faces. Events throughout the weekend included a beach clean on the Saturday and an open-air communion on the beach on Sunday, before joining with the Tubestation community to close a fantastic weekend in bright sunshine.



Jesus Surf Classic

The Jesus Surf classic was a bit of a challenge in the year with the first scheduled date being postponed due to flat conditions, and then the second weekend it literally was a weekend of two halves. The first day was small clean conditions and sunny and took place at Croyde, whereas on the Sunday conditions grew significantly and therefore the contest had to be transferred to

Putsborough for the remainder of the contest; the finals were held in excellent conditions. These circumstances impacted our finances as we incurred a number of additional costs and lost out on some revenues. The event still attracted around 140 competitors with others turned away and a great crew of around 50 CSUK volunteers and friends.



CS EMEA Gathering

With national director Phil Williams also the director of CS Europe it was a busy October for Phil and many of the others involved with CSUK leadership as they helped and attended the Europe Middle East Africa gathering in south-west France. A really encouraging time with around 160 surf missionaries from throughout the region, where the vision for 2030 was shared by Roy Harley, the international director, of having CS missions in a hundred affiliated countries, with a thousand core groups and 2% of the online surfing content, quite a challenge.

So, for CSUK how can we best contribute to that vision more of that in the coming years.



Men's Gathering

Following on from the success of the women's gathering 2023 saw the launch of the first men's gathering in November. It was great to gather like-minded men, to have time to share faith and surf. We will build on the success of this year for future years. We continued to pray for opportunities to serve and to pray for surfers within this UK surfing community during this year and were amazed at the number of opportunities that continue to develop. From feedback received CSUK's support of British surfing was widely appreciated, and we could not do that without the support of so many of our members, volunteers, trustees and wider leadership



CSUK ACCOUNTS FINANCIAL NOTES



Summary

Overall another positive year financially with both income and expenditure similar to 2022 which meant a net contribution to ongoing reserves of around £11.2 K.

At the end of the 2023 year the total reserves in the bank amounted to just over £122k of which £18k of this is restricted and mainly connected with Phil Williams European role.

With regards to our membership it continued to show slow growth, with around 350 members but numerous other people on the fringes who are actively involved in the ministry.

Reserves

At this stage the amount of reserves is above what we would normally expect. Over the course of 2024/25 the volunteer national director will be stepping down it is anticipated that the new national director will be employed, the reserves will be used to 'pump prime' this role and develop a sustainable income strategy. A full review of structures, processes and ways of working will be undertaken to ensure we are using CSUK funds effectively. It is anticipated that once this transition period is over the reserves policy will be reviewed again.



Main Events

Christian surfers undertake numerous national and local events, both internally and serving the wider surfing community.

The aim of these events is to continue to integrate ourselves into the surfing community by supporting the organisers, as well as was running our own competitions and gatherings.

Our Jesus Surf Series competitions are regarded as outreach opportunities and therefore there is always a cost to these; combined in 2023 this amounted to a £1540 deficit, but the benefits are far wider than purely financial.

Externally we get involved in serving the Welsh and Scottish surf federations at their national gathering as well as serving at the Boardmasters in Newquay. Overall, these tend to breakeven or provide a small contribution to be invested in the ongoing mission.

The Future 2024 and beyond

Looking ahead to 2024 and beyond the charity will be going through a period of change as the national director of over 30 years has indicated he will be stepping down in the summer of 2025. A transition board will be established to oversee this process.

We believe that the organisation is now focusing more on building the ministry, we have a really strong base of trustees as well as a leadership team and the organisation is all set for a period of growth.



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

CSUK 2023 Accounts summary

Income	2023	2022	Note
One Off donations	£ 7,191.00	£ 8,059.00	
Board Masters Income	£ 3,263.00	£ 2,907.00	
Tax Refund	£ 5,046.00	£ 4,801.00	
Gifts and Donations Income	£ 14,168.00	£ 14,682.00	
Jesus Surf Series	£ 9,051.00	£ 12,633.00	1
Leaders Gathering income	£ 1,260.00	£ 1,130.00	
Girls weekend	£ 3,981.00	£ 3,001.00	2
Mens weekend	£ 2,220.00		3
Membership	£ 16,719.00	£ 16,004.00	
Miscellaneous Income			
National Gathering income	£ 5,319.00	£ 4,419.00	4
Resources	£ 2,500.00	£ 4,274.00	5
Skate Ministry Income	£ -	£ -	6
Other	£ 1,526.00	£ 641.00	
	<u>£ 72,244.00</u>	<u>£ 72,551.00</u>	

Expenses

Board Masters Expenses	£ 2,172.00	£ 1,920.00	
Jesus Surf Classic Expense	£ 10,562.00	£ 13,059.00	1
Leaders Gathering expense	£ 1,289.00	£ 1,001.00	2
Membership Expense	£ 6,204.00	£ 3,881.00	3
National Gathering	£ 5,296.00	£ 4,413.00	
Girls Weekend	£ 3,240.00	£ 2,489.00	
Mens weekend	£ 2,285.00		4
C S Europe	£ -	£ 451.00	
CSI Expenses	£ 2,627.00	£ 6,329.00	
National Directors Expenses	£ 7,173.00	£ 6,952.00	5
Postage and Delivery	£ 1,692.00	£ 1,932.00	
Resources expense	£ 3,485.00	£ 1,571.00	6
Skate Ministry	£ -	£ 92.00	
Admin help	£ 6,102.00	£ 5,997.00	
Office Supplies	£ 1,594.00	£ 1,829.00	
Marketing	£ 535.00	£ 2,914.00	7
Depreciation	£ 99.00	£ 100.00	
Other	£ 6,732.00	£ 6,506.00	
	<u>£ 61,087.00</u>	<u>£ 61,436.00</u>	

Surplus/(Deficit)

£ 11,157.00 £ 11,115.00



Note on Income

- 1 - Reduced income due to JSC being split & reduced in size
- 2 - Continuing to expand
- 3 - First event launched
- 4 - Increase in numbers
- 5 - Illustrating lack of resources, expanding in 2024
- 6 - Looking to end this activity due to lack of events

Note on Expenditure

- 1 - JSC As with income costs also reduced
- 2 - Leaders gathering aim to break even as investing in team
- 3 - Membership expenses - Due to a mail out cost taken into 2023 accounts rather than 2022
- 4 - Mens gathering first event, this will grow
- 5 - Include a raft of costs, but no wages paid
- 6 - A few new resources, benefit seen in 2024
- 7 - Reduced expenditure, no major campaigns



Christian Surfers UK Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2023

	Total		As of Dec 31, 2022		Notes
	As of Dec 31, 2023		(PY)		
Fixed Asset					
Tangible assets					
Furniture and Fixtures	£	-	£	-	
Trailer Purchase	£	1.00	£	100.00	
Total Tangible assets	£	1.00	£	100.00	
Total Fixed Asset	£	1.00	£	100.00	
Cash at bank and in hand					
HSBC Current	£	28,488.24	£	19,919.83	
HSBC Deposit	£	92,382.86	£	90,994.84	
HSBC Renyard	£	-	£	8.50	No longer active
i Zettle	£	50.00	£	50.00	
Petty Cash	£	-	£	-	
Petty Cash 1	£	211.26	£	211.26	
Petty Cash 2	£	834.54	£	1,068.21	
Total Cash at bank and in hand	£	121,966.90	£	112,252.64	
Debtors					
CSI 2018 Gathering Recharge	£	-	£	-	
Total Debtors	£	-	£	-	
Net current assets	£	121,966.90	£	112,252.64	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year					
Current Liabilities					
Gifts for Phil Williams	-£	250.00	£	444.95	
VAT Liability	£	-	£	-	
Total Current Liabilities	-£	250.00	£	444.95	
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	-£	250.00	£	444.95	
Net current assets (liabilities)	£	122,216.90	£	111,807.69	
Total assets less current liabilities	£	122,217.90	£	111,907.69	
Total net assets (liabilities)	£	122,217.90	£	111,907.69	
Charity funds					
CS EMEA Williams Support - Restricted	£	10,141.60	£	9,702.18	Donations for Phil EMEA role
CS Europe Training - Restricted	£	699.56	£	699.56	Donation to Europe training
CS Wales - Restricted	£	216.20			Gift for Welsh resources/training
CSI 2018 Europe Fund - Restricted	£	2,985.68	£	3,311.79	Donation ex 2018 for Europe resourcing
CSI Fundraiser Reserve	£	-	£	-	
Deferred Income JSC - Restricted	£	1,300.00	£	2,300.00	Donation re JSC for year we did not run it, Part used in 2023
Europe Leaders Gatherings - Restricted	£	574.68	£	574.68	To be used to assist Europe team training
Nailsea Skate Reserve - Restricted	£	1,724.78	£	1,834.46	To be reconciled now Event completed, mainly Holy Trinity funds
Share Capital Account	£	-	£	-	
Surf Relief Reserve - Restricted	£	2,190.95	£	2,257.43	Money from Surf Relief UK for Para Surf use, documented
Trailer Restricted Reserve	£	-	£	-	
Unrestricted Funds	£	91,227.59	£	79,937.01	Unrestricted
Unrestricted Net Assets	£	-	£	-	
Van Fund	£	-	£	-	
Surplus/(Deficit)	£	11,156.86	£	11,290.58	Annual Surplus
Total Charity funds	£	122,217.90	£	111,907.69	

So c£102,385 unrestricted at the end of 2023

Reserve Movement	2023			2022		
	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
Balance 01/01/23	£ 18,380.00	£ 91,228.00	£ 109,608.00	£ 15,827.00	£ 79,725.00	£ 95,552.00
Donations	£ 3,554.00		£ 3,554.00	£ 4,483.00		£ 4,483.00
Expenses	£ 3,391.00		£ 3,391.00	£ 1,930.00		£ 1,930.00
Surplus for the year		£ 11,157.00	£ 11,157.00		£ 11,503.00	£ 11,503.00
			£ -			£ -
Balance 31/12/23	£ 18,543.00	£ 102,385.00	£ 120,928.00	£ 18,380.00	£ 91,228.00	£ 109,608.00



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees/members of Christian Surfers UK on accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023

Set out on pages 1 & 2

Charity no 1070830

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 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: Malcolm Lee

Date: 30 October 2024

Name: Malcolm Lee

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If there are any further questions about anything in this brief report, please do not hesitate to contact CSUK Trustee Chair

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