

CANAL MINISTRIES

England & Wales · Charity number 1113130

Details

Other names CANAL AND INLAND WATERWAYS MINISTRIES

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2006-03-01

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: (A) TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF BELIEFS APPEARING IN THE SCHEDULE OF THE DECLARATION OF TRUST ON THE BRITISH INLAND WATERWAYS AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT AND TO FULFIL SUCH OTHER PURPOSES WHICH ARE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES AND ARE CONNECTED WITH THE CHARITABLE WORK OF THE TRUST;(B) TO RELIEVE PERSONS WHO ARE IN CONDITIONS OF NEED OR HARDSHIP OR WHO ARE AGED OR SICK AND TO RELIEVE THE DISTRESS CAUSED THEREBY ON THE BRITISH INLAND WATERWAYS AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT

Activities: OUR WORK IS MAINLY AMONG THOSE WHO LIVE, WORK, FISH, WALK OR VISIT THE INLAND WATERWAYS. WE ARE ALWAYS WILLING TO LISTEN AND OFFER HELP TO BRITISH WATERWAYS STAFF, SOME OF WHOM FACE CONSIDERABLE TRAUMA, WHENEVER THERE ARE ACCIDENTS AND SADLY, SOMETIMES, DEATHS ON THE WATERWAYS. BRITISH WATERWAYS HAVE ALWAYS RECOGNIZED THE CHAPLAINCY.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NATIONAL
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£36,870	£32,216	-	-
2023-12-31	£31,051	£24,496	-	-
2022-12-31	£29,501	£26,852	-	-
2021-12-31	£24,981	£18,495	-	-
2020-12-31	£22,131	£31,630	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alexander James Short		2021-01-31
Gillian Eleanor Bolter		2021-01-31
Henry William Kingsnorth		2020-01-31
John David Bird		2026-06-05
Mary Cornwall Haines		2026-06-05
STEPHEN JAMES BURT		2026-06-05

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Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/01/2024 Period start date To 31/12/2024 Period end date

Charity name: CANAL MINISTRIES

Charity registration number: 1113130

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The objectives of the charity are two fold:- a) to advance the Christian faith in accordance with its statement of beliefs and b) to relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship or who are aged and sick and to relieve the distress caused thereby. The activities are carried out mainly through out (but not exclusively) the canal and river network in the UK.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<u>In relation to a) above :-</u> The team has taken part in 2 outreach activities. Again this year much has been carried out in the community of boaters on the K&A with Litannia used to hold regular prayer meetings 10,000 reasons has been out each Wednesday where possible delivering soup and engaging with people on the local towpath and in the marina where she is moored <u>In relation to point b) above:-</u> Litannia is again being used by other organisations to serve the community in several ways. Distribution of food parcels, and by the NHS to deliver medical vaccinations to those on the K&A The gifting of coal and logs worked well last year so we continue to gift bags of coal to those that needed it.

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Each trustee has been provided with the Charity Commissions overview on public benefit. The trustees see it as key to the success of the work the charity does to support the volunteers in delivering the charity's objectives and hence public benefit to the recipients of our services both practically and in speaking about the Christian faith. As and when the Charity Commission sends out notes for trustees we ensure they are distributed to all trustees.
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Additional information (optional)

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	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	<p><u>Grants to those boaters in need</u> All volunteers have the ability to request money for distribution directly or via the provision of goods (e.g. food, fuel) to those live-a-boards that are in most need financially to a defined level. Above a given amount a request is made to the trustees for consideration who will make the final decision.</p> <p><u>Grants by trustees to Christian workers to further the trust objectives</u> Where our volunteers have committed themselves to fulfilling the objectives of the charity, but could not do so without some financial assistance we have provided grants to them to enable this to happen, reflecting the extent of their contributions.</p>
Other Information		
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	The Charity does not currently use any form of social investment to achieve the objectives of the organisation
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Our volunteers' contributions vary from an almost full time calling to help those in need and talk about Jesus to those with full time jobs who do the same things when they can. As well as volunteering they also contribute financially to the charity via donations.
Other		In 2024 there were some changes in the volunteer community. We ended the year with 2 new boating couples joining us, and one couple becoming land based having sold their boat, In summary 6 cruising boats, 2 day boats and 3 land based volunteers

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>A number of the volunteers again this year spoke at churches to deliver a Bible based message and to promote the work of the charity.</p> <p>In September 2024 we launched a new Website that should prove easier to keep up to date, and includes the use of *@canalministries.org.uk email addresses</p> <p>In 2024, NB Ten Thousand Reasons went to Burnley and did a day of boat trips for families. National statistics state that 48% of children in Burnley are raised below the poverty line so this was a real treat for them. We kept in touch with St Matthews church visiting Fun Church occasionally. Later in 2024 we were invited to Churches Together in Burnley to see if we could help with the summer program. This has resulted in plans to visit in 2025.</p> <p>Some activities and people met in 2024 include:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Talking to boaters and those on the tow path about Jesus/ - NB Litanias was again used by the NHS for the delivery of vaccinations along the canal. - Distribution of Christian Literature - Providing general help were possible to boaters our volunteers meet <p>Read more news at: https://www.canalministries.org.uk/news-from-the-crews.html</p>

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>In 2024 we received a legacy donation of just under £11,000</p> <p>So we thank God for His provision. Given the donation the financial position remains strong but sources of further funding/income need to be considered in 2025</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>The charity generally aims to keep three months operating cost as reserves. The reserves will be used towards missions on the canal, to help needy boaters and is hopefully sufficient to meet any unforeseen expenditure.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<p>We do not designate a "reserve" amount. Currently the money held within the Kingdom Bank Account (£5099) acts as a reserve.</p>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	<p>We do not designate "reserves" see response above..</p>

Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	At the end of 2024 we realise that reduced income will need us to review operating costs in 2025 and seek new sources of income. The legacy donation has provided a significant boost to finances but realise this level of donation cannot be relied upon in the future. The only concern is the reduction in Trustees, but we are seeking to recruit more in 2025

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<p>The principal sources of unrestricted funds for the charity are:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) the volunteers themselves b) other individuals c) churches <p>In 2024 we received a single unexpected legacy donation.</p>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	As a charity the policy is not to invest via social investment or other investment, and only collect interest on monies held within a deposit account with Kingdom Bank.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>The primary risks to the charity are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The need to find more prayer and financial partners/supporters. 2) Ageing profile of the volunteers 3) Any further reduction in Trustees
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Trust Deed
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	Trust
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Nominations from boaters and Trustees provide the main source of new trustees. Any new candidate is usually invited to the annual retreat to spend time with boaters and trustees. Feedback is taken from participants at the retreat. If there are no objections it is the existing trustees who then make the final appointment subject to DBS clearance. References will be requested.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Canal Ministries has no formal agreements with but on occasion works alongside the Boaters Christian Fellowship (Charity No:1101100) and the Waterways Chaplaincy (Charity No:1132125)
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	No formal relationships are in place with the organisations listed above.
Conflicts of Interest		Canal Ministries is currently operating with a minor conflict of interest that is registered in the Col register and reviewed at each trustees meeting. A Trustee is the father of one of the companies that bid for the new website development. The trustee was not part of the decision making for the award of the design contract, and will not be part of discussing any further spend on the site.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	CANAL MINISTRIES
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1113130
Charity's principal address	27 COLNE FIELDS, SOMERSHAM, HUNTINGDON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE, PE28 3DL

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Gillian Bolter			
2	Henry Kingsnorth			
3	Alexander Jim Short			
4	Peter Mills			
5	Rodney Price	Treasurer		
6	Paul Standley	Secretary		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
N/A		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

No details have been knowingly withheld
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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) 

Full name(s) PETER JOHN MILLS

Position (eg
Secretary, Chair,
etc) TRUSTEE

Date 28th October 2025



Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01/01/2024

To

31/12/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Gifts and Donations	23,855	7,650	-	31,505	27,147
AGM / Retreat	3,224	-	-	3,224	1,920
Tax refund on Gift Aid	1,635	-	-	1,635	1,882
Bank Interest	475	-	-	475	103
Compensation NatWest	-	-	-	-	-
Contribution to CM clothing	32	-	-	32	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	29,221	7,650	-	36,870	31,051
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	29,221	7,650	-	36,870	31,051
A3 Payments					
Grants to Boater Evangelists	15,305	-	-	15,305	11,800
Distribution of restricted funds	-	7,650	-	7,650	2,625
Donations	-	-	-	-	3,000
Bibles, booklets, etc	-	-	-	-	166
Legal, Licences and Insurance	1,342	-	-	1,342	1,341
Post, stationery, leaflets, banners	238	-	-	238	146
Fuel / Boat repairs	309	-	-	309	314
AGM / Retreat	4,486	-	-	4,486	1,384
Gifts to needy boaters	687	-	-	687	2,522
General Mission exps	2,199	-	-	2,199	1,198
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	24,566	7,650	-	32,216	24,496
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	24,566	7,650	-	32,216	24,496
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,654	- 0	-	4,654	6,556
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	24,101	-	-	24,101	17,545
Cash funds this year end	28,755	- 0	-	28,755	24,101

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	NatWest Current account	8,181	-	-
	Kingdom Bank	20,574	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	28,755	-	-


		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	Details		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Details		-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	P. J. MILLS	20/10/25



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	CANAL MINISTRIES		
On accounts for the year ended	31 ST December 2024	Charity no (if any)	1113130
	Set out on pages 1 & 2		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below.*~~) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: Date:

Name:

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

Address:

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.

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CANAL MINISTRIES

England & Wales - Charity number 1113130

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/01/2023 Period start date To 31/12/2023 Period end date

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Charity registration number: 1113130

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Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Each trustee has been provided with the Charity Commissions overview on public benefit. The trustees see it as key to the success of the work the charity does to support the volunteers in delivering the charities objectives and hence public benefit to the recipients of our services both practically and in speaking about the Christian faith. As and when the Charity Commission send out notes for trustees we ensure they are distributed to all trustees.
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Additional information (optional)

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Other Information		There has been an emphasis on and new questions asked by the Charity Commission about the existence of the Charities Policies. In 2023 we have worked hard to maintain existing and create now policies inline with the new guidelines. Work continues to formalise the work we already do. i.e. risk assessments, media use, financial controls etc.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	The Charity does not currently use any form of social investment to achieve the objectives of the organisation
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Our volunteers contribution varies from an almost full time calling to help those in need and talk about Jesus to those with full time jobs who do the same things when they can.

		As well as volunteering they also contribute financially to the charity via donations.
Other		<p>In 2023 the charity volunteers are made up of:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 7 boats where crews live-aboard or are out during the cruising season. - 2 day/trip boats used and crewed as required. 1 providing a weekly coffee shop and meeting location out on the canal. <p>All our volunteers are boat owners living full or part time on them and touring the UK waterways. This can be lonely work so to fulfil a duty of care to them the charity organise a retreat once a year to provide a time of fellowship, teaching and prayer for the volunteers. This includes a time for them to decide how they feel they can support the charity in the advancement of its work in the year that follows.</p> <p>In January 2023 this was held at the Kings Centre in Northampton</p>

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>A number of the volunteers again this year spoke at churches to deliver a Bible based message and to promote the work of the charity.</p> <p>In 2023 there were 2 outreach activities, the first with Broughton Church and their boat Beacon in April, and the second in association with The Cellar Church at Ellesmere in June,</p> <p>Over the winter months we provided bags of coal to those in need and each volunteer took part in identifying and distribution to beneficiaries.</p> <p>Some activities and people met in 2020 include:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Talking to boaters and those on the tow path about Jesus/ - NB Litania was again used by the NHS for the delivery of vaccinations along the canal. - Distribution of Christian Literature - Worked along side a church in Aylesbury where several of our boaters were moored for the winter. - Had boat visits from Brownies and Boys Brigade <p>Read more news at: https://www.canalministries.org.uk/news-from-the-crews.html</p>

Financial Review

Review of the charity's	Para 1.21	We have found a better banking deal with
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financial position at the end of the period		Kingdom bank We have been donated a large sum (nearly £9000) from another boating charity that has closed. We have also helped volunteers and needy boaters alike with some of our largest donations to date, which again gives us reasons to thank God for His provision. The CC16a document shows some discrepancy in the receipts and payments for the AGM/Retreat due to the receipts and payments spanning the financial year end. We are happy that what is being spent is forwarding the aims of the charity.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity generally aims to keep three months operating cost as reserves. 2023 saw a donation from a closing charity of nearly £9000. This is unusual, it has not been designated to a project at this time, but will be used to further the aims of the charity
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Currently the reserve held within the Kingdom Bank Account is £5099.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	We maintain sufficient reserves to given our relatively stable operation model
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	At the end of 2023 we are in a good place to continue the work of the charity into 2024. The donation has given us a new emphasis to see what more we can do in 2024. The only concern is the reduction in Trustees, but we are still above the minimum required.

Additional information (optional)

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The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The principle sources of unrestricted funds for the charity are:- a) the volunteers themselves b) other individuals c) churches In 2023 we have received a single unexpected donation from a closing charity.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	As a charity the policy is not to invest via social investment or other investment, and only collect interest on monies held within a deposit account with Kingdom Bank..
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The primary risks to the charity are: 1) The need to find more prayer and financial partners/supporters. 2) Ageing profile of the volunteers 3) Any further reduction in Trustees
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust Deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Trust
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Nominations from boaters and Trustees provide the main source of new trustees. Any new candidate is usually invited to the annual retreat to spend time with boaters and trustees. Feedback is taken from participants at the retreat. If there are no objections it is the existing trustees than make the final appointment subject to DBS clearance. References may be requested.

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Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	No formal relationships are in place with the organisations listed above.
Conflicts of Interest		Canal Ministries is currently operating with a minor conflict of interest that is registered in the Col register and reviewed at each trustees meeting. A Trustee is the husband of a volunteer boater. As per document CC29 4.5 – the trustee withdraws from any discussion on the benefits provided to boaters. The trustees consider the risk to the charity as Low, with a Medium impact if not managed correctly.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	CANAL MINISTRIES
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1113130
Charity's principal address	27 COLNE FIELDS, SOMERSHAM, HUNTINGDON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE, PE28 3DL

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Gillian Boltor			
2	Henry Kingsnorth			
3	Alexander Jim Short			
4	Peter Mills	Chairman		
5	Rodney Price	Treasurer		
6	Paul Standley	Secretary		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
N/A		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

No details have been knowingly withheld


Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	PETER JOHN MILLS	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR OF TRUSTEES (2023)	
Date	30 th October 2024	



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/01/23	To	Period end date 31/12/23
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Gifts and Donations	24,522	2,625	-	27,147	21,095
AGM / Retreat	1,920	-	-	1,920	5,638
Tax refund on Gift Aid	1,882	-	-	1,882	2,178
Bank Interest	103	-	-	103	4
Compensation NatWest	-	-	-	-	450
Contribution to CM clothing	-	-	-	-	136
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	28,426	2,625	-	31,051	29,501
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	28,426	2,625	-	31,051	29,501
A3 Payments					
Grants to Boater Evangelists	11,800	-	-	11,800	9,450
Distribution of restricted funds	-	2,625	-	2,625	-
Donations	3,000	-	-	3,000	4,895
Bibles, booklets, banners etc	166	-	-	166	157
Legal, Licences and Insurance	1,341	-	-	1,341	934
Post, stationery, leaflets, banners	146	-	-	146	16
Fuel / Boat repairs	314	-	-	314	446
AGM / Retreat	1,384	-	-	1,384	9,211
Gifts to needy boaters	2,522	-	-	2,522	761
General Mission exps	1,198	-	-	1,198	982
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	21,871	2,625	-	24,496	26,852
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	21,871	2,625	-	24,496	26,852
Net of receipts/(payments)	6,556	-	-	6,556	2,649
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	17,545	-	-	17,545	14,719
Cash funds this year end	24,101	-	-	24,101	17,368

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	NatWest Current account	19,002		-
	Kingdom Bank	5,099	-	-
			-	-
	Total cash funds	24,101	-	-

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OK Unrestricted funds to nearest £	OK Restricted funds to nearest £	OK Endowment funds to nearest £
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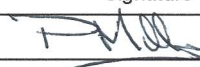
Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	P. J. MILLS	30/10/24



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name CANAL MINISTRIES

On accounts for the year ended

31ST December 2023 Charity no (if any) 1113130

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 DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]] Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
• the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
• the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report 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: Susan M Huggins

Date: 16/3/24

Name: SUSAN MARY HUGGINS

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

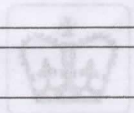
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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.

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Date: 2/2/18

Signed: [Signature]

Name: SUEAN MARY TUGGINS

Name: SUEAN MARY TUGGINS

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

CANAL MINISTRIES

England & Wales - Charity number 1113130

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/01/2022 Period start date To 31/12/2022 Period end date

Charity name: CANAL MINISTRIES

Charity registration number: 1113130

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The objectives of the charity are two fold:- a) to advance the Christian faith in accordance with its statement of beliefs and b) to relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship or who are aged and sick and to relieve the distress caused thereby. The activities are carried out mainly through out (but not exclusively) the canal and river network in the UK.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<u>In relation to a) above :-</u> 2022 has seen Canal Ministries return to normal duties with all restrictions lifted. Each one of the volunteer boaters will enter into discussion about the Christian gospel and faith, praying for and providing literature to those on the canal or towpath (I.e. live-a-board boaters, hire boaters, fishermen, cyclists walkers and other towpath users). Volunteers also speak at supporting and other churches. This year a mission was held at Water Eaton, there was also a special one day event in Aylesbury However, our work in the care homes has now ceased due to retirement. We do not direct the boaters activities, but they like all our volunteers coordinate their activities to do the work they feel called to. <u>In relation to point b) above:-</u> In 2022 the charity is back caring for and helping those boaters and people along the canals in England. We now have a small boat (10,000 Reasons) carrying out coffee and soup runs. Over the winter we instigated a trial project to gift bags of coal to those that needed it See the section on <i>Achievements and Performance</i> section below.

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>Each trustee has been provided with the Charity Commissions overview on public benefit. The trustees see it as key to the success of the work the charity does to support the volunteers in delivering the charities objectives and hence public benefit to the recipients of our services both practically and in speaking about the Christian faith.</p> <p>As and when the Charity Commission send out notes for trustees we ensure they are distributed to all trustees.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	<p><u>Grants to those boaters in need</u> All volunteers have the ability to request money for distribution directly or via the provision of goods (e.g. food, fuel) to those live-a-boards that are in most need financially to a defined level. Above a given amount a request is made to the trustees for consideration who will make the final decision.</p> <p><u>Christian Material/Literature</u> A coordinated approach will normally be made by the volunteers for Christian literature and materials for general distribution to the general public and other waterways users. This will be agreed and funded via approval of the trustees.</p> <p><u>Grants by trustees to Christian workers to further the trust objectives</u> Where our volunteers have committed themselves to fulfilling the objectives of the charity, but could not do so without some financial assistance we have provided grants to them to enable this to happen, related in some way to their contributions. In 2022 this type of grant is now only provided to a single boater.</p>
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	The Charity does not currently use any form of social investment to achieve the objectives of the organisation
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Our volunteers contribution varies from an almost full time calling to help those in need and talk about Jesus to those with full time jobs who do the same things when they can. As well as volunteering they also contribute financially to the charity via donations. For some of the practical and evangelistic natures of their work please view the <i>Achievements and Performance</i> section below.

Other		<p>In 2022 the charity volunteers are made up of:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 8 boats where crews live-aboard or are out during the cruising season. - 2 day/trip boats used and crewed as required. 1 providing a weekly coffee shop and meeting location out on the canal. <p>All our volunteers are boat owners living full or part time on them and touring the UK waterways. This can be lonely work so to fulfil a duty of care to them the charity organise a retreat once a year to provide a time of fellowship, teaching and prayer for the volunteers. This includes a time for them to decide how they feel they can support the charity in the advancement of its work in the year that follows.</p> <p>In January 2022 this was held at the Kings Centre in Northampton</p>
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Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>This year we were pleased to welcome a new couple to the team with previous evangelistic experience. They live-aboard and are based out of Aylesbury</p> <p>A number of the volunteers again this year spoke at churches to deliver a Bible based message and to promote the work of the charity.</p> <p>There was a joint mission with the BCF at Water Eaton</p> <p>Over the winter months we instigated a project to provide bags of coal to those in need and each volunteer took part in identifying and distribution to beneficiaries.</p> <p>Some activities and people met in 2020 include:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Talking to boaters and those on the tow path about Jesus/ - NB Litanias was again used by the NHS for the delivery of vaccinations along the canal. - An outreach/mission conducted with a local church at Water Easton with BCF (12 boats involved) - Distribution of Christian Literature - Worked along side a church in Aylesbury where several of our boaters were moored for the winter. - Had boat visits from Brownies and Boys Brigade - Run boat trips for care home residents <p>Read more news at: https://www.canalministries.org.uk/news-from-the-crews.html</p>

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	This year although gifts and donation remain at the same level the overall income increased by 18%. 2022 saw a further drop in Grants to Boater Evangelists by over 30% which has brought stability to the finances. The CC16a document shows some discrepancy in the receipts and payments for the AGM/Retreat due to the receipts and payments spanning the financial year end. We are happy that what is being spent is forwarding the aims of the charity.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity generally aims to keep three months operating cost as reserves. 2021 required some tough decisions financially. The cash funds at the end of the year have increased slightly from last year by approx. £2600 (to £17,368) and give us a stable start 2023.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Currently the reserve held within the Melton Building Society (MBS) is £1,840 same as the previous year.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Although there is less than three months reserves held in the MBS the increase in cash available means the reserves can be added to.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	At the end of 2022 we are in a good place to continue the work of the charity into 2023. The only concern is the reduction in Trustees, but we are still above the minimum required.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The principle sources of unrestricted funds for the charity are:- a) the volunteers themselves b) other individuals c) churches In 2022 the Donations (A3 Payments) were significantly higher than 2021 as more donations were given to the charity and ring-fenced by the donors for specific volunteer evangelists to help them in achieving the objectives of the charity.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	As a charity the policy is not to invest via social investment or other investment, and only collect interest on monies held within the building society.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The primary risks to the charity are: 1) The need to find more prayer and financial partners/supporters. 2) Ageing profile of the volunteers 3) Any further reduction in Trustees

Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust Deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Trust
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Nominations from boaters and Trustees provide the main source of new trustees. Any new candidate is invited to the annual retreat to spend time with boaters and trustees. Feedback is taken from participants at the retreat. If there are no objections it is the existing trustees than make the final appointment subject to DBS clearance. References may be requested.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Canal Ministries has no formal agreements with but on occasion works alongside the Boaters Christian Fellowship (Charity No:1101100) and the Waterways Chaplaincy (Charity No:1132125)
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	No formal relationships are in place with the organisations listed above.
Conflicts of Interest		Canal Ministries is currently operating with a minor conflict of interest that is registered in the Col register and reviewed at each trustees meeting. A Trustee is the husband of a volunteer boater. As per document CC29 4.5 – the trustee withdraws from any discussion on the benefits provided to boaters. The trustees consider the risk to the charity as Low, with a Medium impact if not managed correctly.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	CANAL MINISTRIES
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1113130
Charity's principal address	27 COLNE FIELDS, SOMERSHAM, HUNTINGDON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE, PE28 3DL

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Gillian Boltor			
2	Henry Kingsnorth			
3	Alexander Jim Short			
4	Peter Mills	Chairman		
5	Rodney Price	Treasurer		
6	Paul Standley	Secretary		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
N/A		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

No details have been knowingly withheld


Other optional information

Two trustees have retired or resigned for personal reasons these are John Sutcliff and Don Martin.
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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	PETER JOHN MILLS	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR OF TRUSTEES	
Date	17 th October 2022	



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/01/22	To	31/12/22
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Gifts and Donations	21,095	-	-	21,095	21,189
Sale of Cds and books	-	-	-	-	-
AGM / Retreat	5,638	-	-	5,638	1,790
Tax refund on Gift Aid	2,178	-	-	2,178	1,983
Bank Interest	4	-	-	4	19
Compensation NatWest	450	-	-	450	-
Contribution to CM clothing	136	-	-	136	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	29,501	-	-	29,501	24,981
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	29,501	-	-	29,501	24,981
A3 Payments					
Grants to Boater Evangelists	9,450	-	-	9,450	14,600
Donations	4,895	-	-	4,895	1,925
Bibles, booklets, banners etc	157	-	-	157	209
Legal, Licences and Insurance	934	-	-	934	283
Post, stationery, leaflets	16	-	-	16	91
Fuel / Boat repairs	446	-	-	446	-
AGM / Retreat	9,211	-	-	9,211	-
Gifts to needy boaters	761	-	-	761	674
Set aside for Needy Boaters	-	-	-	-	-
General Mission exps inc CM logo kit	982	-	-	982	713
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	26,852	-	-	26,852	18,495
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	26,852	-	-	26,852	18,495
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,649	-	-	2,649	6,486
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	14,719	-	-	14,719	14,719
Cash funds this year end	17,368	-	-	17,368	21,205

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	NatWest Current account	15,524	-	-
	Melton Building Society	1,844	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	17,368	-	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

Unrestricted funds to nearest £ Restricted funds to nearest £ Endowment funds to nearest £

B2 Other monetary assets

	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-


B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	P. J. MILLS	1/10/2023



Report to the trustees/ members of

CANAL MINISTRIES

On accounts for, the year ended

31st Dec. 2022

Charity no (if any)

1113130

Set out on pages

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* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

[Signature]

Date:

5/4/23

Name:

RICHARD MJ WOODWARD

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

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