



LIGHTHOUSE

Charity Trust

Serving the Community

ANNUAL REPORT 2023

Our Trust's work and finance

What we have done

Lighthouse Charity Trust uses Lighthouse Community Church's building and its facilities for the services we provide.

In accordance with our Charitable Object, we seek to reach into the wider community by providing a meeting place and facilities for the community's benefit, so that people can engage in positive activities and leisure pursuits to build social contacts, relationships and support.

In this, our ninth year, our Charity's service to the community continues to build on last year's recovery from the pandemic restrictions. The returning and new groups listed below illustrate the scope of need in the area for a place for people and groups to meet for their benefit and enjoyment:

Sally King Pilates
NNU3A (North Norfolk University of the Third Age) Local History Group
Sheringham Singers
Sing Your Heart Out
Sinfonia (orchestra)
occasional concerts and choir workshops
Sheringham Horticultural Society
Sheringham Muzillac Twinning Association
children's party hirings
Away Days for various church leaders' meetings
Sheringham Little Theatre Rehearsals
Sheringham Little Theatre Drama
North Norfolk District Council for Independent Living Skills Course
Sheringham Helps Day*

* Various organisations and charities serving the local community met in the Lighthouse building. In the morning they shared experiences and information together; and in the afternoon they invited the public to look around, talk to representatives, and consider volunteering. The day was considered to have been very encouraging.

Some of our youth members took part in a sponsored carpark sleepover to highlight homelessness in Norwich, raising £1,082 for the work of YMCA.

Lighthouse Football has two youth teams, (U14s and U16s), in the Norfolk Christian League. The U14s League did not function, but the Lighthouse team continued training sessions and friendly matches against other teams and end of season 5 a-side tournament. Four coaches and around thirty players attend regularly, with a balance of church and community youngsters. Numbers have grown as young people invite friends, enjoying the inclusive club ethos, where everyone has the opportunity to play.

Many parents have commented how positive it is for their child to engage in sport, exercise and to socialise as part of the club, when otherwise they would largely be indoors on computers or phones. There are weekly training for adults (16+), about a dozen, many having previously played in church youth teams. An end of season "dads v lads" game for the U16s was a fun social event, many dads playing for the first time in years.

Next season the club will enter the Christian League again and continue 16+ training.

ThreadBear's charity shop for children from birth to teens is part of Lighthouse Community Church, providing pre-loved clothing, footwear, toys, bedding and books - a much needed service to local, struggling families. Its reputation has spread by service users and on social media, attracting families from surrounding towns and villages. The shop hours link with the Lighthouse Café and Soft Play area, and with the fortnightly Family Food events, giving access to facilities and encouraging new friendships and relationships with whole families.

ThreadBear provides an ethical recycling bin for the unsold items, generating income, adding to shop sales. Soft Play and Family food Fridays are provided free of charge, so all shop profits go to community work in and around Lighthouse. 10% of yearly shop income is designated to a chosen charity; this year to an African charity, "Children in Distress", providing food for 200 children. Next year's 10% will go to Soft Play's extension project; thereafter alternating between UK and overseas charities.

ThreadBear volunteers give support for the vulnerable, purpose to the provider and a great source for new, long-lasting friendships.

Our strategy next year will:

- a) Co-op a new volunteer manager to work alongside the current one, to develop the project, manage the shop, and recruit more volunteers to work alongside families:
- b) provide families with quality, much needed long term support, and signposting them to other agencies if we cannot help at the point of need.

Currently, the shop generates £600 per month towards the Trust's community work. We hope to increase this next year, whilst keeping our prices affordable.

Lighthouse Table Tennis Club in 2022-2023 averaged about 20 participants, four church members, the rest from the local community. Three teams took part in the local league, each led by a separate leader. One team won the Championship Shield for their division, improving the team's confidence and each player's self-esteem.

Members' average age is increasing: young players have left for university, or to find employment. Annual recruitment drives are needed to attract younger players, including females. The club is important for Sheringham, the only organisation offering competitive table tennis in the immediate area offering locals wanting to play more than just "friendlies".

The next few years' challenges are to attract more youngsters (especially those in the church) and augment ageing leaders with new people bringing fresh ideas and energy.

Sheringham Shed and Priory Patch Community Garden. Priory Patch reduced in numbers this year, mainly through illness. A small group, creating raised beds, meet regularly, enjoying exercise and social contact. It is planned to reduce the weekly Patch meetings to around six per year in order to add an additional weekly session at Sheringham Shed, which is going well, with two Tuesday sessions attended by 15 people (male, female and of mixed ages) from the local community. There is much need to run an additional session, as Shed is currently full. This will hopefully be in place by September 2024.

In carrying out our aims this year, Lighthouse Charity Trust continues to be a thriving part of our local community, touching many lives. Through a wide variety of flourishing clubs, groups and activities many people have made new friends, gaining support and confidence through new contacts and experiences.

The money that the Trust has received

Lighthouse Community Church provides activities and clubs open to both church and non-church people alike. These include a parent and toddler group, a fortnightly Youth Life Group for high school aged students, football teams for various age groups, and a table tennis club. These made donations to the Trust for their use of facilities or the Charity's administrative services. Outside groups and organisations also made donations for the use of the Trust's hired building and its facilities.

A Tesco Grant was received and was put towards improvements to the popular Soft Play area. A Co-Operative crowd fund was used to purchase a new cooker for the Café. Donations and voluntary help for the "Family Friday Meals" have provided free fortnightly communal two course meals, food items and domestic products to help families in need. Other grants received were for Sheringham Shed and Patch administrative expenses, new equipment and for a course to help people in managing their finances.

How the Trust has spent the money received

Lighthouse Community Church organisations and all outside groups made donations for their use of the building's utilities, maintenance, service and technical costs; and for donations to the salaries of church staff involved in clubs and activities run under the Trust's hirings.

From funds received, the Trust has been able to pay for its own insurance and music licence.

The Charity continues to seek funding and grants for refurbishing and operating the building. Sheringham Shed, which provides an environment, facilities and support for users with varying needs.

Priory Patch meets regularly, extending Sheringham Shed's provision for community support through outdoor activities.

In our next year, apart from holding a reasonable contingency, maintaining good stewardship of our assets and responsibilities and seeking awareness of how the Trust should develop, our focus - rather than accumulating a large account balance - will continue our commitment to be of positive service, support and encouragement within our community and the wider area.

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Accountants' Report
Year Ended 31st August 2023

We hereby certify that the accounts for the year ended 31st August 2023 set out on pages 2 to 5 have been prepared, without carrying out an audit, from the Charity's accounting records and information supplied by the Treasurer.

Our accounting procedures include examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the accounts and an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Charity's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We have obtained all information and explanations which we considered necessary to enable us to give reasonable assurance that the accounts are free from material errors.

In our opinion the accounts reasonably reflect the state of the charity's financial affairs as at 31st August 2023 and of its surpluses for the year then ended.

Timothy Hignett and Partners Limited
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9th May 2024

Signed on behalf of the Trustees on 9th May 2024

S R Charsley, Treasurer

Lighthouse Charity Trust
General Fund Income and Expenditure Account
Year Ended 31st August 2023

	2023			2022		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income:						
ThreadBear grant		1,750.00			-	
ThreadBear shop		6,346.33			-	
Subs		1,009.30			1,157.48	
Lettings		10,313.00			7,724.55	
New Day		5,940.00			3,763.00	
Transfers from Sheringham Shed		1,011.06			1,652.68	
Transfers from LCC		702.09			604.00	
Other Income		1,518.25			-	
Donations		-			382.25	
Football						
B/fwd	360.00			340.00		
Receipts	1,365.14			1,977.56		
C/fwd	<u>(360.00)</u>			<u>(360.00)</u>		
		1,365.14			1,957.56	
Grants		<u>8,451.92</u>			<u>698.71</u>	
			38,407.09			17,940.23
Expenditure:						
LCC		702.09			604.00	
LCC ThreadBear		5,000.00			-	
ThreadBear shop		1,679.79			-	
Rent		6,000.00			3,600.00	
Insurance		982.36			981.00	
New Day		5,256.35			5,278.41	
Football		1,005.99			1,113.66	
Printing, postage and stationery		66.29			77.50	
Music licence		253.28			242.01	
Youth subs expenses		211.25			247.03	
Accountancy fees		1,140.00			972.00	
Trust		-			1,300.00	
Grant		6,814.24			430.20	
Utilities for Sheringham Shed		1,282.31			659.68	
Depreciation charge		1,187.36			1,583.15	
Miscellaneous		<u>1,162.00</u>			<u>66.26</u>	
			32,743.31			17,154.90
Excess of income over expenditure		<u>5,663.78</u>			<u>785.33</u>	

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Sheringham Shed Income and Expenditure Account

Year Ended 31st August 2023

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
Income:				
Lettings	1,602.75		125.00	
Donations	494.54		387.65	
Gift aid	271.25		131.25	
Grants	<u>29,579.07</u>		<u>33,642.00</u>	
		31,947.61		34,285.90
Expenditure:				
Priory Patch	2,462.31		5,108.09	
Wages and salaries	15,115.94		15,854.88	
Cleaning	-		27.84	
Insurance	878.60		1,209.53	
Repairs and renewals	1,935.34		5,129.63	
Printing, postage and stationery	8.49		210.32	
Music licence and subscriptions	235.34		127.55	
Utilities	3,339.09		2,700.93	
Rates	86.43		163.84	
Training courses	720.00		660.00	
Miscellaneous	406.02		486.68	
Transfers to LCT	50.00		993.00	
Depreciation charge	<u>1,276.06</u>		<u>837.95</u>	
		26,513.62		33,510.24
Excess of income over expenditure		<u><u>5,433.99</u></u>		<u><u>775.66</u></u>

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Balance Sheet

Year Ended 31st August 2023

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets				
Per schedule		246,113.32		245,986.35
Current Assets				
Premium account		0.23		0.23
Barclays current account - LCT		16,214.70		9,040.94
Barclays current account - SS		26,718.78		22,722.59
Cash		50.00		64.02
Debtors and prepayments		238.74		423.87
		<u>43,222.45</u>		<u>32,251.65</u>
Current Liabilities				
Creditors and accruals		<u>(1,560.00)</u>		<u>(1,560.00)</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>41,662.45</u>		<u>30,691.65</u>
Net Assets		<u><u>287,775.77</u></u>		<u><u>276,678.00</u></u>
General Fund				
Balance b/fwd		276,678.00		275,117.01
SS Excess of income over expenditure		5,433.99		775.66
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Fixed Asset Schedule

Year Ended 31st August 2023

	Total	Freehold Property	Fixtures and Equipment
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1st September 2022	258,455.97	238,723.05	19,732.92
Additions	2,590.39	-	2,590.39
Disposal	-	-	-
At 31st August 2023	<u>261,046.36</u>	<u>238,723.05</u>	<u>22,323.31</u>
Depreciation			
At 1st September 2022	12,469.62	-	12,469.62
Charge for the year	2,463.42	-	2,463.42
At 31st August 2023	<u>14,933.04</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,933.04</u>
Net Book Value			
At 1st September 2022	<u>245,986.35</u>	<u>238,723.05</u>	<u>7,263.30</u>
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