



## 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	<p>In relation to a) above :- 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.</p> <p>This year a mission was held at Water Eaton, there was also a special one day event in Aylesbury</p> <p>However, our work in the care homes has now ceased due to retirement.</p> <p>We do not direct the boaters activities, but they like all our volunteers coordinate their activities to do the work they feel called to.</p> <p><u>In relation to point b) above:-</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p>Over the winter we instigated a trial project to gift bags of coal to those that needed it</p> <p>See the section on <i>Achievements and Performance</i> section below.</p>

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	<p>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.</p>



Other		<p>In 2022 the charity volunteers are made up of:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 8 boats where crews live-aboard or are out during the cruising season.</li> <li>- 2 day/trip boats used and crewed as required. 1 providing a weekly coffee shop and meeting location out on the canal.</li> </ul> <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	
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>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"> <li>- Talking to boaters and those on the tow path about Jesus/</li> <li>- NB Litania was again used by the NHS for the delivery of vaccinations along the canal.</li> <li>- An outreach/mission conducted with a local church at Water Easton with BCF (12 boats involved)</li> <li>- Distribution of Christian Literature</li> <li>- Worked along side a church in Aylesbury where several of our boaters were moored for the winter.</li> <li>- Had boat visits from Brownies and Boys Brigade</li> <li>- Run boat trips for care home residents</li> </ul> <p>Read more news at:  <a href="https://www.canalministries.org.uk/news-from-the-crews.html">https://www.canalministries.org.uk/news-from-the-crews.html</a> </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	<p>The principle sources of unrestricted funds for the charity are:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the volunteers themselves</li> <li>other individuals</li> <li>churches</li> </ol> <p>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.</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 the building society.
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"> <li>The need to find more prayer and financial partners/supporters.</li> <li>Ageing profile of the volunteers</li> <li>Any further reduction in Trustees</li> </ol>



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
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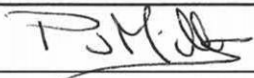
### Other optional information

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 <sup>th</sup> 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
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	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>29,501</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>29,501</b>	<b>24,981</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>29,501</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>29,501</b>	<b>24,981</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
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
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>26,852</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,852</b>	<b>18,495</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>26,852</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,852</b>	<b>18,495</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>2,649</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,649</b>	<b>6,486</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>14,719</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14,719</b>	<b>14,719</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>17,368</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,368</b>	<b>21,205</b>

### 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	NatWest Current account	15,524	-	-
	Melton Building Society	1,844	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>17,368</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

(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)
		-	-
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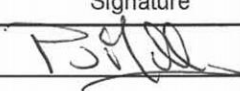
**B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use**

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
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**B5 Liabilities**

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

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





# CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

CANAL MINISTRIES

On accounts for the year  
ended

31st Dec. 2022

Charity no  
(if any)

1113130

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above  
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2022.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation  
of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act  
2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out  
under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I  
have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission  
under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of  
the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

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

Signed:

Date:

5/4/23

Name:

RICHARD MJ WOODWARD

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

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.