

Veterinary Christian Fellowship

Annual report for 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022



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.

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. Gift Aid is claimed on eligible giving. Income is also received from event fees and grants from external organisations.

Newsletter

A newsletter is produced bi-monthly which is emailed to just over 860 people and just over 200 paper copies are sent out.

Membership

There are almost 900 people currently registered as members on our database.

43 people were added during 2022.

3 requested the cancellation of their membership.

1 person passed away.

2022 Weekend Away

The first fully Hybrid VCF Weekend took place over the weekend of 25th - 27th February at the Quinta Christian Conference Centre.

About 120 people attended in person, with another 39 joining online through the weekend from around the world, including Slovenia, America, South Africa, New Zealand, Northern Ireland and France.

44 families came along in person, of which 25 were children ranging in age from one to 16 years old. 17 students, 4 vet nurses and 55 vets attended from a mixture of roles within the profession, including teaching, general practice, other industries and retired.

Bob and Jan Trelogan were the guest speakers for the weekend, with talks entitled “Your mission, should you choose to accept it...” They looked at God’s “Good news” for the people we meet every day and how we communicate it using the story of Zacchaeus in Luke 19, and the blind man in John 9.

The talks were interspersed by times of worship, various seminars and times of fellowship together. Pete Duncalfe produced a new VCF Video song, “Great is Their faithfulness” as well as helping to lead a live band for the Ceilidh.

Students and young graduates

The ‘EMS Database’ continued to be updated during the year and 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.

As students started to be able to do more ‘EMS’ placements again following the Covid lockdowns, VCF relaunched the ‘Paul Manning Memorial EMS Fund’ to financially support students trying to do high quality placements either at home or abroad, which would enhance their experience, but which they couldn’t otherwise afford. During 2022, two

grants, one overseas and one UK, were awarded. We expect this to increase in 2023.

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.

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.

Veterinary Exhibitions

These have continued to reopen following the pandemic and in 2022 VCF had a presence at BSAVA, BVNA, BCVA, LVS, VETcpd in Exeter and BVALive.

A formal presence at these events publicises the existence of VCF to the wider veterinary community, sharing something of God's Word, 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 close to London, 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.

AGM 2022

On Saturday 26th February, during the 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 2022, VCF had an income of £77,941 and an expenditure of £57,111, both of which were significantly increased from 2021. The expenditure increased due to events happening which hadn't occurred the previous year due to Covid, such as the in-person element of the VCF Weekend and the in-person veterinary exhibitions as detailed earlier.

Donations were enhanced by a significant regular donation to help fund the employment of the Secretary, and a grant from Christian Veterinary Mission to assist in attending veterinary exhibitions in 2023. This grant was therefore allocated for use in the following financial year. The Hybrid VCF Weekend also brought in more income than the virtual Weekend the previous year.

Income exceeded expenditure for the Hybrid VCF Weekend, so the excess was gifted to some of our linked missionaries who had specific needs. Giving to missionaries increased in 2022, and we aim to continue this as a priority in 2023.

The Reserves policy was reviewed at the end of 2022 and the reserve level increased to allow for recent inflationary pressures. The trustees and committee are exceptionally grateful for the generous giving of VCF members which means VCF remains in a good financial situation. VCF is actively seeking ways of investing our finances further to enhance our charitable aims and objectives, including development of a new website, supporting individuals with specific financial difficulties and proactively supporting student groups and missionaries.

VETERINARY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Charity Commission No 1099450

Jan-Dec 2022

SECTION A UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	2022	2021
A1 Receipts		
1 Donations	22494	14342
2 Tax recovered	3585	2918
3 Secretarial Support (1)	18000	4625
4 Quinta Weekend 2022 (1)	14460	
5 Quinta Weekend 2023 (1)	464	
5 Missionary (1)	1248	
6 Students (1)	55	
7 Edinburgh Students	716	
8 CVM Congress Grant	10669	
10 EMS Fund (1)	6250	
11 Virtual weekend (1)		4463
Total Unrestricted Income	77941	26348
A2 Payments		
1 Salary	16666	15676
2 NEST (pension)	1198	1123
3 Red shoes	229	223
4 Broker Network Insurance	461	473
5 KinnairdHill (independent examiner)	330	300
6 Office expenses	2835	3070
7 CONGRESS		
a) London Vet Show	2762	2373
b) BVNA	1056	392
c) BVA	3213	18
d) BCVA	404	246
e) BSAVA	765	
f) Vet Festival	1894	
g) VET CPD	417	
h) General Congress expense	50	
8 Student CU Groups	523	50
9 Edinburgh Students	50	
10 Quinta Weekend 2022	14470	885
11 Quinta Weekend 2023 deposit	1050	
12 Missionary	5863	3500
13 Grants to Members	200	
14 EMS Grant	600	
15 Committee Weekend 2021	283	904
16 Committee weekend 2022	1170	
17 Virtual weekend 2021		3839
18 Honorarium (2)	622	580
	57111	33652

Total Income	A1	77941	26348
Total Payments	A2	57111	33652
Net of receipts(payments)	A1-A2	20830	-7304
Cash funds year end 2021	A3	25882	33186
Cash funds Dec 2022	A1-A2+A3	46712	25882

SECTION B RESTRICTED FUNDS

MISSIONARY FUND (1)

B1	Receipts			
a)	Donations	8160	8160	
b)	Nawat Bibles		1500	
		8160		9660
B2	Payments			
a)	Jan & Flo Morrow	8160	9660	
		8160		9660
	Total Receipts	B1	8160	9660
	Total Payments	B2	8160	9660
	Net of receipts (Payments)	B1-B2	0	0
	Cash funds Dec 2022	B1-B2+B3	0	0

SECTION D- STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT YEAR END

D1a	Cash funds	
	Bank of Scotland current account	46712
D1b	Other Monetary Assets	
	Charity repayment claim	604
D3b	Assets held for the Charities own use	
	Assets Dec 2021	750
	Depreciation - 25% of purchase	-250
	Assets as of Dec 2022	500

Note (1) includes tax recovered

(2) Honorarium

Brenda Millard - for bookkeeping and preparation of Accounts £600

Bob Trelogan - thank you gift following retirement from committee £22



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

Y/E 31/12/2022

Charity no
(if any)

1099450

Set out on pages

1 to 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:

17/01/2023

Name:

NITA ELIZABETH HUTCHCRAFT

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qualification(s) or body
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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.

