

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN GREAT CROSBY CHARITABLE TRUST

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS – 1 JANUARY 2022 to 31 DECEMBER 2022

	2022	2021
INCOME		
Refreshments	81748	42415
Books / Cards	564	312
Donations	5664	2159
Rents	1238	617
Events – Teas	1102	567
Interest	9	2
Amazon	12	18
Gift Aid	753	329
HMRC – CJRS		16202
Sefton Hospitality Grant		9739
 TOTAL	 91090	 72360
EXPENDITURE		
Food & Drink	19114	10299
Wages	49058	45422
Electricity & Water	6461	4780
Telephone	847	736
Rent	3000	
Cleaning	1600	927
Maintenance	1127	531
Maintenance – new floor		3195
Insurance	1110	1060
Equipment	3327	1344
Sundries	490	759
Petrol /Transport	65	4
Gifts & flowers	500	500
PRS Licence	139	86
Stationery	200	153
Card Fees	539	227
TOTAL	<u>87577</u>	<u>70023</u>
 Net Surplus/Deficit	 3513	 2337
Less Depreciation Charge	2000	2000
Plus stock revaluation		25
 Surplus (deficit) for Year	 1513	 362

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

FIXED ASSETS	2022	2021
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Leasehold Land & Property	62000	64000
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CURRENT ASSETS

Bank Accounts	26189	22908
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Petty Cash	145	49
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Banking in transit	394	258
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Stock	1412	1412
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TOTAL ASSETS	90140	88627
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ACCUMULATION FUND

Balance as at 1 Jan 2022	88627
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Plus surplus for Year	1513
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Balance as at 31 Dec 2022	90140
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Accounts to 31/12/22 were presented by MS to the meeting having been examined by Graham Murphy of Crosby Lions.

- The year was our first full year of trade following the impact of Covid over the past 2 years and it is very pleasing to see sales turnover at a record level of £81,748 (£42,415) with total income at £91,090 (£72,360).
- Donations were up at £5,664 (£2,159) but this includes 3 years of the annual £1,000 donation from St Lukes to help cover our rent. Tithing contributions stood at just over £1,200 emphasising the importance of this valuable source of income.
- Our Christmas evening raised £558 an excellent contribution once again.
- Net effect of the above was a surplus of £3,513 and with the depreciation charge of £2,000 our reserves improved by £1,513
- Cash balances increased from £23,215 to £26,728
- In previous years we have undertaken a number of improvements to the premises and this year saw us replace a number of appliances in the kitchen and upgrade some of the chairs.
- Once again, it is pertinent to acknowledge the contribution from some of our key staff.
- The Finance Manger / Company Secretary has overseen the Health & Safety issues as well as managing the claims under Gift Aid which have ensured we have been able to meet our Health & Safety guidelines as well as managing our cash flow.
- Our managers have continued with their excellent service to the local community. Without their unstinting support which extends well beyond the contracted hours, Crossroads would not have been able to survive the pandemic and enjoy the financial results as portrayed in these accounts.
- We are grateful to Geoff & Pam Stubbs who have continued the initiative established by Harry and Nora Harwood which effectively sees the bookstall and cards stocked free of charge to Crossroads so that every pound of sales filters through as surplus income.
- Rent receipts were up from £617 to £1,238 and we continue to look for suitable new tenants to gain additional income outside of café hours.
- Charity Commission guidelines suggest cash reserves should be 50% of running costs and we strive to build cash to a level of £35,000 to meet this commitment.
- Whilst a number of fund raising initiatives have been held over the last few years, the longer term security of Crossroads from a financial perspective will be achieved if we can raise further awareness of this valuable ecumenical initiative and increase the number of people tithing each month.
- Since we launched this initiative, the monthly tithes are running at £100 which is reduced slightly from a peak of £130 so we do need to continue to push for more support to secure the long term future of Crossroads.

Independent examiner's report to the
CHURCHES TOGETHER IN GREAT CROSBY CHARITABLE TRUST

Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2022

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (The Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- a) Examine the accounts under section 145 of The Charities Act*
- b) To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act)*
- c) State whether particular matters have come to my attention.*

Basis of the Independent Examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commissioner. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Trustees and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view, and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiners Statement

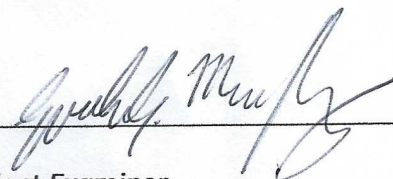
In Connection with my examination of the account, no matter has come to my attention

1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements have not been met:

- a) To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act
- b) To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act;

2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



date

11th February 2023

Independent Examiner

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