



Veterinary Christian Fellowship
Annual report for
1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024

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 14.

2 committee members, Jenni McIntyre and Mike Christian, stepped down during the year and 3 were added, Dan Mok, Freya Wood and Holly McNeill.

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 860 people and just over 200 paper copies are sent out.

Membership

There are just over 970 people currently registered as members on our database.

73 people were added during 2024; consisting of 20 Vets, 45 Students, 6 Vet Nurses, and 2 receptionist / practice managers.

20 people were removed during 2024 for the following reasons:

3 died; 1 requested removal due to leaving the vet course; 1 requested removal due to personal reasons; 7 unsubscribed online; and the rest were removed as we have no longer any contact details or contact with them.

VCF Weekends 2024

1. VCF Southern Weekend 23rd – 25th February at St Cassian's Centre, Hungerford, with David Williams as the speaker and 71 people attended.
2. VCF Northern Weekend 15th – 17th March at Skiddaw Centre, Keswick with David Swan as the speaker and attended by 63 people.
3. Virtual VCF meeting 18th May 2024 with Ann McMahon as the speaker and delegates attended from Australia, New Zealand, Africa, and Europe as well as the UK and Ireland.
4. North of Scotland Weekend 4th – 6th October near Aviemore with Guy Gordon as the speaker and 30 people attended.

Students and young graduates

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.

The number of vet schools has increased and is too much for one person on the committee to take care of. Therefore, after prayerful consideration, Hannah McClintick passed on the role of Student Liaison to Dan Mok, Holly McNeill and Freya Wood, who will each look after specific vet schools.

The Paul Manning Memorial EMS Fund supported 7 students undertaking EMS placements. Two students undertook UK clinical placements; two undertook clinical placements overseas; one student was supported for both a UK and an overseas clinical placement; and one student was

awarded a grant for a UK based pre-clinical placement. The grants awarded in 2024 totalled £1900. VCF remains very grateful to Hilary Manning for continuing to support the Fund.

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.

Involvement with wider Veterinary Organisations

VCF was able to attend eight Veterinary Exhibitions through the year: BSAVA, BVA Live, BEVA, BSAVA Alba, BVNA, BCVA, Vet CPD and the LVS. Many VCF members visited the various stands, and it was an opportunity to hand out well over 3000 booklets with bible verses to delegates at the various shows.

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 discuss, pray for and plan the work of VCF.

In November, the committee met together for a weekend in Cumbria, 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 2024

The AGM took place on Saturday 18th February during the VCF Weekend and was chaired by John Brown. 73 members attended the meeting in person and others joined on Zoom.

The Roles of President, Treasurer and Secretary were voted on, and each was agreed on unanimously. Kerry Williams succeeded Ann O'Flynn as President, and the roles of Treasurer (Jenni Hay) and Secretary (Ali Budgell) remained unchanged.

Finance

The total unrestricted income received by VCF in 2024 was £78,373. This was primarily received through member donations and gift aid reclaimed. We were very grateful to receive a £20,000 donation from one member to support the attendance of VCF at the Veterinary Exhibitions in 2025.

Total unrestricted expenditure for 2024 was £75,101, which was only slightly increased on 2023 expenditure. VCF continued to support our active Missionary Partners and students, as well as using the finances to promote the Fellowship and our charitable aims and objectives.

The income from the four 'VCF Weekends' covered their costs, so there was no significant net gain or loss from running them.

There is one main restricted fund which supports one of our Missionary Partners. This had an income and expenditure of £8310 for 2024 as all the money received during the year was passed on to the Missionary Partner.

The trustees and committee remain very grateful for the generous giving of VCF members which enables the Fellowship to achieve all that has been described previously. Careful monitoring of the finances is continually necessary in order to ensure this situation remains in future years as the Fellowship continues to grow.

VETERINARY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Charity Commission No 1099450

Jan-Dec 2024

SECTION A UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	2024	Yr End 2023
A1 Receipts		
1 Donations	19724	19647
2 Tax recovered	4036	4232
3 Secretarial Support (1)	18000	18000
4 Bank Interest	126	
5 Students (1)	75	75
6 CVM Congress Grant		11050
7 Congress	20000	
8 EMS Fund (1)	600	
9 St Cassians weekend 2024	6213	666
10 Skiddaw weekend 2024	5633	366
11 Virtual day donations 2024	395	
12 Cairngorms weekend 2024	2669	
13 Quinta Weekend 2023/2025	902	14448
Total Unrestricted Income	78373	68484
A2 Payments		
1 Salary	22035	18301
2 NEST (pension)	1852	1393
3 Red shoes	236	230
4 Broker Network Insurance	550	532
5 KinnairdHill (independent examiner)	399	363
6 Office expenses	3275	2859
7 CONGRESS		
a) London Vet Show	3458	2937
b) BVNA	1170	1076
c) BVA	2930	3541
d) BCVA	180	184
e) BSAVA	1075	1520
f) BSAVA Alba	1468	1544
g) VET CPD	443	484
h) BEVA	1790	1510
i) General Congress expense	3066	1360
8 Student CU Groups	1122	481
9 Missionary	8663	8480
10 Website		3990
11 Sundries	276	346
12 EMS Grant	1900	3726
13 Craft project	64	164
14 Committee weekend	2653	2608
15 St Cassians weekend 2024	7546	623
16 Skiddaw weekend 2024	5106	450
17 Cairngorms weekend 2024	2224	
18 Quinta weekend 2023/2025	920	15365

19	Honorarium (2)	700	697
		75101	74764
	Total Income	A1	78373
	Total Payments	A2	75101
	Net of receipts(payments)	A1-A2	3272
	Cash funds year end 2023	A3	40432
	Cash funds Dec 2024	A1-A2+A3	43704

SECTION B RESTRICTED FUNDS

MISSIONARY FUND (1)

B1	Receipts			
a)	Donations	8310	8295	
		8310	8295	
B2	Payments			
a)	Jan & Flo Morrow	8310	8295	
		8310	8295	
	Total Receipts	B1	8310	8295
	Total Payments	B2	8310	8295
	Net of receipts (Payments)	B1-B2	0	0
	Cash funds Dec 2024	B1-B2+B3	0	0

SECTION D- STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT YEAR END

D1a	Cash funds	
	Bank of Scotland current account	13578
D1b	Other Monetary Assets	30126
	Charity repayment claim	644
D3b	Assets held for the Charities own use	
	Assets as of Dec 2023	250
	Depreciation - 25% of purchase	-250
	Assets as of Dec 2024	0
Note	(1) includes tax recovered	
	(2) Honorarium	
	Brenda Millard - for bookkeeping and preparation of accounts £700	



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

Charity Name

VETERINARY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

On accounts for the year
ended

Y/E 31 DECEMBER 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1099450

Set out on pages

1 TO 2

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 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 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.

* *The Trustees Annual Report was not available at this time.*

Signed:

Date:

29/01/2025

Name:

NITA ELIZABETH HUTCHCRAFT

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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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.