



Veterinary Christian Fellowship Annual report for 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025

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 15 members. During the year, Bonny Millar joined as the VCF Administrator, and Robert Wallace joined as Treasurer.

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 membership donation. Some income is received from event fees. Gift Aid is claimed on eligible giving.

Newsletter

A newsletter is produced quarterly and emailed to just over 950 people, and 52 paper copies are sent out.

Membership

There are about 1,030 people currently registered as members on our database.

67 people were added during 2025 - 26 Vets, 31 Students, 8 Vet Nurses, and 2 people in industry

10 people were removed during 2025.

1 member sadly passed away. 1 requested removal due to leaving the vet course, 6 requested removal, or opted out for varying reasons.

VCF Weekends 2025

1. The VCF Weekend took place from 14th to 16th February at The Quinta Christian Conference Centre in Oswestry, Shropshire, with Christianne Glossop as the guest speaker, and 137 people registered.
2. The Virtual VCF meeting took place on Saturday, 19th July, with Christianne Glossop and delegates attending from Australia, New Zealand, Africa, and Europe, as well as the UK and Ireland.

Students and young graduates

The 'EMS Database' continues to be sent to students who request it. It provides contact details for VCF members working in veterinary practices who are willing to host VCF students for work experience. As work experience is required to complete the veterinary degree, this serves as an excellent resource for students to develop skills and gain practical training in a supportive environment.

As the number of vet schools has increased the role of Student Liaison has now been spread over three people, Dan Mok, Holly McNeill and Freya Wood.

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 a number of 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 2000 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 and Social Media

The VCF Website, Facebook and Instagram pages continue to keep people up to date with all that is happening within the Fellowship.

Committee

Committee meetings continued to be held regularly via Zoom throughout the year, which allowed for fellowship and support for one another as well as providing opportunities to pray for and plan the work of VCF.

In November, the committee gathered for a weekend on the Isle of Wight, and via Zoom for those unable to attend in person, to pray together and seek God's will for the way forwards for the fellowship.

AMM 2025

The Annual Members Meeting took place on Saturday, 15th February 2025, during the VCF Weekend and was chaired by Stephen Anderson. 59 voting delegates attended the meeting. Reports were presented from the President, Secretary and Treasurer.

The Roles of President, Treasurer and Secretary were voted on. Kerry Williams (President) and Ali Budgell (Secretary) remained in their roles. Jenni Hay stepped down as Treasurer, and a replacement was not proposed.

Finance – 2025

The total unrestricted income received by VCF in 2025 was £79,775. This was primarily received through member donations and reclaimed gift aid. Total unrestricted expenditure for 2024 was £85,358, an increase of approximately 14% on 2024 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 in-person and virtual 'VCF Weekends' was less than our costs involved, resulting in a loss of £2,268.37 in running them.

There is one main restricted fund which supports one of our Missionary Partners. This had an income and expenditure of £9281.25 for 2025 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 enable the Fellowship to achieve all that has been previously described. Careful monitoring of the finances is continually necessary to ensure this situation continues.

VETERINARY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Charity Commission No 1099450

Jan-Dec 2025

SECTION A UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

		Yr End
	2025	2024
A1 Receipts		
1 Donations	30524	19724
2 Tax recovered	4191	4036
3 Secretarial Support (1)	18000	18000
4 Bank Interest	696	126
5 Students (1)	75	75
6 Congress	6125	20000
7 EMS Fund (1)		600
8 St Cassians weekend 2024-2026	1826	6213
9 Blencathra weekend 2026	4602	
10 Quinta Weekend 2025	13343	902
11 Skiddaw weekend 2024		5633
11 Virtual day donations	393	395
12 Cairngorms weeked 2024		2669
Total Unrestricted Income	79775	78373
A2 Payments		
1 Salary	24097	22035
2 NEST (pension)	1678	1852
3 Red shoes	331	236
4 Broker Network Insurance	742	550
5 KinnairdHill (independent examiner)	420	399
6 Office expences	1493	3275
7 CONGRESS		
a) London Vet Show	3065	3458
b) BVNA	1112	1170
c) BVA	3077	2930
d) BCVA	93	180
e) BSAVA	1714	1075
f) BSAVA Alba	1553	1468
g) VET CPD	323	443
h) BEVA	1941	1790
i) General Congress expence	5169	3066
8 Student CU Groups	975	1122
9 Missionary	8200	8663
10 EMS Grant	1160	1900
11 Craft project	0	64
12 Committee weekend 2024-2025	1130	2653
13 St Cassians weekend 2024-2026	752	7546
14 Skiddaw weekend 2024	0	5106
15 Cairngorms weekend 2024-2026	550	2224
16 Quinta weekend 2025	14796	920

17 Blencathra weekend 2026		8703	0
18 Quinta weekend 2027		400	0
19 Virtual day 2025		798	0
20 Honorarium (2)		785	700
21 Sundries		301	276
		85358	75101

Total Income		79775	78373
Total Payments	A1	85358	75101
Net of receipts(payments)	A1-A2	-5583	3272
Cash funds year end 2024	A3	43704	40432
Cash funds Dec 2025	A1-A2+A3	38121	43704

SECTION B RESTRICTED FUNDS

MISSIONARY FUND (1)

B1 Receipts			
a) Donations		9821	8310
		9821	8310

B2 Payments			
a) Jan & Flo Morrow		9821	8310
		9821	8310

Total Receipts	B1	9821	0
Total Payments	B2	9821	0
Net of receipts (Payments)	B1-B2	0	0
Cash funds Dec 2025	B1-B2+B3	0	0

SECTION D- STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT YEAR END

D1a	Cash funds	
	Bank of Scotland current account	27847
	Deposit Account	<u>10274</u>
		38121
D1b	Other Monetary Assets	
	Charity repayment claim	3125
D3b	Assets held for the Charities own use	
	Assets as of Dec 2024	0
	Assets as of Dec 2025	0

Note (1) includes tax recovered

(2) Honorarium

Brenda Millard - for bookkeeping and preparation of accounts £750

H McClintick - retirement gift for Michael Christian £35



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Veterinary Christian Fellowship

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1099450

Set out on pages

(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 31/12/2025.

**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 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:

- 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:

Jane Ascroft

Date: 15/01/2026

Name:

Jane Ascroft

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body:**

FCA (Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales)

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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.