

CITY LIFE CHURCH SOUTHAMPTON

England & Wales · Charity number 1100602

Details

Other names	CLEAR CITY LIFE EDUCATION AND ACTION FOR REFUGEES, EDITH'S HOME
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	04913171
Registered	2003-11-10
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE CHARITY'S OBJECTS ("THE OBJECTS") ARE FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT AND ARE RESTRICTED TO THE FOLLOWING:(A) TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF BELIEFS APPEARING IN THE SCHEDULE HERETO IN SOUTHAMPTON AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT AND OTHER SUCH PURPOSES WHICH ARE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES AND ARE CONNECTED WITH THE CHARITABLE WORK OF THE CHARITY;(B) TO RELIEVE SICKNESS AND FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AND TO PROMOTE AND PRESERVE GOOD HEALTH BY THE PROVISION OF FUNDS, GOODS OR SERVICES OF ANY KIND, INCLUDING THROUGH THE PROVISION OF EDUCATION, LIFE-SKILLS TRAINING, HEALTHCARE AND SUPPORT IN SOUTHAMPTON AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT;(C) TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABILITY, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE.

Activities: We are a friendly and vibrant church, passionate about hearing and responding to Jesus in order to make his love known. We are actively involved in the local community, the city and internationally, working in partnership wherever possible for the benefit of all, especially the vulnerable and disadvantaged.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** IN SOUTHAMPTON AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT
- India
- Thailand
- Southampton City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£1,196,413	£1,135,202	£672,138	25
2023-12-31	£1,344,744	£1,516,763	£610,927	17
2022-12-31	£1,566,685	£1,363,958	£782,946	16
2021-12-31	£1,111,060	£1,002,951	£580,219	16
2020-12-31	£996,000	£1,008,746	£528,371	17

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
KEVIN RAYNER		2024-06-26
Naomi Sebborn		2023-11-08
PAUL WOODMAN		
Robert Holzer		2025-10-22

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Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 04913171 (England and Wales)
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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024
FOR
CITY LIFE CHURCH SOUTHAMPTON**

Lewis Brownlee (Chichester) Limited
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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
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TRUSTEES K J Rayner Director (appointed 26.6.24)
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Ms M Pitt
Ms N Sebborn

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2024 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and the Charities SORP (FRS 102) updated in October 2019.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The charity's objects and principal activities are to:

1. Advance the Christian faith.
2. Relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health.
3. Provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare.

The scope of these objectives and activities are world-wide but have a principal outworking in Southampton, England. For many of the charity's activities, there is a clear distinction between the three objectives.

The strategies employed to assist the charity to meet these objectives included the following:

1. Advance the Christian faith.
 - a. Monthly Sunday celebrations
 - b. Weekly small group activities and meetings.
 - c. Missional communities.
 - d. Support of Christian agencies, working overseas and in the UK, to promote the Christian faith.
2. Relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health.
 - a. Information, advice, education, guidance and support to refugees and people seeking asylum in Southampton through the work of CLEAR, EU Welcome, Hong Kong Welcome and Homes for Ukraine support.
 - b. Supporting and valuing women involved in the sex industry in Southampton through the work of Amber.
 - c. Direct support of work supporting orphans and refugees world-wide, particularly in India and Thailand.
 - d. Provision of food to people who are homeless through a soup run.
 - e. Working locally with a variety of agencies to provide support to people who are homeless or vulnerably housed in Southampton. This work includes the Southampton Church Rent Deposit Scheme.
 - f. Providing temporary, supported accommodation for those who have found themselves homeless for a variety of reasons through the work of Hope into Action: Southampton
 - g. Support of agencies, working overseas and in the UK, to relieve poverty and hardship.
3. Provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare:
 - a. Provision of online resources for families and individuals to supplement monthly gatherings
 - b. Managing Townhill Park Community Centre for the benefit of the local community.

Public benefit

When planning activities for the year, the trustees have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

Volunteers

Most of the activities of the charity are carried out, or supported, by a significant number of dedicated volunteers who freely give their time and expertise. All volunteers go through a safer recruiting procedure and receive an induction and safeguarding training, as well as any training specific to their role.

Each week, on average the charity benefits from 85 volunteers giving a total of 199.3 hours. Across the charity in 2024, a total of 255 volunteers served in a variety of capacities giving a total of 9,056.5 hours to help us achieve our aims. The median full-time salary for Southampton in 2024 was estimated to be £37,430 pa equivalent to £19.19 per hour. The total contribution of volunteer hours to the charity is therefore £173,794.24.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Our charity wide development day was held at the Ascension Church, and we had external training on 'building successful teams' by Keith Brown and Richard Field. We embedded the values throughout the year, and at the Development Day we rewarded four members of staff for championing the values.

The church purchased Alder Moor Farmhouse in 2024 as a base for a prayer community and for charity meetings. The purchase was supported by church members who gave generously to a gift day. The building will be registered as a place of worship. The Farmhouse has a registered Air BnB on the site, which gained superhost status within a few months of opening.

The 'Marketplace' food poverty project continued in Townhill Park Community Centre in partnership with Southampton City Mission allowed people in food poverty to become members and pay £5 per week in exchange for selecting around £30 of food which is sourced through FairShare. Two rooms in the centre have been given over completely to allow for food storage and display.

The church continued its monthly pattern rotating through looking at teaching, serving, inviting others and worship. Our main teaching theme was focussed on being 'glory carriers'.

A Youth Group met every Sunday through the year. The sessions focussed on living as a Christian, . Young people enjoyed campfires, a night hike, outdoor games and teaching at a residential youth camp which was held in July. We continued to support the Young Life Programme for secondary school aged young people. The annual Day Camp in February and the Scotland Summer Camp was well attended. Chaplaincy for the Rose Road Association continued with a monthly Teas and Toast event for staff.

Healing Prayer continues to be the most successful and transformational pastoral tool within the life of the church Bev Webb and Nicky Porter continued appointments with many individuals helped both in and outside the church.

The prophetic community continued to flourish during 2024, gathering monthly online for teaching and activation led by the steering team. It provided regular online prophetic appointments to people from across the nation and nations. The House of Prayer set up by Richard and Kathy Pitt from City Life thrived in its new structure of Small Houses of Prayer gathering in homes across the city and had a growing impact on the city.

Paul Woodman led an online Street Support conference in June on homelessness. The 'Homelessness in the City' conference with guest speaker, Dr Nick Maguire, was attended by civic leaders and community members across the city. Social media promotion of issues surrounding homelessness and our response as a city continued through the year.

In February, Paul Woodman reported back at parliament on the work funded by the Government's Faith New Deal Pilot Fund. This fund of over £1 million was shared between 16 different faith groups to build on the collaboration with faith groups which took place during the COVID-19 pandemic, catalysing further partnership work to serve local communities as they rebuild from the pandemic.

Dan Pooley continued to chair the Love Swaythling and Bassett group, working with other local churches to benefit the local community, including regular RE and chaplaincy support and the appointment of a new interim Head Teacher at Bassett Green Primary School.

In July, Paul Woodman received an honorary degree of fellow from Solent University for his commitment to the city.

Local Projects

The church supports and runs a wide range of local projects:

- Soup Run continued most Friday nights with a team of volunteers going out to the centre of Southampton offering hot drinks, food and prayer support to people who are living on the streets. Greggs continue to kindly donate leftover food to the Soup Run for giving out to people who are homeless.

- The Dads group continued to run with a several dads both inside and outside the church. The group continued meeting twice a month and held a summer weekend camping trip which was well attended.

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- The church delivered a contract with the city council to co-ordinate voluntary sector services supporting those who are homeless. We were able to reopen the winter shelter in 2024 providing respite from the wintry weather for 139 overnight stays, supported by 70 volunteers. We also worked in partnership with local schools in the Aspire Trust to provide awareness videos on issues around homelessness and to raise funds and create welcome bags for those coming off the streets and into hostels. Following being well received last year, the church also took the lead on organising and coordinating a commemoration service for those who had died while experiencing homelessness in Southampton.

- The church helped organise a Good Friday Easter Celebration in Guildhall Square, bringing together many churches from across the city to commemorate the death of Jesus. The acting Bishop of Southampton, Geoff Annas, supported the event, and Steve Lee from Miracle Street spoke about the significance of Easter. The event was well attended and covered positively by the local press and ITV News.

CLEAR (City Life Education and Action for Refugees)

CLEAR exists to help those seeking sanctuary in Southampton to build new lives in the UK by providing holistic advice and practical support to refugees, people seeking asylum and EU migrants. Alongside this we provide a range of English (ESOL) classes and other courses to help people integrate and access mainstream provision.

With our National Lottery funding ending in September 2024, we relocated from James Street to the Voluntary Action Centre and the Central Library. The move reshaped our advice delivery, with clients now able to access us via three community drop-ins, WhatsApp or online. Requests are triaged and we address urgent issues immediately, refer to other organisations where relevant, and book appointments with an advisor for more complex cases.

This year was a very challenging environment to be working in, with many of our clients affected by the implementation of the Illegal Migration Act and other legislation, which left many of them 'in limbo'. This was followed by a change in government and the anti-immigration riots across the county in August. We also saw an increasing number of clients with no immigration status who have needed to access support to try and regularise their immigration status and facing destitution. Others have faced homelessness due to the lack of affordable accommodation in the city, and all have been impacted by the cost-of-living crisis.

We have been agile and responsive to meet these needs and find creative ways to increase capacity, such as offering group briefing sessions on common enquiries, training volunteers to specialise in particular tasks, and partnering with other organisations to provide weekly support sessions in the local asylum hotel. Reduction in funding and increased demand and complexity has meant that we have offered less support with low level issues, applications for citizenship, employment or enquiries from outside of Southampton.

We continued to successfully deliver contracts to provide wraparound support to guests under the Homes for Ukraine scheme, and to Afghans choosing to resettle in the city. We also provided dedicated support to help people with the transition from a physical BRP card to an eVisa.

Our ESOL classes enrolled over 180 learners across 11 different courses, with learners achieving an average of 84% pass rate in reading, writing, speaking and listening exams. We also offered digital skills classes, creative projects with the Welsh National Opera, MAST, John Hansard Gallery and Artful Scribe, and football sessions with Saints Foundation. We facilitated and delivered innovative user-led courses, including the new ESOL for Volunteering and Community Action and the Sharing Food Sharing Skills course, that included participants gaining a Level 2 Food Hygiene certificate. We ran our popular Welcome Host course again, with all learners achieving the certificate and the City & Guilds Level 2 award.

We provided professional advice to over 900 clients from 86 different countries, with the main enquiries being around immigration, housing, benefits and asylum support. With the move to shared offices, we changed our delivery model, which included establishing two new drop-ins around the city in partnership with two local churches.

We currently have around 40 active volunteers across the project, who added £50,124 in value to the project, based on a median salary of £19.19/hr. We have focused on reducing barriers to volunteering and currently have 8 people with lived experience of migration involved. We continue to celebrate the contribution of all volunteers in creative ways, involving them and recognising their skills and contribution to the effective running of the project.

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We continued to support our team to enable them to deliver the service our clients need - which starts with their own wellbeing. We offered group clinical supervision, development days, "closure weeks", management supervision, weekly briefings and appraisals. We built capacity through upskilling and specialist training/support. The office relocation enabled further infrastructure improvements to be made, including moving to a paperless advice service (and scanning all historic documents), implementing WhatsApp as a way for clients to contact us easily and in their native language, and migrating our IT system and phone line to Microsoft 365.

We remain a key partner and sector representative in local and regional government meetings, particularly as they seek to address the challenges of immigration. We have continued to grow our profile within the city and region through attending community events, networking, presentations and promoting our work through a regular newsletter (circulation growing from 133 to 175 in the year), publicity, social media, and our website - where we added pages on our impact and post a regular blog.

Hong Kong Welcome

This year, HK Welcome was awarded grants from Southampton City Council, Hampshire County Council and West Sussex County Council respectively to provide support and help to new migrants from Hong Kong. Our mission is to provide comprehensive support that enables Hong Kong migrants to smoothly transition into their new lives in the UK. The project focuses on several key areas that are essential for successful integration and well-being:

Resettlement Support: We organised a Community Forum and Election Information Session in Southampton to help migrants navigate practical aspects of living in the UK, such as housing, English learning, employment support, local services, and rights to vote, ensuring that they have a better understanding of their new home and feel secure in their new surroundings. We also organised webinars to introduce issues to the migrants, such as employment rights, hate crime, and the UK education system.

Community Integration: Building a sense of belonging and creating a supportive network is a priority for our project. Through community events and social activities, such as Hong Kong Cultural Market, Lunar New Year Gathering, Family Sports Fun Day, Friendship Festival, Summer Carnival, Moon Festival Celebration, cultural visits, and board game evenings, we aim to connect Hong Kong migrants with the local community.

Well-being and Happiness: Transitioning to life in a new place can be overwhelming, and we are committed to supporting the mental health and emotional well-being of the HK community. By offering peer support groups and activities that promote sharing and happiness, such as gatherings for older BN(O)s and SEND parents, mental health support day camps for children, a screening and sharing session, a service of welcome themed "Praying for Hong Kong", etc., we hope to help migrants regain their hope, confidence, and joy in this new chapter of life.

Amber

Amber is a Christian chaplaincy service for women involved in the sex and sexual entertainment industry in Southampton.

The Amber on-street team include a staff chaplain and volunteers who provided 87 outreach sessions for women selling sex on the streets in 2024. The chaplains offered a listening ear, signposting and prayer, empowering women to reduce the risks to their safety. Women were welcomed onto the outreach van where they enjoyed a hot drink, and time in a warm safe space, which was very popular. The chaplaincy team were supported by staff from multiple agencies, including sexual health, Change Grow Live, and Two Saints to name a few. The team engaged with 90 different women throughout the year, giving out 326 gift bags. They also distributed personal attack alarms, a selection of toiletries, gifts, refreshments and 1970 condoms. Amber funded 4 mobile phone top-ups and made 15 food bank referrals. Our staff chaplain supported 17 different women on 92 occasions.

Staff chaplains and volunteers made 64 monthly visits to massage parlours in Southampton. The team visited 9 parlours; adding 2 parlours in Eastleigh to their visits during the year. Thanks to Amber's Thai and Chinese volunteer chaplains the team had meaningful conversations with over 30 Thai and Chinese women during the year; conversations were around health, work, money and faith. Amber gave out 137 gift bags from January to September. The parlour visits stopped in October due to diminished resources and no available volunteer translators.

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Eden's chaplaincy visits to the strip clubs increased to 140 visits in 2024 with a new staff chaplain joining in June. The chaplains offered confidential listening and prayer to the women dancing there. They discussed everything from relationships to money, housing issues as well as the stress factors of life and work. The team continued to partner with a specialist relationship counsellor who visited all 3 clubs on a fortnightly basis providing therapeutic counselling tools. They had over 100 conversations around relationships, anxiety, safety, trauma and abuse. The team had on average 1600 conversations with women and gave out 1900 small packets of love hearts over the course of the year. The team supported 4 churches in the Holy Trinity Brompton network to start Eden chaplaincies, including Brighton, Hastings, East London and Derby.

Hope Into Action

During 2024 the project opened another house taking the total to six. The new house is providing a home and support for an Afghan refugee family with support contracted through the city council. Moving tenants on to independent accommodation remains a challenge in the current housing environment. Despite this we were able to successfully move on several individuals as well as the Syrian family who we brought over through the Community Sponsorship Scheme in 2022. Early in the year we were pleased to be able to help house some of those who had been in the winter beds project, one of whom has seen his life dramatically turned around having found work and then moved on to a full-time job. He is ready to move on and live independently as soon as we can find him suitable accommodation.

At the end of 2024 investors and a new church partner are in place, ready for a seventh house to be opened. A house has been identified and an offer accepted. We hope to be ready to open this house, which will be for ex-offenders, in the spring.

As project lead, Dan also acts as an advisor for several other franchises across the Southwest.

Southampton Church Rent Deposit Scheme

The scheme helps individuals and families who are homeless, at risk of homelessness or are significantly unsuitably housed to access private rented accommodation through support with funds towards a deposit and rent in advance. The primary funding streams are the Southampton City Council Homelessness fund (formerly Discretionary Housing Fund), Rough Sleepers Initiative, Afghan Resettlement Fund and Local Welfare Provision.

This year a grant from LandAid was also awarded to help young people under 25 who face additional barriers to secure housing. This part of the scheme is being delivered in partnership with No Limits who are providing ongoing tenancy support to those benefitting from the scheme.

Turnover increased to nearly £650,000 for the year. In 2024 the scheme helped more than 500 people move on from or avoid homelessness through access to private rented accommodation.

Other Local Projects

The church supported the following local projects financially or giving staff time:

- Alder Trust - working to deliver community-based solutions to presenting needs and challenges. Funds given were designated to Aldermoor Community Farm
- Love Southampton - providing a route for positive communication between local churches and the City Council.
- Miracle Street - Presenting the life changing message of Jesus through film, social media and live events.
- Southampton House of Prayer - a 24/7 prayer initiative praying for Southampton.
- Southampton City Mission - relieving poverty and hardship in the city.
- Southampton Street Pastors - interdenominational response to urban problems.

UK Charitable Support

The church supported the following UK initiatives:

- Pioneer - a network of networks, church hubs and ministries committed to church planting, leadership development, training and the support of innovative caring projects.
- Young Life - introducing adolescents to Jesus Christ and helping them grow in their faith.

International Projects

The church has project partners in Thailand, India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. Work in these countries varies but can include sending relief support teams, organising UK child sponsorship to help children access education, and fundraising and support for larger projects.

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There was one overseas trip in 2024 to visit HANDS in Thailand with a team. Dan was unable to complete a planned trip to Pakistan and Sri Lanka but was able to raise funds to install water pumps in some villages outside Karachi, Pakistan.

The church supported the following overseas initiatives:

- Back 2 Back Ministries (India)- sponsoring children and supporting their work with orphans
- "-'HANDS' - Health and Nutritional Development Services (Thailand)- Dave, Carole and Rebecca Summers
- Nehemiah Trust Pakistan - provision of hand water pumps in poor villages without access to clean water around Karachi, Pakistan
- Pete Bollon working as a missionary to unreached people groups

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The principal source of funds for mainstream church activities continued to be from individual giving which reduced slightly in 2024.

CLEAR successfully delivered a three-year programme by The National Lottery. CLEAR is also receiving funding from Southampton City Council for ESOL provision and as part of Advice in Southampton Partnership. to take the lead in working with refugees coming to the city.

Reserves

Reserve balances at the end of the year were as follows:

Restricted Funds

Funds held for specific projects on short term basis £267,871.

Designated funds

Funds held for specific projects on short term basis £7,250

General funds

Invested in fixed assets £305,490

Free reserves £91,527

Total reserves £672,138

Restricted funds should be maintained in the current year and reserves overall will therefore remain above the minimum level.

Reserves policy

The charity relies largely on the generosity of its members and on fundraising. To ensure the financial stability of the church, the policy is to maintain a minimum of three months expenditure in reserve. For the church this amounts to approximately £90,000. If reserves fall below the minimum level the church will budget to ensure these reserves are rebuilt as quickly as possible. Each project also maintains its own reserve fund. Projects will continue to be closely monitored to ensure reserve levels remain above the minimum level. Free reserves have been significantly above the amount required by the charity reserves policy.

The church's annual income is stable, and we continue to adhere to the reserves policy. The trustees monitor the actual income and expenditure of the accounts. The reserves policy continues to be reviewed along with the preparation of the Annual Budget.

Trustees continue to be aware of the potential impact of fluctuations in the economy on charitable giving including church donations and child sponsorship donations and are actively monitoring any changes in giving levels.

FUTURE PLANS

Having made a significant building purchase in 2024, the charity will maximise the use of the property. Projects are expected to continue as above. Our work with people at risk of homelessness is growing and we hope to extend our winter beds project to run throughout the year. The charity plans to continue the activities outlined above in the forthcoming year subject to securing satisfactory funding arrangements.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

City Life Church is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 26th September 2003, and registered as a charity on 10th November 2003. The organisation was formerly a charitable trust by the same name. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

Trustee recruitment and induction

The latest trustee was appointed in June 2024. The Charity Commission "The Essential Trustee (CC3)" booklet and documentation of City Life Church was given to the new trustee and further induction, and training took place.

Organisational structure

The charity has sub-groups which oversee various aspects of work of the charity. Each sub-group reports to the board of trustees. The staffing of the church is organised in different teams: pastoral, resource, management group, CLEAR, Hope into Action and Amber. There are also many volunteer teams that all have a staff link.

The charity uses software, My Concern, to record and track safeguarding concerns. Most of our concerns are for refugees and asylum seekers facing issues of homelessness, destitution and mental health concerns.

Trustees moved to meeting monthly for shorter meetings during 2024. The board meetings focus on vision and values, direction, detailed finance review, risk management, communication, policy review, and any issues arising from the management team. All the charity's policies and procedures are reviewed following a cycle or when new legislation or guidance is introduced.

Risk management

The trustees have conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. Risks are given consideration through formal risk assessments. These are reviewed on a quarterly basis and the risk register is a standing agenda item for both management and trustee meetings, ensuring all aspects of the charity's work are covered. Systems and procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces. The Risk Register template includes headings that name the risk, the risk owner, mitigation in place and the resulting risk level to the charity (both pre and post mitigation).

The main risks and uncertainties being faced by the charity are failure to safeguard children and vulnerable adults, injury resulting from accidents during activities held by the charity and variation in income through changes in individual donations and trust funding levels.

Safeguarding

Developing a culture of safety through strong safeguarding practices is a key part of realising our vision and upholding our values. Our safeguarding processes are designed to help everyone work together to ensure that children and adults at risk are safe when accessing any of our projects or services. We ask everyone who volunteers with or works for our charity to be familiar with our policy and procedures and to complete safeguarding training. As part of our commitment to providing a safe environment for all, we need to ensure we are recruiting staff and volunteers safely by following appropriate procedures and ensuring all necessary checks are made. We are grateful to all who volunteer and work with our charity for supporting us with these essential processes.

Budgets

Budgets are delegated to project managers to actively monitor and review. These accounts are reviewed quarterly by the Management Group and trustees. Every project reports quarterly with a management report with a red / amber / green finance summary and completion of three quarterly objectives. Any significant issues arising financially are given immediate attention by trustees. Budgets are altered as necessary.

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Acknowledgement of our appreciation for support given by...

Donations restricted to City Life Church

- " Individual donations
- " Above Bar Church
- " Amazon Smile
- " BreatheHR
- " Kings Church
- " The Listeners
- " New Community Network
- " Oasis Community Learning
- " Southampton City Council
- " St James by the Park
- " St Wins Church Totton
- " Welcome Church

Donations restricted to Amber

- " Individual donations
- " The Alexis Trust
- " The Broyst Foundation
- " Churches Together Romsey
- " The Church Welfare Association
- " The Daughters of Wisdom
- " The Forest Hill Charitable Trust
- " Highfield Church
- " Ichthus Charity Shop
- " Immaculate Conception Church
- " The Jerusalem Trust
- " The Listeners
- " New Community Network
- " New Frontiers Life Church Southampton
- " Silver Lining Convergence Ltd
- " Smith Bradbeer Charitable Trust
- " Willats Trust

Donations and Gifts in Kind restricted to CLEAR

- " Individual donations
- " Above Bar Church
- " Bassett Green Primary School
- " CFU Trust
- " Citizens Advice Southampton - Advice in Southampton partnership, Homes for Ukraine, eVisa Transition Support, Household Support Fund
- " Freedom Church
- " The National Lottery Community Fund
- " St James by the Park
- " Society of the Holy Child Jesus
- " Southampton City Council - Community Learning, Innovation Fund, Multiply, Afghan Resettlement Support,
- " University of Southampton

Donations restricted to Hope into Action: Southampton

- " Individual donations
- " B&Q Foundation
- " The Listeners
- " National Lottery Community Fund
- " New Community Network

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" SO18 Big Local

Donations restricted to Winter Beds Project

" Individual donations
" Bursledon Parish
" Cantell School
" Grosvenor Casino
" Holy Saviour Bitterne
" Life Church Southampton
" Romsey Abbey
" Romsey Baptist Church
" Southampton University Amnesty Society
" University of Southampton

Donation restricted to Overland Project

" New Community Network
" Riverside Family Church Southampton

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

The trustees (who are also the directors of City Life Church Southampton for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

CITY LIFE CHURCH SOUTHAMPTON
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT - continued

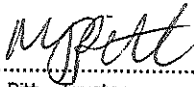
In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Lewis Brownlee (Chichester) Limited, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 17 July 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



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Ms M Pitt - Trustee

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF
CITY LIFE CHURCH SOUTHAMPTON**

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of City Life Church Southampton (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF
CITY LIFE CHURCH SOUTHAMPTON**

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- enquiry of management, those charged with governance and the entity's solicitors around actual and potential litigation and claims;
- enquiry of entity's staff to identify any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations; and
- auditing the risk of management override of controls including through testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, and evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF
CITY LIFE CHURCH SOUTHAMPTON**

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Sarah Alexander FCA FCCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Lewis Brownlee (Chichester) Limited
Statutory Auditors
Appledram Barns
Birdham Road
Chichester
West Sussex
PO20 7EQ

Date: 4 September 2025

CITY LIFE CHURCH SOUTHAMPTON

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (incorporating an income and expenditure account)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	293,546	673,393	966,939	1,203,442
Charitable activities					
CLEAR	5	261	6,775	7,036	5,305
Amber Chaplaincy		-	205	205	-
Hope Into Action		-	92,636	92,636	57,238
Grants for other church activities		19,697	-	19,697	19,251
Other income		336	-	336	1,826
Staff consultancy services		42,827	-	42,827	34,477
Aldermoor Property		-	38,315	38,315	-
Winter Shelter fund		-	2,500	2,500	-
Other trading activities	3	11,669	6,665	18,334	17,430
Investment income	4	5,010	2,578	7,588	6,181
Total		373,346	823,067	1,196,413	1,345,150
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	6	3,109	12,305	15,414	7,828
Charitable activities					
CLEAR	7	-	348,664	348,664	374,555
Amber Chaplaincy		-	60,957	60,957	70,986
Hope Into Action		-	106,609	106,609	149,641
Aldermoor Property		-	37,767	37,767	-
Winter Shelter fund		-	5,584	5,584	6,973
Central costs		314,528	2,846	317,374	336,535
Expenditure for Trips abroad		62,084	-	62,084	116,292
Rent Deposit Scheme		-	101,125	101,125	407,079
TPCC		68,180	-	68,180	47,280
Total		447,901	687,301	1,135,202	1,517,169
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)					
Transfers between funds	18	(74,555)	135,766	61,211	(172,019)
		85,936	(85,936)	-	-
Net movement in funds		11,381	49,830	61,211	(172,019)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		392,886	218,041	610,927	782,946
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		404,267	267,871	672,138	610,927

The notes form part of these financial statements


CITY LIFE CHURCH SOUTHAMPTON

**BALANCE SHEET
31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	12	840,843	-	840,843	669
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	13	90,050	-	90,050	100,412
Cash at bank and in hand		154,911	267,871	422,782	547,610
		<u>244,961</u>	<u>267,871</u>	<u>512,832</u>	<u>648,022</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(183,189)	-	(183,189)	(37,764)
		<u>61,772</u>	<u>267,871</u>	<u>329,643</u>	<u>610,258</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>902,615</u>	<u>267,871</u>	<u>1,170,486</u>	<u>610,927</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	15	(498,348)	-	(498,348)	-
		<u>404,267</u>	<u>267,871</u>	<u>672,138</u>	<u>610,927</u>
NET ASSETS					
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	18			404,267	392,886
Restricted funds				267,871	218,041
				<u>672,138</u>	<u>610,927</u>
TOTAL FUNDS					

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 17 JULY 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:


P D Woodman - Trustee


M Pitt - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

CITY LIFE CHURCH SOUTHAMPTON
CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Cash generated from operations	196,312	(232,529)
Interest paid	<u>(21,475)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	<u>174,837</u>	<u>(232,529)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(842,607)	-
Interest received	<u>7,588</u>	<u>6,181</u>
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities	<u>(835,019)</u>	<u>6,181</u>
Cash flows from financing activities		
New loans in year	540,000	-
Loan repayments in year	<u>(4,646)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash provided by financing activities	<u>535,354</u>	<u>-</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		
	<u>(124,828)</u>	<u>(226,348)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	<u>547,610</u>	<u>773,958</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	<u>422,782</u>	<u>547,610</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

CITY LIFE CHURCH SOUTHAMPTON
NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	61,211	(172,019)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	2,433	2,199
Interest received	(7,588)	(6,181)
Interest paid	21,475	-
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	10,361	(94,292)
Increase in creditors	<u>108,420</u>	<u>37,764</u>
Net cash provided by/(used in) operations	<u>196,312</u>	<u>(232,529)</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS/(DEBT)

	At 1.1.24	Cash flow	At 31.12.24
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>547,610</u>	<u>(124,828)</u>	<u>422,782</u>
	<u>547,610</u>	<u>(124,828)</u>	<u>422,782</u>
Debt			
Debts falling due within 1 year	-	(37,005)	(37,005)
Debts falling due after 1 year	-	(498,348)	(498,348)
	-	<u>(535,353)</u>	<u>(535,353)</u>
Total	<u>547,610</u>	<u>(660,181)</u>	<u>(112,571)</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

CITY LIFE CHURCH SOUTHAMPTON
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

City Life Church Southampton is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales under the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months following the approval of these financial statements. This together with the level of reserves is sufficient for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £800 are capitalised at cost. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	NIL
Leasehold improvements	over the period of the lease
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	10% - 33% straight line
Motor vehicles	3 – 5 years reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Operating leases

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged in the statement of financial activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Designated funds are allocated out of restricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes. The use of such funds is at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

CITY LIFE CHURCH SOUTHAMPTON

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Financial Instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangement entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the charity after deducting all of its liabilities.

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss which are initially valued at fair value unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for similar debt instruments.

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the charity intends either to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when the contractual rights to the cashflows from the financial asset expire or are settled or the charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset or the charity despite having retained some but not all significant risks and rewards of ownership has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged cancelled or expires.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Collections	-	956
Donations	333,862	241,775
Gift aid	58,353	49,146
Sponsorships	1,985	2,275
Income from other organisations	572,739	909,290
	<u>966,939</u>	<u>1,203,442</u>

CITY LIFE CHURCH SOUTHAMPTON

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fundraising	3,183	6,764
Hire income	<u>15,151</u>	<u>10,666</u>
	<u>18,334</u>	<u>17,430</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>7,588</u>	<u>6,181</u>

5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

		2024	2023
		£	£
Charitable activities	Activity CLEAR	7,036	5,305
Charitable activities	Amber Chaplaincy	205	-
Charitable activities	Hope Into Action	92,636	57,238
Charitable activities	Grants for other church activities	19,697	19,251
Charitable activities	Other income	336	1,826
Charitable activities	Staff consultancy services	42,827	34,477
Charitable activities	Aldermoor Property	38,315	-
Charitable activities	Winter Shelter fund	<u>2,500</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>203,552</u>	<u>118,097</u>

6. RAISING FUNDS

Raising donations and legacies

	2024	2023
	£	£
Publicity	<u>15,414</u>	<u>7,828</u>

7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 8) £	Totals £
CLEAR	348,664	-	348,664
Amber Chaplaincy	57,772	3,185	60,957
Hope Into Action	99,416	7,193	106,609
Aldermoor Property	26,330	11,437	37,767
Winter Shelter fund	4,739	845	5,584
Central costs	214,680	101,694	317,374
Expenditure for Trips abroad	61,738	346	62,084
Rent Deposit Scheme	100,666	459	101,125
TPCC	<u>57,956</u>	<u>10,224</u>	<u>68,180</u>
	<u>984,405</u>	<u>135,383</u>	<u>1,119,788</u>

CITY LIFE CHURCH SOUTHAMPTON

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

8. SUPPORT COSTS

	Other £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Amber Chaplaincy	3,046	139	3,185
Hope Into Action	6,497	696	7,193
Alder Moor Property	3,277	8,160	11,437
Winter Shelter fund	845	-	845
Central costs	90,883	10,811	101,694
Expenditure for Trips abroad	245	101	346
Rent Deposit Scheme	459	-	459
TPCC	<u>10,200</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>10,224</u>
	<u>115,452</u>	<u>19,931</u>	<u>135,383</u>

9. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024 £	2023 £
Auditors' remuneration	9,354	11,976
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>2,433</u>	<u>2,199</u>

10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

One trustee was employed by the charity during the year ended 31 December 2024 and two trustees received remuneration for the year ended 31 December 2023. Details are given under note 19 to the financial statements.

Trustees' expenses

Details of trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2024 and for the year ended 31 December 2023 are shown under note 19 to the financial statements.

11. STAFF COSTS

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	525,568	547,828
Social security costs	42,227	39,399
Other pension costs	<u>41,405</u>	<u>41,775</u>
	<u>609,200</u>	<u>629,002</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
Charitable activities	<u>25</u>	<u>28</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

Total remuneration received by key management personnel amounted to £97,140.

The charity makes payment to a defined contribution pension scheme on behalf of its employees. Contributions amounted to £41,405 during the current year and £41,775 for the previous year.

CITY LIFE CHURCH SOUTHAMPTON

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Improvements to property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Totals £
COST					
At 1 January 2024	-	21,750	20,708	18,744	61,202
Additions	802,928	39,679	-	-	842,607
Disposals	-	(21,750)	-	-	(21,750)
At 31 December 2024	<u>802,928</u>	<u>39,679</u>	<u>20,708</u>	<u>18,744</u>	<u>882,059</u>
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 January 2024	-	21,750	20,039	18,744	60,533
Charge for year	-	1,764	669	-	2,433
Eliminated on disposal	-	(21,750)	-	-	(21,750)
At 31 December 2024	-	<u>1,764</u>	<u>20,708</u>	<u>18,744</u>	<u>41,216</u>
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 December 2024	<u>802,928</u>	<u>37,915</u>	-	-	<u>840,843</u>
At 31 December 2023	-	-	669	-	669

13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	45,271	58,693
Other debtors	41,662	38,505
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>3,117</u>	<u>3,214</u>
	<u>90,050</u>	<u>100,412</u>

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 16)	37,005	-
Trade creditors	25,993	18,521
Social security and other taxes	9,543	9,290
Other creditors	93,922	-
Accruals and deferred income	<u>16,726</u>	<u>9,953</u>
	<u>183,189</u>	<u>37,764</u>

Included within other creditors is an amount of £85,938 in respect of funds held on behalf of Southampton City Council in relation to the rent deposit scheme. These funds were expended shortly after the balance sheet date.

CITY LIFE CHURCH SOUTHAMPTON

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank loans (see note 16)	<u>498,348</u>	<u>-</u>

16. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank loans	<u>37,005</u>	<u>-</u>
Amounts falling between one and two years:		
Bank loans - 1-2 years	<u>37,005</u>	<u>-</u>
Amounts falling due between two and five years:		
Bank loans - 2-5 years	<u>111,016</u>	<u>-</u>
Amounts falling due in more than five years:		
Repayable by instalments:		
Bank loans more 5 yr by instal	350,327	-

17. SECURED DEBTS

The following secured debts are included within creditors:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank loans	<u>535,353</u>	<u>-</u>

The charity entered into a loan with Kingdom Bank during the year in the sum of £540,000. The loan is repayable over a 30 year period with interest being charged at a variable rate over the bank base rate.

The loan is secured against the freehold property acquired by the charity during the year.

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18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.24 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	386,441	(24,350)	34,926	397,017
House of Prayer	1,960	(592)	-	1,368
Community fund	2,242	825	-	3,067
India	-	67	-	67
Overland - P Bollon	-	505	-	505
Trips	-	(14,393)	14,393	-
Townhill Park Community Centre	-	(36,617)	36,617	-
Townhill Park Centre repairs fund	2,243	-	-	2,243
	<u>392,886</u>	<u>(74,555)</u>	<u>85,936</u>	<u>404,267</u>
Restricted funds				
National Lottery Community Fund	24,593	-	-	24,593
CLEAR	72,915	29,187	-	102,102
Amber Chaplaincy	28,598	(1,141)	-	27,457
Hope Into Action: Southampton	22,655	30,991	-	53,646
Rent Deposit Scheme	53,420	36,535	(85,938)	4,017
Hong Kong Welcome	13,340	-	-	13,340
Winter Shelter	2,520	3,517	-	6,037
Special offerings	-	(2)	2	-
Aldermoor Property Fund	-	36,679	-	36,679
	<u>218,041</u>	<u>135,766</u>	<u>(85,936)</u>	<u>267,871</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>610,927</u></u>	<u><u>61,211</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>672,138</u></u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	270,922	(295,272)	(24,350)
House of Prayer	560	(1,152)	(592)
Community fund	2,474	(1,649)	825
India	2,220	(2,153)	67
Overland - P Bollon	16,830	(16,325)	505
Trips	48,523	(62,916)	(14,393)
Townhill Park Community Centre	31,817	(68,434)	(36,617)
	<u>373,346</u>	<u>(447,901)</u>	<u>(74,555)</u>
Restricted funds			
CLEAR	377,851	(348,664)	29,187
Amber Chaplaincy	60,148	(61,289)	(1,141)
Hope Into Action: Southampton	137,962	(106,971)	30,991
Rent Deposit Scheme	137,660	(101,125)	36,535
Winter Shelter	10,101	(6,584)	3,517
Special offerings	2,844	(2,846)	(2)
Aldermoor Property Fund	96,501	(59,822)	36,679
	<u>823,067</u>	<u>(687,301)</u>	<u>135,766</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>1,196,413</u></u>	<u><u>(1,135,202)</u></u>	<u><u>61,211</u></u>

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18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	485,527	(80,033)	(19,053)	386,441
House of Prayer	2,126	(166)	-	1,960
Community fund	5,662	(3,420)	-	2,242
Waffle Stop	-	(108)	108	-
SO Welcome	2,931	(2,931)	-	-
Townhill Park Community Centre	-	(18,945)	18,945	-
Townhill Park Centre repairs fund	<u>443</u>	<u>1,800</u>	-	<u>2,243</u>
	496,689	(103,803)	-	392,886
Restricted funds				
National Lottery Community Fund	24,593	-	-	24,593
CLEAR	38,345	34,570	-	72,915
Amber Chaplaincy	41,184	(12,586)	-	28,598
Hope Into Action: Southampton	46,971	(24,316)	-	22,655
Rent Deposit Scheme	84,481	(31,061)	-	53,420
Love Your Neighbour	2,729	(2,729)	-	-
Hong Kong Welcome	18,983	(5,643)	-	13,340
Faith New Deal	27,971	(27,971)	-	-
Winter Shelter	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,520</u>	-	<u>2,520</u>
	<u>286,257</u>	<u>(68,216)</u>	-	<u>218,041</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>782,946</u></u>	<u><u>(172,019)</u></u>	-	<u><u>610,927</u></u>

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18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	252,188	(332,221)	(80,033)
House of Prayer	240	(406)	(166)
Community fund	1,565	(4,985)	(3,420)
India	2,220	(2,220)	-
Overland - P Bollon	18,480	(18,480)	-
Trips	26,826	(26,826)	-
Waffle Stop	-	(108)	(108)
SO Welcome	-	(2,931)	(2,931)
Townhill Park Community Centre	30,135	(49,080)	(18,945)
Townhill Park Centre repairs fund	-	1,800	1,800
	<u>331,654</u>	<u>(435,457)</u>	<u>(103,803)</u>
Restricted funds			
CLEAR	409,125	(374,555)	34,570
Amber Chaplaincy	58,890	(71,476)	(12,586)
Hope Into Action: Southampton	127,680	(151,996)	(24,316)
Rent Deposit Scheme	376,018	(407,079)	(31,061)
Love Your Neighbour	-	(2,729)	(2,729)
Hong Kong Welcome	31,430	(37,073)	(5,643)
Faith New Deal	-	(27,971)	(27,971)
Winter Shelter	8,493	(6,973)	1,520
Special offerings	1,860	(1,860)	-
	<u>1,013,496</u>	<u>(1,081,712)</u>	<u>(68,216)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,345,150</u>	<u>(1,517,169)</u>	<u>(172,019)</u>

Designated funds are noted above are an allocation of unrestricted reserves by the trustees for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds as noted above are for the following purposes:

National Lottery Community Fund – all funds received from the National Lottery are to be treated as restricted as part of the various agreements.

CLEAR – Funds are received to provide for the provision of teaching of the English language employment support mentoring advice and social activities for refugees in the Southampton area.

Amber Chaplaincy – funds to provide for work with women in Southampton who are vulnerable to sexual exploitation.

Hope into Action Southampton – funds are given to provide temporary supported accommodation and practical community support to those moving on from homelessness.

Hong Kong Welcome – funds received to support a project to welcome people arriving from Hong Kong to Southampton and surrounding areas.

Winter Shelter – funds were given to support a church project providing communal sleeping space for people otherwise sleeping rough in the winter.

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Aldermore Property fund – funds given to support the purchase and running costs of Aldermoor Farmhouse.

During the year the trustees how the rent deposit scheme is recognised in the financial statements. It was agreed that as the monies do not belong to the charity and it acts effectively as an agent on behalf of Southampton city council to receives funds and pass these onto landlords to provide rent deposits then any balance should not form part of the funds of the charity but as either an asset or liability at the year end.

19. RELATED PARTIES

During the year Paul Woodman a trustee was employed by the charity by virtue of his consultancy role with Oasis Community Learning who are invoiced for his services by the charity. His remuneration amounted to £59,002 (2023 £57,283).

Paul Woodman was reimbursed expenses amounting to £1,426 during the year (2023 £2,892)

In 2023 B Webb was employed on a part time basis by the charity and was also a trustee. This employment and trusteeship ceased on November 2023. Remuneration in 2023 amounted to £42,008.

During the year three trustees donated a total of £28,587 to the charity to further its charitable purposes.

Alder Trust a charity in which M Pitt is an employee received a donation from the charity in the sum of £1,200 in both 2024 and 2023.

Young Life International a charity in which Paul Woodman is a trustee received a donation of £10,000 (2023 £20,150) from the charity.