

Veterinary Christian Fellowship

Annual report for 1st January 2021 to 31st December 2021



Introduction

The Veterinary Christian Fellowship (VCF) has been operating since the 1960's and was an affiliated member of UCCF (Universities and Colleges Christian Fellowship) for many years.

VCF has been a registered charity since May 2003 (Charity no: 1099450).

VCF has 6 trustees and there is a larger active committee of 13, which currently incorporates 1 of the trustees. 1 additional committee member stepped down during the year.

Aims

VCF aims:

- To unite Christians within the veterinary and veterinary nursing professions through their common loyalty to the Lord Jesus Christ; and to assist them in the integration of their faith into their professional lives.
- To encourage and support Christian vet and vet nursing students during their studies.
- To support the work of vets and vet nurses called to work and witness abroad.

Funding

Funding is received primarily through individual donations and a suggested annual donation for members. Some income is received from event fees. Gift Aid is claimed on eligible giving.

Newsletter

A newsletter is produced bi-monthly which is emailed to just over 800 people and just over 200 paper copies are sent out.

Membership

There are about 850 people currently registered as members on our database.

About 30 people were added during 2021.

3 requested cancellation of their membership

4 passed away.

The membership continued to be checked through, and a number of folk were removed having never responded to anything over about a 10 year period.

Conferences

The VCF Weekend took place online over the weekend of 5th – 7th March. Over 150 people were registered including 120 vets, 19 students, 10 Vet Nurses, 4 non vets and 13 family members.

Revd. Michael Healy was the guest speaker for the weekend. He gave a series of talks entitled “God, what are you like?” looking at the various characteristics of God. He took his text for the weekend from Colossians, one of the Bible’s New Testament letters where chapter 1 and verse 15 says of Jesus “He is the image of the invisible God.”

Students and young graduates

A number of ‘student Zooms’ were held throughout the year. These allowed students to meet and discussed a range of topic varying from clinical workshops to ethics and advice on getting and remaining in employment.

The ‘EMS Database’ was updated during the year and continued to be sent to those students requesting it. This provides contacts of VCF members working in veterinary practices who are willing to have VCF students come and gain work experience with them. As work experience is required for completion of the veterinary degree this provides an excellent resource for students to gain skills and practical training in a supportive environment.

Hannah McClintick, Vikki Wyse and Kerry Williams continued to support the students and those who have recently graduated.

Local groups, including VCF Scotland and VCF Ireland

VCF has a number of small groups which meet around the UK where members can make friends locally and support each other. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, some local groups were able to meet in person with social distancing, but for most this was not possible until the latter part of the year. A number met together on Zoom.

Missionary Support

VCF continues to be in contact with various missionaries serving throughout the world in many different communities and situations. Mary Kim, the Missionary Liaison Rep, maintains regular communication with them so VCF can support them through prayer and financially where possible. VCF encourages individual members or local groups to connect with the missionaries to get to know them so we can enhance our support of them further.

Involvement with wider Veterinary Organisations

In person Veterinary Conferences restarted in the autumn, and VCF was able to have a stand at the British Vet Nursing Association Congress and the London Vet Show as well as a breakfast meeting at British Cattle Veterinary Association Conference.

A formal presence at these events publicises the existence of VCF to the wider veterinary community and enables networking of members who are attending. This remains a main way in which new members come to know of VCF and request to join.

Website

John Knight continued to manage the VCF Website to keep people up to date.

Committee

Committee meetings continued to be held monthly via Zoom during the year, which allowed for fellowship and support for one another as well as the opportunity to pray for and plan the work of VCF.

In November, the committee met together for a weekend in Wigton, and via Zoom for those unable to be there in person, to pray together and to seek God's will for the way forwards for the fellowship.

Stacey Vickery joined the committee in 2021 as Vet Nurse Liaison, and Bob Trelogan stepped down after serving on the committee for 4 years.

AGM 2020

On Saturday 8th March, during the Virtual VCF Weekend, Stephen Anderson chaired the AGM. The Roles of President, Treasurer and Secretary were voted on, and those currently in the roles remained so. (President Ann O'Flynn, Treasurer Jenni Hay and Secretary Ali Budgell)

Finance

In 2021 VCF received an unrestricted income of £26,348. Over 80% of this came from donations and gift aid claimed on those donations, with the remainder coming from the Virtual Weekend fees. Overall, income was slightly decreased compared to 2020, primarily due to the VCF weekend being held virtually rather than in person.

The total expenditure for 2021 was £33,652, which represented an increase on expenditure from 2020 when most activities were curtailed due to the Covid pandemic restrictions. Of that, just over £3000 was spent on attending wider Veterinary Conferences and £3500 was given in donations to VCF linked missionaries. The Virtual weekend expenditure was £3839, with excess Virtual Weekend fees being given to the missionaries.

Although expenditure was higher than income in 2021, this was deliberate as VCF has chosen to invest some of the reserves in activities which will enhance the charitable aims and objectives and increase the membership, and therefore impact, of VCF in the future.

VETERINARY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Charity Commission No 1099450

Jan-Dec 2021

SECTION A UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	2021	2020
A1 Receipts		
1 Donations	14342	15188
2 Tax recovered	2918	3116
3 Secretarial Support (1)	4625	3492
4 Virtual weekend (1)	4463	0
5 Southern Weekend 2020	0	3396
6 Northern Weekend 2020	0	3833
7 Missionary	0	1875
Total Unrestricted Income	26348	30900
A2 Payments		
1 Salary	15676	15061
2 NEST (pension)	1123	627
3 Red shoes	223	221
4 Broker Network Insurance	473	406
5 KinnairdHill (independent examiner)	300	300
6 Office expenses	2820	1351
7 CONGRESS		
a) London Vet Show	2373	310
b) BVNA	392	630
c) BSAVA	0	72
d) BVA	18	
d) BCVA	246	0
e) VBD	0	350
f) Travel to Bristol Students	0	75
8 Missionary	3500	2000

9 Secretary expenses		250	421
10 Student CU Groups		50	65
11 Virtual weekend 2021		3839	0
12 Committee weekend		904	0
13 Quinta Weekend 2022		885	0
14 Honorarium (2)		580	600
15 SOUTHERN WEEKEND 2020			
a) House of Bread		0	2315
b) CCLI		0	39
c) Catering		0	555
d) Printing & Name badge holders		0	56
e) Travel		0	97
16 Northern weekend 2020 refunds		0	1308
Total unrestricted payments		33652	26859
Total Receipts	A1	26348	30900
Total Payments	A2	33652	26859
Net Receipts (receipts minus payments)	A1-A2	-7304	4041
Cash funds year end 2020	A3	33186	29145
Cash funds Dec 2021	A1-A2+A3	25882	33186

SECTION B RESTRICTED FUNDS

MISSIONARY FUND (1)

B1 Receipts			
a) Donations		8160	8260
b) Nawat Bibles		1500	
c) El Salvador project		0	89
		9660	8349

B2	Payments			
	a) Jan & Flo Morrow	9660	8349	
		9660	8349	
	Total Receipts	B1	9660	8349
	Total Payments	B2	9660	8349
	Net Receipts (receipts minus payments)	B1-B2	0	0
	Cash funds year end 2020	B3	0	0
	Cash funds Dec 2021	B1-B2+B3	0	0

SECTION D- STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT YEAR END

D1a	Cash funds	
	Bank of Scotland current account	25882
D1b	Other Monetary Assets	
	Charity repayment claim	715
D3b	Assets held for the Charities own use	
	Assets as of Dec 2020	298
	Re-valuation of current assets	-298
	Computer purchase Nov 2021	1000
	Depreciation - 25% of purchase value	-250
	Assets as of Dec 2021	750

Note (1) includes tax recovered

(2) Honorarium

Ian & Catriona Futter - for preparing and presenting several zoom seminars for VCF members - £30

Brenda Millard - for bookkeeping and preparation of the accounts - £550



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

VETERINARY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

On accounts for the year
ended

31-12-2021

Charity no
(if any)

1099450

Set out on pages

1-2.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

25/01/2022

Name:

NITA ELIZABETH HUTCHCRAFT

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.