

# LOVEWISE

England & Wales · Charity number 1098210

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2003-06-26

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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**Address** The Stables  
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**Website** [www.loveswise.org.uk](http://www.loveswise.org.uk)

## Activities

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**Objects:** TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF BELIEFS APPEARING IN THE SCHEDULE HERETO:-(I) PARTICULARLY (BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY) THE BIBLICAL TEACHING ON HUMAN SEXUALITY, MARRIAGE AND THE COMPLEMENTARY CALLINGS OF MAN AND WOMAN(II) PARTICULARLY (BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY) AMONG CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AND THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR OR ENGAGED IN THEIR EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT THROUGHOUT THE UNITED KINGDOM AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT

**Activities:** Lovewise aims to provide Christian teaching on marriage, sex and relationships to young people. Lovewise resources have been prepared for use in schools, church youth groups and by parents at home. Our main office is in Newcastle upon Tyne and work is carried out by employees and volunteers throughout the UK, some resources have also been translated into other languages.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Defined Groups

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNITED KINGDOM
- Malawi
- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£71,342	£59,362	-	-
2024-03-31	£56,042	£56,169	-	-
2023-03-31	£53,195	£47,524	-	-
2022-03-31	£60,356	£34,813	-	-
2021-03-31	£48,721	£41,567	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
CHRIS RICHARDS		2003-03-12
Dr FRANCES ELIZABETH JONES		2003-03-12
JAMES COCKBURN		2003-03-12
Sandra Mary Rome		2025-06-09

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# Accounts

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# LOVEWISE TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

## Administrative details

Name: Lovewise

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Office Address: The Stables  
Dinsdale Place  
Newcastle upon Tyne  
NE2 1BD

Trustees: Dr Chris Richards  
Dr Liz Jones  
Mr Jim Cockburn  
Mrs Sandra Rome

## Structure, Governance and Management

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## Objectives and Activities

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## Achievements and Performance

During our twenty-third year approximately 27 Lovewise presentations were given by Lovewise presenters nationwide. All Lovewise volunteers have been interviewed and reference and DBS checked. In addition, Lovewise resources have been used by individual teachers and leaders in their own schools and youth groups. We have continued to update and in some cases re-design our existing resources, making an increasing number available in digital format.

We have continued to respond to calls and emails from parents, teachers and ministers, particularly regarding school relationships and sex education.

This year we have continued to update our website designed for young people to access directly. The website includes short articles on relationships, sex and wise living, written from a Christian perspective.

Our media assistant engages with and promotes our resources via social media.

The charity continues to comply with the General Data Protection Regulation. We have continued to adhere to those policies in our practice throughout the year.

### The sale of resources

Lovewise resources were sold to teachers, parents and youth group leaders as requested via our main office. Most of the resources now accessed by teachers are available free and online. A large number of books have been purchased by parents, and some by young people. We have promoted our materials at nine conferences.

### Financial Summary (see Receipts and Payments Accounts)

Income £71,341.35

Expenditure £59,361.71

### Trustees:

Dr Chris Richards

Dr Liz Jones

Mr Jim Cockburn

Mrs Sandra Rome

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:



Christopher Graham Morgan Richards  
Trustee and Director

Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025

**Lovewise (Registered Charity Number 1098210)**

**Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

	<b>£</b>
<b>Receipts:</b>	
Donations	52,541.14
Tax reclaimed	3,330.50
Royalties & sales	13,588.16
Schools & conferences	1,881.55
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>71,341.35</b>
<b>Payments:</b>	
Staff costs	42,801.04
Office & building costs	12,703.35
Conferences	1,950.40
Resources production / promotion	1,820.42
Other	86.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>59,361.71</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>11,979.64</b>
<b>Balance b/f</b>	<b>60,817.73</b>
<b>Balance c/f</b>	<b>72,797.37</b>

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on page 1.

### Responsibilities and Basis of Report

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").

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:

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- 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.



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# Accounts

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# LOVEWISE TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

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## Structure, Governance and Management

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## Objectives and Activities

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## Achievements and Performance

During our twenty-second year approximately 35 Lovewise presentations were given by Lovewise presenters nationwide. All Lovewise volunteers have been interviewed and reference and DBS checked. In addition, Lovewise resources have been used by individual teachers and leaders in their own schools and youth groups. We have continued to update and in some cases re-design our existing resources, making an increasing number available in digital format.

We have continued to respond to calls and emails from parents, teachers and ministers, particularly regarding school relationships and sex education.

This year we have continued to update our website designed for young people to access directly. The website includes short articles on relationships, sex and wise living, written from a Christian perspective.

Our media assistant engages with and promotes our resources via social media.

The charity continues to comply with the General Data Protection Regulation. We have continued to adhere to those policies in our practice throughout the year.

#### The sale of resources

Lovewise resources were sold to teachers, parents and youth group leaders as requested via our main office. Most of the resources now accessed by teachers are available free and online. A large number of books have been purchased by parents, and some by young people. We have promoted our materials at three conferences.

#### Financial Summary (see Receipts and Payments Accounts)

Income £56,042.24

Expenditure £56,168.94

#### Trustees:

Dr Chris Richards

Dr Liz Jones

Mr Jim Cockburn

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:



Christopher Graham Morgan Richards  
Trustee and Director

Date: 18th November 2023

**Lovewise (Registered Charity Number 1098210)**

**Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

	£
<b>Receipts:</b>	
Donations	45,901.79
Tax reclaimed	4,125.85
Sale of materials	4,522.00
Schools & conferences	1,492.60
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>56,042.24</b>
<b>Payments:</b>	
Staff costs	39,948.93
Office & building costs	12,690.91
Conferences	1,992.21
Production of materials	1,154.79
Other	382.10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>56,168.94</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(126.70)</b>
<b>Balance b/f</b>	<b>60,944.43</b>
<b>Balance c/f</b>	<b>60,817.73</b>

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21 July 2024

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# Accounts

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### **LOVEWISE TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**

1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

#### Administrative details

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Trustees: Dr Chris Richards  
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#### Structure, Governance and Management

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#### Objectives and Activities

Lovewise provides Christian teaching on puberty, marriage, relationships and sex to children and young people in schools, youth groups, churches and online. It also supports parents with resources for teaching their own children. The charity's office is based in Newcastle upon Tyne where it continues to employ a part-time administrator and a part-time media and research assistant. In January 2023 a part-time Administrative Assistant was appointed. In March 2023 a part-time (paid) Deputy Director was appointed; this was previously an unpaid position. Lovewise programmes of teaching have been prepared and are offered in primary and secondary schools by Lovewise volunteers or by teachers. Lovewise also accepts invitations to give this teaching to youth groups and to speak to groups of parents in churches or at conferences.

#### Achievements and Performance

## **Lovewise (Registered Charity Number 1098210)**

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We have continued to respond to calls and emails from parents, teachers and ministers, particularly regarding school relationships and sex education.

This year we have continued to update our website designed for young people to access directly. The website includes short articles on relationships, sex and living wisely, written from a Christian perspective.

Our media assistant engages with and promotes our resources via social media.

The charity continues to comply with the General Data Protection Regulation. We have continued to adhere to those policies in our practice throughout the year.

### The sale of resources

Lovewise resources were sold to teachers, parents and youth group leaders as requested via our main office. Most of the resources now accessed by teachers are available free and online. A large number of books have been purchased by parents, and some by young people. We have promoted our materials at ten conferences.

### Financial Summary (see Receipts and Payments Accounts)

Income £53,195.28  
Expenditure £47,524.48

### Trustees:

Dr Chris Richards  
Dr Liz Jones  
Mr Jim Cockburn

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

**Lovewise (Registered Charity Number 1098210)**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Rich".

Christopher Graham Morgan Richards  
Trustee and Director

Date: 16th October 2023

**Lovewise (Registered Charity Number 1098210)**

	£
<b>Receipts:</b>	
Donations	41,410.33
Tax reclaimed	4,761.25
Sale of materials	6,153.20
Other	870.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>53,195.28</b>
<b>Payments:</b>	
Staff costs	21,684.84
Office & building costs	18,632.77
Conferences	2,413.54
Production of materials	3,845.10
Other	948.23
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>47,524.48</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>5,670.80</b>
<b>Balance b/f</b>	<b>55,273.63</b>
<b>Balance c/f</b>	<b>60,944.43</b>

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17 May 2023

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## Achievements and Performance

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The charity continues to comply with the General Data Protection Regulation. We have continued to adhere to those policies in our practice throughout the year.

In January 2022 we moved our office to a different rented premises in Newcastle upon Tyne.

#### The sale of resources

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#### Financial Summary (see Receipts and Payments Accounts)

Income £60,355.78

Expenditure £34,812.98

#### Trustees:

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Dr Liz Jones

Mr Jim Cockburn

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:



Christopher Graham Morgan Richards  
Trustee and Director

Date: 12th December 2022

**Lovewise (Registered Charity Number 1098210)**

**Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

	£
<b>Receipts:</b>	
Donations	<b>49,186.54</b>
Tax reclaimed	<b>3,606.75</b>
Sale of materials	<b>7,092.89</b>
Other	<b>469.60</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>60,355.78</b>
<b>Payments:</b>	
Staff costs	21,148.94
Office & building costs	8,651.39
Conferences	1,575.88
Production of materials	3,436.77
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>34,812.98</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>25,542.80</b>
<b>Balance b/f</b>	<b>29,730.83</b>
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31 May 2022

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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>60,355.78</b>
<b>Payments:</b>	
Staff costs	21,148.94
Office & building costs	8,651.39
Conferences	1,575.88
Production of materials	3,436.77
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>34,812.98</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>25,542.80</b>
<b>Balance b/f</b>	<b>29,730.83</b>
<b>Balance c/f</b>	<b>55,273.63</b>

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**LOVEWISE**

England & Wales - Charity number 1098210

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# Accounts

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# LOVEWISE TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

## Administrative details

Name: Lovewise

Registration Number: 1098210

Office Address: 14 Portland Terrace  
Jesmond  
Newcastle upon Tyne  
NE2 1QQ

Trustees: Dr Chris Richards  
Dr Liz Jones  
Mr Jim Cockburn

## Structure, Governance and Management

Lovewise was founded in September 2002 and received charitable status in February 2003. Its aim is to provide Christian teaching on marriage, relationships and sex to children and young people in schools, youth groups, churches and online. It also offers support to parents through resources, including books, to help them engage with and teach their children about these matters. Lovewise has three trustees: Dr Chris Richards (Hospital Paediatrician), Dr Liz Jones (Retired Community Paediatrician) and Mr James Cockburn (Retired Principal of Longbenton Community College, North Tyneside). This report describes the activity from April 2020 to March 2021, our nineteenth year. Final decisions regarding the structure and running of the charity are taken by the trustees.

## Objectives and Activities

Lovewise provides Christian teaching on puberty, marriage, relationships and sex to children and young people in schools, youth groups, churches and online. It also supports parents with resources for teaching their own children. The charity's office is based in Newcastle upon Tyne where it continues to employ a part-time administrator, a part-time graphic designer and a part-time media and research assistant. Lovewise employs one other part-time presenter for 4 hours each week. Lovewise programmes of teaching have been prepared and are offered in primary and secondary schools by Lovewise volunteers or by teachers. Lovewise also accepts invitations to give this teaching to youth groups and to speak to groups of parents in churches or at conferences.

## Achievements and Performance

During our nineteenth year approximately 16 Lovewise presentations were given by Lovewise presenters nationwide. The reduced number reflects restrictions imposed during the Covid pandemic. All Lovewise volunteers have been interviewed and reference and DBS checked. In addition, Lovewise resources have been used by individual teachers and leaders in their own schools and youth groups. We produced an online resource to fulfil the Government's statutory guidance for the new primary school subject Relationships Education. We have continued to update and in some cases re-design our existing resources, making an increasing number available in digital format.

We have continued to respond to calls and emails from parents, teachers and ministers, particularly regarding school relationships and sex education.

This year we have continued to update our website designed for young people to access directly. The website includes short articles on relationships, sex and living wisely, written from a Christian perspective.

Our media assistant engages with and promotes our resources via social media.

The charity continues to comply with the General Data Protection Regulation. We have continued to adhere to those policies in our practice throughout the year.

#### The sale of resources

Lovewise resources were sold to teachers, parents and youth group leaders as requested via our main office, though some are now available free and online. A large number of books has been purchased by parents, and some by young people. We have promoted our materials at three conferences, the reduced number again due to the Covid pandemic. The Lovewise Annual Conference was held on March 20th via Zoom due to the Coronavirus lockdown restrictions and a good number of supporters attended.

#### Financial Summary (see Receipts and Payments Accounts)

Income £48,721.94

Expenditure £41,567.07

#### Trustees:

Dr Chris Richards

Dr Liz Jones

Mr Jim Cockburn

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:



Christopher Graham Morgan Richards  
Trustee and Director

Date: 10th December 2021

**Lovewise (Registered Charity Number 1098210)**

**Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

	£
<b>Receipts:</b>	
Donations	37,102.50
Tax reclaimed	3,590.75
Sale of materials	8,028.69
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>48,721.94</b>
<b>Payments:</b>	
Staff costs	20,694.33
Office expenses	11,941.80
Conferences	250.00
Production of materials	8,680.94
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