

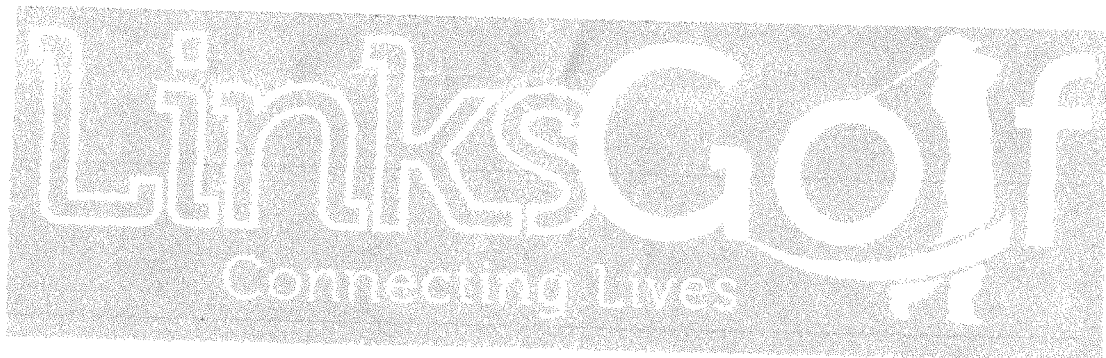
# **Links Christian Trust**

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## **Trustees' Annual Report & Financial Accounts**

**1088984**

**01 April 2023 - 31 March 2024**



## Trustees' Report:

The charity has enjoyed a successful year fulfilling its charitable goals. On 5 & 6 June 2023 we hosted our first overnight outreach event at Stoke By Nayland Golf Resort near Colchester, Essex. With 22 men booked into the event, we had a full-field for the competitions and, more importantly, a full evening gathering where the Christian gospel was clearly communicated. From 26 February to 1 March we hosted a full trip with 24 golfers to El Rompido in Spain. We have found that the residential events prove to be the most fruitful in terms of relationship building and conversation. Being away for five evenings creates the best opportunity to build a deeper connection with each of the attendees and to communicate more of the Christian faith through Discovery Bible Studies and testimonies each evening.

During the year we also invested further into the relationships between the board of trustees and key volunteers. In particular, we began to include Andy Butterworth in some of our conversations and planning. He has proven to be an excellent volunteer and supporter of the charity.

Three of our trustees continue to stay in touch with many of those connected with Links Christian Trust, seeking to offer pastoral support and encouragement. This seems to be received with great appreciation by the guys in question, some being Christian believers in need of discipleship and encouragement and others yet to *make that decision of faith but still exploring the claims of the Christian Gospel.*

## Objectives and Activities

The stated charitable aims for Links Christian Trust are:

***The activities of the charity continue to be the promotion of the Christian faith within a sporting environment, in particular golf, by presentation of the gospel, pastoral care and spiritual guidance***

We are confident that the charity has attended to this work and achieved its aims in the year. We have promoted the Christian faith through our two residential events, through pastoral care of those attending and spiritual guidance to any interested parties within the core database of contacts.

## Achievements and Performance

- Residential outreach event in June '23
- Overseas residential event in February '24
- Multiple relational connections, investment and support
- Fundraising
- Maintenance of a professional website and events booking system
- Regular email newsletters sent in July '23 & Sep '23
- Trustees meetings on 18 Sep '23 & 8 Feb '24

- The review and gap analysis of necessary policies in Sep '23, these included: Health & Safety, Inclusivity, Lone Working, Safeguarding policies.

## **Financial Review**

### **- Review of overall performance**

The charity funds its work through voluntary donations by supporters. During the year the trustees reviewed its cash balance requirements. As the events have expanded so too has the need to pay for and fund deposit payments. Such payments are almost always made ahead of any bookings by attendees, leaving the charity funding the gap between securing the venue and receiving the first bookings. Once this need had been identified we were encouraged to be offered a couple of generous one-off gifts. This understanding has also informed our budget and fund-raising plans for the following financial year. With all that said, the overall financial performance of the charity is that we had income of £37,146 and expenditure of £31,836, generating a surplus of £5,310. The cash bank balance was £7,957 at 31 March 2024.

### **- Reserves Policy**

The trustees have agreed to maintain a working minimum balance of £3,000 in the charity's account to ensure that insurance costs and event booking fees can be met.

### **- Structure, Governance and Management**

The charity is overseen by three trustees and two senior volunteers. The trustees met twice in this financial year and have now decided to meet three times each year from the start of the 24/25 year. The trustees review the financial accounts, consider event success and make future plans together collaboratively.

### **- Trustees and Leadership**

Charles Wilson (Chair), Michael Harding (Accountant) and Matthew Partridge (Managing). Bernard Firkins and Andrew Butterworth have been central volunteers to the work. The executive leadership for the charity's events and communications is given by Matthew Partridge. Matt also manages the website content and takes a lead at co-ordinating the communication of the Christian Gospel at our outreach events.

### **- Internal controls and risk management**

The charity operates within the guidelines and law of the UK Charity Commission. It has agreed a number of policies to safeguard attendees and volunteers and, where necessary, undertakes formal Risk assessments for major events. The accounts are

reviewed by an external examiner. Policies reviewed and adopted in the year were: Health & Safety, Inclusivity, Lone Working, Safeguarding policies.

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18/12/2024

## Links Christian Trust Accounts

### Financial Accounts for the year to 31 March 2024

Charity Commission reference no. 1088984  
Registered 20 October 2001

### Income and Expenditure Account 31/03/2024

INCOME		2024	2023
Donations from Individuals	£2,120	£510	
Events / talks	£33,995	£26,092	
Gift Aid on Donations	£1031	£0	
		<b>£37,146</b>	<b>£26,602</b>
EXPENDITURE			
Website Newsletter	£270	£92	
Events	£31,137	£26,926	
Insurance	£429	£400	
Marketing	£0	£1,500	
		<b>£31,836</b>	<b>£28,918</b>
Excess income over expenses / (loss)		<b>£5,310</b>	<b>-£2,316</b>

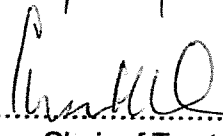
## Balance Sheet

		2024		2023
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	£0		£0	
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Bank	£7,957		£2,647	
Debtors & Prepayments	£0	£7,957	£0	£2,647
<b>Current Liabilities</b>				
Accruals / creditors	£0		£0	
		£0		£0
		£7,957		£2,647
<b>Represented by:</b>				
Reserves b/f	£2,647		£5,293	
Excess of income over expenses	£5,310		-£2,646	
		£7,957		£2,647

Signed: .....  
M Harding – Accountant & Trustee

18/12/24

Date: 18 / 12 / 2024

Signed:   
C H Wilson – Chair of Trustees

Date:

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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

### 12 MONTHS TO 31/03/2024

1. These accounts are prepared on cash accounting principles. However, there are significant receipts and payments that relate to events for the following financial year, which, if prepared on an accruals basis, would give different results for 23/24.  
At 31/03/2024, such receipts totalling £4590 relating to 24/25 events and payments in advance of £2925 would reduce the surplus to £3645 for this year.
2. These accounts benefitted from £1031 Gift aid tax refunded in March 2024 of which £581 related to prior years. At 31/03/24, Gift aid donations to be claimed in 24/25 amounted to £350.

## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Links Christian Trust**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Links Christian Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31st March 2024.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). I report in respect of my examination of the Trust'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.

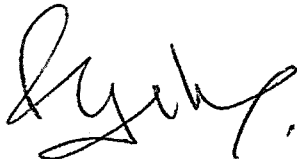
### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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: 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024