

Charity number: 1142482
Company number: 07493766
(England and Wales)

Catholic Voices

Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2022

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Report of the Trustees
For the year ended 31 December 2022

The Trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements for the charitable company for the year ended 31 December 2022. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objects of the charity are to advance the Catholic religion for the benefit of the public, in particular but not exclusively, by explaining the doctrine and practices of the Catholic faith (in accordance with the Magisterium, Catechism and Canon Law of the Catholic Church) and the relevance of its teaching to modern society and culture and daily life.

To further the objects the charity may, without limitation, organise and assist in the provision of conferences, courses, lectures, debates, exhibitions, training and other educational activities; publish and distribute books, articles and films; carry out or promote research; provide or procure advice and make donations.

The charity may, alone or with other organisations, seek to influence public opinion and make representations to and seek to influence governmental and other bodies and institutions regarding the reform, development and implementation of appropriate policies, legislation and regulations provided that all such activities shall be confined to those which an English and Welsh charity may properly undertake.

The charity may also establish, support or aid any other charitable associations.

Connection with other associations: In order to achieve its objects, the charity liaises with the Bishops' Conference in England and Wales and the Catholic Communications Network. It is, however, completely independent of these bodies.

Statement on public benefit

The trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

The benefits of the charity are open to everyone. The benefits which arise are enabling the public at large to understand better the teaching of the Catholic Church and how this is relevant to daily life and society. Once people are properly informed of what the Church teaches and why, they are able to make informed decisions about the importance and relevance of that teaching.

The above is achieved through 1) public media appearances by either the trustees or by people who have been trained by the charity; 2) CV The Academy meetings which are public events on topical issues usually with external speakers and experts; 3) CV Comment which contains regular articles; and; 4) the Public Speaking Programme which consists of public presentations by CV trained speaker on topical issues.

The charity also organises training sessions for people who are interested in understanding Church teaching and being able to communicate it effectively. Some of the Academy meetings are for Academy members only and these are used to reach a better understanding of Church teaching and decide how best this should be explained in public. Catholic Voices Academy sessions are open to anyone who follows the Church's teaching and wishes to deepen their understanding.

These Academy meetings and the training PSP sessions also have a public benefit in that they enable attendees to better explain Church teaching in the public forum whether that be informally with everyday social contacts or formally through media commitments.

The trustees confirm they have had due regard to the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Significant activities

In 2022 CV had 26 media appearances, 14 on TV and 12 on Radio, including appearances on the BBC (TV and Radio), Sky News, and GB News among others. This brings the total of media appearances in the UK since 2010 to 1,229, an average of 2.2 per week. The most significant topic of 2022, in terms of volume of media requests, was the sickness and death of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI which came towards the end of the year (9 appearances).

The Public Speakers' Programme (PSP) delivered 58 talks or workshops in various contexts (dioceses, parishes, university chaplaincies and on an ad hoc basis as and when the need arose) both in person and online. This brings the total of talks/workshop delivered since the official launch of PSP in 2017 to 241, an average of 1 per week. Notable talks/workshops in 2022 included: a communication workshop for a group of Diocesan Communication Officers (Jan); various presentations at national events/conferences including the Loretto Pentecost Festival, the Association of Catholic Chaplains in Education Conference, and the Syro-Malabar youth conference (June); several presentations at the Catholic Students Network conference (Sep); and workshops at Catechists days for Diocese of Leeds and Brentwood (Nov).

In 2022 we had to postpone the Catholic Voices Sharing the Church's Story conference with Bishop Barron that was due to take place in September 2022. The death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II meant that many aspects of the wider tour were cancelled. At the time of writing this report we are delighted to say that the rescheduled conference took place on Saturday 11th February 2023 at the QEII Centre, Westminster from 10am-5pm.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Significant events

Income for the period was £159,765. This came from donations of £156,019, income from charitable activity of £3,729, and interest received of £17.

Total expenditure for the period was £156,751 giving an increase in funds for the period of £3,014.

Reserves

CV has a policy of maintaining reserves equal to at least 2 months of the budgeted expenditure although it is intended to try and build this to 6 months. CV also has a policy of not committing to expenditure unless the funds have already been raised or committed.

CV budgets for the year ahead based on amounts committed by existing regular donors and newly committed funds and so is able to manage the cash flow. It therefore considered that the 2 months reserves are adequate.

Going concern

No material uncertainties exist about the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future. Whilst the impact of Covid-19 has been considered. Our cashflow forecasts and budgets do not suggest that there is any reason for concern and all risks around Covid-19 have been mitigated as far as possible.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The trustees are all directors and are automatically members of the company. There are no members who are not trustees. The trustees are responsible for the long term vision, strategy, good governance and reputation of the charity. In particular the trustees have a duty to ensure that all public statements and communications effectively express the settled teaching of the Catholic Church.

The trustees hold board meetings approximately every quarter.

The day to day management of the charity is carried out by the Chief Executive Officer who reports to the trustees at board meetings. The charity employs two co-ordinators, and an admin assistant and uses a number of external consultants to help with superficial inactivities e.g. media, event management etc.

The respective roles and duties of the trustees and the Executive Committee are set out in the Objectives and Governance document which is updated on a regular basis. The charity has a Risk Committee and has adopted a Risk Register and Conflicts of Interest Policy and Conflicts of interest Register.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Name of Charity	Catholic Voices
Charity registration number	1142482
Company registration number	07493766
Principal address	77 Thenford Way Banbury OX16 2DS
Registered address	Hollyrigg Moonfield Hexham Northumberland NE46 1EG

Trustees

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Mr Christopher John Morgan
(Appointed: 14 January 2011)
(Resigned: 22 January 2023)
Ms Elizabeth Margaret Anne Howard
(Appointed: 21 October 2016)
(Resigned: 22 January 2023)
Ms Mary Ruth Clarkson
Willaim Kent
(Appointed: 07 October 2020)
Ms Lisa Fraser
(Appointed: 07 October 2020)
Joseph Patrick Ronan

Independent examiner

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Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by

19 October 2023

Joseph Patrick Ronan.....

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Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees
For the year ended 31 December 2022

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity Trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiners statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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.

Fergal Davern FCA
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19 October 2023

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Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
For the year ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	2021 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	2	156,020	76,000
Charitable activities	3	3,729	6,377
Investments	4	17	-
Total		159,766	82,377
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	5/6	(156,752)	(74,634)
Total		(156,752)	(74,634)
Net income		3,014	7,743
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		23,867	15,794
Total funds carried forward		26,881	23,537

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Statement of Financial Position
As at 31 December 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets		628	837
		628	837
Current assets			
Debtors	12	34	33
Cash at bank and in hand		59,423	27,655
		59,457	27,688
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(33,204)	(4,988)
Net current assets		26,253	22,700
Total assets less current liabilities		26,881	23,537
Net assets		26,881	23,537
The funds of the charity			
Unrestricted income funds	14	26,881	23,537
Total funds		26,881	23,537

For the year ended 31 December 2022 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476,

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

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Joseph Patrick Ronan
Trustee

19 October 2023

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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2022

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investments which are included at market value and the revaluation of certain fixed assets and 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 (FRS 102), and the Companies Act 2006.

Catholic Voices meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Going concern

No material uncertainties exist about the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future. Whilst the impact of Covid-19 has been considered. Our cashflow forecasts and budgets do not suggest that there is any reason for concern and all risks around Covid-19 have been mitigated as far as possible.

Statement of cash flows

The Trustees have taken advantage of the exemption in SORP FRS 102 from including a cash flow statement in the financial statements on the grounds that the charitable company is small.

Funds

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives 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.

Incoming resources

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.

Resources expended

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.

Taxation

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

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets, other than freehold land, are stated at cost or valuation less depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following basis:

Fixtures and Fittings

25 Reducing balance

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2. Income from donations and legacies

	2022	2021
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
Donations received	156,020	76,000
	156,020	76,000

3. Income from charitable activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
<i>Other trading activities</i>		
PSP fee income	3,729	6,377

4. Investment income

	2022	2021
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
Bank interest receivable	17	-
	17	-

5. Costs of charitable activities by fund type

	2022	2021
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
Other trading activities	146,148	67,666
Support costs	10,604	6,968
	156,752	74,634

6. Costs of charitable activities by activity type

	Grant funding of activities	Support costs	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Support costs				
Other trading activities	146,148	10,604	156,752	74,634

7. Analysis of support costs

	2022	2021
	£	£
Other trading activities		
Management		
General administration	312	1,105
Bank charges	863	171
Subscriptions	4,766	1,732
Interest on taxation	396	30
	6,337	3,038
Governance costs		
Accountancy fees	1,980	1,980
Legal fees	150	150
Bookkeeping	1,800	1,800
Insurance	337	-
	4,267	3,930
	10,604	6,968

8. Net income/(expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2022	2021
	£	£
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	209	107
Accountancy fees	1,980	1,980
Staff pension contributions	1,387	1,249

9. Staff costs and emoluments

Total staff costs for the year ended 31 December 2022 were:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Salaries and wages	61,292	54,056
Pension costs	1,387	1,249
	62,679	55,305

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	2022	2021
Employees	2	2
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

10. Trustee remuneration and related party transactions

During the charity received £15,000 from The Cuckoo Hill Trust. C Morgan is a trustee of The Cuckoo Hill Trust. The trustees believe this transaction to be at arms length.

11. Comparative for the Statement of Financial Activities

The comparative year values on the Statement of Financial Activities are for unrestricted funds.

12. Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Amounts due within one year:		
Prepayments and accrued income	34	33
	<u>34</u>	<u>33</u>

13. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	27,540	1,635
Other creditors	1,734	1,223
Accruals and deferred income	3,930	2,130
	<u>33,204</u>	<u>4,988</u>

14. Movement in funds

Unrestricted Funds

	Balance at 01/01/2022	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 31/12/2022
	£	£	£	£
<i>General</i>				
General	23,867	159,766	(156,752)	26,881
	<u>23,867</u>	<u>159,766</u>	<u>(156,752)</u>	<u>26,881</u>

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Unrestricted Funds - Previous year

	Balance at 01/01/2021	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 31/12/2021
	£	£	£	£
<i>General</i>				
General	15,794	82,377	(74,634)	23,537
	<u>15,794</u>	<u>82,377</u>	<u>(74,634)</u>	<u>23,537</u>

Purpose of unrestricted Funds

General

The purpose of the general fund is to deliver the charity's objects and help meet the charity's obligations in respect of public benefit.

15. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Tangible fixed assets	Net current assets / (liabilities)	Net Assets
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
<i>General</i>			
General	628	26,253	26,881
	<u>628</u>	<u>26,253</u>	<u>26,881</u>

Previous year

	Tangible fixed assets	Net current assets / (liabilities)	Net Assets
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
<i>General</i>			
General	837	22,700	23,537
	<u>837</u>	<u>22,700</u>	<u>23,537</u>

16. Company limited by guarantee

Catholic Voices is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have a share capital.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 December 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENT		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	156,020	76,000
	156,020	76,000
Charitable activities		
Psp Fee Income	3,729	6,377
	3,729	6,377
Investments		
Bank Interest Receivable	17	-
	17	-
Total incoming resources	159,766	82,377
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Staff Costs - Wages & Salaries	(61,292)	(54,056)
Staff Costs - Pension Contributions	(1,387)	(1,249)
Depreciation - Owned Assets	(209)	(107)
Psp Expenses	(6,168)	(1,391)
Retreat Costs	-	(24)
Cv Global Meeting	-	(2,147)
Blog Writing Costs	-	(180)
Travel Costs	(1,331)	(234)
Web And Computer Costs	(1,175)	(1,573)
Telephone	(104)	(240)
Training Expenses	(599)	(550)
Consultancy Costs	(5,141)	(5,915)
Cost Of Events	(68,742)	-
	(146,148)	(67,666)

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities Continued
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SUPPORT COSTS

Management

General Administration	(312)	(1,105)
Bank Charges	(863)	(171)
Subscriptions	(4,766)	(1,732)
Interest On Taxation	(396)	(30)
	(6,337)	(3,038)

Governance costs

Accountancy Fees	(1,980)	(1,980)
Legal Fees	(150)	(150)
Bookkeeping	(1,800)	(1,800)
Insurance	(337)	-
	(4,267)	(3,930)

Total resources expended

(156,752) (74,634)

Net Income

3,014 7,743