

Registered Charity (1160152)

**Report of the Trustees and  
Financial Statements For The Year Ended  
30 April 2022  
for  
Oasis Community Church (Retford)**

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## **Oasis Community Church (Retford)**

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**Charity Information**

**Charity Number** 1160152

<b>Trustees</b>	S Williams	Chairman
	Alan Green	Treasurer
	Richard Sullivan	Secretary
	John Berry	
	Alan Helliwell	

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**Oasis Community Church (Retford)**  
**Trustees' Report**  
**For the year ended 30 April 2022**

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2022.

**Structure, governance and management**

**Recruitment and appointment of Managing Trustees**

Management Trustees are appointed by existing members of the Management Team in accordance with the Church Constitution. Their appointment is approved by Church Members at a properly convened members meeting.

**Trustee induction and training**

Trustee induction takes place on appointment. The Trustees keep up to date with matters of Charity Law, the duties of trustees and community organisations.

**Organisational structure**

The Trustees look after the day to day management of the charity and the work of Oasis Community Church (Retford) which currently meets at the WestHill Community Centre in Ordsall for its main meetings. The Church meets in other various locations for different events and activities as they currently do not have their own premises.

Oasis Community Church (Retford) operates with the following structure: Pastor, Trustees, Ministry Team and Treasurer. The Pastor is the Chairman of the Trustees, who are responsible for overseeing financial, legal matters, child protection, protection of vulnerable adults, insurance and other leadership matters. The Ministry Team work together with the Trustees to oversee the various ministries and activities of the Church Fellowship and the pastoral and social care needs of individual members.

**Staff**

Pastor Steve Williams is self employed on a part time basis as Pastor and oversees the work of both Oasis Churches and also manages the Oasis Community Centre. Steve has been working consistently with the Management team to try and maintain the church and charity during this difficult time and also keep people safe and provided for as best we could.

**Volunteers**

We are blessed with great members and workers who are all volunteers and who work hard for the benefit of the charity, its members and the community. Our volunteers serve well not only the church family and Oasis community but the wider community wherever there are people with needs.

**Objectives and activities**

The objective of the charity is the advancement of the Christian Faith by the proclamation and furtherance of the Gospel. Many of the activities are evangelical, but some activities are educational, social and practical in focus, benefitting the local community of Ordsall and Retford and the surrounding villages in the wider community.

All our regular Church meetings and other activities are open to the public along with specialist age or interest related groups (e.g. children, youth, elderly etc). Our usual work was limited due to the covid restrictions during the year but is back to normal now.

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**Challenging times**

The year has been one of the most difficult and challenging years for the charity as we not only had challenges with the end of the covid period with building closures, masks and safety procedures we also had some tragedies which hit us hard.

We not only lost a number of our older members who passed away during this year but one of our young women Rachel Adkin passed away suddenly. She was one of our shining stars and also her Mum, Dad, Grandma and Grandad are all part of our Ministry team. Rachel's husband Martin and two sons are also a part of our church family so it deeply affected four generations and of course everyone in our close Church family unit. The Church continued during these very difficult times and we have spent time recovering from these personal tragedies.

**Achievements and performance**

During the Covid period we used Zoom to connect when we could not meet and this has continued so that people who cannot be with us in person can see the services on the internet. A number of the church family join us each week via this means especially those who are sick or live too far away.

**OPERATION OASIS**

We have continued our efforts with our Woksop Oasis charity in delivering food boxes and toiletries across the Retford and Bassetlaw area. By the end of April 2022 we had raised significant funding between the two charities and have given out over 12,000 food parcels in the area and also many hundreds of children's parcels. What started as a small project at the beginning of Covid is still continuing while funds allow. We had a team of volunteers who create parcels, gifts and food boxes and deliver the parcels to people in the area.

**Prayer Connection**

Terry was able to keep many of the fellowship in touch with each other through the prayer chain phone line. He sent an encouraging word through to us all every day and he gave us prayer requests from people in the church and from the wider community. He did an excellent job as he always does.

We were unable to hold meetings and activity groups for part of the year which was very difficult but we tried to keep up the contacts as best we could.

**Risk Management**

The major risks faced by the fellowship are financial, operational and external. These are managed by the Trustees as and when required. Some people's financial situations changed because of the pandemic and other givers have passed away. We need to keep an eye on the situation as things progress.

**Financial**

The fellowship's financial position is monitored weekly by the Treasurer and regularly by the Trustees. Financial risks are mitigated by control of spending and stimulation of income when necessary. We were able to claim a good amount of funding from gift aid which we have appreciated.

**Operational**

Our leadership structure ensures that members of the Ministry team are available to step in when illness or other circumstances prevent the Pastor from fulfilling his role. Health and Safety, Child Protection and Vulnerable Adults policies are in place and active. Activities are risk assessed and appropriate insurance is in place.

**External**

External activities are risk assessed and insured as appropriate.



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**Reserves Policy**

We currently do not have extensive reserves, but we are working to spend the charitable income on what we are doing and keep a reserve amount in the account for unforeseen circumstances.

**Child and Vulnerable Adults Protection**

Those applying to work with children or vulnerable adults are recruited safely and undergo DBS checks. These are updated every three years. Where individuals are unknown by the leadership team references are taken from previous pastors and/or employers.

**Trustees**

The Trustees who served during the year are set out on page 1.

**Accountants**

darbys limited have been appointed as independent examiners of the charity as they have served us and our sister charity well over many years.

The report is prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice; Accounting and reporting by Charities (issued March 2005 and updated 2007)

This report was approved by the Trustees on 19/02/2023 and signed on their behalf by



Chairman

Stephen M Williams

**Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of  
Oasis Community Church (Retford)  
30 April 2022**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Oasis Community Church (Retford) (the Trust) for the year ended 30 April 2022.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

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

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act: or

the accounts did not accord with the accounting records

the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent

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.



Amanda Mansell ACA  
Darbys Limited  
19 The Square  
Retford  
Nottinghamshire

Date: 19/02/2023

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Statement of Receipts and Payments for  
the year ended 30 April 2022

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2022	2021
<b>Receipts</b>				
Tithes and offerings	14,217	50	14,267	14,581
Sundry income	1,660	1,864	3,524	992
Building Fund	-	-	-	-
Donations	550	-	550	-
Grants	-	4,825	4,825	27,500
Gift Aid recovered	2,779	-	2,779	3,682
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>19,205</b>	<b>6,739</b>	<b>25,944</b>	<b>46,755</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Pastoral payments	18,000	-	18,000	17,900
Rent	1,988	318	2,307	144
Insurance	326	-	326	314
Repairs and maintenance	38	-	38	-
Cost of events	-	-	-	-
Computer costs	144	-	144	-
Printing, postage and stationery	203	-	203	215
Advertising	-	-	-	-
Donations & Gifts	-	337	337	-
Sundries	83	-	83	80
Legal fees	-	-	-	-
CRB checks	-	-	-	-
Accountancy	300	-	300	300
Operation Oasis	-	2,388	2,388	15,638
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>21,083</b>	<b>3,044</b>	<b>24,127</b>	<b>34,591</b>
Net movement in funds	-	1,878	3,695	1,817
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Total funds brought forward	26,728	72,932	99,660	87,496
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>24,851</b>	<b>76,626</b>	<b>101,477</b>	<b>99,660</b>



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Statement of Assets and Liabilities  
as at 30 April 2022

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2022	2021
<b>Cash Funds</b>				
Bank account	10,423		10,423	19,103
Instant Access Savings account	14,491	76,628	91,119	80,787
Petty cash	175		175	10
	<u>25,089</u>	<u>76,628</u>	<u>101,717</u>	<u>99,900</u>
<b>Creditors</b>				
Accrued expenses	240		240	240
	<u>240</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>240</u>	<u>240</u>
<b>Net assets</b>	<u>24,849</u>	<u>76,628</u>	<u>101,477</u>	<u>99,660</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 19/02/2023  
and signed on its behalf by:

J.R.G. Sullivan

Secretary

  
Treasurer