

**Links Christian Trust  
Trustees' Annual Report  
1088984**

**01 April 2024 - 31 March 2025**



## Trustees' Report:

The charity has enjoyed a successful year fulfilling its charitable goals. On 22 – 24 April 2024 we hosted our first residential outreach event at Woodhall Spa Golf Resort in Lincolnshire. With 12 men booked into the event, we had a full-field for the competitions and, more importantly, a good evening gathering where the Christian gospel was clearly communicated. On July 28 and 29 we hosted a full trip with 24 golfers to our first residential trip to Sussex, where we played two Downland courses and had a great opportunity to connect with those attending. On 23 and 24 October we gathered again for the third outreach event at Frilford Heath in Oxfordshire and Buckingham Golf Club. Again we had a full field for both days and the sense of connection and depth of engagement with the after dinner talk was very encouraging. The year continued with another overseas trip to El Rompido, Spain between 22 – 27 February, 2025. Again we found ourselves with a full field and experienced some of the most fruitful outreach to date. We have found again 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 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 appointed Andy Butterworth as a trustee and he has immediately added valuable contributions to the team.

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 events in April, July and October 2024
- Overseas residential event in February 2025
- Multiple relational connections, investment and support
- Fundraising
- Maintenance of a professional website and events booking system

- Regular email newsletters sent in April, August, October and December 2024
- Trustees meetings on 9 May & 18 September 2024, and 23 January 2025
- The review and gap analysis of necessary policies

## **Financial Review**

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

The charity funds its work through voluntary donations by supporters. Having agreed our cash balance requirements, the trustees decided to include a small margin into all event ticket prices, as well continuing to invite regular and one-off charitable donations. With these included, the overall financial performance of the charity is that we had income of £39K and expenditure of £34k, generating a surplus of £5k. The cash bank balance was £13,153 at 31 March 2025.

Our donations income was as follows:

- o s/o donations £780
- o Events surplus of income £793
- o Other gifts and donations £604

### **- 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 four trustees and two senior volunteers. The trustees met three times in this financial year and have now decided to meet three times each 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), Andrew Butterworth. Bernard Firkins continues to be a central volunteer 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.

*Chair* 26/8/2025

## Financial Accounts

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

12 months to 31/03/25

		2025		2024
<b>INCOME</b>				
Gifts from individuals	£604		£2,130	
Standing Orders	£780		£20	
Events/talks	£37,637		£33,965	
Tax refund	£0		£1,031	
Other income	<u>£0</u>	£39,021	<u>£0</u>	£37,146
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Website expenses	£355		£270	
Events	£32,912		£31,136	
Insurance	£434		£429	
Marketing	£0		£0	
Donations	£0		£0	
Miscellaneous	<u>£125</u>	£33,826	<u>£0</u>	£31,835
<b>Excess of Income over Expenses/ (Loss)</b>		<u><b>£5,195</b></u>		<u><b>£5,311</b></u>

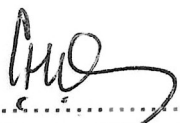
## BALANCE SHEET

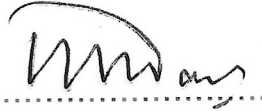
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	2025		2024	
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		£0		£0
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Bank	£13,153		£7,957	
Debtors & prepayments	<u>£0</u>	£13,153	<u>£0</u>	£7,957
<b>Current Liabilities</b>				
Accruals/creditors	£0		£0	
Loan	<u>£0</u>	£0	<u>£0</u>	£0
<b>Net worth</b>		<u>£13,153</u>		<u>£7,957</u>

**Represented by:**

Reserves b/f	£7,958	£2,647
Excess of Income over Expenses	<u>£5,195</u>	<u>£5,311</u>
	<u>£13,153</u>	<u>£7,958</u>

Signed:  26/8/2025  
C Wilson - Chair of Trustees

Signed:  26/8/25

M Harding – Accountant & Trustee

Date

## **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

### **12 MONTHS TO 31/03/2025**

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 24/25.

At 31/03/2025, such receipts totalling £5125 relating to 24/25 events and payments in advance of £2107 would reduce the surplus to £2177 for this year.

2. At 31/03/25, Gift aid donations to be claimed in 25/26 amounted to £354.

## **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 2025.

### **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: 26<sup>th</sup> August 2025