COVENTRY VINEYARD

England & Wales · Charity number 1150752

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	08341599
Registered	2013-02-08
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	Studio 3 54 Grafton Street Coventry CV1 2HW
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Activities

Objects: (A) TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF BELIEFS IN THE SCHEDULE TO THE ARTICLES HERETO ATTACHED INCLUDING BUT NOT BY WAY OF LIMITATION THROUGH THE PLANTING OF OTHER VINEYARD CHURCHES IN SUCH WAYS AND IN SUCH PARTS OF COVENTRY, THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT;(B) TO FURTHER CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN SUCH PARTS OF COVENTRY, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT;(C) TO RELIEVE SICKNESS AND FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AND TO PROMOTE AND PRESERVE GOOD HEALTH BY THE PROVISION OF FUNDS, GOODS OR SERVICES OF ANY KIND, INCLUDING THROUGH THE PROVISION OF COUNSELLING, TRAINING IN LIFE SKILLS AND SUPPORT IN SUCH PARTS OF COVENTRY, THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT;(D) TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABILITY, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE.

Activities: COVENTRY VINEYARD IS A CHRISTIAN CHURCH MADE UP OF PEOPLE FROM MANY WALKS OF LIFE, COMMITTED TO LIVING OUT THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS CHRIST IN THE CONTEXT

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OF CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY. WE HOLD REGULAR SUNDAY AND WEEKDAY MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES, TRAINING EVENTS AND ARE INVOLVED IN A RANGE OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE BENEFIT OF PEOPLE WHO BELONG TO THE CHURCH AND THE WIDER LOCAL COMMUNITY, AS WELL AS OVERSEAS.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Other Finance, Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Coventry City
- Warwickshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£130,961	£134,479	-	-
2024-03-31	£150,821	£128,782	-	-
2023-03-31	£134,521	£129,284	-	-
2022-03-31	£133,729	£123,813	-	-
2021-03-31	£129,975	£133,443	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Abigail Iris Curran	Chair	2019-09-16
Christopher James Munford		2021-05-17
Germain Caleb Ndaruhutse		2025-06-09
MR NICHOLAS JAMES SUTTON		2013-01-16
Richard Farrell		2021-05-17
Tobi Labeodan		2024-03-18

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Accounts

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COVENTRY VINEYARD

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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COVENTRY VINEYARD

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	A Curran N Sutton C Munford R Farrell T Labeodan G Ndaruhutse	 (Appointed 9 June 2025)
Charity number	1150752	
Company number	08341599	
Registered office	Studio 3 54 Grafton Street Coventry CV1 2HW	
Independent examiner	Spencer Gardner Dickins Limited 3 Coventry Innovation Village Cheetah Road Coventry CV1 2TL	

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COVENTRY VINEYARD

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Status
Coventry Vineyard is a registered charity, charity number 1150752, duly constituted by a Trust Deed and operating as a church.

Coventry Vineyard was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee (company no 08341599) on 27th December 2012 and was registered with the Charity Commission under reference 1150752.

Charity Transfer
On 1st April 2013, the net assets and activities of Coventry Vineyard, charity number 1094167, an unincorporated entity, were transferred to the company, the company being dormant until that date.

Organisational Structure
The day to day running of the church is delegated to the employed pastoral and administrative staff led by the Senior Pastors, Nick and Vicki Sutton. Nick Sutton is also a trustee.

Appointment of Trustees
New trustees are made by the recommendation of the Senior Pastor and ratified by existing Trustees who appoint by a resolution of the Trustees passed at a meeting of the Trustees. Trustees serve for a three year term. Trustees will be recruited with reference to their commitment to the Church, the specific needs of the charitable company and the working dynamics of the Trustee team.

Professional Advisors
The Trustees will from time to time appoint external advisors to advise the Church with regard to specific areas.

Current appointments are:

- Finance - Stewardship Services
- HR Advisor - Catherine Bartlem

Relationship with Vineyard Churches UK
Coventry Vineyard is a member of Vineyard Churches UK (VCUKI), a charity functioning as a resource for similar churches. In particular, they provide significant resources, training and pastoral oversight. Membership also allows Mr Nick Sutton to be a licensed accredited pastor who has a right to use the trademarked "Vineyard" name.

The association provides pastoral care for the senior Pastors and family, and an external reference concerning church affairs and doctrine.

Coventry Vineyard grants 5% of its annual income to Vineyard Churches UK.

Leadership Structure
Coventry Vineyard has several areas of leadership which overlap. Each area has distinct responsibilities in order to take adequate care of each church member and continue ongoing outward ministry to benefit the community.

The leadership structure and responsibilities are as follows:

1) Trustees
The full responsibilities of the Trustees/Directors are set out, in respect to accounting and financial information, in the Coventry Vineyard Trust Deed.

Further Responsibilities include:

- To advise the Senior Pastors on staffing, salaries and employment issues.
- To manage the legal responsibilities of the charity and ensure full compliance with legislation.
- To create a strong safeguarding culture that protects the most vulnerable in our community.

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2) Neighbourhood Leaders and Discernment Group
Our Discernment Group, made up of key leaders, work alongside the Pastors in determining the direction and focus of Coventry Vineyard.

Our team of Neighbourhood Leaders assist the Senior Pastors in fulfilling the vision and direction of Coventry Vineyard to be more intentional about disciple-making, engage with our neighbours, provide pastoral care and coach Life Group Leaders.

3) Life Group Leaders
- Encourage those in their groups to live a life of worship.
- Equip church members to live as followers of Jesus (i.e. the Christian Faith).
- Create a culture in which people express love in practical ways both inside the group and to those in our neighbourhoods and communities.
- Provide pastoral care for church members.

4) Coordinators
Oversee the ministry areas of the Church:
- Vineyard Kids (Children's Ministry)
- Youth Ministry
- Sunday Morning Gathering
- Worship

Objectives and activities
The vision of Coventry Vineyard is to become one church of 'disciple-making' disciples in multiple locations across Coventry and beyond.

The objectives of Coventry Vineyard come under three categories:

1. Encouraging people to worship God in their everyday lives
2. Equipping people to live life as followers of Jesus
3. Expressing the love and compassion of God to those in need in practical ways

The Charitable Objectives of Coventry Vineyard are:

A. The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Vineyard Churches UK statement of faith, values, priorities, practices and leadership standards appearing in the schedule hereto in Coventry and in such other parts of the United Kingdom as the trustees may from time to time think fit.

B. The relief of the poor and needy, the sick and elderly in Coventry and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the World as the trustees may from time to time think fit.

C. The furtherance of religious or secular public education.

D. Such other charitable objectives and for the benefit of such other charitable institutions as the trustees in their absolute discretion see fit.

The activities of Coventry Vineyard can be summarised as follows:

a. Providing worship for those who attend the church on a weekly basis.

b. Proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ through teaching and demonstrating the love, mercy and grace of God.

c. Undertaking regular 'community projects', the aim of which is to provide help and assistance to those in need, to encourage people to be more aware of God and to demonstrate the gospel of Jesus Christ in a practical and tangible way.

The trustees believe that Coventry Vineyard complies with the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

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COVENTRY VINEYARD

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Achievements and performance

Public Benefit
In planning the charity's activities the Trustees have given consideration to the guidance provided by the Charity Commission on 'public benefit' issued in December 1998.

Sunday Venue
Our weekly Sunday Morning Gathering has continued to be at Foleshill Community Centre (157 Foleshill Road, Coventry, CV5 6HW) - a place from which we also run our GrowKids ministry. Our move to the neighbourhood of Foleshill has enabled us to develop our commitment to being a more multicultural church. We have seen a greater diversity in those attending our Sunday Morning Gatherings and have made significant steps to engage with the Foleshill Community through our Messy Church and Community Lunch on the first Sunday of each month. The Sunday Morning Gathering remains a key and important element of in-person gathering and corporate worship and creates a space for people to experience the life changing presence of Jesus, be encouraged and equipped to live as followers of Jesus.

Office Premises
The Coventry Vineyard office is located at Studio 3, 54 Grafton Street, CV1 2HW. We use these premises offices for church operations, as well as for prayer meetings, training and one of our life groups.

Employment
Coventry Vineyard employs one Pastor (full-time), one Pastor (part-time), a Children and Families Pastor (part-time), and an Office Manager (part-time). During the year, an Assistant Pastor (part-time) was employed on a 12 month fixed-term contract.

Sabbatical
In the summer of 2024, the Senior Pastors (Nick & Vicki Sutton) took a Sabbatical. Our new Assistant Pastor was appointed just ahead of this, who worked alongside our existing Life Group Leaders and Core Leaders to lead the church during this time.

Worship
Encouraging worship, both corporate sung worship and individual worship in everyday lives, continues to be a priority at Coventry Vineyard. We are passionate about worshipping God and allowing space for His Spirit to move during times of sung worship. The content and direction of the worship, including the introduction of new songs, encourages a one-body approach to worship.

Church Community
The infrastructure of our church community revolves around our Life Groups in which we "do life together and bring the life of the Kingdom to our neighbours". Our vision is to show our generation how to follow Jesus and bring kingdom transformation to the world around us. Our current strategic focus is to be one church of 'disciple-making' disciples in multiple locations across Coventry and beyond.

Our Life Groups are where we 'do life together', developing authentic relationships both with one another and with the communities in which we live. Life groups are where we equip one another to live life as followers of Jesus and encourage one another in spiritual formation.

Each Life Group also has an outward focus and 'adopts' a community/neighbourhood, serving their neighbours together, expressing God's love in practical ways, and building long lasting relationships in the community (especially in deprived areas of our communities). On the first Sunday of the month the life groups engage with their neighbours and 'be church' in their community.

Journey Groups (smaller groups of 3 to 5 people) continue to occur throughout church. These are designed for those who have made the decision to find out more about Jesus and the Bible and go deeper in their spiritual growth: forming habits that help them to become more like Jesus and share Him with others.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Vineyard Kids
We have continued to run a Sunday Morning Kids programme for 2-10 year-olds at Foleshill Community Centre on weeks 2, 3, 4 and 5. This programme seeks to encourage children:

- in their spiritual and emotional development;
- to have fun in a safe environment;
- to develop their social skills with children of different ages; and
- to feel a valued part of a larger community.

Our under 2's have dedicated space in the main hall, where parents/carers can supervise them playing during the morning gathering.

We continue to have time as a whole church on a weekly basis, where our kids stay in with the adults for the first part of worship followed by a kids slot (primarily aimed at kids and families), introducing their topic for the day. We had an all-age gathering at Christmas where the kids and adults worshipped and learned about God together.

Youth
Our youth group is for young people in year 6 to year 10 (11-15 years old). The youth group is based around bible discussion and games. Hot chocolate and marshmallows are also consumed in quite large quantities! We took 4 young people to the youth Christian festival 'Dreaming the Impossible' in August alongside Birmingham Vineyard. They all have had a great time and they took step forwards in their faith.

GrowKids
GrowKids recycles nearly-new clothes, toys and equipment to help families in need with Children under 11. This is regardless of income, background, or faith; no referral is needed (except for items such as pushchairs, nappies, formula and baby food), and all items are free. GrowKids is based at Foleshill Community Centre on Fridays between 10:30am - 12:00pm (for families to collect items) and 12:30 - 2:00pm (for donations to be made).

Our vision is to build strong relationships and a community with isolated and struggling families. We work from the social supermarket's premises which allows us to support many families in this very deprived area. We're supporting children in their earliest years, and are hopeful that this will improve their chances of reaching their full potential in the future. We seek to empower families and help them realise their potential by encouraging them to volunteer on our team and become part of the solution. We gratefully receive donations from our families when they outgrow items, helping them feel they are contributing to the solution and helping other families in need too.

Over the last financial year we have helped 156 families (including 101 new families), donating around 9,750 items! We have had 29 families come to our Stay & Play without receiving donations. Each session is run by around 10 volunteers, several of whom come from outside the church and have received support from Growkids themselves. We have signposted several families to other organisations such as Christians Against Poverty, Household Support Fund and Feeding Coventry.

Volunteers
We continue to train and release new volunteer leaders. Coventry Vineyard is indebted to the volunteers that make 'ministry' happen and enable us to meet our charitable objectives. Our volunteers give a substantial amount of time and energy and are committed to the vision of Coventry Vineyard, and to see lives changed by the person of Christ and power of His Kingdom.

Activities
In January 2025 we ran Alpha - an 11-week course that creates a space where people can have conversations about faith, life and God. 18 People attended this course.

In January 2025 we started a new cohort of Vineyard Leadership Essentials (VLE) - a monthly training course that covers many of the most important and foundational aspects of leadership. We currently have 10 people signed up for VLE.

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HOPE : Coventry, and CAP
We continue to support HOPE: Coventry (Registered Charity Number: 1155912) which exists to grow a connected church in Coventry that demonstrates the love of Jesus for the benefit of the city. It does this by supporting initiatives that connect the churches together and projects that meet the needs of the vulnerable. As part of this we also support **Christians Against Poverty (CAP)**, which equips people to get out of debt and be empowered to address some of the most common causes of poverty: debt, unemployment, addiction, low income, and difficulty budgeting.

Community Projects
Messy Church - Messy Church consists of crafts and activities around a biblical theme, followed by a celebration and a lunch. This is mainly aimed towards families with primary school aged kids, however all are welcome. Messy Church exists to encourage spiritual, emotional, and social development like our Sunday morning kids groups. It also aims to be fun and build community. Messy Church aims to be accessible to non-churched families.

Community Lunch - Every month we provide a simple lunch for those in the Foleshill Area. This creates an environment for developing community and provides a healthy meal for families and individuals who may be struggling with the cost of living. This is also a wonderful opportunity for members of Coventry Vineyard to invite friends and neighbours to experience a culture of grace and generosity.

OVERSEAS MISSIONS AND DONATIONS
Coventry Vineyard raised and donated funds for the relief of the poor and needy in Coventry and around the world, as well as using funds for community projects. In particular, we have supported:

Mali Partnership - Coventry Vineyard has developed links with Vineyard churches in Mali, a place where many Christians face persecution for following Jesus. We are committed to serving our Malian brother and sisters as they make disciples, plant churches and create sustainable businesses. Our role is to partner with the growing Mali Vineyard and help develop a Vineyard Church Planting movement in Mali, governed and financed by the local churches in Mali.

During this year we made the difficult decision (after over eleven years) to conclude our financial support for **the Dalitso Trust** (Charity Number: 1090274) in Malawi. We continue to stay in touch with our brothers and sisters in Malawi and prayerfully support the team in Malawi and the UK.

Nick Sutton currently serves as Missions Coordinator for Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland and is released by Coventry Vineyard to fulfil the purposes of this role. This role involves:

- providing support and resources to the various Missions Partnerships around the world.
- being a point of contact for those enquiring about VCUKI International Missions and promoting the concept of working in mission partnerships.
- Promoting good working practices to VCUKI churches working internationally
- Encouraging local vineyard churches to engage in cross-cultural missions through our partnership strategy
- Representing VCUKI in the Vineyard Global Missions team which includes working collaboratively with other Associations of Vineyard Churches around the world.

Financial review
The charitable company made a deficit in the year of £3,518 (2024 - surplus of £22,039).

Total income decreased by 13% on the previous year, primarily due to grants received in the prior year towards GrowKids activity. Total expenditure increased by 4% compared to 2024. This was primarily a result of a reduction in staff costs, due to staff members reducing working hours, offset by increased Ministry and Outreach spending. 10% of our income was given away in charitable donations.

Reserves Policy
The reserves policy is the total of: six months salaries for all staff, six months hire costs for Foleshill Community Centre, rental for Studio 3 (office) to the end of the tenancy, plus phone contracts and accountancy costs for one year. Unrestricted reserves totalled £96,857 on 31 March 2025, which is £31,534 over our reserves policy.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Summary
It should be noted that the above is not an exhaustive list of activities. However, they demonstrate that Coventry Vineyard is continuing to fulfil its obligations and achieve its objectives.

Those who are members of Coventry Vineyard have grown in their faith and belief, and demonstrated this by their actions of serving the rest of the church community and giving financially to those in need. New people have become active members and participants in the community of Coventry Vineyard.

Risk Management
Coventry Vineyard has a Child Protection Policy (https://www.coventryvineyard.org/kids.html) that regulates all persons working with youth and children. We also run Safeguarding Training three times a year which is compulsory for all involved in kids and youth work.

A risk assessment has been carried out for the Sunday Morning Gathering, including children's work.

The systems of internal control are designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss. They include:-

a. An annual budget approved by Trustees
b. Regular consideration by the Trustees of financial reports
c. Delegation of authority and segregation of duties
d. Identification and management of risks

The Trustees aim to review, on a regular basis, the main risks that the church faces. They believe that maintaining free reserves at a level stated on page 8, combined with appropriate reviews of the controls over key financial systems provide sufficient resources, in the event of unexpected adverse conditions.

Structure, governance and management
The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

A Curran
N Sutton
C Munford
R Farrell
T Labeodan
G Ndaruhutse (Appointed 9 June 2025)

Independent examiner
In accordance with the company's articles, a resolution proposing that Spencer Gardner Dickins Limited be reappointed as independent examiner of the company will be put at a General Meeting.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Chris Munford
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Trustee

Date: Oct 21, 2025 | 12:38 BST .....

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF COVENTRY VINEYARD

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Coventry Vineyard (the charitable company) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charitable company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charitable 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 the charitable company's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's 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 charitable company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or

2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting 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 financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

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Demsey Slater FCCA
Spencer Gardner Dickins Limited

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Dated: Oct 21, 2025 | 19:21 BST

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	2	123,330	5,435	128,765	115,802	31,655	147,457
Investments	3	2,062	-	2,062	1,732	-	1,732
Other income	4	134	-	134	1,632	-	1,632
Total income		125,526	5,435	130,961	119,166	31,655	150,821
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	5	127,659	6,820	134,479	117,987	10,795	128,782
Total expenditure		127,659	6,820	134,479	117,987	10,795	128,782
Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds		(2,133)	(1,385)	(3,518)	1,179	20,860	22,039
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 1 April 2024		98,990	30,156	129,146	97,811	9,296	107,107
Fund balances at 31 March 2025		96,857	28,771	125,628	98,990	30,156	129,146

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**11**		2,491		4,664
Investments	**12**		10,404		10,338
			12,895		15,002
Current assets					
Debtors	**13**	6,297		12,005	
Cash at bank and in hand		110,350		105,587	
		116,647		117,592	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**14**	(3,914)		(3,448)	
Net current assets			112,733		114,144
Total assets less current liabilities			125,628		129,146
Net assets excluding pension liability			125,628		129,146
The funds of the charitable company					
Restricted income funds	**16**		28,771		30,156
Unrestricted funds			96,857		98,990
			125,628		129,146

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

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

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

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on Oct 21, 2025 | 12:38 BST .....

Chris Munford

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C Munford

Trustee

Company registration number 08341599 (England and Wales)

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Coventry Vineyard is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Studio 3, 54 Grafton Street, Coventry, CV1 2HW.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charitable company's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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). The charitable company is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charitable company has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charitable company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charitable company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds include general and designated funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are to be used for specified purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is identified to the fund.

1.4 Income

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid is recognised at the time of the donation.

1.5 Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities.

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1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	20% straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

The main form of financial risk faced by the charity is that of volatility in equity markets and investment markets due to wider economic conditions, the attitude of investors to investment risk, and changes in sentiment concerning equities and within particular sectors or sub sectors.

1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charitable company reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.10 Financial instruments

The charitable company has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charitable company's balance sheet when the charitable company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

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1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charitable company's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.11 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

1.12 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds general 2025	**Restricted funds 2025**	**Total 2025**	Unrestricted funds general 2024	Restricted funds 2024	Total 2024
	£	**£**	**£**	£	£	£
Gift aid donations	79,178	-	79,178	77,124	-	77,124
Other donations	24,480	5,435	29,915	18,306	31,655	49,961
Income tax	19,672	-	19,672	20,372	-	20,372
	123,330	5,435	128,765	115,802	31,655	147,457

3 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2025	**Unrestricted funds 2024**
	£	**£**
Interest receivable	2,062	1,732

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4 Other income

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Net gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets	134	1,632

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Charitable expenditure 2025 £	Charitable expenditure 2024 £
Direct costs		
Staff costs	77,717	66,691
Depreciation and impairment	1,732	1,637
Sunday mornings	9,138	12,117
Worship and PA	933	954
Kids	8,018	12,518
Youth	1,013	674
Neighbourhood initiatives	969	732
Hospitality	2,886	2,406
Senior Pastor development	288	397
Donations	13,118	14,886
Office costs	9,688	9,215
Administration	5,576	4,110
Motor expenses	1,395	573
Legal and professional costs	2,008	1,872
	134,479	128,782
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	127,659	117,987
Restricted funds	6,820	10,795
	134,479	128,782

Included in the expenditure above are governance costs relating to Independent Examiner's fees of £1,662 (2024: £1,584).

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6 Net movement in funds

	2025	2024
	£	£
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	1,662	1,584
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	1,732	1,637
Profit on disposal of tangible fixed assets	(134)	(1,632)

7 Independent Examiner's Remuneration

The analysis of independent examiner's remuneration is as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Independent examination of the charitable company's annual accounts	831	792
Other services to the charitable company		
Preparation of annual accounts	831	792
Total independent examiner's fees	1,662	1,584

8 Trustees

During the year ended 31 March 2025 the charity paid £40,100 (2024: £37,907) in remuneration to its trustees as permitted by the charity's trust deed.

During the year ended 31 March 2025 the charity paid £3,191 (2024: £1,045) in expenses to two of the trustees in respect of travel, subsistence, hospitality and resources for volunteers.

No conflicts of interest were identified in relation to the payment of remuneration or expenses to trustees.

9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025	2024
	Number	Number
	5	5

Employment costs	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	74,179	63,657
Other pension costs	3,538	3,034
	77,717	66,691

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

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10 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings
	£
Cost	
At 1 April 2024	13,031
Additions	690
Disposals	(2,343)
At 31 March 2025	11,378
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 April 2024	8,367
Depreciation charged in the year	1,732
Eliminated in respect of disposals	(1,212)
At 31 March 2025	8,887
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2025	2,491
At 31 March 2024	4,664

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12 Fixed asset investments

	Unlisted investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2024	10,338
Interest	66
At 31 March 2025	10,404
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2025	10,404
At 31 March 2024	10,338

	2025 £	2024 £
Investments at fair value comprise:		
Green Pastures CBS Loan Stock	10,404	10,338

13 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Income tax (Gift Aid)	3,927	8,448
Other debtors	1,171	1,672
Prepayments and accrued income	1,199	1,885
	6,297	12,005
	6,297	12,005

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals and deferred income	3,914	3,448

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15 Retirement benefit schemes

Defined contribution schemes	2025 £	2024 £
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	3,538	3,034

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charitable company in an independently administered fund.

16 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 March 2025 £
GrowKids	30,156	5,435	(6,820)	28,771

Previous year:	At 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 March 2024 £
GrowKids	9,296	31,655	(10,795)	30,156

GrowKids

GrowKids is based at Foleshill Community Centre and recycles nearly-new clothes, toys and equipment to help families in need with Children under 11. The vision is to build strong relationships and a community with isolated and struggling families. We also operate Stay & Play sessions that are run by volunteers.

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17 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2025 £
Sabbatical fund	2,500	-	-	-	2,500
Church Plant fund	5,000	-	-	(2,500)	2,500
Overseas Leadership fund	750	-	-	-	750
Dilapidations Fund	1,500	-	-	-	1,500
GrowKids	3,000	-	-	(3,000)	-
General funds	86,240	125,526	(127,659)	5,500	89,607
	98,990	125,526	(127,659)	-	96,857

Previous year:	At 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2024 £
Sabbatical fund	2,500	-	-	-	2,500
Church Plant fund	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Overseas Leadership fund	750	-	-	-	750
Dilapidations Fund	1,500	-	-	-	1,500
GrowKids	3,000	-	-	-	3,000
General funds	85,061	119,166	(117,987)	-	86,240
	97,811	119,166	(117,987)	-	98,990

The Church Plant fund reserves are for the purpose of supporting and establishing future church communities sent by or connected to Coventry Vineyard. This fund is also set aside for the training of future potential church planters.

18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £
At 31 March 2025:			
Tangible assets	2,491	-	2,491
Investments	10,404	-	10,404
Current assets/(liabilities)	83,962	28,771	112,733
	96,857	28,771	125,628

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18 Analysis of net assets between funds **(Continued)**

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
At 31 March 2024:			
Tangible assets	4,664	-	4,664
Investments	10,338	-	10,338
Current assets/(liabilities)	83,988	30,156	114,144
	98,990	30,156	129,146

19 Operating lease commitments

At the reporting end date the charitable company had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Within one year	13,699	9,178
Between two and five years	10,850	-
	24,549	9,178

20 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year.

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England & Wales - Charity number 1150752

Accounts

Charity registration number 1150752

Company registration number 08341599 (England and Wales)

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	A Curran N Sutton C Munford R Farrell T Labeodan	 (Appointed 18 March 2024)
Charity number	1150752	
Company number	08341599	
Registered office	Studio 3 54 Grafton Street Coventry CV1 2HW	
Independent examiner	Spencer Gardner Dickins Limited 3 Coventry Innovation Village Cheetah Road Coventry CV1 2TL	

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

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Status
Coventry Vineyard is a registered charity, charity number 1150752, duly constituted by a Trust Deed and operating as a church.

Coventry Vineyard was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee (company no 08341599) on 27th December 2012 and was registered with the Charity Commission under reference 1150752.

Charity Transfer
On 1st April 2013, the net assets and activities of Coventry Vineyard, charity number 1094167, an unincorporated entity, were transferred to the company, the company being dormant until that date.

Organisational Structure
The day to day running of the church is delegated to the employed pastoral and administrative staff led by the Senior Pastors, Nick and Vicki Sutton. Nick Sutton is also a trustee.

Appointment of Trustees
New trustees are made by the recommendation of the Senior Pastor and ratified by existing Trustees who appoint by a resolution of the Trustees passed at a meeting of the Trustees. Trustees serve for a three year term. Trustees will be recruited with reference to their commitment to the Church, the specific needs of the charitable company and the working dynamics of the Trustee team.

Professional Advisors
The Trustees will from time to time appoint external advisors to advise the Church with regard to specific areas.

Current appointments are:

• Finance - Stewardship Services
• HR Advisor - Catherine Bartlem

Relationship with Vineyard Churches UK
Coventry Vineyard is a member of Vineyard Churches UK (VCUKI), a charity functioning as a resource for similar churches. In particular, they provide significant resources, training and pastoral oversight. Membership also allows Mr Nick Sutton to be a licensed accredited pastor who has a right to use the trademarked "Vineyard" name.

The association provides pastoral care for the senior Pastors and family, and an external reference concerning church affairs and doctrine.

Coventry Vineyard grants 5% of its annual income to Vineyard Churches UK.

Leadership Structure
Coventry Vineyard has several areas of leadership which overlap. Each area has distinct responsibilities in order to take adequate care of each church member and continue ongoing outward ministry to benefit the community.

The leadership structure and responsibilities are as follows:

1) Trustees
The full responsibilities of the Trustees/Directors are set out, in respect to accounting and financial information, in the Coventry Vineyard Trust Deed.

Further Responsibilities include:

- To advise the Senior Pastors on staffing, salaries and employment issues.
- To manage the legal responsibilities of the charity and ensure full compliance with legislation.
- To create a strong safeguarding culture that protects the most vulnerable in our community.

2) Neighbourhood Leaders and Discernment Group
Our Discernment Group, made up of key leaders, work alongside the Pastors in determining the direction and focus of Coventry Vineyard.

Our team of Neighbourhood Leaders assist the Senior Pastors in fulfilling the vision and direction of Coventry Vineyard to be more intentional about disciple-making, engage with our neighbours, provide pastoral care and coach Life Group Leaders.

3) Life Group Leaders

- Encourage those in their groups to live a life of worship.
- Equip church members to live as followers of Jesus (i.e. the Christian Faith).
- Create a culture in which people express love in practical ways both inside the group and to those in our neighbourhoods and communities.
- Provide pastoral care for church members.

4) Coordinators
Oversee the ministry areas of the Church:

- Vineyard Kids (Children's Ministry)
- Youth Ministry
- Sunday Morning Gathering
- Worship

Objectives and activities
The vision of Coventry Vineyard is to become one church of 'disciple-making' disciples in multiple locations across Coventry and beyond.

The objectives of Coventry Vineyard come under three categories:

1. Encouraging people to worship God in their everyday lives
2. Equipping people to live life as followers of Jesus
3. Expressing the love and compassion of God to those in need in practical ways

The Charitable Objectives of Coventry Vineyard are:

A. The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Vineyard Churches UK statement of faith, values, priorities, practices and leadership standards appearing in the schedule hereto in Coventry and in such other parts of the United Kingdom as the trustees may from time to time think fit.

B. The relief of the poor and needy, the sick and elderly in Coventry and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the World as the trustees may from time to time think fit.

C. The furtherance of religious or secular public education.

D. Such other charitable objectives and for the benefit of such other charitable institutions as the trustees in their absolute discretion see fit.

The activities of Coventry Vineyard can be summarised as follows:

a. Providing worship for those who attend the church on a weekly basis.

b. Proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ through teaching and demonstrating the love, mercy and grace of God.

c. Undertaking regular 'community projects', the aim of which is to provide help and assistance to those in need, to encourage people to be more aware of God and to demonstrate the gospel of Jesus Christ in a practical and tangible way.

The trustees believe that Coventry Vineyard complies with the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

Achievements and performance

Public Benefit
In planning the charity's activities the Trustees have given consideration to the guidance provided by the Charity Commission on 'public benefit' issued in December 1998.

Sunday Venue
Our weekly Sunday Morning Gathering has continued to be at Foleshill Community Centre (157 Foleshill Road, Coventry, CV5 6HW) - a place from which we also run our GrowKids ministry. Our move to the neighbourhood of Foleshill has enabled us to develop our commitment to being a more multicultural church. We have seen a greater diversity in those attending our Sunday Morning Gatherings and have made significant steps to engage with the Foleshill Community through our Messy Church and Community Lunch on the first Sunday of each month. The Sunday Morning Gathering remains a key and important element of in-person gathering and corporate worship and creates a space for people to experience the life changing presence of Jesus, be encouraged and equipped to live as followers of Jesus.

Office Premises
The Coventry Vineyard office is located at Studio 3, FarGo Studios, 54 Grafton Street, CV1 2HW. We use these premises offices for church operations, as well as for prayer meetings, training and one of our life groups.

Employment
Coventry Vineyard employs one Pastor (full-time), one Pastor (part-time), a Children and Families Pastor (part-time), and an Office Manager (part-time).
During the year, a GrowKids Administrator/Support Worker (part-time) was employed on a 6 month fixed-term contract.

Worship
Encouraging worship, both corporate sung worship and individual worship in everyday lives, continues to be a priority at Coventry Vineyard. We are passionate about worshipping God and allowing space for His Spirit to move during times of sung worship. The content and direction of the worship, including the introduction of new songs, encourages a one-body approach to worship. During the year we continued a monthly prayer and worship night providing a relaxed, reflective and open time of worship and space to listen to Holy Spirit, together with a focused prayer time for our city and our world.

Church Community
The infrastructure of our church community revolves around our Life Groups in which we “do life together and bring the life of the Kingdom to our neighbours”. Our vision is to show our generation how to follow Jesus and bring kingdom transformation to the world around us. Our current strategic focus is to be one church of 'disciple-making' disciples in multiple locations across Coventry and beyond.

Our Life Groups are where we ‘do life together’, developing authentic relationships both with one another and with the communities in which we live. Life groups are where we equip one another to live life as followers of Jesus and encourage one another in spiritual formation.

Each Life Group also has an outward focus and ‘adopts’ a community/neighbourhood, serving their neighbours together, expressing God’s love in practical ways, and building long lasting relationships in the community (especially in deprived areas of our communities). On the first Sunday of the month the life groups engage with their neighbours and ‘be church’ in their community.

Journey Groups (smaller groups of 3 to 5 people) continue to occur throughout church. These are designed for those who have made the decision to find out more about Jesus and the Bible and go deeper in their spiritual growth: forming habits that help them to become more like Jesus and share Him with others.

Sunday Afternoon Gathering
In September 2023 we launched a Sunday Afternoon Gathering, meeting at Commonground coffee shop in the heart of FarGo Village. The aims of this Sunday Afternoon Gathering are:

- to join together in worship, conversation and prayer;
- for people to build friendships and community; and
- experience the presence of Jesus.

Volunteers stepped up into team roles, maturing personally as disciples, and growing their leadership skills.
Over the course of the year, we saw several new people connect with us through this afternoon gathering, many of whom were 'just passing by' at first.

Vineyard Kids
We have continued to run a Sunday Morning Kids programme for 2-10 year-olds at Foleshill Community Centre on weeks 2, 3, 4 and 5. This programme seeks to encourage children:

- in their spiritual and emotional development
- to have fun in a safe environment
- to develop their social skills with children of different ages; and
- to feel a valued part of a larger community.

Our under 2's have dedicated space in the main hall, where parents/carers can supervise them playing during the morning gathering.

Up until January 2023 we had 3 different age groups as follows:

- Bright Sparks is for 2-4 years (preschool);
- Live Wires (Key stage 1 - 4-7 years); and
- The Grid (key stage 2: 7-11 years).

Our under 2's have dedicated space in the main hall, where parents/carers can supervise them playing during the morning gathering.

We continue to have time as a whole church on a weekly basis, where our kids stay in with the adults for the first part of worship followed by a kids slot (primarily aimed at kids and families) introducing their topic for the day. We had all-age gatherings at Christmas and Easter where the kids and adults worshiped and learned about God together. The structure of these gatherings have been different to normal with much shorter segments to try and keep all ages engaged.

Youth
Our youth group has grown this year and the age range has increased to children in year 5 to 10 (10-15 years old). The youth group is based around bible discussion and games. Hot chocolate and marshmallows are also consumed in quite large quantities!

We have had two socials for the older kids and younger youth (8-12 year olds), where they got to continue building friendships while having fun on climbing walls and kayaks.

GrowKids
GrowKids recycles nearly-new clothes, toys and equipment to help families in need with children under 11. This is regardless of income, background, or faith; no referral is needed (except for items such as pushchairs, nappies, formula and baby food), and all items are free. GrowKids is based at Foleshill Community Centre on Fridays between 10:30am - 12:00pm (for families to collect items) and 12:30 - 2:00pm (for donations to be made).

Our vision is to build strong relationships and community with isolated and struggling families. We work from the social supermarket's premises which allows us to support many families in this very deprived area. We're supporting children in their earliest years, and are hopeful that this will improve their chances of reaching their full potential in the future. We seek to empower families and help them realise their potential by encouraging them to volunteer on our team and become part of the solution. We gratefully receive donations from our families when they outgrow items, helping them feel they are contributing to the solution and helping other families in need too.

Over the last financial year we have helped 206 families (including 133 new families), donating around 7,500 items! We have had 31 families come to our Stay & Play without receiving donations. Our volunteer team has grown with several GrowKids mums joining the team. We have started doing informal interviews with new families allowing us to find out more about the support they need - this enables us to signpost several families to other organisations such as Christians Against Poverty, Household Support Fund and Feeding Coventry.
Our relationship with the Feeding Coventry team at Foleshill Community Centre has continued to grow and we look forward to seeing where this partnership will take us in the future.

Between May and December 2023 we were running GrowKids on a second day at Foleshill Community Centre. However, despite advertising this, we got very low numbers on Tuesdays (whilst Fridays continued to be busier than ever!). After giving time to see if things would change, we decided to stop the Tuesday session and put all our resources towards the busy Friday sessions.

We have continued to run activity sessions at HAF Holiday Club (Holiday, Activity and Food) at Foleshill Community Centre, which is funded by the council for families with limited finances. The GrowKids team ran 1 day of activities during summer 2023, a 1 day session at Christmas 2023 and a 1 day session at Easter 2023. These sessions included games and crafts. Food was provided by the team at Foleshill Community Centre. Running these HAF sessions has enabled us to build relationships with families and understand the community we are serving much better.

One of our families wrote:
“GrowKids has been such a positive addition to our weekly routine for myself and my toddler. It has provided a much needed safe place where my child can play with toys and partake in crafts and activities. She can interact with other children and the lovely adult volunteers on a weekly basis which has hugely helped with her development as she does not attend nursery. They have been a massive help to our family financially with supplying clothes, toys and books when needed. And from conversations I have had, it is clear that GrowKids has been a lifeline for a lot of families in the community.” – Cassie E

Volunteers
We continue to train and release new volunteer leaders. Coventry Vineyard is indebted to the volunteers that make ‘ministry’ happen and enable us to meet our charitable objectives. Our volunteers give a substantial amount of time and energy and are committed to the vision of Coventry Vineyard, and to see lives changed by the person of Christ and power of His Kingdom.

HOPE : Coventry, and CAP
We continue to support HOPE:Coventry (Registered Charity Number: 1155912) which exists to grow a connected church in Coventry that demonstrates the love of Jesus for the benefit of the city. It does this by supporting initiatives that connect the churches together and projects that meet the needs of the vulnerable. As part of this we also support **Christians Against Poverty (CAP)**, which equips people to get out of debt and be empowered to address some of the most common causes of poverty: debt, unemployment, addiction, low income, and difficulty budgeting.

Community Projects
Messy Church - Messy Church consists of crafts and activities around a biblical theme, followed by a celebration and a lunch. This is mainly aimed towards families with primary school aged kids, however all are welcome. Messy Church exists to encourage spiritual, emotional, and social development like our Sunday morning kids groups. It also aims to be fun and build community. Messy Church aims to be accessible to non-churched families.

Community Lunch - Every month we provide a simple lunch for those in the Foleshill Area. This creates an environment for developing community and provides a healthy meal for families and individuals who may be struggling with the cost of living.

Overseas Missions and Donations
Coventry Vineyard raised and donated funds for the relief of the poor and needy in Coventry and around the world, as well as using funds for community projects. In particular, we have supported:

The Dalitso Trust (Charity Number: 1090274) in Malawi - The Dalitso Trust exists to teach and equip rural Malawians so that they are empowered to lift themselves and each other out of poverty. Through personal relationships that inspire faith the Trust seeks to build capacity in such areas as holistic health, parenting skills, under 6 educational play and church leadership. The Dalitso Trust trains and empowers local people in rural villages, integrating leadership training with disease prevention and community-based development.

Mali Partnership - Coventry Vineyard has developed links with Christians in Mali, a place where many Christians face persecution for following Jesus. We are committed to serving our Malian brother and sisters as they make disciples, plant churches and create sustainable businesses. Our role is to partner with the growing Mali Vineyard and help develop a Vineyard Church Planting movement in Mali, governed and financed by the local churches in Mali.

Nick Sutton currently serves as Missions Coordinator for Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland and is released by Coventry Vineyard to fulfil the purposes of this role.

Financial review
The charitable company made a surplus in the year of £22,039 (2023 - surplus of £5,237).

Total income increased by 12.1% on the previous year, primarily due to grants received in the year towards GrowKids activity. Total expenditure decreased by 0.4% compared to 2023. This was primarily a result of an increase in Ministry and Outreach spending cost and additional donations paid relating to the Mali partnership, offset by a reduction to staff costs due to a reduction in staff numbers. 10% of our income was given away in charitable donations.

Reserves Policy
The reserves policy is the total of: six months salaries for all staff, six months hire costs for Foleshill Community Centre, rental for Studio 3 (office) to the end of the tenancy, plus phone contracts and accountancy costs for one year. Unrestricted reserves totalled £98,848 on 31st March 2024, which is £52,989 over our reserves policy.

Summary
It should be noted that the above is not an exhaustive list of activities. However, they demonstrate that Coventry Vineyard is continuing to fulfil its obligations and achieve its objectives.

Those who are members of Coventry Vineyard have grown in their faith and belief, and demonstrated this by their actions of serving the rest of the church community and giving financially to those in need. New people have become active members and participants in the community of Coventry Vineyard.

Risk Management
Coventry Vineyard has a Child Protection Policy (https://www.coventryvineyard.org/kids.html) that regulates all persons working with youth and children. We also run Safeguarding Training three times a year which is compulsory for all involved in kids and youth work.

A risk assessment has been carried out for the Sunday Morning Gathering, including children's work.

The systems of internal control are designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss. They include:-

a. An annual budget approved by Trustees
b. Regular consideration by the Trustees of financial reports
c. Delegation of authority and segregation of duties
d. Identification and management of risks

The Trustees aim to review, on a regular basis, the main risks that the church faces. They believe that maintaining free reserves at a level stated on page 8, combined with appropriate reviews of the controls over key financial systems provide sufficient resources, in the event of unexpected adverse conditions.

Structure, governance and management
The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

A Curran	
N Sutton	
C Munford	
R Farrell	
R Robertson	(Resigned 11 September 2023)
T Labeodan	(Appointed 18 March 2024)

Auditor
In accordance with the company's articles, a resolution proposing that Spencer Gardner Dickins Limited be reappointed as auditor of the company will be put at a General Meeting.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

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C Munford
Trustee

Date: .....

COVENTRY VINEYARD

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF COVENTRY VINEYARD

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Coventry Vineyard (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity 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 the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's 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 charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or

2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting 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 financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

Debra Knighton FCCA
Spencer Gardner Dickins Limited

3 Coventry Innovation Village
Cheetah Road
Coventry
CV1 2TL

Dated: .....

COVENTRY VINEYARD

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	**2**	115,802	31,655	147,457	119,530	13,936	133,466
Investments	**3**	1,732	-	1,732	950	-	950
Other income	**4**	1,632	-	1,632	105	-	105
Total income		119,166	31,655	150,821	120,585	13,936	134,521
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	**5**	117,987	10,795	128,782	122,440	6,844	129,284
Total expenditure		117,987	10,795	128,782	122,440	6,844	129,284
Net income and movement in funds		1,179	20,860	22,039	(1,855)	7,092	5,237
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 1 April 2023		97,811	9,296	107,107	99,666	2,204	101,870
Fund balances at 31 March 2024		98,990	30,156	129,146	97,811	9,296	107,107

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

COVENTRY VINEYARD

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**10**		4,664		7,030
Investments	**11**		10,338		10,185
			15,002		17,215
Current assets					
Debtors	**12**	12,005		15,184	
Cash at bank and in hand		105,587		78,240	
		117,592		93,424	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**13**	(3,448)		(3,532)	
Net current assets			114,144		89,892
Total assets less current liabilities			129,146		107,107
Net assets excluding pension liability			129,146		107,107
The funds of the charity					
Restricted income funds	**15**		30,156		9,296
Unrestricted funds			98,990		97,811
			129,146		107,107

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

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

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

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on .....

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C Munford
Trustee

Company registration number 08341599 (England and Wales)

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Coventry Vineyard is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Studio 3, 54 Grafton Street, Coventry, CV1 2HW.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 “The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland” (“FRS 102”) and the Charities SORP "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). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds include general and designated funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are to be used for specified purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is identified to the fund.

1.4 Income

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid is recognised at the time of the donation.

1.5 Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	20% straight line

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

The main form of financial risk faced by the charity is that of volatility in equity markets and investment markets due to wider economic conditions, the attitude of investors to investment risk, and changes in sentiment concerning equities and within particular sectors or sub sectors.

1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.10 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 ‘Basic Financial Instruments’ and Section 12 ‘Other Financial Instruments Issues’ of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.11 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

1.12 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	**Restricted funds 2024 £**	**Total 2024 £**	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Gift aid donations	77,124	-	77,124	86,615	-	86,615
Other donations	18,306	31,655	49,961	10,903	13,936	24,839
Income tax	20,372	-	20,372	22,012	-	22,012
	115,802	31,655	147,457	119,530	13,936	133,466

3 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	**Unrestricted funds 2023 £**
Interest receivable	1,732	950

4 Other income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	**Unrestricted funds 2023 £**
Net gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets	1,632	105

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Charitable expenditure 2024 £	Charitable expenditure 2023 £
Direct costs		
Staff costs	66,691	68,753
Depreciation and impairment	1,637	1,996
Sunday mornings	12,117	11,370
Worship & PA	954	942
Kids	12,518	10,416
Youth	674	540
Neighbourhood initiatives	732	1,096
Hospitality	2,406	1,896
Senior Pastor development	397	2,842
Donations	14,886	16,046
Office costs	9,215	7,858
Administration	4,110	2,496
Motor expenses	573	803
Legal & professional costs	1,872	2,230
	128,782	129,284
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	117,987	122,440
Restricted funds	10,795	6,844
	128,782	129,284

6 Net movement in funds

	2024 £	2023 £
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	1,637	1,996
Profit on disposal of tangible fixed assets	(1,632)	(105)

7 Trustees

During the year ended 31 March 2024 the charity paid £37,907 in remuneration to its trustees as disclosed by the charity's trust deed.

During the year ended 31 March 2024 the charity paid £1,045 in expenses to 2 of the trustees in respect of travel, subsistence, hospitality and resources for volunteers.

No conflicts of interest were identified in relation to the payment of remuneration or expenses to trustees.

8 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
	5	4

Employment costs	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	63,657	65,309
Other pension costs	3,034	3,444
	66,691	68,753

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £
Cost	
At 1 April 2023	14,947
Additions	378
Disposals	(2,294)
At 31 March 2024	13,031
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 April 2023	7,917
Depreciation charged in the year	1,637
Eliminated in respect of disposals	(1,187)
At 31 March 2024	8,367
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2024	4,664
At 31 March 2023	7,030

11 Fixed asset investments

	Unlisted investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2023	10,185
Interest	153
At 31 March 2024	10,338
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2024	10,338
At 31 March 2023	10,185

	2024 £	2023 £
Investments at fair value comprise:		
Green Pastures CBS Loan Stock	10,338	10,185

12 Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year:	2024 £	2023 £
Income tax (Gift Aid)	8,448	11,645
Other debtors	1,672	1,673
Prepayments and accrued income	1,885	1,866
	12,005	15,184
	12,005	15,184

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	-	1,465
Accruals and deferred income	3,448	2,067
	3,448	3,532

14 Retirement benefit schemes

	2024	2023
Defined contribution schemes	£	£
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	3,034	3,444

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

15 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 April 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£
GrowKids	9,296	31,655	(10,795)	30,156

Previous year:	At 1 April 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£
GrowKids	2,204	13,936	(6,844)	9,296

16 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 April 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Sabbatical fund	2,500	-	-	-	2,500
Church Plant fund	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Overseas Leadership fund	750	-	-	-	750
Dilapidations Fund	1,500	-	-	-	1,500
GrowKids	3,000	-	-	-	3,000
General funds	85,061	119,166	(117,987)	-	86,240
	97,811	119,166	(117,987)	-	98,990

16 Unrestricted funds **(Continued)**

Previous year:	At 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2023 £
Sabbatical fund	2,500	-	-	-	2,500
Church Plant fund	2,000	-	-	3,000	5,000
Van fund	6,000	-	-	(6,000)	-
Overseas Leadership fund	750	-	-	-	750
Dilapidations Fund	1,500	-	-	-	1,500
GrowKids	-	-	-	3,000	3,000
General funds	86,916	120,585	(122,440)	-	85,061
	99,666	120,585	(122,440)	-	97,811

17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
At 31 March 2024:			
Tangible assets	4,664	-	4,664
Investments	10,338	-	10,338
Current assets/(liabilities)	83,988	30,156	114,144
	98,990	30,156	129,146

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
At 31 March 2023:			
Tangible assets	7,030	-	7,030
Investments	10,185	-	10,185
Current assets/(liabilities)	80,596	9,296	89,892
	97,811	9,296	107,107

18 Operating lease commitments

At the reporting end date the charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Between two and five years	9,178	11,923

19 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year.

COVENTRY VINEYARD

England & Wales - Charity number 1150752

Accounts

Charity registration number 1150752

Company registration number 08341599 (England and Wales)

COVENTRY VINEYARD

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

COVENTRY VINEYARD

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	A Curran N Sutton C Munford R Farrell
Charity number	1150752
Company number	08341599
Registered office	Studio 3 54 Grafton Street Coventry CV1 2HW
Independent examiner	Spencer Gardner Dickins Limited 3 Coventry Innovation Village Cheetah Road Coventry CV1 2TL

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COVENTRY VINEYARD

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Status
Coventry Vineyard is a registered charity, charity number 1150752, duly constituted by a Trust Deed and operating as a church.

Coventry Vineyard was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee (company no 08341599) on 27th December 2012 and was registered with the Charity Commission under reference 1150752.

Charity Transfer
On 1st April 2013, the net assets and activities of Coventry Vineyard, charity number 1094167, an unincorporated entity, were transferred to the company, the company being dormant until that date.

Organisational Structure
The day to day running of the church is delegated to the employed pastoral and administrative staff led by the Senior Pastors, Nick and Vicki Sutton. Nick Sutton is also a trustee.

Appointment of Trustees
New trustees are made by the recommendation of the Senior Pastor and ratified by existing Trustees who appoint by a resolution of the Trustees passed at a meeting of the Trustees. Trustees serve for a three year term. Trustees will be recruited with reference to their commitment to the Church, the specific needs of the charitable company and the working dynamics of the Trustee team.

Professional Advisors
The Trustees will from time to time appoint external advisors to advise the Church with regard to specific areas.

Current appointments are:

- Finance - Stewardship Services
- HR Advisor - Catherine Bartlem

Relationship with Vineyard Churches UK
Coventry Vineyard is a member of Vineyard Churches UK (VCUKI), a charity functioning as a resource for similar churches. In particular, they provide significant resources, training and pastoral oversight. Membership also allows Mr Nick Sutton to be a licensed accredited pastor who has a right to use the trademarked "Vineyard" name.

The association provides pastoral care for the senior Pastors and family, and an external reference concerning church affairs and doctrine.

Coventry Vineyard grants 5% of its annual income to Vineyard Churches UK.

Leadership Structure
Coventry Vineyard has several areas of leadership which overlap. Each area has distinct responsibilities in order to take adequate care of each church member and continue ongoing outward ministry to benefit the community.

The leadership structure and responsibilities are as follows:

1) Trustees
The full responsibilities of the Trustees/Directors are set out, in respect to accounting and financial information, in the Coventry Vineyard Trust Deed.

Further Responsibilities include:

- To advise the Senior Pastors on staffing, salaries and employment issues.
- To manage the legal responsibilities of the charity and ensure full compliance with legislation.
- To create a strong safeguarding culture that protects the most vulnerable in our community.

2) Neighbourhood Leaders
With a significant change to our leadership group in 2022, our team of Neighbourhood Leaders have assisted the Senior Pastors in fulfilling the vision and direction of Coventry Vineyard as we have sought to be more intentional about disciple making, engage with our neighbours, provide pastoral care and coaching for the Life Group Leaders.

3) Life Group Leaders

- To encourage those in their groups to live a life of worship.
- To equip church members to live as followers of Jesus (i.e. the Christian Faith).
- To create a culture in which people express love in practical ways both inside the group and to those in our neighbourhoods and communities.
- To provide pastoral care for church members.

4) Coordinators
To manage the ministry areas of the Church:

- Vineyard Kids (Children's Ministry)
- Youth Ministry
- Sunday Morning Gathering
- Worship

Objectives and activities
The vision of Coventry Vineyard is to become one church of 'disciple-making' disciples in multiple locations across Coventry and beyond.

The objectives of Coventry Vineyard come under three categories:

1. Encouraging people to worship God in their everyday lives
2. Equipping people to live life as followers of Jesus
3. Expressing the love and compassion of God to those in need in practical ways

The Charitable Objectives of Coventry Vineyard are:

A. The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Vineyard Churches UK statement of faith, values, priorities, practices and leadership standards appearing in the schedule hereto in Coventry and in such other parts of the United Kingdom as the trustees may from time to time think fit.

B. The relief of the poor and needy, the sick and elderly in Coventry and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the World as the trustees may from time to time think fit.

C. The furtherance of religious or secular public education.

D. Such other charitable objectives and for the benefit of such other charitable institutions as the trustees in their absolute discretion see fit.

The activities of Coventry Vineyard can be summarised as follows:

a. Providing worship for those who attend the church on a weekly basis.

b. Proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ through teaching and demonstrating the love, mercy and grace of God.

c. Undertaking regular 'community projects', the aim of which is to provide help and assistance to those in need, to encourage people to be more aware of God and to demonstrate the gospel of Jesus Christ in a practical and tangible way.

The trustees believe that Coventry Vineyard complies with the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

Achievements and performance

Public Benefit
In planning the charity's activities the Trustees have given consideration to the guidance provided by the Charity Commission on 'public benefit' issued in December 1998.

Sunday Venue
Our weekly Sunday Morning Gathering has continued to be at Foleshill Community Centre (157 Foleshill Road, Coventry, CV5 6HW) - a place from which we also run our GrowKids ministry. Our move to the neighbourhood of Foleshill has enabled us to develop our commitment to being a more multicultural church. We have seen a greater diversity in those attending our Sunday Morning Gatherings and have made significant steps to engage with the Foleshill Community through our Messy Church and Community Lunch on the first Sunday of each month. The Sunday Morning Gathering remains a key and important element of in-person gathering and corporate worship and creates a space for people to experience the life changing presence of Jesus, be encouraged and equipped to live as followers of Jesus.

Office Premises
The Coventry Vineyard office is located at Studio 3, FarGo Studios, 54 Grafton Street, CV1 2HW. We use these premises offices for church operations, as well as for prayer meetings, training and one of our life groups.

Employment
Coventry Vineyard employs one Pastor (full-time), one Pastor (part-time), a Children and Families Pastor (part-time), and an Office Manager (part-time).

Worship
Encouraging worship, both corporate sung worship and individual worship in everyday lives, continues to be a priority at Coventry Vineyard. We are passionate about worshipping God and allowing space for His Spirit to move during times of sung worship. The content and direction of the worship, including the introduction of new songs, encourages a one-body approach to worship. In January 2023 we launched a monthly prayer and worship night which includes a relaxed, reflective and open time of worship and space to listen to Holy Spirit, together with a focused prayer time for our city and our world.

Church Community
The infrastructure of our church community revolves around our Life Groups in which we "do life together and bring the life of the Kingdom to our neighbours". Our vision is to show our generation how to follow Jesus and bring kingdom transformation to the world around us and our current strategic focus is to be one church of 'disciple-making' disciples in multiple locations across Coventry and beyond.

Our Life Groups are where we 'do life together', developing authentic relationships both with one another and with the communities in which we live. Life groups are where we equip one another to live life as followers of Jesus and encourage one another in spiritual formation.

Each Life Group also has an outward focus and 'adopts' a community/neighbourhood, serving their neighbours together, expressing God's love in practical ways, and building long lasting relationships in the community (especially in deprived areas of our communities). On the first Sunday of the month the life groups engage with their neighbours and 'be church' in their community.

Journey Groups (smaller groups of 3 to 5 people) continue to occur throughout church. These are designed for those who have made the decision to find out more about Jesus and the Bible and go deeper in their spiritual growth: forming habits that help them to become more like Jesus and share Him with others.

Vineyard Kids
We have continued to run a Sunday Morning Kids programme for 2-11 year-olds at Foleshill Community Centre on weeks 2, 3, 4 and 5. This programme seeks to encourage children:

- in their spiritual and emotional development
- to have fun in a safe environment
- to develop their social skills with children of different ages; and
- to feel a valued part of a larger community.

Our under 2's have dedicated space in the main hall, where parents/carers can supervise them playing during the morning gathering.

Up until January 2023 we had 3 different age groups as follows:

- Bright Sparks is for 2-4 years (preschool);
- Live Wires (Key stage 1 - 4-7 years); and
- The Grid (key stage 2: 7-11 years).

Each of these groups involve age-appropriate activities and include Bible Stories and prayer.

We are actively working to make our children's groups accessible for children with additional needs. Some tools we've implemented so far are visual timetables, a sensory box and one-page profiles.

We continue to have time as a whole church on a weekly basis, where our kids stay in with the adults for the first part of worship followed by a kids slot (primarily aimed at kids and families) introducing their topic for the day. We had all-age gatherings at Christmas and Easter where the kids and adults worshiped and learned about God together. The structure of these gatherings have been different to normal with much shorter segments to try and keep all ages engaged.

In July 2022 we took a sizeable group of kids (aged 7 to 11) to an Urban Saints activity camp called Spree. The kids enjoyed doing outdoor activities and spending time worshipping and learning about God with kids from around the midlands. Our kids have also enjoyed other social activities across the year (such as laser quest).

Youth
In January 2023 we launched a 'Younger Youth' group for children in year 5 to 7 (10-12 years). Naturally, this has decreased the age range in the Live Wires/Grid which now goes up to 10 years. The younger youth is a quieter group based around discussion and games. Hot chocolate and marshmallows are also consumed in quite large quantities!

GrowKids
GrowKids recycles nearly-new clothes, toys and equipment to help families in need with Children under 11. This is regardless of income, background, or faith; no referral is needed (except for items such as pushchairs, nappies, formula and baby food), and all items are free. GrowKids is based at Foleshill Community Centre on Fridays between 10:30am - 12:00pm (for families to collect items) and 12:30 - 2:30pm (for donations to be made).

GrowKids has continued to get busier this year with 162 families coming for the first time. Between April 2022 to March 2023 we helped 223 families, donating over 2900 items to new families (some large equipment, but primarily clothing items). We have also given over 5337 items to families returning for other items and/or the next stage of clothes.

We have continued to run a Stay & Play toddler group alongside our collections. We now have more families that come regularly who are not there to collect items, but simply choose to come and connect with each other and the team.

Our vision is to build strong relationships and community with isolated and struggling families. We work from the social supermarket's premises which allows us to support many families in this very deprived area. We're supporting children in their earliest years, and are hopeful that this will improve their chances of reaching their full potential in the future. We seek to empower families and help them realise their potential by encouraging them to volunteer on our team and become part of the solution. We gratefully receive donations from our families when they outgrow items, helping them feel they are contributing to the solution and helping other families in need too.

One of our volunteers wrote:
"It is very beneficial and important for me to come to GrowKids, as it improves my mental wellbeing. I get to socialise, which makes me feel happy, as I get to meet many other families, so I make friends otherwise I feel isolated. Volunteering at GrowKids increases my confidence, self-esteem and improves my English. I have also recommended GrowKids to others, by telling them how beneficial it is" - Bano

We have continued to run activity sessions at HAF Holiday Club (Holiday, Activity and Food) at Foleshill Community Centre, which is funded by the council for families with limited finances. The GrowKids team ran 2 days of activities during Easter 2022, 3 day-sessions during summer 2022 and 1 day-session at Christmas 2022. These sessions included games and crafts. Food was provided by the team at Foleshill Community Centre. Running these HAF sessions has enabled us to build relationships with families and understand the community we are serving much better.

Our relationship with the Feeding Coventry team at Foleshill Community Centre has continued to grow and we look forward to seeing where this partnership will take us in the future.

Volunteers
We continue to train and release new volunteer leaders. Coventry Vineyard is indebted to the volunteers that make 'ministry' happen and enable us to meet our charitable objectives. Our volunteers give a substantial amount of time and energy and are committed to the vision of Coventry Vineyard, and to see lives changed by the person of Christ and power of His Kingdom.

HOPE : Coventry, and CAP
We continue to support HOPE:Coventry (Registered Charity Number: 1155912) which exists to grow a connected church in Coventry that demonstrates the love of Jesus for the benefit of the city. It does this by supporting initiatives that connect the churches together and projects that meet the needs of the vulnerable. As part of this we also support Christians Against Poverty (CAP), which equips people to get out of debt and be empowered to address some of the most common causes of poverty: debt, unemployment, addiction, low income, and difficulty budgeting.

Community Projects
Community Lunch - Every month we provide a simple lunch for those in the Foleshill Area. This creates an environment for developing community and provides a healthy meal for families and individuals who may be struggling with the cost of living.

Messy Church - In April 2022 we started a monthly Messy Church on the 1st Sunday of each month. Messy Church consists of crafts and activities around a biblical theme, followed by a celebration and a lunch. This is mainly aimed towards families with primary school aged kids, however all are welcome. Messy Church exists to encourage spiritual, emotional, and social development like our Sunday morning kids groups. It also aims to be fun and build community. Messy Church aims to be accessible to non-churched families.

Overseas Missions and Donations
Coventry Vineyard raised and donated funds for the relief of the poor and needy in Coventry and around the world, as well as using funds for community projects. In particular, we have supported:

The Dalitso Trust (Charity Number: 1090274) in Malawi. The Dalitso Trust exists to teach and equip rural Malawians so that they are empowered to lift themselves and each other out of poverty. Through personal relationships that inspire faith the Trust seeks to build capacity in such areas as holistic health, parenting skills, under 6 educational play and church leadership. The Dalitso Trust trains and empowers local people in rural villages, integrating leadership training with disease prevention and community based development.

Mali Partnership - Coventry Vineyard has developed links with Christians in Mali, a place where many Christians face persecution for following Jesus. In November 2022, Nick & Vicki Sutton (Coventry Vineyard Senior Pastors) visited Cote d'Ivoire to meet with our partners from the USA, Mali and Cote d'Ivoire to set up the Vineyard Mali Partnership. We are committed to serving our Malian brother and sisters as they make disciples, plant churches and create sustainable businesses.

Nick Sutton currently serves as Missions Coordinator for Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland and is released by Coventry Vineyard to fulfil the purposes of this role.

Financial review

The charitable company made a surplus in the year of £5,237 (2022 - surplus of £9,916).

Total income increased by 0.6% on the previous year, primarily due to grants received in the year towards GrowKids activity. Total expenditure increased by 4.4% compared to 2022. This was primarily a result of an increase in Ministry and Outreach spending cost and additional donations paid relating to the Mali partnership, offset by a reduction to staff costs due to a reduction in staff numbers. 12% of our income was given away in charitable donations.

Summary

It should be noted that the above is not an exhaustive list of activities. However, they demonstrate that Coventry Vineyard is continuing to fulfil its obligations and achieve its objectives.

Those who are members of Coventry Vineyard have grown in their faith and belief, and demonstrated this by their actions of serving the rest of the church community and giving financially to those in need. New people have become active members and participants in the community of Coventry Vineyard.

Reserves Policy

The reserves policy is the total of: six months salaries for all staff, six months hire costs for Foleshill Community Centre, rental for Studio 3 (office) to the end of the tenancy, plus phone contracts and accountancy costs for one year. Unrestricted reserves totalled £97,811 on 31st March 2023, which is £50,577 over our reserves policy.

Risk Management

Coventry Vineyard has a Child Protection Policy (https://www.coventryvineyard.org/kids.html) that regulates all persons working with youth and children. We also run Safeguarding Training three times a year which is compulsory for all involved in kids and youth work.

A risk assessment has been carried out for the Sunday Morning Gathering, including children's work.

The systems of internal control are designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss. They include:-

a. An annual budget approved by Trustees
b. Regular consideration by the Trustees of financial reports
c. Delegation of authority and segregation of duties
d. Identification and management of risks

The Trustees aim to review, on a regular basis, the main risks that the church faces. They believe that maintaining free reserves at a level stated on page 8, combined with appropriate reviews of the controls over key financial systems provide sufficient resources, in the event of unexpected adverse conditions.

Structure, governance and management

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

A Curran
R Robertson (Retired 11 September 2023)
N Sutton
C Munford
R Farrell

Auditor

In accordance with the company's articles, a resolution proposing that Spencer Gardner Dickins Limited be reappointed as auditor of the company will be put at a General Meeting.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

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C Munford

Trustee

Date: 4/12/2023

COVENTRY VINEYARD

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF COVENTRY VINEYARD

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Coventry Vineyard (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity 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 the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's 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 charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or

2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting 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 financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

Debra Knighton FCCA.

Debra Knighton FCCA
Spencer Gardner Dickins Limited

3 Coventry Innovation Village
Cheetah Road
Coventry
CV1 2TL

Dated: 14 December 2023

COVENTRY VINEYARD

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	2	119,530	13,936	133,466	122,354	9,149	131,503
Investments	3	950	-	950	1,948	-	1,948
Other income	4	105	-	105	278	-	278
Total income		120,585	13,936	134,521	124,580	9,149	133,729
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	5	122,440	6,844	129,284	116,868	6,945	123,813
Net (expenditure)/income for the year/ Net movement in funds		(1,855)	7,092	5,237	7,712	2,204	9,916
Fund balances at 1 April 2022		99,666	2,204	101,870	91,954	-	91,954
Fund balances at 31 March 2023		97,811	9,296	107,107	99,666	2,204	101,870

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

COVENTRY VINEYARD

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	9		7,030		7,848
Investments	10		10,185		23,161
			17,215		31,009
Current assets					
Debtors	11	15,184		15,887	
Cash at bank and in hand		78,240		59,615	
		93,424		75,502	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(3,532)		(4,641)	
Net current assets			89,892		70,861
Total assets less current liabilities			107,107		101,870
Income funds					
Restricted funds	13		9,296		2,204
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds	14	12,750		12,750	
General unrestricted funds		85,061		86,916	
			97,811		99,666
			107,107		101,870

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

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

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

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 4/12/2023

N Sutton
Trustee

C Munford
Trustee

Company registration number 08341599

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Coventry Vineyard is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Studio 3, 54 Grafton Street, Coventry, CV1 2HW.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds include general and designated funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are to be used for specified purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is identified to the fund.

1.4 Income

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid is recognised at the time of the donation.

1.5 Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	20% straight line

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

The main form of financial risk faced by the charity is that of volatility in equity markets and investment markets due to wider economic conditions, the attitude of investors to investment risk, and changes in sentiment concerning equities and within particular sectors or sub sectors.

1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.10 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.11 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

1.12 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	**Restricted funds**	**Total**	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2023	**2023**	**2023**	2022	2022	2022
	£	**£**	**£**	£	£	£
Gift aid donations	86,615	-	86,615	96,891	-	96,891
Other donations	10,903	13,936	24,839	2,726	9,149	11,875
Income tax	22,012	-	22,012	22,737	-	22,737
	119,530	13,936	133,466	122,354	9,149	131,503

3 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	**Unrestricted funds**
	2023	**2022**
	£	**£**
Interest receivable	950	1,948

4 Other income

	Unrestricted funds	**Unrestricted funds**
	2023	**2022**
	£	**£**
Net gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets	105	278

5 Charitable activities

	Charitable Expenditure 2023 £	Charitable Expenditure 2022 £
Staff costs	68,753	73,817
Depreciation and impairment	1,996	1,379
Sunday mornings	11,370	10,176
Worship & PA	942	917
Kids	10,416	7,790
Youth	540	871
Neighbourhood initiatives	1,096	379
Hospitality	1,896	1,318
Senior Pastor development	2,842	453
Donations	16,046	13,740
Office costs	7,858	7,867
Administration	2,496	4,182
Motor expenses	803	771
Legal & professional costs	2,230	153
	129,284	123,813
	129,284	123,813
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	122,440	116,868
Restricted funds	6,844	6,945
	129,284	123,813

6 Trustees

During the year ended 31 March 2023 the charity paid £33,779 in remuneration to its trustees as disclosed by the charity's trust deed. No conflicts of interest were identified in relation to the payment of remuneration to trustees.

7 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
	4	5

7 Employees **(Continued)**

Employment costs

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	65,309	70,315
Social security costs	-	(81)
Other pension costs	3,444	3,583
	68,753	73,817

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

8 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxationof Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings
	£
Cost	
At 1 April 2022	13,769
Additions	1,178
At 31 March 2023	14,947
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 April 2022	5,921
Depreciation charged in the year	1,996
At 31 March 2023	7,917
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2023	7,030
At 31 March 2022	7,848

10 Fixed asset investments

	Unlisted investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2022	23,161
Additions	10,000
Valuation changes	209
Disposals	(23,185)
At 31 March 2023	10,185
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2023	10,185
At 31 March 2022	23,161

	2023 £	2022 £
Investments at fair value comprise:		
Green Pastures CBS Loan Stock	(10,185)	(23,161)

11 Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year:	2023 £	2022 £
Income tax (Gift Aid)	11,645	10,718
Other debtors	1,673	2,041
Prepayments and accrued income	1,866	3,128
	15,184	15,887
	15,184	15,887

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	1,465	150
Accruals and deferred income	2,067	4,491
	3,532	4,641

13 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds			Movement in funds		
	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 1 April 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
GrowKids	9,149	(6,945)	2,204	13,936	(6,844)	9,296

14 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 April 2021	Resources expended	Balance at 1 April 2022	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Sabbatical fund	2,500	-	2,500	-	2,500
Church Plant fund	2,000	-	2,000	3,000	5,000
Van fund	6,000	-	6,000	(6,000)	-
Overseas Leadership fund	1,500	(750)	750	-	750
Dilapidations Fund	1,500	-	1,500	-	1,500
GrowKids	-	-	-	3,000	3,000
	13,500	(750)	12,750	-	12,750

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2023	Restricted funds 2023	Total 2023	Unrestricted funds 2022	Restricted funds 2022	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2023 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	7,030	-	7,030	7,848	-	7,848
Investments	10,185	-	10,185	23,161	-	23,161
Current assets/(liabilities)	80,596	9,296	89,892	68,657	2,204	70,861
	97,811	9,296	107,107	99,666	2,204	101,870

16 Operating lease commitments

At the reporting end date the charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Between two and five years	11,923	18,869

17 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year.

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England & Wales - Charity number 1150752

Accounts

Charity registration number 1150752

Company registration number 08341599 (England and Wales)

COVENTRY VINEYARD

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

COVENTRY VINEYARD

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	A Curran	
	R Robertson	
	N Sutton	
	C Munford	(Appointed 17 May 2021)
	Mr R Farrell	(Appointed 17 May 2021)
Charity number	1150752	
Company number	08341599	
Registered office	Studio 3 54 Grafton Street Coventry CV1 2HW	
Independent examiner	Spencer Gardner Dickins Limited 3 Coventry Innovation Village Cheetah Road Coventry CV1 2TL	

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COVENTRY VINEYARD

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTOR'S REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Status
Coventry Vineyard is a registered charity, charity number 1150752, duly constituted by a Trust Deed and operating as a church.

Coventry Vineyard was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee (company no 08341599) on 27th December 2012 and was registered with the Charity Commission under reference 1150752.

Charity Transfer
On 1st April 2013, the net assets and activities of Coventry Vineyard, charity number 1094167, an unincorporated entity, were transferred to the company, the company being dormant until that date.

Organisational Structure
The day to day running of the church is delegated to the employed pastoral and administrative staff led by the Senior Pastors, Nick and Vicki Sutton. Nick Sutton is also a trustee.

Appointment of Trustees
New trustees are made by the recommendation of the Senior Pastor and ratified by existing Trustees who appoint by a resolution of the Trustees passed at a meeting of the Trustees. Trustees serve for a three year term. Trustees will be recruited with reference to their commitment to the Church, the specific needs of the charitable company and the working dynamics of the Trustee team.

Professional Advisors
The Trustees will from time to time appoint external advisors to advise the Church with regard to specific areas.

Current appointments are:

- Finance - Stewardship Services
- HR Advisor - Catherine Bartlem
- Live Stream/ Tech Consultancy Training and Support - Worship and Tech Consultants

Relationship with Vineyard Churches UK
Coventry Vineyard is a member of Vineyard Churches UK (VCUKI), a charity functioning as a resource for similar churches. In particular, they provide significant resources, training and pastoral oversight. Membership also allows Mr Nick Sutton to be a licensed accredited pastor who has a right to use the trademarked "Vineyard" name.

The association provides pastoral care for the senior Pastors and family, and an external reference concerning church affairs and doctrine.

Coventry Vineyard grants 5% of its annual income to Vineyard Churches UK.

Leadership Structure
Coventry Vineyard has four areas of leadership which overlap under the overall direction of the Senior Pastors. Each area has distinct responsibilities in order to take adequate care of each church member and continue ongoing outward ministry to benefit the community.

The leadership structure and responsibilities are as follows:

1) Trustees
The full responsibilities of the trustees/Directors are set out, in respect to accounting and financial information, in the Coventry Vineyard Trust Deed.

Further Responsibilities include:
- To advise the Senior Pastors on staffing, salaries and employment issues.
- To manage the legal responsibilities of the charity and ensure full compliance with legislation.

2) Leadership Group
In December 2017 our previous Leadership Team was changed to a leadership group, for the purpose of discerning vision and direction, with a Staff Team to oversee the day to day management of the organisation and a Pastoral Team made up of our Cluster Leaders (those who oversee Life Groups) to oversee and coordinate pastoral matters within Coventry Vineyard. Cluster Leaders were renamed Neighbourhood Leaders in September 2018, to oversee a renewed outward focus into the various communities and neighbourhoods across Coventry and beyond.

3) Life Group Leaders
- To provide "one to one" pastoral care for church members
- To help teach and train church members in a life of following Jesus (i.e. the Christian Faith)
- Each Life Group leader is overseen by a Cluster Leader whose role is to provide pastoral support and coaching for the life group leaders.

4) Coordinators
To manage the ministry areas of the Church:
- Vineyard Kids (Children's Ministry)
- Youth Ministry
- Students
- Sunday Morning Gathering
- Worship
- Compassion
- Mission

Objectives and activities

The vision of Coventry Vineyard is to become one church of 'disciple-making' disciples in multiple locations across Coventry and beyond.

The objectives of Coventry Vineyard come under three categories:

1. Encouraging people to worship God in their everyday lives
2. Equipping people to live life as followers of Jesus
3. Expressing the love and compassion of God to those in need in practical ways

The Charitable Objectives of Coventry Vineyard are:

A. The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Vineyard Churches UK statement of faith, values, priorities, practices and leadership standards appearing in the schedule hereto in Coventry and in such other parts of the United Kingdom as the trustees may from time to time think fit.

B. The relief of the poor and needy, the sick and elderly in Coventry and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the World as the trustees may from time to time think fit.

C. The furtherance of religious or secular public education.

D. Such other charitable objectives and for the benefit of such other charitable institutions as the trustees in their absolute discretion see fit.

The activities of Coventry Vineyard can be summarised as follows:

a. Providing worship for those who attend the church on a weekly basis.

b. Proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ through teaching and demonstrating the love, mercy and grace of God.

c. Undertaking regular 'community projects', the aim of which is to provide help and assistance to those in need, to encourage people to be more aware of God and to demonstrate the gospel of Jesus Christ in a practical and tangible way.

The trustees believe that Coventry Vineyard complies with the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

Achievements and performance

Public Benefit
In planning the charity's activities the Trustees have given consideration to the guidance provided by the Charity Commission on 'public benefit' issued in December 1998.

Sunday Venue
The weekly Sunday Morning Gathering was live-streamed to YouTube followed by a Zoom call to connect with one another due to the ongoing restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic. From September 2021 we started meeting in-person again at a new venue: Foleshill Community Centre (757 Foleshill Road, Coventry, CV6 5HS) - the place from which we also run our GrowKids ministry.

Our move to the neighbourhood of Foleshill has enabled us to develop our commitment to being a more multicultural church. The Sunday Morning Gathering remains a key and important element of in-person gathering and corporate worship.

Office Premises
Coventry Vineyard office is located at Studio 3, FarGo Studios, 54 Grafton Street, CVI 2HW. We used these premises as a recording/live-streaming studio to provide worship and teaching online from April to August 2021.

Employment
Coventry Vineyard employs one Pastor (full-time), one Pastor (part-time), a Children and Families Pastor (part-time), and an Office Manager (part-time). The staff team also included a Youth Pastor (part-time) until January 2022, where they stepped down to pursue a new full-time role.

Worship
Encouraging worship, both corporate sung worship and worship in everyday lives, continues to be a priority at Coventry Vineyard. As we went back to meeting in person from September 2021, the worship team, comprising valuable and worship-centred musicians, have transitioned back into in-person worship and have adapted very well to the new venue and new equipment. We are passionate about worshipping God and allowing space for His Spirit to move during times of sung worship. The content and direction of the worship, including the introduction of new songs that speak to the national and international move of God, encourages a one-body approach to worship.

Church Community
The infrastructure of our church community revolves around our Life Groups in which we "do life together and bring the life of the Kingdom to our neighbours". They are for developing authentic relationships both with one another and with the communities in which we live, and where we equip one another to live life as followers of Jesus and encourage one another in spiritual formation. Our vision is to show our generation how to follow Jesus and bring kingdom transformation to the world around us. Our current strategic focus is to be: One church of 'disciple-making' disciples in multiple locations across Coventry and beyond.

Journey Groups (smaller groups of 3 to 5 people) continue to occur throughout church. These are designed for those who have made the decision to find out more about Jesus and the Bible and go deeper in their spiritual growth: forming habits that help them to become more like Jesus and share Him with others.

Vineyard Kids
Between April and July 2021 we included a 10 minute Kids Slot each week as part of our livestreamed Sunday Morning Gathering. This was led by 2 of the kids team for 3 Sundays a month, introducing the story, activities and craft in the activity pack that we delivered to the kids. We also shared creative prayer ideas and games to engage kids and families.

In September 2021 our in-person Sunday Morning Kids programme for 2-11 year olds restarted at Foleshill Community Centre. This programme seeks to encourage children:

- in their spiritual and emotional development
- to have fun in a safe environment
- to develop their social skills with children of different ages; and
- to feel a valued part of a larger community.

We have 3 different age groups:

- Bright Sparks is for 2-4 year olds (Preschool)
- Live Wires (Key stage 1: 4-7 year olds); and
- The Grid (Key stage 2: 7-11 year olds).

The Bright Sparks have a play based session and a bible story is told in an interactive way using a story sack. The Live Wires and The Grid ages are together in one big group (although we do split into smaller groups for some activities). The Live Wires/The Grid session is a mixture of games, activities, discussion and prayer.

Babies and toddlers do not have their own group but they have dedicated space in the main hall with their parents/ carer where there are toys they can play with.

When we restarted meeting, we reassessed how much time the kids spent with the rest of the church family. We chose to have more time as a whole church community and build upon all the intergenerational relationships that started to form during our Zoom gatherings. The kids now stay in with the adults for the first part of the worship each week, followed by a kids slot (primarily aimed at kids and families) introducing the topic they will be looking at in their kids groups. For our all-age Christmas gathering we had an interactive 'Messy Nativity' where adults and children went round stations where they could explore different parts of the Nativity story in a variety of learning styles.

We have also tried to make our children's groups more accessible for children with additional needs. We have introduced visual timetables and a sensory toy box. We continue to use one-page profiles to get the parents involved in developing a strategy to help their child settle and engage in their kids groups. The kids team have all been encouraged to complete additional needs training provided by Urban Saints.

In March 2022 we started a kids Life Group (Fuse) for 8-11 year olds. This group met on alternate weeks during March, where we shared news, played games, looked at bible passages in a 'Journey Group style' and prayed for each other.

GrowKids
GrowKids recycles nearly-new clothes, toys and equipment to help families in need with Children under 11. This is regardless of income, background or faith; no referral is needed (except for items such as nappies, formula and baby food), and all items are free. GrowKids is based at Foleshill Community Centre on Fridays between 10:30am - 12:00pm (for families to collect items) and 12:30 - 2:30pm (for donations to be made).

GrowKids has continued to grow this year - we now have a team of 24 volunteers (4 of whom are from families that previously accessed GrowKids' help). Between April 2021 to March 2022 we helped over 145 families, donating over 3150 items to new families (some large equipment, but primarily clothing items). We have also given over 3100 items to families returning for other items and/or the next stage of clothes.

In November 2021, we launched a Stay & Play toddler group alongside our collections slot. We now have a few families that come on a regular basis who are not there to collect items, but simply choose to come and connect with each other and the team.

Our vision is to build strong relationships and community with isolated and struggling families. We work from the social supermarket's premises which allows us to support many families in this very deprived area. We're supporting children in their earliest years, hopeful that this will improve their chances of reaching their potential in the future. We seek to empower families and help them realise their potential by encouraging them to volunteer on our team and become part of the solution. We gratefully receive donations from our families when they outgrow items, helping them feel they are contributing and helping others too. Our team includes a job coach who is able to help motivated people achieve objectives and find a suitable job.

One beneficiary wrote: "you are able to ask for support without being judged or discriminated against, and I think this is the best quality of GrowKids". One of our Stay & Play mums said "the staff are fantastic and always make everyone feel welcome".

In the summer of 2021, we were approached by the team at Foleshill Community Centre to help run a HAF Holiday Club (Holiday, Activity and Food), which is funded by the council for families with limited finances. The GrowKids team ran four days of sessions for this, which included some basic healthy eating, hydration, first aid and hygiene teaching. We also ran gymnastics and games sessions.
We were invited again to support their Christmas HAF Holiday Club, running a day's worth of Christmas activities including gymnastics sessions, drama workshops, and lots of games and crafts. It was followed by a meal where all the families and team sat around the table together, eating and getting to know each other. Helping run these HAF sessions has enabled us to build relationships with families and understand the community we are serving much better.

Our relationship with the Feeding Coventry team at Foleshill Community Centre has continued to grow and we look forward to seeing where this partnership will take us in the future.

Youth
In summer 2021 a number of our youth and team attended Dreaming the Impossible (DTI), Vineyard's national youth camp. Our Youth Life Group continued to meet until the end of January 2022. With the loss of some key members of the youth team, and with our youth pastor stepping down to pursue a new role, we have since been in the process of reorganising the delivery of our youth ministry.

Volunteers
We continue to train and release new volunteer leaders. Coventry Vineyard is indebted to the volunteers that make 'ministry' happen, and enable us to meet our charitable objectives. Our volunteers give a substantial amount of time and energy and are committed to the vision of Coventry Vineyard, and to see lives changed by the person of Christ and power of His Kingdom. Over this period, we recognised the extra effort our volunteers made in serving and made the effort to thank them through online events, cards and a thank you party for volunteers (when it was safe to do so).

CAP money
Coventry Vineyard support Christians Against Poverty (CAP) money courses to help those in the community who are struggling with debt or want to be able to use the funds they have more effectively. Many of these are 1 to 1 support courses. Because of lockdown restrictions, the activities of CAP Money were severely restricted in 2020-21, but demand has steadily increased in 2021-2022.

CAP Debt Centre
The CAP Debt Centre was officially launched in May 2015. This is run by Ian Burton, former Trustee and Finance Manager. The Debt Centre exists to help people who are in "chronic" debt move towards a position of being debt free. During 2020-21 their work was limited because of lockdown and they saw only 40% of the previous year's demand, however demand has steadily increased in 2021-22 and is now back to pre-lockdown levels.

Hope: Coventry
We continue to support HOPE:Coventry (Registered Charity Number: 1155912) which exists to grow a connected church in Coventry that demonstrates the love of Jesus for the benefit of the city. It does this by supporting initiatives that connect the churches together and projects that meet the needs of the vulnerable. As part of this we also support Christians Against Poverty (CAP), which equips people to get out of debt and be empowered to address some of the most common causes of poverty: debt, unemployment, addiction, low income and difficulty budgeting.

Community Projects
During this financial year we have been serving those around us in a Covid-secure manner, whilst recognising that the needs have become even greater around us. People have been reaching out to their neighbours, developing relationships started through the previous year. Activities like 'Cookies and Carols', giving away gifts and cakes, and 'Window Wanderland' are just a few examples of how we have been building community and supporting those around us.

Coventry Vineyard Neighbourhoods have been prayer walking, doing Messy Nativity, pizza parties, bacon sandwiches, Neighbourhood gatherings in the Halo Centre and clearing and painting a counselling centre.

Overseas Missions and Donations
Coventry Vineyard raised and donated funds for the relief of the poor and needy in Coventry and around the world, as well as using funds for community projects. In particular, we have supported:

The Dalitso Trust (Charity Number: 1090274) in Malawi. The Dalitso Trust exists to teach and equip rural Malawians so that they are empowered to lift themselves and each other out of poverty. Through personal relationships that inspire faith the Trust seeks to build capacity in such areas as holistic health, parenting skills, under 6 educational play and church leadership. The Dalitso Trust trains and empowers local people in rural villages, integrating leadership training with disease prevention and community-based development.

Coventry Vineyard has developed links during this season with a project in Mali and is in the process of developing the Vineyard Mali Partnership, made up of those in Vineyard Churches from the USA, UK and Côte d'Ivoire who are committed to serving our Malian brothers and sisters as they make disciples, plant churches and create sustainable businesses.

Nick Sutton currently serves as Missions Coordinator for Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland and is released by Coventry Vineyard to fulfil the purposes of this role.

COVID-19 Response

Throughout the heightened Covid-19 Pandemic we have sought to stay connected as a church community and provide support whilst people have been in lockdown and become more isolated. We have sought to protect the most vulnerable in our community and move all our gatherings online where possible. As restrictions were lifted and vaccinations became available, we started to look at meeting again in person. As we did this it became apparent that we needed to look at a new venue to meet in, so found Foleshill Community Centre (where we already had connections via GrowKids and several church members volunteering there).

In September 2021 we started meeting again on Sunday mornings, using face masks, hand gel on entry and a full Covid risk assessment. No communion, drinks or food were served until restrictions lifted further.

Financial review
The charitable company made a surplus in the year of £9,916 (2021: deficit of £3,468).

Total income increased by 2.9% on the previous year. Total expenditure decreased by 7.2% compared to 2021. This was primarily a result of a reduction in staff costs, due to the resignation of the Youth Pastor in the year and some staff members moving to part time roles. Savings were made in storage and transport cost as a result of the Sunday Gathering moving to Foleshill Community Centre, where on-site storage for Church equipment is provided. 10.3% of our income was given away in charitable donations.

Summary
It should be noted that the above is not an exhaustive list of activities. However, they demonstrate that Coventry Vineyard is continuing to fulfil its obligations and achieve its objectives.

Those who are members of Coventry Vineyard have grown in their faith and belief, and demonstrated this by their actions of serving the rest of the church community and giving financially to those in need. New people have become active members and participants in the community of Coventry Vineyard.

Reserves Policy
The reserves policy is the total of: six months salaries for all staff, six months hire costs for Foleshill Community Centre, rental for Studio 3 (office) to the end of the tenancy, plus phone contracts and auditor costs for one year. Unrestricted reserves totalled £99,666 on 31st March 2022, which is £50,744 over our reserves policy.

Risk Management
Coventry Vineyard has a Child Protection Policy (https://www.coventryvineyard.org/kids.html) that regulates all persons working with youth and children. We also run Safeguarding Training three times a year which is compulsory for all involved in kids and youth work.

A risk assessment has been carried out for the Sunday Morning Gathering, including children's work.

The systems of internal control are designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss. They include:-

a. An annual budget approved by Trustees
b. Regular consideration by the Trustees of financial reports
c. Delegation of authority and segregation of duties
d. Identification and management of risks

The Trustees aim to review, on a regular basis, the main risks that the church faces. They believe that maintaining free reserves at a level stated on page 8, combined with appropriate reviews of the controls over key financial systems provide sufficient resources, in the event of unexpected adverse conditions.

Structure, governance and management
The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

W Skinner	(Resigned 22 November 2021)
I Burton	(Resigned 6 September 2021)
A Curran	
R Robertson	
N Sutton	
C Munford	(Appointed 17 May 2021)
Mr R Farrell	(Appointed 17 May 2021)

Auditor
Spencer Gardner Dickins Limited were appointed as auditor to the company and a resolution proposing that they be re-appointed will be put at a General Meeting.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

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Trustee C MUNFORD

Date: 20/12/2022

COVENTRY VINEYARD

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF COVENTRY VINEYARD

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Coventry Vineyard (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity 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 the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's 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 charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or

2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting 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 financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

Debra Knighton FCCA

Debra Knighton FCCA
Spencer Gardner Dickins Limited

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Dated: 21 December 2022.

COVENTRY VINEYARD

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	122,354	9,149	131,503	128,222
Investments	3	1,948	-	1,948	817
Other income	4	278	-	278	936
Total income		124,580	9,149	133,729	129,975
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5	116,868	6,945	123,813	133,443
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		7,712	2,204	9,916	(3,468)
Fund balances at 1 April 2021		91,954	-	91,954	95,422
Fund balances at 31 March 2022		99,666	2,204	101,870	91,954

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

COVENTRY VINEYARD

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	8		7,848		5,803
Investments	9		23,161		21,475
			31,009		27,278
Current assets					
Debtors	10	15,887		4,735	
Cash at bank and in hand		59,615		63,717	
		75,502		68,452	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(4,641)		(3,776)	
Net current assets			70,861		64,676
Total assets less current liabilities			101,870		91,954
Income funds					
Restricted funds	12		2,204		-
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds	13	12,750		13,500	
General unrestricted funds		86,916		78,454	
			99,666		91,954
			101,870		91,954

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The director acknowledges his responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

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

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

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 20/12/2022

N Sutton
Trustee

C Munford
Trustee

Company registration number 08341599

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Coventry Vineyard is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Studio 3, 54 Grafton Street, Coventry, CV1 2HW.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's [governing document], the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds include general and designated funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are to be used for specified purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is identified to the fund.

1.4 Income

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid is recognised at the time of the donation.

1.5 Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	20% straight line

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

The main form of financial risk faced by the charity is that of volatility in equity markets and investment markets due to wider economic conditions, the attitude of investors to investment risk, and changes in sentiment concerning equities and within particular sectors or sub sectors.

1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.10 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.11 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

1.12 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds
	2022	**2022**	**2022**	2021
	£	**£**	**£**	£
Gift aid donations	96,891	-	96,891	94,194
Other donations	2,726	9,149	11,875	10,736
Income tax	22,737	-	22,737	23,292
	122,354	9,149	131,503	128,222

3 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2022	2021
	£	£
Interest receivable	1,948	817

4 Other income

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2022	2021
	£	£
Net gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets	278	-
Grants received	-	936
	278	936

5 Charitable activities

	Charitable Expenditure 2022 £	Charitable Expenditure 2021 £
Staff costs	73,817	84,917
Depreciation and impairment	1,379	-
Sunday mornings	10,176	4,350
Worship & PA	917	1,205
Kids	7,790	2,783
Youth	871	1,317
Neighbourhood initiatives	379	281
Hospitality	1,318	829
Senior Pastor development	453	566
Donations	13,740	18,150
Office costs	7,867	7,352
Administration	4,182	7,352
Motor expenses	771	513
Moving costs	-	3,828
Legal & professional costs	153	-
	123,813	133,443
	123,813	133,443
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	116,868	133,443
Restricted funds	6,945	-
	123,813	133,443

6 Trustees

During the year ended 31 March 2022 the charity paid £35,656 in remuneration to its trustees as disclosed by the charity's trust deed. No conflicts of interest were identified in relation to the payment of remuneration to trustees.

7 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

2022 Number	2021 Number
5	5

7 Employees (Continued)

Employment costs

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	70,315	78,425
Social security costs	(81)	1,027
Other pension costs	3,583	5,465
	73,817	84,917

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

8 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings
	£
Cost	
At 1 April 2021	10,345
Additions	3,424
At 31 March 2022	13,769
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 April 2021	4,542
Depreciation charged in the year	1,379
At 31 March 2022	5,921
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2022	7,848
At 31 March 2021	5,803

9 Fixed asset investments

	Unlisted investments
	£
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2021	21,475
Valuation changes	1,686
At 31 March 2022	23,161
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2022	23,161
At 31 March 2021	21,475

9 Fixed asset investments (Continued)

	2022	2021
	£	£
Investments at fair value comprise:		
Green Pastures CBS Loan Stock	23,161	21,475

10 Debtors

	2022	2021
Amounts falling due within one year:	£	£
Income tax (Gift Aid)	10,718	3,386
Other debtors	2,041	1,349
Prepayments and accrued income	3,128	-
	15,887	4,735
	15,887	4,735

11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	150	-
Accruals and deferred income	4,491	3,776
	4,641	3,776

12 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds		Movement in funds		
	Incoming resources	Balance at 1 April 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 31 March 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
GrowKids	-	-	9,149	(6,945)	2,204

13 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 April 2020	Transfers	Balance at 1 April 2021	Resources expended	Balance at 31 March 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Sabbatical fund	1,750	750	2,500	-	2,500
Church Plant fund	3,000	(1,000)	2,000	-	2,000
Van fund	5,000	1,000	6,000	-	6,000
Overseas Leadership fund	3,500	(2,000)	1,500	(750)	750
Dilapidations Fund	2,500	(1,000)	1,500	-	1,500
	15,750	(2,250)	13,500	(750)	12,750

14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2022	Restricted funds 2022	Total 2022	Unrestricted funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2022 are represented by:				
Tangible assets	7,848	-	7,848	5,803
Investments	23,161	-	23,161	21,475
Current assets/(liabilities)	68,657	2,204	70,861	64,676
	99,666	2,204	101,870	91,954

15 Operating lease commitments

At the reporting end date the charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Between two and five years	18,869	18,525

16 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year.

COVENTRY VINEYARD

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COVENTRY VINEYARD

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

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COVENTRY VINEYARD

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2021.

Trustees
The trustees, who are also directors, and who have served during the year are as follows:

I. Burton
A. Curran
N. Darlington – resigned 14th September 2020
R. Robertson – appointed 14th September 2020
W. Skinner
N. Sutton
D. Weir – appointed 14th September 2020

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company Number:	08341599
Registered Charity Number:	1150752
Registered Office:	Studio 3, 54 Grafton Street, Coventry CV1 2HW.
Bankers:	The Co-operative Bank plc., 6 Warwick Row, Coventry CV1 1EE.
Independent Examiner:	Azets Audit Services, Bank House, 8 Cherry Street, Birmingham, B2 5AL.
Website:	www.coventryvineyard.org

COVENTRY VINEYARD

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Status

Coventry Vineyard is a registered charity, charity number 1150752, duly constituted by a Trust Deed and operating as a church.

Coventry Vineyard was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee (company no 08341599) on 27th December 2012 and was registered with the Charity Commission under reference 1150752.

Charity Transfer

On 1st April 2013, the net assets and activities of Coventry Vineyard, charity number 1094167, an unincorporated entity, were transferred to the company, the company being dormant until that date.

Organisational Structure

The day to day running of the church is delegated to the employed pastoral and administrative staff led by the Senior Pastors, Nick and Vicki Sutton. Nick Sutton is also a trustee.

Appointment of Trustees

New trustees are made by the recommendation of the Senior Pastor and ratified by existing Trustees who appoint by a resolution of the Trustees passed at a meeting of the Trustees. Trustees serve for a three year term. Trustees will be recruited with reference to their commitment to the Church, the specific needs of the charitable company and the working dynamics of the Trustee team.

Professional Advisors

The Trustees will from time to time appoint external advisors to advise the Church with regard to specific areas.

Current appointments are:

- Finance - Stewardship Services
- HR Advisor – Catherine Bartlem
- Live Stream / Tech Consultancy Training and Support – Worship and Tech Consultants

Relationship with Vineyard Churches UK

Coventry Vineyard is a member of Vineyard Churches UK, a charity functioning as a resource for similar churches. In particular, they provide significant resources, training and pastoral oversight. Membership also allows Mr Nick Sutton to be a licensed accredited pastor who has a right to use the trademarked "Vineyard" name.

The association provides pastoral care for the senior Pastors and family, and an external reference concerning church affairs and doctrine.

Coventry Vineyard grants 5% of its annual income to Vineyard Churches UK.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

Leadership Structure
Coventry Vineyard has three areas of leadership which overlap under the overall direction of the Senior Pastors. Each area has distinct responsibilities in order to take adequate care of each church member and continue ongoing outward ministry to benefit the community.

The leadership structure and responsibilities are as follows:

Trustees
The full responsibilities of the trustees/Directors are set out, in respect to accounting and financial information, in the Coventry Vineyard Trust Deed.

Further Responsibilities include:

- To advise the Senior Pastors on staffing, salaries and employment issues.
- To manage the legal responsibilities of the charity and ensure full compliance with legislation.

Leadership Groups
In December 2017 our previous Leadership Team was changed to a leadership group, for the purpose of discerning vision and direction, with a Staff Team to oversee the day to day management of the organisation and a Pastoral Team made up of our Cluster Leaders (those who oversee Life Groups) to oversee and coordinate pastoral matters within Coventry Vineyard. Cluster Leaders were renamed Neighbourhood Leaders in September 2018, to oversee a renewed outward focus into the various communities and neighbourhoods across Coventry and beyond

Life Group Leaders
- To provide "one to one" pastoral care for church members
- To help teach and train church members in a life of following Jesus (i.e. the Christian Faith)
- Each Life Group leader is overseen by a Cluster Leader whose role is to provide pastoral support and coaching for the life group leaders.

Co-ordinators
To manage the ministry areas of the Church:
- Vineyard Kids (Children's ministry)
- Youth Ministry
- Students
- Sunday Morning Gathering
- Worship
- Compassion
- Mission

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

Objectives and Activities

The vision of Coventry Vineyard is to become one church of 'disciple-making' disciples in multiple locations across Coventry and beyond.

The objectives of Coventry Vineyard come under three categories

- Encouraging people to worship God in their everyday lives
- Equipping people to live life as followers of Jesus
- Expressing the love and compassion of God to those in need in practical ways

The Charitable Objectives of Coventry Vineyard are:

A. The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Vineyard Churches UK statement of faith, values, priorities, practices and leadership standards appearing in the schedule hereto in Coventry and in such other parts of the United Kingdom as the trustees may from time to time think fit.

B. The relief of the poor and needy, the sick and elderly in Coventry and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the World as the trustees may from time to time think fit.

C. The furtherance of religious or secular public education.

D. Such other charitable objectives and for the benefit of such other charitable institutions as the trustees in their absolute discretion see fit.

The activities of Coventry Vineyard can be summarised as follows:

a. Providing worship for those who attend the church on a weekly basis.

b. Proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ through teaching and demonstrating the love, mercy and grace of God.

c. Undertaking regular 'community projects', the aim of which is to provide help and assistance to those in need, to encourage people to be more aware of God and to demonstrate the gospel of Jesus Christ in a practical and tangible way.

The trustees believe that Coventry Vineyard complies with the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Public Benefit
In planning the charity's activities the Trustees have given consideration to the guidance provided by the Charity Commission on 'public benefit' issued in December 1998.

Sunday Venue
The weekly Sunday Morning Gathering has been held online on Facebook and YouTube as pre-recorded videos during the COVID-19 pandemic. Attendance continues to be around 100, including children.

During the Autumn of 2020 we reviewed and reorganised the Sunday Gathering and purchased equipment to set up a live stream. This was due to be launched from our church office from January 2021, however due to lockdown and space limitations the live stream was not launched before the end of the financial year. Throughout the year, we also met each week on Zoom for prayer and pastoral support after the main online gathering.

Office Premises
Coventry Vineyard office is located at Studio 3, FarGo Studios, 54 Grafton Street, CV1 2HW. While the country has been on lockdown, our staff have been encouraged to work from home, and minimal training has been held at the property. In January 2021 the church offices were reorganised to facilitate the filming and live streaming of our Sunday Morning Gatherings.

Employment
Coventry Vineyard employs one Pastor (full-time), one Pastor (part-time), a Children and Families Pastor (part-time), a Youth Pastor (part-time), and an Office Manager (part-time).

Worship
Encouraging worship, both corporate sung worship and worship in everyday lives, continues to be a priority at Coventry Vineyard. Our worship team, comprising valuable and worship-centred musicians, have adapted to pre-recording worship sets to be used in the Sunday morning online services due to the difficulties imposed on all of us during Covid-19. It has certainly been a learning curve for the team; but we are passionate about worshipping God and allowing space for His Spirit to move during times of sung worship. The content and direction of the worship, including the introduction of new songs that speak to the national and international move of God, encourages a one-body approach to worship.

Church Community
The infrastructure of our church community revolves around our Life Groups in which we "do life together and bring the life of the Kingdom to our neighbours". We continue to reshape our structure to become more intentional about multiplying 'disciple-making' disciples, as we respond to the challenge of seeing Coventry and the surrounding region transformed. Our vision is to show our generation how to follow Jesus and bring kingdom transformation to the world around us and our current strategic focus is to be one church of 'disciple-making' disciples in multiple locations across Coventry and beyond

Our Life Groups follow a 12-week termly pattern, with an emphasis on spiritual growth, building community and serving local neighbourhoods around Coventry. Each Life Group 'adopts' a community/neighbourhood, serving their neighbours together; expressing God's love in practical ways and building long lasting relationships in the community, especially in deprived areas of our communities. Life Groups also join together as Neighbourhood Groups to meet a particular need as they discern how God is leading them to serve.

Over the last year we have developed our Journey Groups which are smaller groups (of 3 to 5 people) designed for those who have made the decision to find out more about Jesus and the Bible and go deeper in their spiritual growth: forming habits that help them to become more like Jesus and share Him with others. With a move online, these small accountable groups have been a vital way for people to connect with others and live out their faith.

Vineyard Kids

Vineyard Kids has been unable to run as 'normal' this year due to Covid-19. Instead, we have run a weekly Kids Zoom call, where the kids have had the opportunity to connect with each other by sharing their news, playing games and praying for each other. We also resourced families with activity packs to do activities together at home. We have done regular doorstep deliveries to our families with resources and treats to bless them. 14 families from January to March, including 2 families who are outside of Church, have received weekly activity packs (including a story, activities and craft materials). We also have a parents Facebook page where we have shared resources and tried to keep families engaged and connected. From January 2021 we have been filming a 10 minute Kids Slot as part of the Sunday Morning Gathering online. The kids content video is led by 2 of the kids team, for 3 Sundays a month. The video introduces the story, activities and craft that are in the activity pack. We also share creative prayer ideas and play games to engage kids and families.

We are looking forward to being able to run in person kids events again and resuming our Sunday Morning Kids programme which seeks to encourage children (0-11 years):

- in their spiritual and emotional development
- to have fun in a safe environment
- to develop their social skills with children of different ages and
- to feel a valued part of a larger community.

Growbaby / Growkids

GrowBaby recycles nearly-new clothes, toys and equipment to help families in need with Children under 5. This is regardless of income, background or faith; no referral is needed (except for items such as nappies, formula and baby food), and all items are free.

GrowBaby has grown this year - we now have a team of 12 volunteers, and have increased our storage space. During April 2020 to March 2021 we helped 160 families by donating 3457 items. Between April to October 2020 we delivered items that were needed to people's homes. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we only accepted donations from the public when they were in great demand. We have followed social distancing and cleaning/quarantine guidelines throughout.

In October 2020, GrowBaby moved from a garage and became established at Foleshill Community Centre, which is hired from Feeding Coventry. Relations have developed and become strong with the social supermarket also operating out of this space. During November and December we also hired their Sports Hall on Friday mornings so people were able to come and collect items that they needed.
Between January to March 2021 (due to lockdown restrictions) we temporarily stopped opening on Fridays at Foleshill Community Centre, but continued to do urgent deliveries while adhering to social distancing measures. During this third lockdown we made 63 deliveries.

We have also grown by expanding our focus and bringing the upper age limit of children up to 11 years old (instead of 5). This means we are able to help families with children all the way through primary school. We have also changed our name from GrowBaby to GrowKids to reflect this expansion.

What makes our project different from others in the area is that we know that it is so much more than the stuff we give. People living in poverty and hardship have so many other needs other than material needs. We seek to make relationships, to bring them into a community, to be able to walk alongside them and provide them a safe place where they can be themselves without judgement.

"They've helped us with loads of baby clothes, they've been really helpful and really nice. It's good to have an opportunity to give these things back for people who may be a little less fortunate." - Lauren Parr

We would love to expand GrowKids into a place where the community can come together, helping each other not only with goods but also with community and emotional support. We have plans for next year which are in line with this vision.

Youth

Coventry Vineyard has continued to support and encourage the youth in our church to live out their lives as followers of Jesus. We have taken every opportunity over 2020-2021 to gather physically when allowed to do so, and also to meet online when necessary. We have life group on a Monday night, and we had our own youth takeover service in November 2020. These groups and events provided the youth with opportunities to socialise and build friendships as well as grow in their faith. Due to its success the Monday night life groups continued to run with a similar format throughout the year. We have also increased the number of youth involved in 1-2-1 discipleship and small journey groups which have met online and in person throughout the Covid-19 situation. In August 2020 we attended Streaming the Impossible (DTI - Vineyard's national online youth service). We also became involved in a project with Coventry City Council to build and install some benches in one of the local parks. It was a struggle during lockdown to find places where two people could sit outside and chat so we are aiming to and install six of them next financial year.

Volunteers

We continue to train and release new volunteer leaders, even in the pandemic. Coventry Vineyard is indebted to the volunteers that make 'ministry' happen, and enable us to meet our charitable objectives. The various volunteers give a substantial amount of time and energy and are committed to the vision of Coventry Vineyard, and to see lives changed by the person of Christ and power of His Kingdom.

CAP money

Coventry Vineyard support generally Christians Against Poverty (CAP) money courses to help those in the community who are struggling with debt or want to be able to use the funds they have more effectively. Many of these are 1 to 1 support courses. Because of lockdown, this was severely curtailed during this financial year.

CAP Debt Centre

The CAP Debt Centre was officially launched in May 2015. This is run by Ian Burton, one of our trustees and church treasurer. This exists to help people who are in "chronic" debt move towards a position of being debt free. During 2020-21 their work was limited because of lockdown and they saw only 40% of the previous year's demand.

Hope: Coventry

We continue to support HOPE:Coventry (Registered Charity Number: 1155912) which exists to grow a connected church in Coventry that demonstrates the love of Jesus for the benefit of the city. It does this by supporting initiatives that connect the churches together and projects that meet the needs of the vulnerable. As part of this we also support Christians Against Poverty (CAP), which equips people to get out of debt and be empowered to address some of the most common causes of poverty: debt, unemployment, addiction, low income and difficulty budgeting.

Community Projects

During this financial year we have had to quickly adapt to serving those around us in a Covid-secure manner, whilst recognising that the needs have become even greater around us. People have been reaching out to their neighbours, with many saying they have never talked so much or so deeply with those around them. Activities like 'Carols on the Doorstep', giving away gifts and cakes, delivering cards offering help with groceries, the angel trail, light trail and 'Window Wanderland' are just a few examples of how we have been building community and supporting those around us.

Coventry Vineyard Neighbourhoods have been prayer walking, doing 24hr blocks of prayer, activity packs for Stoke Foodbank, gifts for those affected by the flat fire opposite Sidney Stringer, hundreds of thank you cookies for teachers, kids activity packs and breakfast kits for youth to make for their parents.

Overseas Missions and Donations
Coventry Vineyard raised and donated funds for the relief of the poor and needy in Coventry and around the world, as well as using funds for community projects. In particular, we have supported:

The Dalitso Trust (Charity Number: 1090274) in Malawi. The Dalitso Trust exists to teach and equip rural Malawians so that they are empowered to lift themselves and each other out of poverty. Through personal relationships that inspire faith the Trust seeks to build capacity in such areas as holistic health, parenting skills, under 6 educational play and church leadership. The Dalitso Trust trains and empowers local people in rural villages, integrating leadership training with disease prevention and community based development.

Coventry Vineyard also supports the UK/India Vineyard Partnership, which supports leadership and community development in various cities in India.

Nick Sutton currently serves as Missions Coordinator for Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland and is released by Coventry Vineyard to fulfil the purposes of this role.

COVID-19 Response

Throughout the Covid-19 Pandemic we have sought to stay connected as a church community and provide support whilst people have been in lockdown and become more isolated. We have sought to protect the most vulnerable in our communities and move all of our gatherings online where possible. As we hire a school for our Sunday Morning Gathering we have been unable to meet as a whole church on a Sunday Morning since March 2020. Therefore we have issued guidance for our smaller groups on how to comply with guidelines to meet safely and support one another during the pandemic.

Financial Review
The charitable company made a defecit in the year of £3,468 (2020- Surplus £2,849).

Total income decreased by 12% on the previous year. Total expenditure decreased by 8% compared to 2020. The primary reason for this was that in 2019-20 we spent £8,000 moving out of Mill Street (previous offices). This year the savings we made from not hiring Sidney Stringer Academy on Sundays, were offset by costs of upgrading AV Equipment and providing Training in technical issues for our Tech Team, to streamline our online presence on Sundays (enabling Live Stream to happen instead of pre-recording services each week). 14.1% of our income was given away in charitable donations.

Reserves Policy
The reserves policy is the total of: six months salaries for all staff, a year's rental for Studio 3 (office), plus phone contracts and auditor costs for one year. Unrestricted reserves totalled £91,954 on 31st March 2021, which is £40,000 over our reserves policy.

Summary
It should be noted that the above is not an exhaustive list of activities. However, they demonstrate that Coventry Vineyard is continuing to fulfil its obligations and achieve its objectives.

Those who are members of Coventry Vineyard have grown in their faith and belief, and demonstrated this by their actions of serving the rest of the church community and giving financially to those in need. New people have become active members and participants in the community of Coventry Vineyard.

Risk Management
Coventry Vineyard has a Child Protection Policy (https://www.coventryvineyard.org/kids.html) that regulates all persons working with youth and children. We also run Safeguarding Training three times a year which is compulsory for all involved in kids and youth work.

A risk assessment has been carried out for the Sunday Morning Gathering, including children's work.

The systems of internal control are designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss. They include:-

a) An annual budget approved by Trustees
b) Regular consideration by the Trustees of financial reports
c) Delegation of authority and segregation of duties
d) Identification and management of risks

The Trustees aim to review, on a regular basis, the main risks that the church faces. They believe that maintaining free reserves at a level stated on page 8, combined with appropriate reviews of the controls over key financial systems provide sufficient resources, in the event of unexpected adverse conditions.

Independent Examiner
Azets Audit Services Limited have agreed to offer themselves for re-appointment as Independent Examiners of Coventry Vineyard.

Approval of Accounts
The accounts were approved on behalf of the Trustees on 22nd November 2021

Nick Sutton
Senior Pastor & Trustee

Abigail Curran
Chair of Trustees

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF

COVENTRY VINEYARD

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Coventry Vineyard Ltd

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2021 which are set out on pages 11 to 18.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you 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 financial statements 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 company's accounts as 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 examiner's statement

I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I a member of ICAEW which is one of the listed bodies.

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 financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the accounting 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 financial statements 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.

Robert Anderson FCA

For and behalf of Azets Audit Services
Bank House
8 Cherry Street
Birmingham
B2 5AL

Dated 29/11/2021

COVENTRY VINEYARD

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(incorporating income and expenditure account)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
INCOME and endowments from				
Donations (Note 2)	128,222	-	128,222	146,099
Other income	936	-	936	1,161
Investment income	817	-	817	950
Total income and endowments	£129,975	-	£129,975	£148,210
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Direct church activities				
Staff costs (Note 4)	84,917	-	84,817	83,468
Ministry, fellowship and outreach	10,765	-	10,765	15,602
Leadership and training	566	-	566	2,013
Other operating expenses	19,045	-	19,045	26,692
Donations	18,150	-	18,150	16,425
Total expenditure	£133,443	-	£133,443	£145,361
NET INCOME/(LOSS) FOR THE YEAR	(3,468)	-	(3,468)	2,849
Reconciliation of funds:				
Balance brought forward at 1st April 2020	95,422	-	95,422	92,573
Balance carried forward at 31st March 2021	£91,954	-	£91,954	£95,422

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31ST MARCH 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	(5)	5,803	-
Investments	(6)	21,475	20,972
		27,278	20,972
Current assets			
Debtors	(7)	4,735	12,396
Cash at bank		63,717	66,535
		68,452	78,931
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(8)	3,776	4,481
Net current assets		64,676	74,450
Total assets less current liabilities		£91,954	£95,422
Funds of the charity			
Unrestricted funds	(9)		
General funds		78,454	79,672
Designated funds		13,500	15,750
		91,954	95,422
Restricted funds		-	-
Total charity funds		£91,954	£95,422

For the year ending 31st March 2021 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- 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 directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The Trustees approved the accounts on 22nd November 2021 and signed on their behalf:

Nick Sutton
Senior Pastor & Trustee

Abigail Curran
Chair of Trustees

Company number 08341599
Charity number 1150752

1. Accounting Policies

Charity information

Coventry Vineyard is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Studio 3, 54 Grafton Street, Coventry, CV1 2HW

1.1 Accounting convention

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds include general and designated funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are to be used for specified purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is identified to the fund.

1.3 Incoming resources

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid is recognised at the time of the donation.

1.4 Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities.

1.5 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1. Accounting Policies (continued)

1.6 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of those assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following basis:

Leasehold improvements	20% on cost
Furniture and equipment	20% on cost
Motor vehicles	25% on cost

1.8 Fixed asset investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

The main form of financial risk faced by the charity is that of volatility in equity markets and investment markets due to wider economic conditions, the attitude of investors to investment risk, and changes in sentiment concerning equities and within particular sectors or sub sectors.

2. Donations Income

	2021 £	2020 £
Gift aid donations	94,194	100,040
Other donations	10,736	19,798
Income tax	23,292	26,259
	£128,222	£146,099

3. Net incoming resources

	2021 £	2020 £
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	-	-
Independent examiner costs		
- Independent examination	1,303	1,002
- Other	-	-
Staff costs	84,917	83,468

During the year Nick Sutton received a salary and expenses for his services as senior pastor of £32,052 (2020: £31,744). No other Trustee received any remuneration during the year.

4. Staff costs

	2021 £	2020 £
Staff costs were as follows:		
Wages and salaries	77,483	75,709
National insurance	1,027	1,746
Pension costs	5,465	5,220
Payroll processing	842	793
HR Consultancy	100	-
	£84,917	£83,468
The average monthly number of employees during the year was	5	5

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

5. Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold Improvements £	Furniture and Equipment £	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
Cost				
At 1st April 2020	£15,334	£9,542	£4,740	£29,616
Additions		£5,803		£5,803
Disposals	(£15,334)	(£5,000)	(£4,740)	(£25,074)
At 31st March 2021	-	10,345	-	£10,345
Depreciation				
At 1st April 2020	15,334	9,542	4,740	29,616
Charge for the year	-	-	-	-
Eliminated on Disposal	(£15,334)	(£5,000)	(£4,740)	(£25,074)
At 31st March 2021	-	£4,542	-	£4,542
Net book value				
At 31st March 2021	-	£5,803	-	£5,803
At 31st March 2020	-	-	-	-

6. Fixed asset investments

	2021 £	2020 £
Green Pastures CBS Loan Stock	21,475	20,972
	£21,475	£20,972

7. Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Income tax (Gift Aid)	3,386	7,396
Other debtors	1,349	5,000
	£4,735	£12,396

8. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Accruals	£3,776	£4,481

9. Statement of funds

	Balance 1st April 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance 31st March 2021 £
General funds	79,672	129,975	(133,443)	2,250	78,454
Designated funds					
Sabbatical fund	1,750	-	-	750	2,500
Church Plant fund	3,000	-	-	(1,000)	2,000
Van fund	5,000	-	-	1,000	6,000
Overseas Leadership Fund	3,500	-	-	(2,000)	1,500
Dilapidations Fund	2,500	-	-	(1,000)	1,500
Unrestricted funds	95,422	129,975	(133,443)	-	91,954
Total funds	£95,422	£129,975	£(133,443)	-	£91,954

10. Analysis of Net Assets between Funds

	General Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	-	-
Net current assets	78,454	13,500	-	91,954
	£78,454	£13,500	-	£91,954

11. Operating lease commitments

At 31st March 2021, the charity had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Land and buildings		
Expiring between 2-5 years	£18,525	£28,362

12. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions to disclose in the year.