

SPRING MOUNT CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

England & Wales · Charity number 1163628

Details

Other names	SMCF
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Activities

Objects: 1. THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH ATTACHED STATEMENT OF IDENTITY (ATTACHED SCHEDULE 1)2. SUCH OTHER PURPOSES AS ARE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF ENGLAND AND WALES AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME DETERMINE.

Activities: Spring Mount Christian Fellowship (SMCF) is an independent Christian church family based in Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria. Activities include Sunday worship services and various other regular activities for all age ranges, all designed to reach others for Christ, teach people about Christ, grow people in Christ and send people for Christ.

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Cumbria

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£214,131	£226,878	-	-
2023-12-31	£470,190	£409,194	-	-
2022-12-31	£287,829	£269,393	-	-
2021-12-31	£203,745	£214,385	-	-
2020-12-31	£170,458	£183,667	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Ian Maynard		2025-11-13
PAUL HARDINGHAM		2015-09-10
SHIRLEY WATERS		2015-09-17
TIMOTHY BAALHAM		2015-09-10

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Spring Mount Christian Fellowship

Report and Accounts

For the year ended

31 December 2024

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1. Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name: Spring Mount Christian Fellowship (SMCF), known as Spring Mount Church

Registered Charity Number: 1163628

Principal Address: Salthouse Pavilion,
Roose Road
Barrow-in-Furness,
Cumbria LA13 9RQ

Online: Website: www.springmount.church

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Charity Trustees who Manage the Charity (known as the Church Leadership Team):

- Tim Baalham — Communications
- Alan Docker — Pastoral
- Paul Hardingham — Finance
- Shirley Waters — Secretary, Sunday School

2. Executive Summary

2024 was a particularly challenging year for Spring Mount Church. It started as most others, but it soon became apparent that there were many challenges ahead. In July, after many years of service Jonny Harrison stepped down as the full time Pastor, member of the Leadership Team and Trustee for personal reasons. This resulted in a lot of additional responsibility for the remaining leadership, all of whom carry out their roles in a voluntary, rather than paid capacity.

The unexpected change was recognised as an opportunity to take stock and then move forward. The Leadership embarked on a revaluation of all the ways of working, structures and vision of the church. It recognises that this will be a long process which continues into 2025 and beyond. The Leadership was assisted greatly at this time by the appointment of Iain Salter prior to Jonny's resignation. Iain brings a wealth of experience in many relevant matters and calm pragmatism to the role.

The church has continued to thrive and grow. It has been particularly encouraged by the number of newcomers on a Sunday morning and by how many people have stepped into new roles and taken on more responsibility. Church continued to be blessed by the increased ethnic diversity with people joining from many different countries. These included those moving permanently to the area for work, people on short term contracts but also several refugees and asylum seekers fleeing persecution in their homelands. It was a privilege to welcome people from all over the world with God's love, despite there sometimes being language difficulties.

The focus and vision of the church remains to be outward looking towards the disadvantaged people in the local community. The work of Christians Against Poverty (CAP) (ref: 9.1) continued and evolved with the appointment of Sandra Faulds-Mariscal to CAP team. The Green Pastures house (ref: 9.2) which was set up in 2020 gave stability and a home for men who may otherwise have been homeless. There were a series of very successful Holiday Activities with Food (HAF, Ref: 9.3) during which literally hundreds of children and families were helped, fed and entertained.

Because of a shortage in the provision of church volunteers for church run activities on Walney, the church run activities were either transferred into Walney Community Trust responsibility (Ref: 9.4), or to the Salthouse Pavilion.

Throughout the changes, the leadership and the wider church recognise that they are ultimately part of a process of change and improvement for the future and believe that God will continue to show us how to achieve this.

3. Structure, Governance and Management

SMCF is an active church organisation which was founded in the early 20th century. The church was registered with the Charity Commission as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in 2015. Church trustees are appointed by the church Leadership Team. Trustee term of service is 3 years.

SMCF is staffed primarily by volunteers from within its membership. The trustees retain overall management of all Trust affairs but delegate day to day administration to volunteer workers for areas of specific responsibility.

Jonny Harrison had been employed full time as the church pastor since 2018, however, Jonny unexpectedly resigned the position in July 2024 for personal reasons.

Donna Docker continued her part time employment leading and co-ordinating the work of Christians Against Poverty (CAP) (ref: 9.1). While retaining overall responsibility for CAP, Donna started to transition to a new role within the church in November and at the same time Sandra Faulds-Mariscal was engaged on a part time basis to train and work as a CAP Debt Coach. Wes Tudor continues to be employed as the church's youth worker. The paid part time administrator role transferred from Rebecca McIlgorm to Gill Pickup.

In July 2024 Iain Salter joined the Leadership Team (although did not take up a position as a Trustee). Iain is an experienced Christian with approximately 20 years involvement at Spring Mount Church. He brings a wealth of both spiritual and practical experience to the team, and has the benefit of having worked with the Leadership Team while overseeing the renovation work to the Pavilion.

The Leadership Team meet formally at least once a month for business and prayer. This increased in frequency following the resignation of Jonny in consideration of the many additional decisions and responsibilities shouldered by the volunteer trustees. The leaders continue to recognise a need for more prayer and therefore a significant proportion of Leadership Team business meetings have been devoted to prayer.

In the latter half of the year, the Leadership Team began a full review of the church vision and structure, decision making, policies and support as well as a review of most of its activities and means of operation. The aim was to confirm the church vision and that its activities align with the

vision, ensure appropriate leadership is in place and is properly supported, responsibilities delegated proportionately, and communications improved. Considerations have included affiliation to larger church organisations. It is recognised the review will take place over an extended period.

The Leadership Team outlines current plans, activities and concerns during Sunday services and encourages feedback, especially via the Connect Groups and the Sunday evening prayer times. The Leadership prayer times are occasionally open to the wider church as a way of seeking and sharing vision collectively.

Property title is held by the CIO.

4. Objectives and Activities

SMCF objectives are summarised in the SMCF CIO constitution as follows:

1. The advancement of the Christian faith for the benefit of the public in accordance with the SMCF Statement of Identity (attached to the Constitution as Schedule 1 "Statement of Identity")
2. Such other purposes as are exclusively charitable in accordance with the laws of England and Wales as the trustees may from time to time determine.

The Constitution Schedule 1 "Statement of Identity" sets out SMCF's concerns, principles, beliefs, practices and membership. Associated appendices include the SMCF Mission Statement, Statement of Doctrine and an accompanying statement of Privileges and Responsibilities of being Part of a Local Church, all broadly as published in past Trustees Reports.

The Constitution Schedule 1 summarises SMCF's primary concern as follows:

'For children, young people, men and women of all ages that they may know that salvation through Christ can transform lives wherever they are lived out including home, school, work and leisure. To that end, SMCF's ultimate aims are that they will come to faith in Christ by whatever means and will continually grow as disciples of Jesus Christ, whether or not they remain with Spring Mount'

SMCF's Mission Statement (why SMCF exists) is presented in the Constitution Schedule 1 as follows:

Our Mission: "To reach, teach, grow and send"

- Reach others for Christ
- Teach others about Christ
- Grow in Christ
- Send for Christ

SMCF's vision (what will SMCF look like) is currently as follows:

- For three worshipping communities, all benefiting from mutual support under the SMCF umbrella.
- For discipleship (individual and corporate) for SMCF members to grow in faith and service, developing people's gifts.

SMCF's strategy (how SMCF will get there) is currently as follows:

- *"Don't just come to church, be the church"*
To encourage all regular SMCF worshippers to participate in different activities and to serve the needs of the church and wider community. To find and then fulfil their role in the Body of Christ (the church).
- *Mentoring and Support*
Encourage all regular SMCF worshippers to be within a partnership of two or three people to pray and mentor each other or be a member of a small group or Connect Group.
Support was put in place for the Connect Group Leaders.
- *Develop Salthouse Pavilion*
Continue the refurbishment of the Salthouse Pavilion to maximise the potential use. To expand the work of SMCF into this community in Barrow, such that more people may experience the love of God and be helped into a faith in Christ. *Builders' work to bring the ground floor of the Annex into use was completed.*
- *Develop Work on Walney*
To develop the worshipping community on Walney, in conjunction with other aspects of church life already happening in the Walney building, to "strengthen the stakes".
Changes to the church work on Walney are outlined later in this report including transferring some responsibilities to Walney Community Trust.
- *Develop Options for Abbey Road Building*
The lessors of the Abbey Road building advised in the later part of the year that they were not renewing the lease. *Alternatives are being sought.*
- *"People, People, People"*
The priority remains a concern for all people which has helped keep the church's focus on its core objectives to help and serve people in the church and wider community. In particular, the church feels that it should concentrate its work amongst people experiencing greatest need and hardship thus following the example of Jesus.

SMCF's vision and strategy are live items which are expected to develop over time. Impetus was added to this process during 2024 following the resignation of Jonny.

Activities undertaken to support SMCF's objectives are described in the following section.

5. Achievements and Performance

The following sections give a more detailed report of the activities of Spring Mount Church and a brief summary of how these link to the general mission objectives are *highlighted in red text*.

Quotes from activity leaders are in *blue text*.

5.1 General Activities

5.1.1 Weekly Sunday Services

The principal expressions of the church's community are the weekly services of worship.

The mornings cater for all ages, including Sunday School groups, a youth church and a crèche for children. The morning services were a mixture of sung worship, communion and a sermon which usually formed part of a larger sermon series. Tea and coffee were served after the service. Teams of individuals served in various capacities to ensure the smooth running of the service and its activities. The Leadership Team played a more visible part in these morning services during the second half of the year, especially during the serving of communion.

The evening service is a less formal setting with an emphasis on corporate prayer. The Leadership Team led the meetings in the second half of the year before asking the Prayer Ministry lead to take responsibility.

Spring Mount Church believes in the importance of regular services both for the worship of God and the benefit of the individual.

5.1.2 Prayer Meetings

In addition to the Sunday evening prayer focus, there was a weekly Tuesday night prayer meeting with a focus on Christian activity outside Spring Mount, including the persecuted church using material from Open Doors (ref: 9.8).

Sandra Faulds-Mariscal was responsible for the "Prayer Team" who met prior to the morning service and then minister to those wishing to receive prayer support during and after the service. This Team is carefully chosen, vetted, and trained in how to pray for people sensitively and sympathetically, always in pairs.

The administration of the Prayer Network allowed prayer requests to be circulated rapidly to those who have committed to pray for issues and situations as they arise. This was carried out confidentially to ensure all GDPR and confidentiality requirements were fully met.

5.1.3 Connect and Other Small Groups

The Leadership Team continued to encourage participation in a Connect Group as a means of support, prayer and Bible study. They were held on different days and at different times to cater for as many people as possible. For example, one of these groups was aimed to appeal to people in their 20s and 30s, one was held during the day for ladies and another group was established for young parents. Each group is encouraged to follow on from the Sunday morning sermon to provide continuity and an opportunity to discuss the points raised in a safe, small group setting. It is also a forum for sharing and discussing the vision and opportunities in the church. It is the Leadership Team's desire to see as many people from within the fellowship as possible linked to a Connect Group.

Paul and Alison Hardingham were given the responsibility of supporting the connect group leaders. They arranged regular meetings and communications as a way of ensuring mutual support and communication from the Leadership Team, through the connect groups to the wider church. This was a step in the part of strengthening the support structures within the church.

The group of Filipino Christians, led by Gerald Ybosa continued to meet as a connect group attracting large numbers of people from the Filipino community. This was brought under the umbrella of support offered by Paul and Alison to the other groups.

The Book Club met on a Friday afternoon remotely via Zoom to review a Christian book. They read a chapter each week and then undertook an online discussion of the issues raised as well as praying together and encouraging one another.

5.1.4 Children's Work

A toddler group met every Wednesday led by Shirley Waters and volunteers. A different toddler group also met on Tuesday and Thursdays at Walney. In May 2024 responsibility for this was transferred formally to the Walney Community Trust. Both groups attract many parents, carers, and children from diverse backgrounds across the community. The groups provide safe environments for parents and small children to chat and play. Shirley says:



"Every Wednesday morning, during term time, we run a toddler group from 9.30-11.00. The first hour is free play for the children with plenty of different toys for them to play with. During the morning there are drinks and biscuits available for all. At about 10.30 the children then get further snacks, usually comprising of grapes, cheese, some sort of crisp and toast. We then end the time with some singing and the children have instruments to play with, finally ending with "sleeping bunnies" which the children love singing.

At Easter, apart from an Easter egg, the children are given a small booklet on the true Easter story. At Christmas they are given a book on the true meaning of Christmas, and when they leave to go to nursery they are given a Bible for toddlers.

All the children appear to enjoy their time at toddlers, as it is sometimes hard to get them to leave!!!"

Sunday School met every Sunday during the main morning service in which children from the age of three to eleven were taught about stories from the Bible in a fun and interesting way. It was encouraging to see new people stepping into the roles of teaching the children. Due to the number of children this is organised into different classes for different ages. They performed a very successful Nativity service in December.

5.1.5 Youth Work

In November 2022 SMCF appointed Wes Tudor as a Youth Worker. He is employed to work with the youth and coordinate the work with the help of volunteers. During 2024 the youth work grew into new areas and the numbers of young people attending increased. Other volunteers from within SMCF also helped with running various youth clubs. Wes says:



"This past year we have run several different safe spaces for kids and young people to connect and learn about faith, good morals and what it means to connect with each other. We have supplied connection groups and opportunities such as school lunch club drop ins, church drop-ins, youth band, Youth Church, Youth Bible study, one to one mentoring and The Big One (trip to Keswick)

We're slowly rebuilding the clubs with a more Christian ethos and focus. We're also building relationships with year groups moving on (year 11' school leavers and year 6 moving up to secondary school). The young people are learning more about what it means to love one another, which has given them confidence to invite friends of friends to come along to these events.

Throughout all these events, we have reached over 120 kids from year group 3 all the way to year 11. Many of which are now becoming increasingly confident, and asking questions to better understand their faith, praying for each other, praying within a group setting and reading from their Bibles/church Bibles, even memorising scripture. We've had one of Spring Mount's young people be baptised and become a great leader and encourager towards the other young people. That has been a huge blessing as they are stepping out in their faith. Overall, the kids and youth groups are increasing in numbers attending, depths of relationships with each other and understanding the God who loves them."

5.1.6 Seniors



A monthly meeting for more senior folk known as SMILE provided a tea, entertainment, and devotional time. It attracted people from the church and the wider community and helped to build relationships with senior folk and tackle the problem of loneliness and isolation within this age group. This was run by volunteers headed up by Sue Durham. Sue says:

"We are a group that meet once a month at Spring Mount Church. We are open to all but usually have more senior people coming. There is a varied programme followed by a delicious afternoon tea.

The programme for 2024 included talks by the Rev Clive Duxbury on his time as a Prison Chaplain, and an interesting talk and photos on the life of Beatrix Potter and a talk and photos of Old Barrow. The group was also entertained by a Ukulele group, a beautiful flower demonstration and Greengate Junior Voice Choir who were lots of fun and even had us joining in some songs. We had two trips during 2024, a coach trip to Boundary Mill at Colne, Lancashire and a lovely lunch at Barrow Golf Club.

Everyone enjoys coming and meeting up, chatting having a lovely afternoon in a warm, friendly, loving environment."

5.2 Other Regular Events

5.2.1 Men's Ministry



A regular men's social meeting continued to provide a social setting for the men of the church and to bring friends. It provided different cuisine themed from different parts of the world.

In November approximately 25 men attended the two-day Excel Men's conference at Life Church in Bradford meeting with Christians from across the country for teaching and worship. This regular event on the church calendar provided encouragement and helped build bonds and friendships amongst the men who attended.

5.2.2 Ladies' Ministry

In March Spring Mount held its annual Ladies "Flourish" conference. It was led by Helen Bailie on the theme of "Best to Invest".

Approximately 120 ladies from across the area and further afield met together across a whole day of teaching, worship, prayer and ministry.



A series of regular bring and share meals exclusively for ladies were held throughout the year. This provided an opportunity for socialising, support and to invite friends into the church.

A ladies' Bible Study continued every fortnight for women to pray and read the Bible together.

5.2.3 Spring Mount in Stitches

The sewing group called "Spring Mount in Stitches" met throughout 2024 allowing ladies to be creative and socialise on a Wednesday night. It was encouraging that some ladies who had not previously attended church started attending the main services on a Sunday morning.



5.2.4 Ad Hoc Events

The church held another very successful international food and dancing event to celebrate the great cultural diversity within the church. People brought representative food from their own nationality and dressed in their national costumes. Christian music from various cultures was played and people enjoyed dancing and celebrating together. Over 15 different nationalities were represented.

In May, a social event, "Picnic at the Pav" was held during a Sunday afternoon to celebrate Pentecost. People brought food and there was a time of worship.

In June and December, there were Baptism services at which a total of eight people made a public declaration of faith in Jesus Christ and were baptised.

During 2024 there were two weddings at the Pavilion. David Mansergh and Suzanne Robinson were married in August, and John Quayle and Alison Gill were married in November.

The Pavilion was also hired to external groups including a group of recovering addicts for regular meetings. It was also used as a polling station. The local MP also held their surgery in the building.

All the regular and ad hoc events described in 5.1 and 5.2 succeeded in reaching and teaching people about Christ and helped many within the church to grow in their faith and serve their community.

5.3 Community Involvement

5.3.1. Emergency Support

In the winter months, Spring Mount provided daily warm spaces as part of a national initiative to help the most vulnerable people with the “cost of living crisis”. Both Salthouse Pavilion and the Walney buildings were open for several hours per day allowing those who wanted to come in and take advantage of the warmth as well as a warm welcome.



Following on from the successful partnership between SMCF, Walney Community Trust and the local council during the Covid Pandemic, Barrow Borough Council continued to ask Shirley Waters to head up the distribution of a special hardship grant. This allowed for the purchase and distribution of emergency items such as white goods and furniture for people in need across the Barrow area. The people were referred by Social Services, the council and local schools. Approximately 300 different households were helped. They were also given vouchers for the Barrow Foodbank and a one-off top up for their electricity or gas meters as appropriate. This council initiative was to help some of the most vulnerable with the cost-of-living crisis. It was also an opportunity to come alongside people and offer longer term help and advice by signposting them to our life skills and money courses. Spring Mount continued to administer funds for the Lancashire and South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust. The bus travels around to local communities to promote health and wellbeing (including mental health).

The council funded life skills course is to equip people with the skills needed to help them in life, i.e. Money Budgeting, shopping on a budget and getting the best deals, cooking on a budget etc.

It includes making meals together from scratch and making healthy choices. The cooking weeks people get to cook on site together, preparing the food, chopping vegetables etc. and using fresh ingredients. The meal is then eaten together, and the remainder is boxed up for the people to take home for more immediate food for themselves and their family, or to freeze for their future use.

The poverty relief work was further enhanced by grants from Acts435 (ref: 9.14).

This practical show of Christian love in the local community's time of need was a key element of Spring Mount's vision to share God's love to everyone, especially the most disadvantaged and in need. The connections made with people and the links made to agencies and bodies within the town are a good base from which to build further practical ministries in the future. We are privileged to have been recognised by Barrow Borough Council as a partner organisation to distribute their hardship funds.

5.3.2 Walney Worshipping Community.

Walney Community Trust (WCT) (Ref: 9.4) continues to form a backbone to the local community on Walney. SMCF had historically funded utility supplies to the Walney building, however, in order to facilitate WCT access to funding for improved energy efficiency, SMCF handed responsibility for the

utility accounts to WCT. Difficulties in the supply of church volunteers resulted in the popular church run toddler group being transferred to WCT responsibility and for similar reasons the church run Monday community meal was transferred to the Salthouse Pavilion which also was closer to where most people accessing the meal were living.

Spring Mount Church continues to maintain a positive relationship with the Trust and its board and is supportive of the work it carries out on the island.

5.3.3 Holiday Activity and Food (HAF Ref: 9.3)

During all the school holidays Spring Mount provided free activity sessions for young children and their parents and carers. Over 1,000 children were provided with a hot meal and took part in the crafts and fun activities provided. This was all provided with the support of Barrow Borough Council as part of the government's initiative to provide an alternative to free school meals for those who need it during the school holidays. It is recognised that when such provision is no longer available to those most vulnerable children, they often end up going without a hot meal.

The council grants only provided funding for HAF sessions in the main school holidays. The church felt that it provided such a deep community need that additional sessions were provided in the February, May and October half terms and were funded wholly by the church.

The sessions were provided by over 20 Spring Mount volunteers. Shirley says:

"Three times a year we run children's activities funded by HAF – Holiday Activity and Food. Our activities are open to children of all ages as we also fund those who do not come under the criteria for the HAF grant. At these activities we get an average of 100 children per session, together with adults. The activities are run at Easter, Summer (August) and Winter (December). During other school holidays, May and October, we run craft café, which is run the same as the HAF activities but funded by ourselves.

At all these activities we have a large bouncy castle (assault course), a circus lady, who shows the children many different skills, which the children love trying to do themselves. We also have craft tables with many different and varied crafts, and some days we have a visit from the library who bring various interactive activities for the children to play with. Children of all ages are catered for as we also have toys for very young children. Children under 12 need to be accompanied by an adult who is responsible for them. During the day drinks are provided for everyone, together with plenty of fruit, including apples, bananas and grapes. At lunch time we provide a hot healthy meal, followed by a pudding.

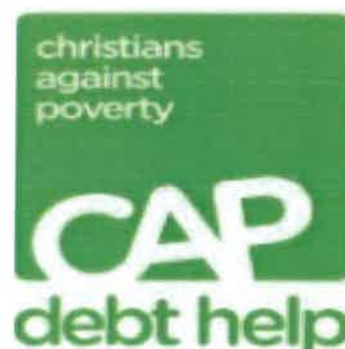
The children, and parents, leave thanking us for a great time. One girl left a message saying "the best day ever". The children go home tired but very happy, and we have been told that their child/children have slept better at night. Others have stated how much the children look forward to coming and press their parent/carer if they can come back again. It is also a good time for adults to get out and mix with other adults, which helps their mental well-being."

5.3.4 Christians Against Poverty (CAP)

CAP Debt Centre

Spring Mount ran a local debt centre (established in November 2016) for CAP (ref: 9.1) with Donna Docker employed as the centre manager.

In November, Donna began the move to a different role within the church. She maintained some CAP work in the transitional period whilst Sandra Faulds-Mariscal undertook training to become a CAP Debt Coach. Sandra was employed to carry out 15 hours work, and her employment started in December.



The CAP engagement model is that people can refer to the service through the central administration in Bradford and then a debt coach contacts them locally. Over a series of appointments, the coach collects and then sends detailed financial information for assessment at the central Bradford CAP office. The client is then presented with the most appropriate options to help them manage their finances to go debt free.

Throughout the process, the coach provides a sympathetic, Christian non-judgemental approach and ideally a “befriender” from within the church is also introduced to provide the client with an additional point of contact and relationship. The multi-award-winning CAP philosophy aims to provide people who are often completely burdened by debt and its associated problems with a wholistic solution including offering to pray with clients if they wish. Donna says:

“During 2024 we saw 27 new households whilst also working with many existing clients

Of these clients, 7 households are now debt free already with a further 11 debt free through insolvency. Sadly, 3 clients stopped engaging with us before they were able to complete the process.

Many clients are working well on debt repayment plans, and it was encouraging that one client finally went debt free after completing their 7-year repayment plan.

Unfortunately, we had several bookings last summer that didn't follow through with appointments. We also had an unusual 2-month period (August and September) of receiving no bookings at all which left October and November without any new clients. This turned out to be fortuitous in terms of extra work that was required for futureproofing and planning, taking on another worker in Sandra, and seeing several complex cases moved forward to now being debt free.

Happily, 7 of the debt free people this year are recovering addicts, who can now start afresh debt free as well as drug and alcohol free.

In the last year a total of 20 households went debt free, this includes 21 adults and 27 children affected.

In total now, over the last 9 years we have seen 130 households go debt free, this includes 142 adults and 129 children, which is 271 people affected positively!

Church giving has enabled food and fuel support to be given this year. We have also accessed £2,500 of funding for food and fuel support for our clients as well as white goods and furniture for those in need. We continue to be able to provide three lots of fuel vouchers from the national fuel bank for our clients who request it and this has greatly benefitted many of them this year.”

The work of CAP formed a key part of the strategy to prioritise the needs of people, especially those experiencing greatest need and hardship. A significant number of individuals and households have been helped practically by this work and through that have also found a spiritual home in SMCF and seen positive, transformational changes to their lives.

5.3.5 Housing Support

Spring Mount's vision is to provide safe, affordable, quality housing for those most in need.

In 2020 we acquired a two-bedroom property in partnership with Green Pastures (ref: 9.2) in the Salthouse area very close to the Pavilion. The running and maintenance of it is the responsibility of Spring Mount.

The house provides emergency and short-term housing for two residents who agree to access support available through the church. This includes volunteering under supervision and accessing a variety of activities.

To consolidate and expand the church's vision for housing, it took on a formal responsibility in 2022 to manage two additional properties which continued into 2024. They are owned by two different members of the church who share the vision to provide for those in need of an affordable home. Spring Mount co-ordinates the tenants who are people the church is closely associated with. It takes a fair rent and provides a quality home. A formal agreement with the property owners outlining responsibility for maintenance and reimbursement has been agreed with each owner.

The church administrator continued to have responsibility for the management of the paperwork required for this ministry. This included submitting claims for housing benefits and other official documentation for Green Pastures.

It is anticipated these houses will allow people experiencing short-medium term need for housing to be housed and integrated into activities in the church to be supported and helped to put their lives back on track. They form a key part of the strategy to meet people's practical needs within the community. The Leadership Team continued to explore how to expand this ministry further in the future.

5.3.6 Foodbank

SMCF continues to support the Barrow Foodbank (ref: 9.5).

5.4 Buildings

5.4.1 Salthouse Pavilion

In February 2015 Spring Mount purchased Salthouse Pavilion as a long-term solution to the lack of space in Abbey Road and as part of a strategy to grow the church including reaching into a new community. After four years of development the permanent move into the building took place in 2019.



Although the bulk of the renovation work has been completed to allow for church services and activities to take place, there remain several areas of the building which still require development and improvement.

Work was started on the downstairs of the annex to provide additional small rooms with a completely independent entrance. The builder's work was completed in 2024 and the ground floor just requires final decoration before coming into full use in 2025. These rooms are designed for flexible uses, from a youth room to provide more Sunday School space, to a prayer room or small meeting room. The annex will allow small scale meetings or one to one appointments without the need to access the whole building. This will be a valuable new facility.

5.4.2 Abbey Road

Following transfer of church activities from the Abbey Road site to the Salthouse Pavilion, the building has been let to a national firm of funeral directors. However, the lessors advised in the later part of the year that they were not renewing the lease. The property remains a valuable asset and alternative uses were sought.



5.5 Media

The website www.springmount.church was developed and maintained by Naomi Chad. It provides sophisticated content to showcase and advertise the work of the church. All activities are listed and described together with links to newsletters, videos, and articles. All services and sermons are available to download or watch via podcast. Links are available to contact the church leadership team. There are links to the church Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts. An email account is given to the leadership team and other key church workers to send and receive church related email.

The pandemic led to a rapid shift towards new ways of connecting with church via online media. These continued to be offered after physical meeting became possible again as a permanent change of behaviour. The Sunday morning services were broadcast live via YouTube, Facebook and then the recorded service could also be accessed via the church website afterwards. The recorded service was also distributed via other digital formats to those who could not access the service via online formats. We have found that we have connected with people who would not have otherwise attended the church physically. A church playlist of regular and new worship songs is available to help people worship at home and familiarise themselves with the music sung at church on a Sunday morning. There are now groups which meet exclusively online which gives people who cannot attend in person the option of still being a part of a group.

5.6 External Prayer and Financial Support

UGANDA - Various fund-raising events and initiatives took place throughout the year for Blessed Hill school and orphanage in Kampala (Ref: 9.6) including the scheme for people to buy bricks for £1 each to help finance a new building project at the school. However, the situation on the

ground changed and the decision was made for church to cease being a channel for donations to Blessed Hill.

ROMANIA - The usual appeal for shoeboxes (filled with gifts for children) in the run-up to Christmas saw approximately 150 given by members of SMCF. In previous years the shoeboxes had been collected and transported to Romania through Boxes of Hope, Cumbria, however the charity is no longer operating. In 2024 the shoebox collection and transportation was conducted personally by Alan and Hilly Docker in collaboration with Nicu and the Romanian Charity People to People with whom they have very close personal ties and were the recipients of the shoeboxes from Boxes of Hope Cumbria. These shoeboxes were distributed to children in both Romania and Ukraine.

PERSECUTED CHURCH - SMCF continued to support the persecuted church through the charity "Open Doors" (ref: 9.8).

LIFECENTRE SALFORD - SMCF continued regular financial support to Salford's Lifecentre Church's Youth Worker project. This is seen as a token of gratitude for Lifecentre's support to Spring Mount in previous years and a tangible demonstration of standing alongside a church with similar objectives to Spring Mount (Ref: 9.9).

OTHER - SMCF continued to support Capernwray (local Bible College) (Ref: 9.10) and Dan Randal working for HOPE Together (Ref: 9.11). Dan spent his teenage years at Spring Mount growing in the Christian faith.

6. Risk

6.1 Insurance

Insurance has been reviewed. Insurance includes public and employer's liability for all church activities including the housing project.

The Missing Document Insurance policy purchased during the acquisition of the Pavilion was for a one-off premium and remains in force with no need for renewal.

Landlord's property insurance has been renewed to cover risks associated with letting out the Abbey Road building.

The copyright licenses have been reviewed and renewed.

6.2 Policies

All policies are maintained and reviewed annually including the following.

- Child Protection Policy. Spring Mount is a member of ThirtyOne-eight (formally Churches Child Protection Advisory Service). Membership of this enables access to consultancy, training, DBS checks and a 24-hour helpline.
- Vulnerable Adults Policy.
- Health and Safety Policy.

- Data Protection Policy to ensure all data held and shared complies with General Data Protection Regulations.
- Equality and Diversity Policy.
- Social Media Policy.

6.3 Safeguarding

Phil and Marie Last acted as Safeguarding leads for the church to coordinate safeguarding policy and to act as a point of contact for the reporting of any concerns. Tim and Isabela Baalham acted as Deputy Safeguarding leads to assist in this role.

6.4 Buildings (including Security)

The Health and Safety File compiled during the Salthouse Pavilion refurbishment works is maintained as a live file in compliance with the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015.

The asbestos survey undertaken in 2015 provides the basis for an on-going asbestos register to manage remaining asbestos. No alterations have been required to the asbestos register.

The Pavilion alarms (fire and intruder) are actively managed and maintained.

6.5 Planned Maintenance

Appliances and equipment (including fire extinguishers) have been serviced and maintained as appropriate.

Portable Electrical Appliance testing (PAT) is undertaken by SMCF members who have been trained to undertake the testing.

6.6 Financial

See Section 7 Financial Review below for comment on loan liabilities.

7. Financial Review

7.1 Policy

All regular income is by way of voluntary gifts and donations.

The Trustees appreciate the government's Gift Aid scheme and encourages gifts to be made using this means. Gift Aid claims to HMRC are made on an annual basis. The return to in-person meetings following the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions has resulted in an increase of cash gifts and this has in turn facilitated a gift aid top top-up using the government's Gift Aid on Small Donations Scheme (GASDS).

Gift income is used for general running expenses, the Salthouse Pavilion refurbishment project, and donations which are made to Christian UK organisations who work both locally and abroad, based on perceived need, in accordance with SMCF's objectives.

No new loans were taken out during 2024. Repayment of the secured loan (Methodist Chapel Aid Ltd) continued through monthly repayments, all in accordance with the conditions of the loan.

Donations from Keswick2Barrow Committee are appreciated. £2,200 was received from the May 2024 walk which was allocated to SMCF's social action activities.

Grant income was appreciated from grant making bodies as follows and used as described elsewhere in this report:

- Holiday Activities with Food (HAF) (Westmorland and Furness Council)
- Life Skills and Community HAF (Westmorland and Furness Council)
- Warm Hub (Westmorland and Furness Council)
- Wellbeing, including Christmas Hampers (Westmorland and Furness Council)
- Poverty Relief (Acts435)
- Harri Bus (NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria, Westmorland and Furness Council)

SMCF continues to meet all on-going financial commitments as a going concern.

7.2 Independent Examination

SMCF's accounts were subject to Independent Examination. Building on experience gained during previous examinations (which were first conducted for the year 2007 to 2008), a local firm of Chartered Accountants with experience in the charity sector (R F Miller & Co) undertook the Examination. The Examination was successfully concluded and found the accounts to be compliant with regulatory requirements.

7.3 Bankers

SMCF continues to use Barclays Bank PLC. The local Barclays branch closed in 2024, however, counter services continue to be accessed via local Post Offices and the local Barclays pop-up desk.

8. Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above.

Signed for on behalf of the SMCF Trustees:

Signature:	
Full name:	Tim Baalham
Position:	Trustee
Date:	

9. Appendix: Charities with Links to Spring Mount

9.1 Christians Against Poverty (CAP) is a nationally recognised charity started in Bradford in the 1990s which seeks to help people in poverty by giving debt advice to clients referred to them. It seeks to address the root causes of poverty and provide practical financial advice and help to those in need. It provides help to all who request it irrespective of their faith, however, CAP is a Christian charity which seeks to ultimately assist with a holistic solution to a person's problems.

The debt manager sets up appointments to meet with potential clients and together with a "befriender" will seek to build a trusting relationship with the client. The details of the client's financial situation are then passed to experts at CAP central office in Bradford who will identify a strategy to assist the client to become debt free. On subsequent visits they will pass on that plan and, if the client accepts it, CAP will support the client in following that new path. The befriender is there as an on-going moral support for the client throughout the whole process to financial independence. This model has been successfully used for over 20 years throughout the UK by CAP.

9.2 Green Pastures is a national Christian social enterprise that provides homes for the homeless and those in most need. The successful model adopted by Green Pastures is that they purchase a suitable property, in consultation with the partner church and provide the financial resources needed. The partner church then manages the day to day running and maintenance of the property, renting it exclusively to homeless people or those in real need of short term accommodation. The church administers the rent collection and deals with the local authorities or other agencies. This pays the lease of the property to Green Pastures. The tenant is required to engage in activity through the church each week as part of their agreement. In the case of SMCF, this will be through taking CAP courses, volunteering and being mentored. This supervised activity allows the individual to get the help they need, turn their life around and find community within the wider church.

9.3 Holiday Activities with Food (HAF) is government initiative started in October 2021 which aims to tackle the problem of social isolation and poor nutrition amongst the most vulnerable children in society. The government recognised that children in receipt of free school meals often have no access to a hot meal during the school holidays as well as being less likely to engage in out of school social activities. The HAF programme provides £200 million per year in funding to local authorities to assist with this by running clubs and activities through local charities and other providers.

9.4 Walney Community Trust (WCT) has close ties to SMCF. It is led by Jeff Chadd (also a member of SMCF) with the vision of serving the community of Walney. It employs community and youth workers to provide youth clubs, courses and community activities throughout the week. Whilst independent organisations, the WCT links with SMCF activities such that both charities can benefit from each other. Some of the trustees for the charity are also a part of Spring Mount Church.

9.5 Barrow Foodbank is operated by the local churches to respond to and provide emergency food parcels to those in desperate need. It forms part of a national network of foodbanks linked to the Trussell Trust.

9.6 Blessed Hill Children's Centre is a Christian based organisation which runs an orphanage and school in Kampala, Uganda. Close ties have been built up and maintained between it and Spring Mount Church. Regular support is provided through a £6/month scheme (commenced in 2011) which provides enough money to feed all the children at Blessed Hill every day. The scheme has continued through most of the current year with regular gifts to support the school/orphanage. Fund raising events for the Uganda projects included a garden party at the home of Alan and Hilly Docker in Barrow.

9.7 Acts435 is a giving website that allows people to give money directly to others. The charity runs through Acts435 Advocates from a network of church and local charities. The Advocate posts requests directly onto the Acts435 website for people in their community who are in need. 100% of what is donated to the request goes directly to those in need.

9.8 Open Doors International is an organisation serving and raising awareness of the persecuted church across the world. It seeks to help Christians on the ground in these countries as well as mobilising the UK church to support and pray for Christians under religious persecution. Spring Mount Church supported their regular initiatives and encouraged regular prayer meetings for them.

9.9 Lifecentre, Salford is part of Langworthy community church, a small church plant on an estate with great social challenges. As a church they model a community-based approach and Spring Mount has benefitted greatly from their advice and example as we have tried to work in our similar communities.

9.10 Capernwray is a bible college based near Carnforth. SMCF has benefited in previous years from college staff speaking at SMCF and from bible course at the college.

9.11 HOPE Together seeks to empower the global church and local leaders to make Jesus known in word and action.

Independent Examiner's Report

To the Trustees of

Spring Mount Christian Fellowship

I report on the accounts of Spring Mount Christian Fellowship for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 22 to 23.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this Period under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:-

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

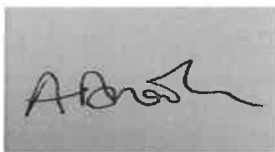
My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

The Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 in the previous year, however this has reduced within the current reporting year. I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of ACCA.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Spring Mount Christian Fellowship

Statement of financial activities

for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Restricted Funds 2024		Unrestricted Funds 2024		Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023	
	£	£	£	£		£	£
Incoming resources							
Voluntary income							
Grants and Donations	42,137		9,000		51,137	280,387	
Offerings	-		127,106		127,106	148,936	
Specified gifts	-		5,026		5,026	8,299	
Housing Project	-		-		-	-	
Auxiliaries	-		200		200	900	
Misc	-		5,904		5,904	4,830	
		42,137		147,236	189,373		443,352
Activities for generating funds							
Rentals	-		23,510		23,510	26,342	
Events	-		-		-	-	
		-		23,510	23,510		26,342
Investment income							
Interest received	-		1,248		1,248	496	
		-		1,248	1,248		496
		42,137		171,994	214,131		470,190
Resources expended							
Governance costs							
Professional fees	-		1,453		1,453	1,299	
		-		1,453	1,453		1,299
Other resources expended							
Rates & water	-		595		595	4,435	
Heat & Light	1,000		3,422		4,422	8,123	
Telephone	-		562		562	462	
Insurance	-		2,758		2,758	2,534	
Speaker's expenses & gifts	-		1,290		1,290	1,190	
Sunday School	-		49		49	140	
Printing, Postage, Stationery & Website costs	-		916		916	1,050	
Training & Courses	-		420		420	139	
Catering	-		1,915		1,915	3,193	
Freedom in Christ	-		105		105	180	
Personnel related costs	17,578		74,426		92,004	87,035	
Support gifts	3,307		17,747		21,054	262,246	
Support grants	41,322		-		41,322	-	
Event Costs	-		-		-	30	
Bank Charges	-		104		104	351	
Consumables	-		505		505	800	
Miscellaneous	-		702		702	13,333	
Depreciation	-		16,392		16,392	14,626	
Housing Project Costs	-		1,423		1,423	191	
Pavillion costs	-		35,551		35,551	4,018	
Interest on loans	-		3,336		3,336	3,415	
(Profit)/Loss on disposal of assets	-		-		-	405	
		63,207		162,218	225,425		407,895
		63,207		163,670	226,878		409,194
Excess of expenditure over income		(21,070)		8,323	(12,747)		60,995
Balance brought forward from previous year		21,070		108,688	129,758		68,763
Balance at end of year		-		117,012	117,012		129,758

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for the year ended 31 December 2024

Balance Sheet

at 31 December 2024

	Restricted Funds 2024		Unrestricted Funds 2024		Total Funds 2024		Total Funds 2023	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets								
Property		-		1,581,060		1,581,060		1,581,060
Fixtures & Fittings		-		17,785		17,785		16,437
Appliances		-		1,427		1,427		1,781
Projectors		-		2,534		2,534		5,068
Computer Equipment		-		984		984		1,721
Audio Equipment		-		5,716		5,716		10,609
Total fixed assets		-		1,609,507		1,609,507		1,616,675
Current assets								
Debtors		-		-		-		-
Prepayments		-		1,661		1,661		1,680
VAT		-		-		-		-
Other Assets								
Gift Aid	-	-	11,801	-	11,801	-	12,570	-
GASD3	-	-	1,125	-	1,125	-	1,125	-
		-		12,926		12,926		13,695
Investments		-		-		-		-
Cash at bank								
Savings account		-		77,227		77,227		73,347
Current account		-		11,261		11,261		34,908
Total current assets		-		103,075		103,075		123,629
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year								
Loans		-		13,749		13,749		13,749
Accruals		-		660		660		601
PAYE		-		805		805		1,895
Pension		-		196		196		363
Creditors		-		51		51		-
Net current assets		-		1,697,121		1,697,121		1,723,696
Creditors: amounts falling over within one year								
Loans		-		38,640		38,640		52,468
Net assets		-		1,658,481		1,658,481		1,671,228
Represented by								
Funds of the charity								
Unrestricted funds			1,650,158		1,650,158		1,594,467	
Restricted funds	21,070				21,070		15,766	

Add: Net assets (first completion of balance sheet)

Add	Excess of expenditure over income for the year	(21,070)	8,323	(12,747)	60,995
Total funds as at 31 December 2024		- 0	1,658,481	1,658,481	1,671,228

I approve the financial information.

I acknowledge my responsibility for the financial information, including the appropriateness of the accounting basis as set out and for providing R F Miller & Co with all the information and explanations necessary for its completion.

The financial information was approved on

Signed _____

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Spring Mount Christian Fellowship

Report and Accounts

For the year ended

31 December 2023

Spring Mount Christian Fellowship

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1. Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name: Spring Mount Christian Fellowship (SMCF)

Registered Charity Number: 1163628

Principal Address: Salthouse Pavilion,
Roose Road
Barrow-in-Furness,
Cumbria LA13 9RQ

Online: Website: www.springmount.church
Facebook: facebook.com/springmount.church
Twitter: twitter.com/springmountch
Instagram: instagram.com/springmount.church

Charity Trustees who Manage the Charity (known as the Church Leadership Team):

- Tim Baalham — Communications, Connect Groups
- Alan Docker — Pastoral, Walney
- Paul Hardingham — Finance
- Jonny Harrison — Pastor, Worship, Teaching, Youthwork
- Shirley Waters — Secretary, Sunday School

2. Executive Summary

2023 saw normality completely return to church life following the unprecedented events of recent years. The dust had settled following Covid-19 and all groups met in person. The life of the church remained extremely busy with many regular activities resulting in the church building being used every day throughout the week. The addition of the upstairs kitchen enabled two independent groups to operate in different parts of the building simultaneously. An undoubted highlight of the year was the women's "Flourish" conference in March in which 130 ladies from across the area came together for one Saturday of teaching and worship.

The appointment of Wes Tudor as Youth Leader in late 2022 provided much impetus into the church's youthwork throughout 2023. He successfully worked alongside the existing young people in the church as well as those outside in local schools and the community. He has overseen both numerical growth in the existing groups together with starting new groups. He has started to build good relationships with the youth as well as making excellent connections with other Christian youth workers and organisations in the area.

Spring Mount continued to practically show the love of Christ in the community through its social action programmes. The work of Christians Against Poverty (CAP) (ref: 9.1) continued to provide support for people struggling with debt and financial difficulties. The milestone of our 100th debt free client was celebrated within 2023. The Green Pastures house (ref: 9.2) which was set up in 2020

gave stability and a home for men who may otherwise have been homeless. Spring Mount successfully delivered 23 Holiday Activities with Food (HAF, Ref: 9.3) sessions in partnership with Walney Community Trust (ref: 9.4)

A particular encouragement is the continued increase in ethnic diversity as new people join us from different countries and cultures. The Filipino church community became more integrated into the church with one of their worship leaders joining the main worship team to lead on a Sunday morning. As Christians we believe that all nationalities are equal under God and this diversity is an exciting expression of God's Kingdom. SMCF continues to welcome people from whatever background into the church family.

Spring Mount continued to look outwards to support Christians across the world and strengthened its links with overseas partners. The momentum built from the mission trip to Uganda in 2022 continued with a trip to Romania in 2023. This increased awareness and support from across the church and both Romania and Uganda remain important focuses of SMCF's support for the worldwide church

3. Structure, Governance and Management

SMCF is an active church organisation which was founded in the early 20th century. The church was registered with the Charity Commission as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in 2015. Church trustees are appointed by the church Leadership Team. Trustee term of service is 3 years.

SMCF is staffed by volunteers from within its membership. The trustees retain overall management of all Trust affairs but delegate day to day administration to volunteer workers for areas of specific responsibility. Jonny Harrison has been employed full time as the church pastor since 2018. In addition, Donna Docker is employed part time to lead and co-ordinate the work of Christians Against Poverty. Wes Tudor has been employed part time as a youth worker since November 2022. Shirley Waters employment to administer emergency goods from a local council grant continued through 2023.

After the resignation of Samantha Taylor as part-time Church Administrator, Rebecca McIlgorm was appointed to the role. She is employed 8 hours per week to carry out administrative tasks.

The Leadership Team meet formally at least once a month for business and prayer. The leaders continue to recognise a need for more prayer and therefore a significant proportion of Leadership Team business meetings have been devoted to prayer.

The Leadership Team is actively seeking ways to improve the efficiency of decision making by separating some of the day-to-day decision making from the long-term strategic planning to reflect the growth of the church. During 2023 separate groups of key workers met to discuss decisions and pastoral issues.

The Leadership Team outlines current plans, activities and concerns during Sunday services and encourages feedback, especially via the Connect Groups and the Sunday evening prayer times. The Leadership prayer times are occasionally open to the wider church as a way of seeking and sharing vision collectively.

Property title is held by the CIO.

4. Objectives and Activities

SMCF objectives are summarised in the SMCF CIO constitution as follows:

1. The advancement of the Christian faith for the benefit of the public in accordance with the SMCF Statement of Identity (attached to the Constitution as Schedule 1 "Statement of Identity")
2. Such other purposes as are exclusively charitable in accordance with the laws of England and Wales as the trustees may from time to time determine.

The Constitution Schedule 1 "Statement of Identity" sets out SMCF's concerns, principles, beliefs, practices and membership. Associated appendices include the SMCF Mission Statement, Statement of Doctrine and an accompanying statement of Privileges and Responsibilities of being Part of a Local Church, all broadly as published in past Trustees Reports.

The Constitution Schedule 1 summarises SMCF's primary concern as follows:

'For children, young people, men and women of all ages that they may know that salvation through Christ can transform lives wherever they are lived out including home, school, work and leisure. To that end, SMCF's ultimate aims are that they will come to faith in Christ by whatever means and will continually grow as disciples of Jesus Christ, whether or not they remain with Spring Mount'

SMCF's Mission Statement (why SMCF exists) is presented in the Constitution Schedule 1 as follows:

Our Mission: "To reach, teach, grow and send"

- Reach others for Christ
- Teach others about Christ
- Grow in Christ
- Send for Christ

SMCF's vision (what will SMCF look like) is currently as follows:

- For three worshipping communities, all benefiting from mutual support under the SMCF umbrella.
- For discipleship (individual and corporate) for SMCF members to grow in faith and service, developing people's gifts.

SMCF's strategy (how SMCF will get there) is currently as follows:

- "Don't just come to church, be the church"
To encourage all regular SMCF worshippers to participate in different activities and to serve the needs of the church and wider community. To find and then fulfil their role in the Body of Christ (the church).
- Mentoring and Support
Encourage all regular SMCF worshippers to be within a partnership of two or three people to pray and mentor each other or be a member of a small group or Connect Group.

- *Develop Salthouse Pavilion*
Continue the refurbishment of the Salthouse Pavilion to maximise the potential use. To expand the work of SMCF into this community in Barrow, such that more people may experience the love of God and be helped into a faith in Christ.
- *Develop Work on Walney*
Develop the worshipping community on Walney, in conjunction with other aspects of church life already happening in the Walney building, to "strengthen the stakes".
- *Explore Options for Abbey Road*
Regular activities have moved from Abbey Road to Salthouse Pavilion and the building is currently leased to a funeral director company whilst the SMCF maintains ultimate ownership in the medium term.
- *"People, People, People"*
The priority remains a concern for all people which has helped keep the church's focus on its core objectives to help and serve people in the church and wider community. In particular, the church feels that it should concentrate its work amongst people experiencing greatest need and hardship thus following the example of Jesus.

SMCF's vision and strategy are live items which are expected to develop over time.

Activities undertaken to support SMCF's objectives are described in the following section.

5. Achievements and Performance

The following sections give a more detailed report of the activities of Spring Mount Church and a brief summary of how these link to the general mission objectives are **highlighted in red text**.

5.1 General Activities

Most activities were based at SMCF's Salthouse Pavilion building. Certain activities are centred on Walney Island within the Walney Community Trust (WCT) (ref: 9.4) building on Amphitrite Street (known as Spring Mount on Walney).

5.1.1 Weekly Sunday Services

The principal expressions of the church's community are the weekly services of worship.

The mornings cater for all ages, including Sunday School groups, a youth church and a crèche for children. The morning services were a mixture of sung worship, communion and a sermon which usually formed part of a larger sermon series. Tea and coffee were served after the service. Teams of individuals served in various capacities to ensure the smooth running of the service and its activities.

The evening service is a less formal setting with an emphasis on corporate prayer.

Spring Mount Church believes in the importance of regular services both for the worship of God and the benefit of the individual.

5.1.2 Prayer Meetings

In addition to the Sunday evening prayer focus, there was a weekly Tuesday night prayer meeting. Helen Pearson continued to promote the importance of corporate prayer in her capacity as Prayer Co-ordinator.

Sandra Faulds-Mariscal was responsible for the “Prayer Team” who met prior to the morning service and then minister to those wishing to receive prayer support during and after the service. This Team is carefully chosen, vetted, and trained in how to pray for people sensitively and sympathetically, always in pairs.

The administration of the Prayer Network allowed prayer requests to be circulated rapidly to those who have committed to pray for issues and situations as they arise. This was carried out confidentially to ensure all GDPR and confidentiality requirements were fully met.

5.1.3 Connect and Other Small Groups

The Leadership Team continued to encourage participation in a Connect Group as a means of support, prayer and Bible study. They were held on different days and at different times to cater for as many people as possible. For example, one of these groups was aimed to appeal to people in their 20s and 30s, one was held during the day for ladies and another group was established for young parents. Each group is encouraged to follow on from the Sunday morning sermon to provide continuity and an opportunity to discuss the points raised in a safe, small group setting. It is also a forum for sharing and discussing the vision and opportunities in the church. It is the Leadership Team's desire to see as many people from within the fellowship as possible linked to a Connect Group.

A group of men met regularly for Bible study and prayer support weekly within the Green Pastures house.

The Book Club continued to meet online on a Friday afternoon to review a Christian book.

A Freedom in Christ course was run in 2023 attended by 15 people. It is a 10-week discipleship course designed to help Christians understand what a difference Christ makes in their life.

5.1.4 Children's Work

A toddler group met every Wednesday led by Shirley Waters and volunteers. A different toddler



group also met on Tuesday and Thursdays at Walney led by Ros Harrison. Both groups attract many parents, carers, and children from diverse backgrounds across the community. The groups provide safe environments for parents and small children to chat and play.



Sunday School met every Sunday during the main morning service in which children from the age of three to eleven were taught about stories from the Bible in a fun and interesting way. It was encouraging to see new people stepping into the roles of teaching the children. Due to the number

of children this is organised into different classes for different ages. They performed a very successful Nativity service in December.

5.1.5 Youth Work

In November 2022 SMCF appointed Wes Tudor as a Youth Worker. He is employed to work with the youth and coordinate the work with the help of volunteers. During 2023 the youth work grew into new areas. Other volunteers from within SMCF also helped with running various youth clubs.



On Tuesday there was a meal where the young people connected over a meal, played games and talked about different topics centred around Jesus.

On Wednesdays Wes led mentoring sessions at Walney school, encouraging some young lads in their life's challenges, giving them a safe space to communicate and opportunity to learn from one another. Also, on a Wednesday he led a youth/kids club for school years 3-6 attended by up to 35 children. This gave them some open space for them to be involved in games, crafts, eating sweets, learning about Christian morals and praying for one another. He also led youth band, where young adults were encouraged to praise God together in worship by singing and playing an instrument.

On a Thursday Wes connected with other churches, youth groups and pastors within the area.

On Friday he would mentor some year 6 students from Barrow Island School, giving them an opportunity to develop the confidence and reassurance for the next step of secondary school. In the evening, he also ran a youth club where young adults had a safe space to chat, catch up with a game and have some food. They also had occasional quiz nights, pizza/movie nights and even karaoke. Some of the young people that attended connected with other church groups because of it and have developed into being leaders for the club and taken on other more responsible roles.

On Sunday mornings he led youth church where he discussed many Bible stories and Scriptures. During 2023 the number of regular attendees grew from 7 to 15 young people. The young people also took part in occasional trips including laser tag and attended an inter-church youth event in Keswick.

5.1.6 Seniors



A monthly meeting for more senior folk known as SMILE provided a tea, entertainment, and devotional time. It attracted people from the church and the wider community and helped to build relationships with senior folk and tackle the problem of loneliness and isolation within this age group. They provided a summer excursion to the Lake District in July and a pre-Christmas trip in November. This was run by volunteers headed up by Sue Durham.

5.2 Other Regular Events

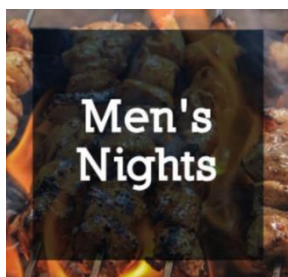
5.2.1 Filipino Church Community

In recent years Spring Mount Church has been blessed with an increasingly culturally diverse group of people including those from The Philippines. During the Covid-19 pandemic lockdowns Gerald Ybosa and his wife, Caroline started a ministry to support people from within their Filipino community, especially those new to the country. Gerald was a pastor in The Philippines before moving to Barrow. This community had met on a Sunday afternoon for a simple service in the upstairs rooms of the Pavilion to worship God and have a service in their own language.



In 2023 this community integrated fully into the Sunday morning services including regularly leading worship as part of the Worship Team. The group continued to meet on alternate Saturdays in somebody's home for fellowship and prayer support.

5.2.2 Men's Ministry



A regular men's social meeting continued to provide a social setting for the men of the church and to bring friends. It provided different cuisine themed from different parts of the world as well as a Christmas meal.

In November approximately 30 men attended the two-day Excel Men's conference at Life Church in Bradford meeting with Christians from across the country for teaching and worship.

5.2.3 Ladies' Ministry

In March Spring Mount held its annual Ladies "Flourish" conference. It was led by Sarah Richardson, a local Anglican minister. Approximately 120 ladies from across the area and further afield met together across a whole day of teaching, worship, prayer and ministry.



A series of regular bring and share meals exclusively for ladies were held throughout the year. This provided an opportunity for socialising, support and to invite friends into the church.

A ladies' Bible Study continued every fortnight for women to pray and read the Bible together.

5.2.4 Spring Mount in Stitches

The sewing group called "Spring Mount in Stitches" met throughout 2023 allowing ladies to be creative and socialise on a Wednesday night.



5.2.5 Ad Hoc Events

In May 2023 the church helped the nation to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III by holding a party with food, entertainment and a bouncy castle. It was extremely well attended by people from across the local community.

The church held a very successful international food and dancing event to celebrate the great cultural diversity within the church. People brought representative food from their own nationality

and dressed in their national costumes. Christian music from various cultures was played and people enjoyed dancing and celebrating together.

During 2023 there were two Baptism services including on Easter Sunday. In total five people were baptised.

SMCF also celebrated four weddings and six dedications and held four funeral services.

The Pavilion was also hired to external groups including a group of recovering addicts for regular meetings. It was also used as a polling station. The local MP also held their surgery in the building.

All the regular and ad hoc events described in 5.1 and 5.2 succeeded in teaching people about Christ and helped many within the church to grow in their faith and serve their community.

5.3 Community Involvement

5.3.1. Emergency Support

In the winter months, Spring Mount provided daily warm spaces as part of a national initiative to help the most vulnerable people with the “cost of living crisis”. Both Salthouse Pavilion and the Walney buildings were open for several hours per day allowing those who wanted to come in and take advantage of the warmth as well as a warm welcome.



Following on from the successful partnership between SMCF, Walney Community Trust and the local council during the Covid Pandemic, Barrow Borough Council continued to ask Shirley Waters to head up the distribution of a special hardship grant. This allowed for the purchase and distribution of emergency items such as white goods and furniture for people in need across the Barrow area. The people were referred by Social Services, the council and local schools. 310 different households were helped. They were also given vouchers for the Barrow Foodbank and a one-off top up for their electricity or gas meters as appropriate. This council initiative was to help some of the most vulnerable with the cost-of-living crisis. It was also an opportunity to come alongside people and offer longer term help and advice by signposting them to our life skills and money courses.

The poverty relief work was further enhanced by grants from Acts435 (ref: 9.14). Ros Harrison and Shirley Waters acted as the Acts435 Advocates enabling purchase of specific items for specific individuals.

The council funded Christmas hampers for essential items were supplemented by fun items financed by an appeal to SMCF members.

Similar to the hardship grant, the council asked Spring Mount to administer funds for the Harri Bus vehicle operated by Lancashire and South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust. The Harri Bus is a mobile vehicle enabling reach out to the community to promote health and wellbeing (including mental health).

This practical show of Christian love in local community's time of need was a key element of Spring Mount's vision to share God's love to everyone, especially the most disadvantaged and in need. The connections made with people and the links made to agencies and bodies within the town are a good base from which to build further practical ministries in the future. We are privileged to have

been recognised by Barrow Borough Council as a partner organisation to distribute their hardship funds.

5.3.2 Walney Worshipping Community.

Walney Community Trust (WCT) (ref: 9.4) creates connections and relationships across Walney Island. This work, run over many years, forms a backbone to the local community on Walney and partnership with WCT is a key part of the SMCF strategy to show the love of God to the people of the area. SMCF is grateful to WCT for the use of WCT's building on Walney Island for SMCF activities and is pleased to support WCT via SMCF volunteers for WCT activities.



Weekly community meals on Monday evenings provide a safe place for children and carers to enjoy an after-school time over a meal with activities and space for homework for children and teenagers.

A popular toddler group meets twice a week. It gives carers and children a safe environment in which to meet, play and support one another.



A Craft Café ran in the school holidays during which children and parents were invited to meet and participate in crafts and activities followed by a lunch. Approximately 100 children came each day with their parents or carers.

Free Craft Cafés

New parenting courses, CAP Fresh Start, CAP Life Skills and CAP Money courses (section 5.3.4) were all run through the Walney building positively impacting the lives of many people who participated. In addition, a six-week cooking skills course was run over the summer where people were taught to cook two simple meals and then given the ingredients to take home and try without supervision.

5.3.3 Holiday Activity and Food (HAF Ref: 9.3)

During all the school holidays Spring Mount in partnership with Walney Community Trust provided 23 free activity sessions for young children and their parents and carers. They saw a total of over 1,200 children provided with a hot meal and take part in the crafts and fun activities provided. This was all provided with the support of Barrow Borough Council as part of the government's initiative to provide the equivalent to free school meals for those who need it during the school holidays. It is recognised that when such provision is no longer available to those most vulnerable children, they often end up going without a hot meal.

The sessions were provided by over 20 Spring Mount volunteers and employees of the Walney Community Trust. They were held both at Salthouse Pavilion and on the fields on Walney School during good weather. A bouncy castle, crafts, games and entertainments were provided for the children in addition to the hot food. HAF also worked with the Wordsworth Trust (ref: 9.5) and Barrow Library who both came in and were present at some sessions.

5.3.4 Christians Against Poverty (CAP)

CAP Debt Centre

Spring Mount ran a local debt centre (established in November 2016) for CAP (ref: 9.1) with Donna Docker employed as the centre manager.

Throughout 2023, CAP saw new clients in addition to working with existing clients. People can refer to the service through the central administration in Bradford and then Donna contacts them locally. Over a series of appointments, she collects and then sends detailed financial information for assessment at the central Bradford CAP office. The client is then presented with the most appropriate options to help them manage their finances or to go debt free.



Throughout the process, Donna provides a sympathetic, Christian non-judgemental approach and a “befriender” from within the church is also introduced to provide the client with an additional point of contact and relationship. The multi-award-winning CAP philosophy aims to provide people who are often completely burdened by debt and its associated problems with a holistic solution including offering to pray with clients if they wish. This successful approach saw the milestone of over 100 debt free households reached in 2023.

During Christmas, over 400 hampers of food and supplies were delivered to vulnerable families across the town. These were delivered individually by volunteers within the church to provide a special Christmas blessing to our CAP clients and others known to be in need.

CAP Fresh Start Courses

Jonny Harrison provided two CAP Fresh Start courses which helped people seeking to address life controlling habits and addictions.

CAP Life Skills Courses

Ros Harrison ran two CAP Life Skills Courses from the Walney building. The course helps people to gain some of the basic skills required for effective, practical living. Topics covered include how to cook from scratch and how to budget effectively.

CAP Money Courses

Two CAP money courses were run in 2023 to help people manage their money, including developing budgeting skills.

CAP Funding

SMCF successfully re-applied for a £10,000 grant from the Sir John Fisher Foundation following on from the previous grants awarded. The Cumbria Community Foundation also supplied the third and final instalment of three for £9,000.

The work of CAP formed a key part of the strategy to prioritise the needs of people, especially those experiencing greatest need and hardship. Several individuals have been helped practically by this work and through that have also found a spiritual home in SMCF and seen positive, transformational changes to their lives.

5.3.5 Housing Support

Spring Mount's vision is to provide safe, affordable, quality housing for those most in need.

In 2020 we acquired a two-bedroom property in partnership with Green Pastures (ref: 9.2) in the Salthouse area very close to the Pavilion. The running and maintenance of it is the responsibility of Spring Mount.

The house provides emergency and short-term housing for two residents who agree to access support available through the church. This includes volunteering under supervision and accessing a variety of activities. Jonny made regular visits three or four times a week to support them.

To consolidate and expand the church's vision for housing, it took on a formal responsibility in 2022 to manage two additional properties which continued into 2023. They are owned by two different members of the church who share the vision to provide for those in need of an affordable home. Spring Mount co-ordinates the tenants who are people the church is closely associated with. It takes a fair rent and provides a quality home. A formal agreement with the property owners outlining responsibility for maintenance and reimbursement has been agreed with each owner.

Rebecca McIlgorm, the church administrator continued to have responsibility for the management of the paperwork required for this ministry. This included submitting claims for housing benefits and other official documentation for Green Pastures and on behalf of the other privately owned properties.

It is anticipated these houses will allow people experiencing emergency need for housing to be housed and integrated into activities in the church to be supported and helped to put their lives back on track. They form a key part of the strategy to meet people's practical needs within the community. The Leadership Team continued to explore how to expand this ministry further in the future.

5.3.6 Anna Chaplaincy

SMCF volunteers continued to support the work of the Anna Chaplaincy (ref:9.6). This is a ministry organised by Churches Together in Barrow which works with older people with dementia. This included visiting people in hospital and care homes. Volunteers from Spring Mount also contributed to the work by making and distributing knitted hearts and messages at Christmas.

5.3.7 Foodbank

SMCF continues to support the Barrow Foodbank (ref: 9.7).

5.4 Buildings

5.4.1 Salthouse Pavilion

In February 2015 Spring Mount purchased Salthouse Pavilion as a long-term solution to the lack of space in Abbey Road and as part of a strategy to



grow the church including reaching into a new community. After four years of development the permanent move into the building took place in 2019.

Although the bulk of the renovation work has been completed to allow for church services and activities to take place there remain several areas of the building which still require development and improvement.

A small upstairs room fitted with a simple kitchen last year has been well used. The kitchen allows for independent basic refreshments to be served for the users of the first floor. This removes the need for those using the first floor for Sunday School and other activities to have to use the downstairs kitchen and removes risks associated with carrying hot and cold drinks up and down the stairs. It allows for separate activities to take place on the first floor with refreshment facilities whilst a different activity is taking place in the main hall.

5.4.2 Abbey Road

The Abbey Road building remains a valuable property asset. The lease to a national firm of funeral directors continued throughout 2023.



5.5 Media

The website www.springmount.church was developed and maintained by Naomi Chad. It provides sophisticated content to showcase and advertise the work of the church. All activities are listed and described together with links to newsletters, videos, and articles. All services and sermons are available to download or watch via podcast. Links are available to contact the church leadership team. There are links to the church Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts. An email account is given to the leadership team and other key church workers to send and receive church related email.

The pandemic led to a rapid shift towards new ways of connecting with church via online media. These continued to be offered after physical meeting became possible again as a permanent change of behaviour. The Sunday morning services were broadcast live via YouTube, Facebook and then the recorded service could also be accessed via the church website afterwards. The recorded service was also distributed via CD to those who could not access the service via online formats. We have found that we have connected with people who would not have otherwise attended the church physically. A church playlist of regular and new worship songs is available to help people worship at home and familiarise themselves with the music sung at church on a Sunday morning. There are now groups which meet exclusively online which gives people who cannot attend in person the option of still being a part of a group.

5.6 External Prayer and Financial Support

UGANDA - SMCF also continued to have strong links with Blessed Hill school and orphanage in Kampala (Ref: 9.8). Various fund-raising events and initiatives took place throughout the year including a craft fair and dance evening. One successful scheme continued to be for people to buy bricks for £1 each to help finance a new building project at the school.

EASTERN EUROPE - Boxes of Hope were unable to continue with their Christmas shoebox distribution (shoeboxes being filled with gifts for children) and therefore shoeboxes were instead donated to "Teams4U" charity (ref: 9.9).

PERSECUTED CHURCH - SMCF continued to support the persecuted church through the charity "Open Doors" (ref: 9.10).

LIFECENTRE SALFORD - SMCF continued regular financial support to Salford's Lifecentre Church's Youth Worker project. This is seen as a token of gratitude for Lifecentre's support to Spring Mount and a tangible demonstration of standing alongside a church with similar objectives to Spring Mount (Ref: 9.11).

OTHER: - SMCF continued to support Capernwray (local Bible College) (Ref: 9.12 and Dan Randal working for HOPE Together (Ref: 9.13). Dan spent his teenage years at Spring Mount growing in the Christian faith.

6. Risk

6.1 Insurance

Insurance has been reviewed. Insurance includes public and employer's liability for all church activities including the housing project.

The Missing Document Insurance policy purchased during the acquisition of the Pavilion was for a one-off premium and remains in force with no need for renewal.

Landlord's property insurance has been taken out to cover risks associated with letting out the Abbey Road building.

The copyright licenses have been reviewed and renewed.

6.2 Policies

All policies are maintained and reviewed annually.

- The Child Protection Policy. Spring Mount is a member of Thirtyone-eight (formally Churches Child Protection Advisory Service). Membership of this enables access to consultancy, training, DBS checks and a 24-hour helpline.
- The Vulnerable Adults Policy was maintained.
- The Health and Safety Policy was maintained.
- Data Protection Policy to ensure all data held and shared followed General Data Protection Regulations.

6.3 Safeguarding

Phil and Marie Last were appointed as Safeguarding leads for the church to coordinate safeguarding policy and to act as a point of contact for the reporting of any concerns. Tim and Isabela Baalham were appointed as Deputy Safeguarding leads to assist in this role.

6.4 Buildings (including Security)

The Health and Safety File compiled during the Salhouse Pavilion refurbishment works is maintained as a live file in compliance with the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015.

The asbestos survey undertaken in 2015 provides the basis for an on-going asbestos register to manage remaining asbestos. No alterations have been required to the asbestos register.

The Pavilion alarms (fire and intruder) are actively managed and maintained.

6.5 Planned Maintenance

Appliances and equipment (including fire extinguishers) have been serviced and maintained as appropriate.

Portable Electrical Appliance testing (PAT) has been undertaken by SMCF members who have been trained to undertake the testing.

6.6 Financial

See Section 7 Financial Review below for comment on loan liabilities.

7. Financial Review

7.1 Policy

All regular income is by way of voluntary gifts and donations.

The Trustees appreciate the government's Gift Aid scheme and encourages gifts to be made using this means. Gift Aid Claims to HMRC are made on an annual basis. The return to in-person meetings following the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions has resulted in an increase of cash gifts and this has in turn facilitated a gift top top-up using the government's Gift Aid on Small Donations Scheme (GASDS).

The third £9,000 of a three-year grant (for £27,000) for the ongoing work of CAP was received and a further £10,000 grant was secured, all as described in section 5.3.4.

Grants were received from Barrow Borough Council /Westmorland and Furness Council for emergency support as described in section 5.3.1 including reaching out to the community to promote health and wellbeing (including mental health) via the Harribus vehicle operated by Lancashire and South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust. Grants for specific items for specific individuals were also received from Acts435 to support the emergency relief work.

Local council grants were additionally received for the Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) events as described in section 5.3.2.

Regular monthly repayments continued on Methodist Chapel Aid Ltd secured loan, all in accordance with the conditions of the loan.

No new loans were taken out during 2023.

Grants from Keswick2Barrow Committee are appreciated. £1,500 was received in November as a result of Spring Mount participation in the May 2023 walks.

Income is used for general running expenses, the Salthouse Pavilion refurbishment project, and grants which are made to Christian UK organisations who work both locally and abroad, based on perceived need, in accordance with SMCF's objectives.

SMCF continues to meet all on-going financial commitments as a going concern.

7.2 Independent Examination

SMCF's accounts were subject to Independent Examination. Building on experience gained during previous examinations (which were first conducted for the year 2007 to 2008), a local firm of Chartered Accountants with experience in the charity sector (R F Miller & Co) undertook the Examination. The Examination was successfully concluded and found the accounts to be compliant with regulatory requirements.

The income levels in 2022 were such that the annual accounts for 2022 were prepared on an accrual's basis for the first time, and the accruals method of accounting has been carried into 2023.

7.3 Bankers

SMCF continues to use Barclays Bank PLC, 86-90 Dalton Road, Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria, LA14 1JH.

8. Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above.

Signed for on behalf of the SMCF Trustees:

Signature:

Full name: Tim Baalham

Position: Trustee

Date:

9. Appendix: Charities with Links to Spring Mount

9.1 Christians Against Poverty (CAP) is a nationally recognised charity started in Bradford in the 1990s which seeks to help people in poverty by giving debt advice to clients referred to them. It seeks to address the root causes of poverty and provide practical financial advice and help to those in need. It provides help to all who request it irrespective of their faith, however, CAP is a Christian charity which seeks to ultimately assist with a holistic solution to a person's problems.

The debt manager sets up appointments to meet with potential clients and together with a "befriender" will seek to build a trusting relationship with the client. The details of the client's financial situation are then passed to experts at CAP central office in Bradford who will identify a strategy to assist the client to become debt free. On subsequent visits they will pass on that plan and, if the client accepts it, CAP will support the client in following that new path. The befriender is there as an on-going moral support for the client throughout the whole process to financial independence. This model has been successfully used for 20 years throughout the UK by CAP.

9.2 Green Pastures is a national Christian social enterprise that provides homes for the homeless and those in most need. The successful model adopted by Green Pastures is that they purchase a suitable property, in consultation with the partner church and provide the financial resources needed. The partner church then manages the day to day running and maintenance of the property, renting it exclusively to homeless people or those in real need of emergency accommodation. The church administers the rent collection and deals with the local authorities or other agencies. This pays the lease of the property to Green Pastures. The tenant is required to engage in activity through the church each week as part of their agreement. In the case of SMCF, this will be through taking CAP courses, volunteering and being mentored. This supervised activity allows the individual to get the help they need, turn their life around and find community within the wider church.

9.3 Holiday Activities with Food (HAF) is government initiative started in October 2021 which aims to tackle the problem of social isolation and poor nutrition amongst the most vulnerable children in society. The government recognised that children in receipt of free school meals often have no access to a hot meal during the school holidays as well as being less likely to engage in out of school social activities. The HAF programme provides £200 million per year in funding to local authorities to assist with this by running clubs and activities through local charities and other providers.

9.4 The Walney Community Trust (WCT) has close ties to SMCF. It is led by Jeff Chadd (also a member of SMCF) with the vision of serving the community of Walney. Ros Harrison is employed to co-ordinate the work on Walney Island. It also employs community and youth workers to provide youth clubs, courses and community activities throughout the week. Whilst independent organisations, the WCT links with SMCF activities such that both charities can benefit from each other. Some of the trustees for the charity are also a part of Spring Mount Church.

9.5 The Wordsworth Trust owns and maintains Dove Cottage in Grasmere, the home of world-renowned poet William Wordsworth. It runs community activities and workshops across Cumbria to help bring literature and poetry to life.

9.6 Anna Chaplaincy is a way of supporting older people emotionally and spiritually. It seeks to particularly support those with dementia. It operates across the UK with churches and is run by the Christian charity BRF whose vision is to enable people of all ages to grow in faith and understanding of the Bible and to see more people equipped to exercise their gifts in leadership and ministry.

9.7 Barrow Foodbank is operated by the local churches to respond to and provide emergency food parcels to those in desperate need. It forms part of a national network of foodbanks linked to the Trussell Trust.

9.8 Blessed Hill Children's Centre is a Christian based organisation which runs an orphanage and school in Kampala, Uganda. Close ties have been built up and maintained between it and Spring Mount Church. Regular support is provided through a £6/month scheme (commenced in 2011) which provides enough money to feed all the children at Blessed Hill every day. The scheme has continued through the current year with regular gifts to support the school/orphanage. Fund raising events for the Uganda projects included a garden party at the home of Alan and Hilly Docker in Barrow.

9.9 Teams4u run a nationwide shoebox appeal to provide Christmas gifts to vulnerable children and families in countries including Romania, Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia and Bosnia.

9.10 Open Doors International is an organisation serving and raising awareness of the persecuted church across the world. It seeks to help Christians on the ground in these countries as well as mobilising the UK church to support and pray for Christians under religious persecution. Spring Mount Church supported their regular initiatives and encouraged regular prayer meetings for them.

9.11 Lifecentre, Salford is part of Langworthy community church, a small church plant on an estate with great social challenges. As a church they model a community-based approach and Spring Mount has benefitted greatly from their advice and example as we have tried to work in our similar communities.

9.12 Capernwray is a bible college based near Carnforth. SMCF has benefited in previous years from college staff speaking at SMCF and from bible courses at the college.

9.13 HOPE Together seeks to empower the global church and local leaders to make Jesus known in word and action.

9.14 Acts435 is a giving website that allows people to give money directly to others. The charity runs through Acts435 Advocates from a network of churches and local charities. The Advocate posts requests directly onto the Acts435 website for people in their community who are in need. 100% of what is donated to the requests goes directly to those in need.

Independent Examiner's Report

To the Trustees of

Spring Mount Christian Fellowship

I report on the accounts of Spring Mount Christian Fellowship for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 21 to 22

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this Period under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:-

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

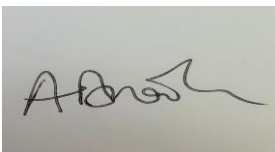
My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

The Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of ACCA.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Statement of financial activities

for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Restricted Funds 2023		Unrestricted Funds 2023		Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022	
	£	£	£	£		£	£
Incoming resources							
Voluntary income							
Grants and Donations	280,387		-		280,387	95,164	
Offerings	-		148,936		148,936	134,628	
Specified gifts	-		8,299		8,299	20,818	
Housing Project	-		-		-	10,797	
Auxilaries	-		900		900	125	
Misc	-		4,830		4,830	1,939	
		280,387		162,965	443,352		263,470
Activities for generating funds							
Rentals	-		26,342		26,342	24,312	
Events	-		-		-	-	
		-		26,342	26,342		24,312
Investment Income							
Interest received	-		496		496	47	
		-		496	496		47
		280,387		189,803	470,190		287,829
Resources expended							
Governance costs							
Professional fees	-		1,299		1,299	1,234	
		-		1,299	1,299		1,234
Other resources expended							
Rates & water	-		4,435		4,435	2,790	
Heat & Light	2,000		6,123		8,123	6,351	
Telephone	-		462		462	396	
Insurance	-		2,534		2,534	2,206	
Speaker's expenses & gifts	-		1,190		1,190	1,170	
Sunday School	-		140		140	196	
Printing, Postage, Stationary & Website costs	-		1,050		1,050	843	
Training & Courses	-		139		139	345	
Catering	-		3,193		3,193	389	
Freedom in Christ	-		180		180	180	
Personnel related costs	26,576		60,459		87,035	73,694	
Support gifts/grants	235,707		26,539		262,246	82,846	
Event Costs	-		30		30	62	
Bank Charges	-		351		351	363	
Consumables	-		800		800	525	
Miscellaneous	10,800		2,534		13,334	597	
Depreciation	-		14,626		14,626	17,106	
Housing Project Costs	-		191		191	12,025	
Pavillion costs	-		4,018		4,018	63,420	
Interest on loans	-		3,415		3,415	2,655	
(Profit)/Loss on disposal of assets	-		405		405	-	
		275,082		132,813	407,895		268,160
		275,082		134,112	409,194		269,393
Excess of income over expenditure		5,304		55,691	60,995		18,436
Balance brought forward from previous year		15,766		52,997	68,763		50,327
Balance at end of year		<u>21,070</u>		<u>108,688</u>	<u>129,758</u>		<u>68,763</u>

Spring Mount Christian Fellowship

for the year ended 31 December 2023

Balance Sheet

at 31 December 2023

	Restricted Funds 2023		Unrestricted Funds 2023		Total Funds 2023		Total Funds 2022	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets								
Property		-		1,581,060		1,581,060		1,581,060
Fixtures & Fittings		-		16,437		16,437		17,960
Appliances		-		1,781		1,781		1,574
Projectors		-		5,068		5,068		7,602
Computer Equipment		-		1,721		1,721		1,815
Audio Equipment		-		10,609		10,609		13,788
Total fixed assets		-		<u>1,616,675</u>		<u>1,616,675</u>		<u>1,623,798</u>
Current assets								
Debtors								
Prepayments		-		<u>1,680</u>		1,680		1,089
VAT								
Other Assets								
Gift Aid	-			12,570		12,570		11,429
GASD3	-			<u>1,125</u>		<u>1,125</u>		<u>808</u>
		-		<u>13,695</u>		13,695		12,237
Investments								
		-		-		-		-
Cash at bank								
Savings account		-		<u>73,347</u>		73,347		35,477
Current account		<u>21,070</u>		<u>13,838</u>		<u>34,908</u>		<u>19,837</u>
Total current assets		<u>21,070</u>		<u>102,559</u>		<u>123,629</u>		<u>68,639</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year								
Loans		-		<u>13,749</u>		13,749		13,749
Accruals		-		<u>601</u>		601		597
PAYE		-		<u>1,895</u>		1,895		1,283
Pension		-		<u>363</u>		363		359
Creditors		-		-		-		-
Net current assets		<u>21,070</u>		<u>1,702,626</u>		<u>1,723,696</u>		<u>1,676,451</u>
Creditors: amounts falling over within one year								
Loans		-		52,468		52,468		66,217
Net assets		<u>21,070</u>		<u>1,650,158</u>		<u>1,671,228</u>		<u>1,610,233</u>
Represented by								
Funds of the charity								
Unrestricted funds				1,594,467		1,594,467		1,581,806
Restricted funds	15,766					15,766		15,766
Add: Net assets (first completion of balance sheet)								(5,775)
Add Excess of income over expenditure for the year		<u>5,304</u>		<u>55,691</u>		<u>60,995</u>		<u>18,436</u>
Total funds as at 31 December 2023		<u>21,070</u>		<u>1,650,158</u>		<u>1,671,228</u>		<u>1,610,233</u>

I approve the financial information.

I acknowledge my responsibility for the financial information, including the appropriateness of the accounting basis as set out and for providing R F Miller & Co with all the information and explanations necessary for its completion.

The financial information was approved on

Signed _____

Accounts



Spring Mount Christian Fellowship

Report and Accounts

For the year ended

31 December 2022

Spring Mount Christian Fellowship

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1. Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name: Spring Mount Christian Fellowship (SMCF)

Registered Charity Number: 1163628

Principal Address: Salthouse Pavilion,
Roose Road
Barrow-in-Furness,
Cumbria LA13 9RQ

Online: Website: www.springmount.church

Facebook: facebook.com/springmount.church

Twitter: twitter.com/springmountch

Charity Trustees who Manage the Charity (known as the Church Leadership Team):

- Tim Baalham — Communications, Housegroups.
- Alan Docker —Walney
- Paul Hardingham — Finance
- Jonny Harrison — Pastor, Worship, Teaching, Youthwork
- Shirley Waters — Secretary, Sunday School

2. Executive Summary

2022 was another very busy year in the life of Spring Mount Church which has grown both numerically and spiritually. We are encouraged at the number of new people who have joined us not only on a Sunday morning but also wanting to get involved in the wider life of the church. The last year has seen the number of people in connect groups increase as demand for meeting and learning together has grown. We are excited that this shows that people are hungry to meet and learn about God's Word and support each other whilst being supported.

The appointment of Wes Tudor as Youth Leader was a particular highlight towards to end of the year. He will work alongside the young people to develop the youth work in the church and wider community. We believe it is important to engage with young people both inside and outside the church as they are the future. Having a dedicated person focussed on the needs of young people will hopefully increase this ministry in future years.

During the pandemic we had supported the local community around us and partnered with Walney Community Trust (ref: 9.1) and the Local Authority to deliver emergency food packages within Barrow. 2022 saw this emergency work scaled down, but we were excited that it evolved into a permanent ministry amongst the most vulnerable people. Shirley Waters was appointed to distribute emergency goods and support across the whole area from a Barrow Borough Council grant. It was a real privilege that Spring Mount was chosen to administer this large grant on behalf of the council in recognition of the work we have done over many previous years.

The work of Christians Against Poverty (CAP) (ref: 9.2) continued to provide support for people struggling with debt and financial difficulties. The Green Pastures house (ref: 9.3) which was set up in 2020 gave stability and a home for men who may otherwise have been homeless. We developed this vision of providing safe, affordable housing further by partnering with two congregation members to use their properties for this ministry.

A particular encouragement is the increase in ethnic diversity as new people join us from different countries and cultures. As Christians we believe that all nationalities are equal under God and this diversity is an exciting expression of God's Kingdom. SMCF continues to welcome people from whatever background into the church family.

The establishment of a dedicated prayer team on a Sunday morning helped to provide a safe space for people to receive prayer ministry during the Sunday services. More people have benefited from receiving prayer support and we have seen spiritual growth as a result.

3. Structure, Governance and Management

SMCF is an active church organisation which was founded in the early 20th century. The church was registered with the Charity Commission as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in 2015. Church trustees are appointed by the church Leadership Team. Trustee term of service is 3 years.

SMCF is staffed by volunteers from within its membership. The trustees retain overall management of all Trust affairs but delegate day to day administration to volunteer workers for areas of specific responsibility. Jonny Harrison has been employed full time as the church pastor since 2018. In addition, Donna Docker is employed part time to lead and co-ordinate the work of Christians Against Poverty and Samantha Taylor is part time church administrator. Wes Tudor has been employed part time as a youth worker since November 2022. Shirley Waters' employment to administer emergency goods from a Barrow Borough Council grant continued into 2022.

The Leadership Team meet formally at least once a month for business and prayer. The leaders continue to recognise a need for more prayer and therefore a significant proportion of Leadership Team business meetings have been devoted to prayer.

The Leadership Team is actively seeking ways to improve the efficiency of decision making by separating some of the day-to-day decision making from the long-term strategic planning to reflect the growth of the church. During 2022 separate groups of key workers met to discuss decisions and pastoral issues.

The Leadership Team outlines current plans, activities and concerns during Sunday services and encourages feedback, especially via the Connect Groups and the Sunday evening prayer times. The Leadership prayer times are occasionally open to the wider church as a way of seeking and sharing vision collectively. A special service was held in May in which the vision was shared with the wider church.

Property title is held by the CIO.

4. Objectives and Activities

SMCF objectives are summarised in the SMCF CIO constitution as follows:

1. The advancement of the Christian faith for the benefit of the public in accordance with the SMCF Statement of Identity (attached to the Constitution as Schedule 1 "Statement of Identity")
2. Such other purposes as are exclusively charitable in accordance with the laws of England and Wales as the trustees may from time to time determine.

The Constitution Schedule 1 "Statement of Identity" sets out SMCF's concerns, principles, beliefs, practices and membership. Associated appendices include the SMCF Mission Statement, Statement of Doctrine and an accompanying statement of Privileges and Responsibilities of being Part of a Local Church, all broadly as published in past Trustees Reports.

The Constitution Schedule 1 summarises SMCF's primary concern as follows:

'For children, young people, men and women of all ages that they may know that salvation through Christ can transform lives wherever they are lived out including home, school, work and leisure. To that end, SMCF's ultimate aims are that they will come to faith in Christ by whatever means and will continually grow as disciples of Jesus Christ, whether or not they remain with Spring Mount"

SMCF's Mission Statement (why SMCF exists) is presented in the Constitution Schedule 1 as follows:

Our Mission: "To reach, teach, grow and send"

- Reach others for Christ
- Teach others about Christ
- Grow in Christ
- Send for Christ

SMCF's vision (what will SMCF look like) is currently as follows:

- For three worshipping communities, all benefiting from mutual support under the SMCF umbrella.
- For discipleship (individual and corporate) for SMCF members to grow in faith and service, developing people's gifts.

SMCF's strategy (how SMCF will get there) is currently as follows:

- "Don't just come to church, be the church"
To encourage all regular SMCF worshippers to participate in different activities and to serve the needs of the church and wider community. To find and then fulfil their role in the Body of Christ (the church).
- Mentoring and Support
Encourage all regular SMCF worshippers to be within a partnership of two or three people to pray and mentor each other or be a member of a small group or Connect Group.

- *Develop Salthouse Pavilion*
Continue the refurbishment of the Salthouse Pavilion to maximise the potential use. To expand the work of SMCF into this community in Barrow, such that more people may experience the love of God and be helped into a faith in Christ.
- *Develop Work on Walney*
Develop the worshipping community on Walney, in conjunction with other aspects of church life already happening in the Walney building, to "strengthen the stakes".
- *Explore Options for Abbey Road*
Regular activities have moved from Abbey Road to Salthouse Pavilion and the building is currently leased to a funeral director company whilst the SMCF maintains ultimate ownership in the medium term.
- *"People, People, People"*
The priority remains a concern for all people which has helped keep the church's focus on its core objectives to help and serve people in the church and wider community. In particular, the church feels that it should concentrate its work amongst people experiencing greatest need and hardship thus following the example of Jesus.

SMCF's vision and strategy are live items which are expected to develop over time.

Activities undertaken to support SMCF's objectives are described in the following section.

5. Achievements and Performance

The following sections give a more detailed report of the activities of Spring Mount Church and a brief summary of how these link to the general mission objectives are **highlighted in red text**.

5.1 General Activities

Most activities were based at SMCF's Salthouse Pavilion building. Certain activities are centred on Walney Island within the Walney Community Trust (WCT) (ref: 9.1) building on Amphitrite Street (known as Spring Mount on Walney).

After the restrictions of the past few years, 2022 saw activities return to normal, including in-person meetings. Throughout the pandemic Spring Mount Church had developed some new ways of operating some of which will continued.

5.1.1 Weekly Sunday Services

The principal expressions of the church's community are the weekly services of worship.

The mornings cater for all ages, including Sunday School groups and a crèche for children. The morning services were a mixture of sung worship, communion and a sermon which usually formed part of a larger sermon series. Tea and coffee were served after the service. Teams of individuals served in various capacities to ensure the smooth running of the service and its activities.

The evening service is a less formal setting with an emphasis on corporate prayer.

Spring Mount Church believes in the importance of regular services both for the worship of God and the benefit of the individual. We were delighted to return to normality and a full church throughout 2022.

5.1.2 Prayer Meetings

In addition to the Sunday evening prayer focus, there was a weekly Tuesday night prayer meeting. Helen Pearson continued to promote the importance of corporate prayer in her capacity as Prayer Co-ordinator.

Sandra Faulds-Mariscal took on responsibility for the coordination of a new “Prayer Team” who met prior to the morning service and then ministered to those wishing to receive prayer support during and after the service. This Team was carefully chosen, vetted, and trained in how to pray for people sensitively and sympathetically, always in pairs.

The administration of the Prayer Network allowed prayer requests to be circulated rapidly to those who have committed to pray for issues and situations as they arise. This was carried out confidentially to ensure all GDPR and confidentiality requirements were fully met.

5.1.3 House (Connect) and Other Small Groups

The Leadership Team continued to encourage participation in a Connect Group as a means of support, prayer and Bible study. They were held on different days and at different times to cater for as many people as possible. One of these groups was aimed to appeal to people in their 20s and 30s and one was held during the day for ladies and another group was established for young parents. Each group is encouraged to follow on from the Sunday morning sermon to provide continuity and an opportunity to discuss the points raised in a safe, small group setting. It is also a forum for sharing and discussing the vision and opportunities in the church. It is the Leadership Team's desire to see as many people from within the fellowship as possible linked to a Connect Group.

A group of men met regularly for Bible study and prayer support weekly within the Green Pastures house.

The Book Club continued to meet online on a Friday afternoon to review a Christian book.

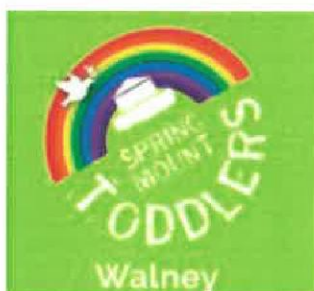
A course called “Old to New” which was set up pre-pandemic had re-started in September 2021. It was run on a Thursday evening by Geoff Chad to give a brief run through and background to each of the books of the Old Testament. This was to give a better understanding of the way the Bible fits together historically and contextually. It concluded in early 2022.

In October a Freedom in Christ course was started, led by Donna Docker. It is a 10 week discipleship course designed to help Christians understand what a difference Christ makes in their life.

Four Freedom in Christ Marriage Courses were run with the aim of helping people to understand their Christian faith within the context of a marriage. Participants attended this with their spouses via zoom.

5.1.4 Children's Work

A toddler group met every Wednesday led by Shirley Waters and volunteers. A different toddler group also met on Tuesday and Thursdays at Walney led by Ros Harrison. Both groups attract a large number of parents, carers, and children from diverse backgrounds across the community. The groups provide safe environments for parents and small children to chat and play.



Sunday School met every Sunday during the main morning service in which children from the age of three to eleven were taught about stories from the Bible in a fun and interesting way. It was encouraging to see new people stepping into the roles of teaching the children. Due to the increase in the numbers of children this was reorganised into different classes for different ages. They performed a very successful Nativity service in December.

5.1.5 Youth Work

The Leadership Team had been exploring how best to expand the youth work and provide for the young people of church and the wider community. Corey Love had been working with the youth funded partially by Streetgames (ref:9.4), however, Corey moved out of the area in 2022 in order to pursue an alternative career. In November SMCF appointed Wes Tudor as a Youth Worker. He is employed to work with the youth and coordinate the work with the help of volunteers. It will be exciting to see how this will develop into 2023.



Other volunteers from within SMCF also helped with running various youth clubs throughout 2022. These included regular youth clubs and weekly football at a local floodlit all weather pitch. Both of which allowed non-church youngsters to engage with church youth.

Every Tuesday evening a small group of boys met for various activities and chat.

The Youth band continued in which young people within the church who can play a musical instrument practiced worship songs. They led several Sunday morning services throughout 2022.

5.1.6 Seniors



A monthly meeting for more senior folk known as SMILE restarted. It provided a tea, entertainment, and devotional time. It attracted people from the church and the wider community and helped to build relationships with senior folk and tackle the problem of loneliness and isolation within this age group. They provided a summer excursion to the Lake District in July. This was run by volunteers headed by Sue Durham.

5.1.7 Café Connect

A “Café Connect” group met monthly on Walney and provided support for those who are lonely and isolated.

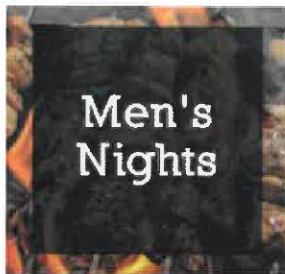
5.2 Other Regular Events

5.2.1 Filipino Church Community

In recent years Spring Mount Church has been blessed with an increasingly culturally diverse group of people including those from The Philippines. During the Covid-19 pandemic lockdowns Gerald Ybosa and his wife, Caroline started a ministry to support people from within their Filipino community, especially those new to the country. Gerald was a pastor in The Philippines before moving to Barrow. This community met on a Sunday afternoon for a simple service in the upstairs rooms of the Pavilion as well as a midweek prayer meeting. They worship God and have a service in their own language.



5.2.2 Men's Ministry



A regular men's social meeting continued to provide a social setting for the men of the church and to bring friends. It provided different cuisine themed from different parts of the world as well as a Christmas meal.

In November a large group of men attended the Excel Men's conference at Life Church in Bradford.

5.2.3 Ladies' Ministry

In March Spring Mount held its annual Ladies “Flourish” conference after several years enforced break due to Covid-19. It was led by Claire Harrison. Approximately 100 ladies from across the area and further afield met together across a whole day of teaching, worship, prayer and ministry.



A new series of regular bring and share meals was started as a social event exclusively for ladies in a similar vein to the men's meals.

A ladies' Bible Study continued every fortnight for women to pray and read the Bible together.

5.2.4 Spring Mount in Stitches

The sewing group called “Spring Mount in Stitches” met throughout 2022 allowing ladies to be creative and socialise on a Wednesday night.



5.2.5 Ad Hoc Events

During 2022 there were two Baptism services including on Easter Sunday. In total eight people were baptised.

SMCF also celebrated four weddings and held three funeral services.

In May 2022 to celebrate Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee SMCF held a Jubilee party in the Pavilion for the community. The church was open with bouncy castles, children's entertainment and food served in celebration. Approximately 700 people came in during the day which was deemed a great success.

In November we held the first "picnic at the Pavilion" where the congregation was encouraged to bring a picnic lunch and to stay behind after the service to eat, chat and get to know each other better.

The Pavilion was also hired to external groups including a group of recovering addicts for regular meetings. It was also used as a polling station.

All the regular and ad hoc events described in 5.2 and 5.3 succeeded in teaching people about Christ and helped many within the church to grow in their faith and serve their community.

5.3 Community Involvement

5.3.1. Emergency Support

In the winter months, Spring Mount provided daily warm spaces as part of a national initiative to help the most vulnerable people with the "cost of living crisis". Both Salthouse Pavilion and the Walney buildings were open for several hours per day allowing those who wanted to come in and take advantage of the warmth as well as a warm welcome.



Following on from the successful partnership between SMCF, Walney Community Trust and the local council during the Covid Pandemic, Barrow Borough Council asked Shirley Waters to head up the distribution of a special hardship grant. This allowed for the purchase and distribution of emergency items such as white goods and furniture for people in need across the Barrow area. The people were referred by Social Services, the council and local schools. 310 different households were helped. They were also given vouchers for the Barrow Foodbank and a one-off top up for their electricity or gas meters as appropriate. This council initiative was to help some of the most vulnerable with the cost-of-living crisis. It was also an opportunity to come alongside people and offer longer term help and advice by signposting them to our life skills and money courses.

This practical show of Christian love in local community's time of need was a key element of Spring Mount's vision to share God's love to everyone, especially the most disadvantaged and in need. The connections made with people and the links made to agencies and bodies within the town are a good base from which to build further practical ministries in the future. We are privileged to have been recognised by Barrow Borough Council as a partner organisation to distribute their hardship funds.

5.3.2 Walney Worshipping Community

Walney Community Trust (WCT) (ref: 9.1) creates connections and relationships across Walney Island. This work, run over many years, forms a backbone to the local community on Walney and partnership with WCT is a key part of the SMCF strategy to show the love of God to the people of the area. SMCF is grateful to WCT for the use of WCT's building on Walney Island for SMCF activities, and is pleased to support WCT via SMCF volunteers for WCT activities.



Weekly community meals on Monday evenings provide a safe place for children and carers to enjoy an after-school time over a meal with activities and space for homework for children and teenagers.

A popular toddler group meets twice a week. It gives carers and children a safe environment in which to meet, play and support one another.

A program of weekly events was held on Saturday nights for the community. "Saturday Night on Walney" (SNOW) provides such diverse entertainments as crafts, football on the big screen, films and open mic nights. The aim is to provide a safe, family friendly social environment for the community on Walney.



A Craft Café ran in the school holidays during which children and parents were invited to meet and participate in crafts and activities followed by a lunch. Approximately 100 children came each day with their parents or carers.

Free Craft Cafés

New parenting courses, CAP Fresh Start, CAP Life Skills and CAP Money courses (section 5.3.3) were all run through the Walney building positively impacting the lives of many people who participated. In addition, a six-week cooking skills course was run over the summer where people were taught to cook two simple meals and then given the ingredients to take home and try without supervision.

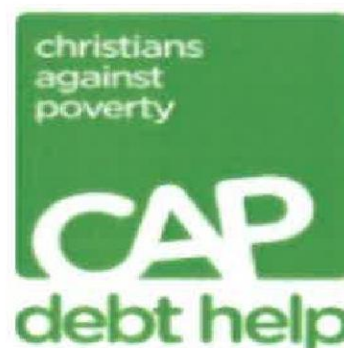
5.3.3 Christians Against Poverty (CAP)

CAP Debt Centre

Spring Mount ran a local debt centre (established in November 2016) for CAP (ref: 9.2) with Donna Docker employed as the centre manager.

Throughout 2022, CAP saw new clients in addition to working with existing clients. A slightly different approach was adopted due to the unprecedented situation caused by COVID-19.

The usual CAP client events in which clients were served with a meal



by volunteers within the church were unable to happen during the Covid-19 pandemic however Christmas hampers and gifts were still provided to past and present clients. The usual practice of face-to-face appointments with a “befriender” to help support was reduced and so the bulk of this support fell to Donna as the Debt Centre Manager. However, as normality returned, more support was again possible.

CAP Fresh Start Courses

Jonny Harrison provided two CAP Fresh Start courses which helped people seeking to address life controlling habits and addictions.

CAP Life Skills Courses

Ros Harrison ran three CAP Life Skills Courses from the Walney building. The course helps people to gain some of the basic skills required for effective, practical living. Topics covered include how to cook from scratch and how to budget effectively.

A six-week cooking course was run over the summer in which participants were taught two simple recipes each week and then given the ingredients and encouraged to try them at home.

CAP Money Courses

CAP money courses restarted after the Pandemic and were run three times throughout 2022.

CAP Funding

SMCF successfully re-applied for a £10,000 grant from the Sir John Fisher Foundation following on from the previous grant awarded in 2021. The Cumbria Community Foundation also supplied the second instalment of three for £9,000.

The work of CAP formed a key part of the strategy to prioritise the needs of people, especially those experiencing greatest need and hardship. Several individuals have been helped practically by this work and through that have also found a spiritual home in SMCF and seen positive, transformational changes to their lives.

5.3.4 Housing Support

Spring Mount’s vision is to provide safe, affordable, quality housing for those most in need.

In 2020 SMCF acquired a two-bedroom property in partnership with Green Pastures (ref: 9.3) in the Salthouse area very close to the Pavilion. The running and maintenance of it is the responsibility of Spring Mount.

The house provides emergency and short-term housing for two residents who agree to access support available through the church. This includes volunteering under supervision and accessing a variety of activities. Jonny made regular visits three or four times a week to support them.

To consolidate and expand the church’s vision for housing, it took on a formal responsibility in 2022 to manage two additional properties. They are owned by two different members of the church who share the vision to provide for those in need of an affordable home. Spring Mount co-ordinates the tenants who are people the church is closely associated with. It takes a fair rent and provides a quality home. A formal agreement with the property owners outlining responsibility for maintenance and reimbursement has been agreed with each owner.



Samantha Taylor, the church administrator took responsibility for the management of the paperwork required for this ministry. This included submitting claims for housing benefits and other official documentation for Green Pastures and on behalf of the other privately owned properties.

It is anticipated these houses will allow people experiencing emergency need for housing to be housed and integrated into activities in the church to be supported and helped to put their lives back on track. They form a key part of the strategy to meet people's practical needs within the community. The Leadership Team continued to explore how to expand this ministry further in the future.

5.3.5 Anna Chaplaincy

SMCF volunteers continued to support the work of the Anna Chaplaincy (ref:9.5). This is an ministry organised by Churches Together in Barrow which works with older people with dementia. This included visiting people in hospital and care homes.

5.3.6 Street Angels

Members of SMCF continued their involvement with the "Street Angels" initiative until the work ceased to operate part way through 2022. (ref: 9.6).

5.3.7 Foodbank

SMCF continues to support the Barrow Foodbank (ref: 9.7).

5.4 Buildings

5.4.1 Salthouse Pavilion

In February 2015 Spring Mount purchased Salthouse Pavilion as a long-term solution to the lack of space in Abbey Road and as part of a strategy to grow the church including reaching into a new community. After four years of development the permanent move into the building took place in 2019.



Although the bulk of the renovation work has been completed to allow for church services and activities to take place there remain several areas of the building which still require development and improvement.

During 2022 a special financial appeal was made during a gift day in May to allow upgrade of the car park. The site was levelled and tarmacked including installation of new underground drainage, and the access was moved from Frederick Street to Salthouse Road. This makes the car parking area much safer and increases the capacity.

A small upstairs room was fitted with a simple kitchen to allow for independent basic refreshments to be served for the users of the first floor. This will stop the need for those using the first floor for Sunday School and other activities to have to use the downstairs kitchen and remove risks associated with carrying hot and cold drinks up and down the stairs. It will also allow for separate

activities to take place on the first floor with refreshment facilities whilst a different activity is taking place in the main hall.

Roof repairs and improvements were undertaken to rectify storm damage and reduce risk to the public from potentially insecure elements. A feasibility study was undertaken to investigate installation of a lift to the first floor, and structural options were investigated with a view to opening up the Annex ground floor.

5.4.2 Abbey Road

Since the permanent move from Abbey Road to the Salthouse Pavilion in 2019 the Leadership Team has been actively exploring options for the use of the Abbey Road building. It remains a valuable property asset. SMCF agreed a lease with a national firm of funeral directors. The lessors carried out improvements to the property with permission from SMCF which enhanced the building and allowed for use as a funeral business.



5.5 Media

The website www.springmount.church was developed and maintained by Naomi Chad. It provides sophisticated content to showcase and advertise the work of the church. All activities are listed and described together with links to newsletters, videos, and articles. All services and sermons are available to download or watch via podcast. Links are available to contact the church leadership team. There are links to the church Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts. An email account is given to the leadership team and other key church workers to send and receive church related email.

The pandemic led to a rapid shift towards new ways of connecting with church via online media. These continued to be offered after physical meeting became possible again. The Sunday morning services were broadcast live via YouTube, Facebook and then the recorded service could also be accessed via the church website afterwards. The recorded service was also distributed via CD to those who could not access the service via online formats. We have found that we have connected with people who would not have otherwise attended the church physically. There are now groups which meet exclusively online which gives people who cannot attend in person the option of still being a part of a group.

5.6 External Prayer and Financial Support

UGANDA - SMCF also continued to have strong links with Blessed Hill school and orphanage in Kampala, Uganda (Ref: 9.8). In June a group of six people from the church led by Alan and Hilly Docker visited and took provisions and met the orphans and teachers. The trip galvanised more support within the church for further fund-raising initiative such as buying bricks for £1 each to help finance a new building project at the school.

ROMANIA - through the "Boxes of Hope, Cumbria" charity (ref: 9.9). An appeal for shoeboxes (filled with gifts for children) in the run-up to Christmas saw approximately 150 given by members of SMCF. In December Shirley Waters and Alison Hardingham went to Romania to help with the distribution of the shoeboxes and to meet children and volunteers. They also met many Ukrainian refugees both inside Romania and on a trip across the border to Ukraine. They were able to distribute some shoeboxes to Ukrainian children.

PERSECUTED CHURCH - SMCF continued to support the persecuted church through the charity "Open Doors" (ref: 9.10).

LIFECENTRE SALFORD - SMCF continued regular financial support to Salford's Lifecentre Church's Youth Worker project. This is seen as a token of gratitude for Lifecentre's support to Spring Mount and a tangible demonstration of standing alongside a church with similar objectives to Spring Mount (Ref: 9.12).

OTHER - SMCF continued to support Capernwray (local Bible College) (Ref: 9.11) and Dan Randal working for HOPE Together (Ref: 9.13). Dan spent his teenage years at Spring Mount growing in the Christian faith.

SMCF members also contributed gifts towards relief work associated with the outbreak of war in Ukraine. The gifts were directed via Passion for Jesus who had existing links with churches in the area and who could use the gifts effectively to support people displaced by the Russian invasion.

6. Risk

6.1 Insurance

Insurance has been reviewed. Insurance includes public and employer's liability for all church activities including the housing project.

The Missing Document Insurance policy purchased during the acquisition of the Pavilion was for a one-off premium and remains in force with no need for renewal.

Landlord's property insurance has been taken out to cover risks associated with letting out the Abbey Road building.

The copyright licenses have been reviewed and renewed.

6.2 Policies

All policies are maintained and reviewed annually.

- The Child Protection Policy. Spring Mount is a member of Thirtyone-eight (formally Churches Child Protection Advisory Service). Membership of this enables access to consultancy, training, DBS checks and a 24-hour helpline.
- The Vulnerable Adults Policy was maintained.
- The Health and Safety Policy was maintained.

- Data Protection Policy to ensure all data held and shared followed General Data Protection Regulations.

6.3 Buildings (including Security)

The Health and Safety File compiled during the Salthouse Pavilion refurbishment works is maintained as a live file in compliance with the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015.

The asbestos survey undertaken in 2015 provides the basis for an on-going asbestos register to manage remaining asbestos. No alterations have been required to the asbestos register.

The Pavilion alarms (fire and intruder) are actively managed and maintained.

6.4 Planned Maintenance

Appliances and equipment (including fire extinguishers) have been serviced and maintained as appropriate.

Portable Electrical Appliance testing (PAT) has been undertaken by SMCF members who have been trained to undertake the testing.

6.5 Financial

See Section 7 Financial Review below for comment on loan liabilities.

7. Financial Review

7.1 Policy

All regular income is by way of voluntary gifts and donations.

The Trustees appreciate the government's Gift Aid scheme and encourages gifts to be made using this means. Gift Aid Claims to HMRC are made on an annual basis. The return to in-person meetings following the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions has resulted in an increase of cash gifts and this has in turn facilitated a gift top top-up using the government's Gift Aid on Small Donations Scheme (GASDS).

The second £9,000 of a three-year grant (for £27,000) for the ongoing work of CAP was received and a further £10,000 grant was secured, all as described in section 5.3.3.

No new loans were taken out during 2022. Repayment of loans was as follows:

- Secured loan (Methodist Chapel Aid Ltd): Regular monthly repayments continued, all in accordance with the conditions of the loan.
- Interest free un-secured loans: £17,700 was repaid in 2022 which cleared the balance on all Interest free loans.

Grants from Keswick2Barrow Committee are appreciated. The May 2020 K2B and C2B walks were postponed to Sept 2021 due the Covid-19 pandemic and £693 was received in January 2022 following SMCF's participation in the Sept 2021 event. £1,571 was received in December as a result of Spring Mount participation in the May 2022 walks.

Income is used for general running expenses, the Salthouse Pavilion refurbishment project, and grants which are made to Christian UK organisations who work both locally and abroad, based on perceived need, in accordance with SMCF's objectives.

SMCF continues to meet all on-going financial commitments as a going concern.

7.2 Independent Examination

SMCF's accounts were subject to Independent Examination. Building on experience gained during previous examinations (which were first conducted for the year 2007 to 2008), a local firm of Chartered Accountants with experience in the charity sector (R F Miller & Co) undertook the Examination. The Examination was successfully concluded and found the accounts to be compliant with regulatory requirements.

7.3 Bankers

SMCF continues to use Barclays Bank PLC, 86-90 Dalton Road, Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria, LA14 1JH.

8. Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above.

Signed for on behalf of the SMCF Trustees:

Signature:

Full name: Tim Baalham

Position: Trustee

Date:

9. Appendix: Charities with Links to Spring Mount

9.1 The Walney Community Trust (WCT) has close ties to SMCF. It is led by Alan Docker (also a member of SMCF Leadership Team) with the vision of serving the community of Walney. Ros Harrison is employed to co-ordinate the work on Walney Island. It also employs community and youth workers to provide youth clubs, courses and community activities throughout the week. Whilst independent organisations, the WCT links with SMCF activities such that both charities can benefit from each other. Some of the trustees for the charity are also a part of Spring Mount Church.

9.2 Christians Against Poverty (CAP) is a nationally recognised charity started in Bradford in the 1990s which seeks to help people in poverty by giving debt advice to clients referred to them. It seeks to address the root causes of poverty and provide practical financial advice and help to those in need. It provides help to all who request it irrespective of their faith, however, CAP is a Christian charity which seeks to ultimately assist with a holistic solution to a person's problems.

The debt manager sets up appointments to meet with potential clients and together with a "befriender" will seek to build a trusting relationship with the client. The details of the client's financial situation are then passed to experts at CAP central office in Bradford who will identify a strategy to assist the client to become debt free. On subsequent visits they will pass on that plan and, if the client accepts it, CAP will support the client in following that new path. The befriender is there as an on-going moral support for the client throughout the whole process to financial independence. This model has been successfully used for 20 years throughout the UK by CAP.

9.3 Green Pastures is a national Christian social enterprise that provides homes for the homeless and those in most need. The successful model adopted by Green Pastures is that they purchase a suitable property, in consultation with the partner church and provide the financial resources needed. The partner church then manages the day to day running and maintenance of the property, renting it exclusively to homeless people or those in real need of emergency accommodation. The church administers the rent collection and deals with the local authorities or other agencies. This pays the lease of the property to Green Pastures. The tenant is required to engage in activity through the church each week as part of their agreement. In the case of SMCF, this will be through taking CAP courses, volunteering and being mentored. This supervised activity allows the individual to get the help they need, turn their life around and find community within the wider church.

9.4 StreetGames is an organisation which uses the power of sport to create positive change in the lives of disadvantaged young people across the UK. It helps make young people and their communities healthier, safer and more successful.

9.5 Anna Chaplaincy is a way of supporting older people emotionally and spiritually. It seeks to particularly support those with dementia. It operates across the UK with churches and is run by the Christian charity BRF whose vision is to enable people of all ages to grow in faith and understanding of the Bible and to see more people equipped to exercise their gifts in leadership and ministry.

9.6 Street Angels is an initiative partnered through Cumbria Police in which volunteers help in the town centre on Saturday nights. The teams of volunteers comprising individuals from various Barrow churches give assistance and help to those who are exiting the pubs and clubs and are often in a vulnerable state due to alcohol consumption.

9.7 Barrow Foodbank is operated by the local churches to respond to and provide emergency food parcels to those in desperate need. It forms part of a national network of foodbanks linked to the Trussell Trust.

9.8 Blessed Hill Children's Centre is a Christian based organisation which runs an orphanage and school in Kampala, Uganda. Close ties have been built up and maintained between it and Spring Mount Church. Regular support is provided through a £6/month scheme (commenced in 2011) which provides enough money to feed all the children at Blessed Hill every day. The scheme has continued through the current year with regular gifts to support the school/orphanage. Fund raising events for the Uganda projects included a garden party at the home of Alan and Hilly Docker in Barrow.

9.9 Boxes of Hope Cumbria is an organisation which distributes seasonal aid to needy children around the world, including Romania. It also provides other support to dis-advantaged children.

9.10 Open Doors International is an organisation serving and raising awareness of the persecuted church across the world. It seeks to help Christians on the ground in these countries as well as mobilising the UK church to support and pray for Christians under religious persecution. Spring Mount Church supported their regular initiatives and encouraged regular prayer meetings for them.

9.11 Capernwray is a bible college based near Carnforth. SMCF has benefited in previous years from college staff speaking at SMCF and from bible courses at the college.

9.12 Lifecentre, Salford is part of Langworthy community church, a small church plant on an estate with great social challenges. As a church they model a community-based approach and Spring Mount has benefitted greatly from their advice and example as we have tried to work in our similar communities.

9.13 HOPE Together seeks to empower the global church and local leaders to make Jesus known in word and action.

Independent Examiner's Report
To the Trustees of
Spring Mount Christian Fellowship



I report on the accounts of Spring Mount Christian Fellowship for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on pages 21 to 22.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this Period under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:-

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Newsham'.

Mr P Newsham
R F Miller & Co
Chartered Accountants
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Statement of financial activities

for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted Funds 2022		Unrestricted Funds 2021	
	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources				
Voluntary Income				
Grants and Donations	95,164		53,786	
Offerings	134,628		121,386	
Specified gifts	20,818		8,740	
Housing Project	10,797		18,967	
Auxiliaries	125		150	
Misc	1,939		286	
		263,470		203,315
Activities for generating funds				
Rentals	24,312		320	
Events	-		108.00	
		24,312		428
Investment Income				
Interest received		47	2	2
		287,829		203,745
Resources expended				
Governance costs				
Professional fees	1,234		3,277	
		1,234		3,277
Other resources expended				
Rates & water	2,790		2,340	
Heat & Light	6,351		4,946	
Telephone	396		278	
Insurance	2,206		1,919	
Speaker's expenses & gifts	1,170		470	
Sunday School	196		35	
Printing, Postage, Stationary & Website costs	843		748	
Training & Courses	345		575	
Catering	389		238	
Freedom in Christ	180		180	
Personnel related costs	73,694		64,793	
Support gifts	82,846		54,900	
Event Costs	62		19	
Bank Charges	363		169	
Consumables	525		35	
Miscellaneous	597		2,749	
Depreciation	17,106		-	
Housing Project Costs	12,025		13,778	
Pavillion costs	63,420		14,773	
Interest on loans	2,655		-	
Loan repayments (R&P last year)	-		48,164	
		268,160		211,108
		269,393		214,385
Excess of income over expenditure		18,436		(10,640)
Balance brought forward from previous year		50,327		60,967
Balance at end of year		68,763		50,327

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for the year ended 31 December 2022

Balance Sheet

at 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted Funds 2022		Unrestricted Funds 2021	
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets				
Property		1,581,060		1,581,060
Fixtures & Fittings		17,960		31,807
Appliances		1,574		2,098
Projectors		7,602		9,136
Computer Equipment		1,815		2,420
Audio Equipment		13,788		20,069
Total fixed assets		<u>1,623,798</u>		<u>1,646,589</u>
Current assets				
Debtors			-	
Prepayments		1,089	-	
VAT			-	
Other Assets				
Gift Aid	11,429		13,696	
Keswick to Barrow			693	
GASD3	808		-	
		<u>12,237</u>		<u>14,389</u>
Investments				
		-		-
Cash at bank				
Current account		35,477		38,101
Savings account		<u>19,837</u>		<u>12,226</u>
Total current assets		<u>68,639</u>		<u>64,716</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year				
Loans		79,966		112,174
Accruals		597		564
PAYE		1,283		995
Pension		359		
Creditors		-		-
Net assets		<u>1,610,233</u>		<u>1,597,572</u>
Represented by				
Funds of the charity				
Unrestricted funds				
As at 31 December 2022	1,597,572		60,967	
Add: Net assets (first completion of balance sheet)	(5,775)		1,547,245	
Add Excess of income over expenditure for the year	18,436		(10,640)	
Total funds as at 31 December 2022		<u>1,610,233</u>		<u>1,597,572</u>

I approve the financial information.

I acknowledge my responsibility for the financial information, including the appropriateness of the accounting basis as set out and for providing R F Miller & Co with all the information and explanations necessary for its completion.

The financial information was approved on

Signed _____

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Report and Accounts

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31 December 2021

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1. Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name: Spring Mount Christian Fellowship (SMCF)

Registered Charity Number: 1163628

Principal Address: Salthouse Pavilion,
Roose Road

Barrow-in-Furness,

Cumbria LA13 9RQ

Online: Website: www.springmount.church
Facebook: facebook.com/springmount.church
Twitter: twitter.com/springmountch

Charity Trustees who Manage the Charity (known as the Church Leadership Team):

- Tim Baalham — Communications, Housegroups.
- Alan Docker — Pastoral, Walney
- Paul Hardingham — Finance
- Jonny Harrison — Pastor, Worship, Teaching, Youthwork
- Shirley Waters — Secretary, Sunday School Co-ordinator

2. Executive Summary

2021 saw the uncertainty and challenges of the previous year continue as the world dealt with the global COVID-19 pandemic. Just when things looked like normality was returning, new lockdown restrictions were announced. Spring Mount is a very active church which usually has a good many activities, services and outreaches taking place throughout the week. One of our strengths is in our genuine care, concern and support for others and we are a very social group of people. The pandemic has challenged us to keep doing this even when legal restrictions and infection rates meant that lots of our usual events were not possible.

From the start of the pandemic in 2020 we looked for ways to support the local community around us and partnered with Walney Community Trust (ref: 9.1) and the Local Authority to deliver emergency food packages within Barrow. 2021 saw this emergency work scaled down, but we are excited that it has continued and evolved into a permanent outreach amongst the most vulnerable people with the appointment of Shirley Waters to administer emergency goods from a Barrow Borough Council grant.

The work of Christians Against Poverty (CAP) (ref: 9.2) continued to provide support for people struggling with debt and financial difficulties and the Green Pastures house (ref: 9.3) which was set up in 2020 gave stability and a home for three men who may otherwise have been homeless.

Over recent years Spring Mount Church has grown both numerically and spiritually. The lack of physical meeting for a time has inevitably seen some people sadly not returning. We are, however, encouraged at the number of new people who have joined us once physical services returned. This is in part due to the influence of streaming the service online each week and our increased online presence. The last year has seen the number of connect groups increase as demand for meeting and learning together has

grown. We are excited that this shows that people are hungry to meet and learn about God's Word and support each other whilst being supported. The uncertainty of the last few years has reminded people of the need to rely on others and God.

A particular encouragement is the increase in ethnic diversity as new people join us from different countries and cultures. A highlight of the year was an international evening where we celebrated these diverse cultures. Another highlight was the establishment of a Filipino service on a Sunday afternoon which is led by a Filipino pastor in the Filipino language. As Christians we believe that all nationalities are equal under God and this diversity is an exciting expression of God's family.

These opportunities would not have been possible were it not for the global pandemic, and are a reminder that God often uses difficult challenges to open new doors and opportunities.

3. Structure, Governance and Management

SMCF is an active church organisation which was founded in the early 20th century. The church was registered with the Charity Commission as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in 2015. Church trustees are appointed by the church Leadership Team. Trustee term of service is 3 years

SMCF is staffed by volunteers from within its membership. The trustees retain overall management of all Trust affairs but delegate day to day administration to volunteer workers for areas of specific responsibility. Jonny Harrison has been employed full time as the church pastor since 2018. In addition, Donna Docker is employed part time to lead and co-ordinate the work of Christians Against Poverty and Samantha Taylor is part time church administrator. Shirley Waters was employed in 2021 to administer emergency goods from a Barrow Borough Council grant. Corey Love was supported as an apprentice Youth pastor using funding from StreetGames (ref: 9.4) and personal sponsorship in addition to church funding.

The Leadership Team meet formally at least once a month for business and prayer. For some of the time during the COVID-19 Pandemic this has continued online via videocall meetings usually every three weeks. The leaders continue to recognise a need for more prayer and therefore a significant proportion of Leadership Team business meetings have been devoted to prayer.

The Leadership Team is actively seeking ways to improve the efficiency of decision making by separating some of the day-to-day decision making from the long-term strategic planning to reflect the growth of the church. During 2021 separate groups of key workers met via telephone and virtually to discuss decisions and pastoral issues.

The Leadership Team outlines current plans, activities and concerns during Sunday services and encourages feedback, especially via the Connect Groups and the Sunday evening prayer times. The Leadership prayer times are occasionally open to the wider church as a way of seeking and sharing vision collectively. The opportunity to communicate in these ways was significantly reduced due to the pandemic but effort was made to encourage participation and connection through the online services, prayer times and connect groups. A special service was held in November in which the vision was shared with the wider church.

Property title is held by the CIO.

4. Objectives and Activities

SMCF objectives are summarised in the SMCF CIO constitution as follows:

1. The advancement of the Christian faith for the benefit of the public in accordance with the SMCF Statement of Identity (attached to the Constitution as Schedule 1 "Statement of Identity")
2. Such other purposes as are exclusively charitable in accordance with the laws of England and Wales as the trustees may from time to time determine.

The Constitution Schedule 1 "Statement of Identity" sets out SMCF's concerns, principles, beliefs, practices and membership. Associated appendices include the SMCF Mission Statement, Statement of Doctrine and an accompanying statement of Privileges and Responsibilities of being Part of a Local Church, all broadly as published in past Trustees Reports.

The Constitution Schedule 1 summarises SMCF's primary concern as follows:

'For children, young people, men and women of all ages that they may know that salvation through Christ can transform lives wherever they are lived out including home, school, work and leisure. To that end, SMCF's ultimate aims are that they will come to faith in Christ by whatever means and will continually grow as disciples of Jesus Christ, whether or not they remain with Spring Mount.'

SMCF's Mission Statement (why SMCF exists) is presented in the Constitution Schedule 1 as follows:

Our Mission: "To reach, teach, grow and send"

- Reach others for Christ
- Teach others about Christ
- Grow in Christ
- Send for Christ

SMCF's vision (what will SMCF look like) is currently as follows:

- For three worshipping communities, all benefiting from mutual support under the SMCF umbrella.
- For discipleship (individual and corporate) for SMCF members to grow in faith and service, developing people's gifts.

SMCF's strategy (how SMCF will get there) is currently as follows:

- *"Don't just come to church, be the church"*
To encourage all regular SMCF worshippers to participate in different activities and to serve the needs of the church and wider community. To find and then fulfil their role in the Body of Christ (the church).
- *Mentoring and Support*
Encourage all regular SMCF worshippers to be within a partnership of two or three people to pray and mentor each other or be a member of a small group or Connect Group.

- *Develop Salthouse Pavilion*
Continue the refurbishment of the Salthouse Pavilion to maximise the potential use. To expand the work of SMCF into this community in Barrow, such that more people may experience the love of God and be helped into a faith in Christ.
- *Develop Work on Walney*
Develop the worshipping community on Walney, in conjunction with other aspects of church life already happening in the Walney building, to "strengthen the stakes".
- *Explore Options for Abbey Road*
Regular activities have moved from Abbey Road to Salthouse Pavilion leaving a much-reduced level of activity at Abbey Road. The Leadership Team is actively seeking God's guidance for the best use of this asset. See section 5.4.2 for developments 2021.
- *"People, People, People"*
The priority remains a concern for all people which has helped keep the church's focus on its core objectives to help and serve people in the church and wider community. In particular, the church feels that it should concentrate its work amongst people experiencing greatest need and hardship thus following the example of Jesus.

SMCF's vision and strategy are live items which are expected to develop over time.

Activities undertaken to support SMCF's objectives are described in the following section.

5. Achievements and Performance

The following sections give a more detailed report of the activities of Spring Mount Church and a brief summary of how these link to the general mission objectives are **highlighted in red text**.

5.1 General Activities

Most activities were based at SMCF's Salthouse Pavilion building. Certain activities are centred on Walney Island within the Walney Community Trust (WCT) (ref: 9.1) building on Amphitrite Street (known as Spring Mount on Walney).

Throughout the pandemic Spring Mount Church has strived to be creative in allowing people to stay connected to church worship whilst fully conforming with the laws and government recommendations. This has led to some new ways of operating some of which will continue after normality returns. Throughout 2021 as government restrictions and local infection rates allowed, regular in person activities and groups re-started so that by the end of 2021 many pre-pandemic groups could meet in some way and with the addition of some new ones.

5.1.1 Weekly Sunday Services

The principal expressions of the church's community are the weekly services of worship.

The mornings cater for all ages, including Sunday School groups and a crèche for children.

The evening service is a less formal setting with an emphasis on corporate prayer.

Spring Mount Church believes in the importance of regular services both for the worship of God and the benefit of the individual. A COVID safe way to worship was continued as a necessity to maintain a regular service. The Leadership Team followed the changing Government guidelines and restrictions closely to maintain the safety of people and to obey the law. From January worship was allowed to be

broadcast live from the Pavilion via YouTube without any congregation present in the building and keeping everyone in the building socially distant. In April the regulations changed and allowed for the limited return of the congregation. This was done under a very strict booking system to keep numbers to appropriate levels and no singing or inter-household mixing was allowed. Throughout the summer the numbers accommodated on a Sunday morning slowly increased as the risks posed by the virus receded. By Autumn 2021 the Sunday Morning service was once again at full capacity although mask wearing was still advised. The Sunday evening prayer meeting was also able to restart.

Throughout this time, the sharing of Communion did not take place, but people were encouraged to bring their own communion elements to take individually in a reflective part of the service. The monthly sharing of a meal at Spring Mount Walney as part of the monthly cycle of evening services was also unable to take place and no tea or coffee were served after the morning services. It was felt these could not be done in a Covid-safe way. It is hoped these will resume early in 2022.

5.1.2 Prayer Meetings

In addition to the Sunday evening prayer focus, there was a weekly Tuesday night prayer meeting. Helen Pearson continued to promote the importance of corporate prayer in her capacity as Prayer Co-ordinator.

The administration of the Prayer Network allowed prayer requests to be circulated rapidly to those who have committed to pray for issues and situations as they arise. This was carried out confidentially to ensure all GDPR and confidentiality requirements were fully met. This formed an important part of corporate prayer throughout the pandemic.

5.1.3 House (Connect) and Other Small Groups

The Leadership Team continued to encourage participation in a Connect Group as a means of support, prayer and Bible study. They were held on different days and at different times to cater for as many people as possible. One of these groups was aimed to appeal to people in their 20s and 30s and one was held during the day for ladies. Each group is encouraged to follow on from the Sunday morning sermon to provide continuity and an opportunity to discuss the points raised in a safe, small group setting. It is also a forum for sharing and discussing the vision and opportunities in the church. It is the Leadership Team's desire to see as many people from within the fellowship as possible linked to a Connect Group.

Some groups continued to meet online via Zoom while others restarted meeting physically as circumstances allowed. The group leaders have encouraged members of the group to stay in more regular contact via messaging to help support one another during the exceptionally stressful times of 2021. A new online Connect Group started on a Tuesday night and an additional Wednesday evening group also started in September.

A group of men started meeting regularly for Bible study and prayer support weekly within the Green Pastures house.

The Book Club continued to meet on a Friday afternoon to review a Christian book online.

A course called "Old to New" which was set up pre-pandemic restarted in September. It was run on a Thursday evening by Geoff Chad to give a brief run through and background to each of the books of the

Old Testament. This was to give a better understanding of the way the Bible fits together historically and contextually.

Several Freedom in Christ Marriage Courses were run with the aim of helping people to understand their Christian faith within the context of a marriage. Participants attended this with their spouses via zoom.

5.1.4 Children's Work

After the Covid Lockdown a toddler group met every Wednesday at Salthouse Pavilion led by Shirley Waters and volunteers. A different toddler group also met on Tuesday and Thursdays at Walney led by Ros Harrison. Both groups attract a large and diverse number of parents, carers, and children from across the community. The groups provide safe environments for parents and small children.



After September Sunday School met every Sunday during the main morning service in which children from the age of three to eleven were taught about stories from the Bible in a fun and interesting way. It was encouraging to see new people stepping into the roles of teaching the children.

An online Bible Study group was started for some of the Sunday School children on a Wednesday.

5.1.5 Youth Work

Corey continued work as an apprentice youth pastor funded partially by Streetgames (ref: 9.4). He continued to develop the youth work within the church.

Other volunteers from within SMCF also helped with running various youth clubs.

Regular youth clubs restarted in September led by Corey and Emmanuel.

Weekly football at a local floodlit all weather pitch allowed non-church youngsters to engage with church youth.

Every Tuesday evening a small group of boys met.

The Youth band restarted in which young people within the church who can play a musical instrument practiced worship songs with the aim of taking part in leading occasional morning services.



5.1.6 Seniors

From September, a monthly meeting for more senior folk known as SMILE restarted. It provided a tea, entertainment, and devotional time. It attracted people from the church and the wider community and helped to build relationships with senior folk and tackle the problem of loneliness and isolation within this age group. This was run by volunteers headed up by Sue Durham.

A "Café Connect" group on Walney provided support for those who are lonely and isolated. This also restarted in September.

5.2 Other Regular Events

5.2.1 Filipino Church Community

In recent years Spring Mount Church has been blessed with an increasingly culturally diverse group of people including those from The Philippines. During the Covid-19 pandemic lockdowns Gerald Ybosa and his wife, Caroline started a ministry to help reach out to and support people from within their Filipino community, especially those new to the country. Gerald was a pastor in The Philippines before moving to Barrow. The success of this led to them starting a small house church within their own home. This has rapidly increased in size and in November it was decided that it would meet on a Sunday afternoon in the upstairs rooms at the Pavilion with the support and help of Spring Mount Church. They worship God and have a service in their own language.

5.2.2 Men's Ministry

The regular men's social meeting restarted in December for a Christmas meal. This provides a regular social setting for the men of the church and to bring friends to in a social setting.

In November a group of men attended the Excel Men's conference at Life Church in Bradford.

5.2.3 Ladies' Ministry

A ladies' Bible Study continued every fortnight for women to pray and read the Bible together. The online Ladies Bible study continued throughout the national lockdown and increased in membership.

5.2.4 Spring Mount in Stitches

The sewing group called "Spring Mount in Stitches" created to share sewing tips and create work together was unable to meet during 2021.

5.2.5 Ad Hoc Events

SMCF usually organises many other events, however due to the pandemic, the number of these was dramatically reduced.

In November there was an International Celebration with food and dancing. This was a celebration of the increasing cultural diversity expressed within the church. People were encouraged to dress in national costume and bring typical national cuisine to share. Seventeen different nationalities were represented, and the event helped to break down cultural barriers and increase cross community connections.

All these regular and ad hoc church events described above succeeded in teaching people about Christ and helped many within the church to grow in their faith over many years. Thankfully as the country started to emerge from the pandemic most of these events were able to restart in a Covid-safe way. It is especially encouraging to see new groups and activities starting from the work and relationships built and strengthened during the pandemic.

We are particularly encouraged by the increasingly diverse nature of our congregation with people from many different nationalities forming part of the church. The establishing of the Filipino congregation is just one such encouragement and helps meet the different needs of people from different backgrounds. It is hoped that events such as the international night will help increase integration between different communities.

5.3 Community Involvement

5.3.1 COVID-19 Emergency Food Hubs

At the start of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020 a Food Hub was set up at Spring Mount Walney, which is owned by Walney Community Trust. This was set up to provide food parcels for those people who were struggling due to having to self-isolate or struggling financially. This could have been due to loss of employment or simply a reduction in wages because a reduction in hours, or support whilst waiting for their benefits to come through. This continued into 2021 before slowly being reduced as normality returned and the initial crisis passed.



During this time, it was a privilege to help so many people to come through this very difficult time, and as time went on it was encouraging to see many of these people getting back on their feet and being able to support themselves again.

The Food Hub not only provided food parcels for people but also did shopping, collected prescriptions or their click and collect shopping from Tesco, Asda or Morrison's. The food provided was paid for by grant money and donations. We also received donations of food from many different supermarkets, shops as well as generous individuals.

During the school holidays, we gave additional support. We provided and delivered picnic bags for children who would have otherwise received free school meals. In addition, we also provided toilet packs, art/craft packs for children, teenage packs, baking packs, sports packs, and film night goodies. At Christmas we also provided well-being packs.

All this was done with the help of staff from Walney Community Trust and approximately 80 volunteers, mainly from Spring Mount Church but also from local people just wanting to help people in their community. The Salthouse Pavilion was also used for distribution of meals during school holidays.

Following on from the successful partnership between SMCF, Walney Community Trust and the local council, Barrow Borough Council asked Shirley Waters to head up the distribution of a special hardship grant. This allowed for the purchase and distribution of emergency items for people in need such as white goods and furniture across the Barrow area.

This practical show of Christian love in the local community's time of need was a key element of Spring Mount's vision to share God's love with everyone, especially the most disadvantaged and in need. The connections made with people and the links made to agencies and bodies within the town will be a good base from which to build further practical outreaches in the future. We are privileged to have been recognised by Barrow Borough Council as a partner organisation to distribute their hardship funds.

5.3.2 Walney Worshipping Community

In 2018 Ros Harrison was appointed to be a Community Worker on Walney by the Walney Community Trust (WCT) (ref: 9.1). Ros' role is to increase and coordinate the community work on Walney. The many community activities slowly restarted throughout 2021 as it became safe and appropriate to do so.

Weekly community meals on Monday evenings provide a safe place for children and carers to enjoy an after-school time over a meal with activities and space for homework for children and teenagers.

A popular toddler group meets twice a week. It gives carers and children a safe environment in which to meet, play and support one another.

A program of weekly events was held on Saturday nights for the community. "Saturday Night on Walney" (SNOW) provides such diverse entertainments as crafts, football on the big screen, films and open mic nights. The aim is to provide a safe, family friendly social environment for the community on Walney.



Free Craft Cafés

A Craft Café in the school holidays during which children and parents were invited to meet and participate in crafts and activities followed by a lunch. New parenting courses, CAP Fresh Start, CAP Life Skills and CAP Money courses (section 5.3.3) were all run through the Walney building positively impacting the lives of many people who participated.

All these activities had to cease throughout the national lockdowns. However, the Walney building run by Walney Community Trust transformed to become a local Food Hub. The connections and relationships built during this time have continued as the activities restarted. This work, run over many years, forms a backbone to the local community on Walney and is a key part of the SMCF strategy to show the love of God to the people of the area.

5.3.3 Christians Against Poverty (CAP)

CAP Debt Centre

Spring Mount ran a local debt centre (established in November 2016) for CAP (ref: 9.2) with Donna Docker employed as the centre manager.

Throughout 2021, CAP saw new clients in addition to working with existing families. A slightly different approach was adopted due to the unprecedented situation caused by COVID-19.

The usual CAP client events in which clients were served with a meal by volunteers within the church were unable to happen, however, Christmas hampers and gifts were still provided to past and present clients. The usual practice of face-to-face appointments with a



“befriender” to help support was reduced and so the bulk of this support fell to Donna as the Debt Centre Manager. However, as normality returned, more support was again possible.

The challenges of the pandemic are likely to fall disproportionately on those in need and so the demand for the services of CAP are likely to increase.

CAP Fresh Start Courses

Jonny Harrison provided CAP Fresh Start courses which helped people with life controlling habits and addictions. Due to restrictions, several of these were provided one to one, rather than in a larger group.

CAP Life Skills Courses

Ros Harrison ran a series of CAP Life Skills Courses from the Walney building. The course helps people to gain some of the basic skills required for effective, practical living. Topics covered include how to cook from scratch and how to budget effectively.

A six-week cooking course was run over the summer in which participants were taught two simple recipes each week and then given the ingredients and encouraged to try them at home.

CAP Money Courses

Due to the pandemic, it was not possible to run the CAP Money course in person in 2021 however several courses were run online.

CAP Funding

SMCF successfully applied for a £10,000 grant from the Sir John Fisher Foundation following on from the previous three-year grant for £6,000 per year which finished in 2021. The Frances C Scott Charitable Trust had provided a grant for £7,000 over 3 years from 2018-2021 for which we were unable to reapply due to changes in their funding criteria. However, SMCF successfully applied for funding from The Cumbria Community Foundation of £9,000 per year for three years. Following this successful grant application some of their trustees visited Spring Mount Church and CAP in October. These included the past and present High Sheriffs of Cumbria.

The work of CAP formed a key part of the strategy to prioritise the needs of people, especially those experiencing greatest need and hardship. Several individuals have been helped practically by this work and through that have also found a spiritual home in SMCF and seen positive, transformational changes to their lives. The pandemic has exposed deeper problems and needs within society and has been critical in relieving people's needs and we expect demand for this to increase in future years as a result.

5.3.4 Green Pastures

In 2020 we acquired a two-bedroom property in partnership with Green Pastures (Ref: 9.3) in the Salhouse area very close to the Pavilion. The running and maintenance of it is the responsibility of Spring Mount.

The house provides emergency and short-term housing for two residents who agree to access support available through the church. In ordinary times this would include volunteering under supervision and accessing a variety of activities. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, the bulk of these activities were not running for much of the year. However, Jonny did make regular visits three or four times a week to support them. They also participated in the CAP Fresh Start course.



Samantha Taylor, the church administrator took responsibility for the management of the paperwork required for this outreach. This included submitting claims for housing benefits and other official documentation. Over 2021 three different tenants benefitted from this service.

It is anticipated that during normal times this house will allow people experiencing emergency need for housing to be housed and integrated into activities in the church to be supported and helped to put their lives back on track. It forms a key part of the strategy to meet people's practical needs within the community.

5.3.5 Anna Chaplaincy

A new outreach organised by Churches Together in Barrow which works with older people with dementia was commissioned. In 2021 Barbara Lowes took on responsibility for the work of the Anna Chaplaincy across Barrow. This is supported by several churches across the town. Barbara is doing this work on behalf of the Churches in Barrow, however, SMCF fully endorsed and supported this new outreach. Several people from within the church volunteered for this (ref: 9.5).

5.3.6 Street Angels

Members of SMCF continued their involvement with the "Street Angels" initiative (Ref: 9.6), however, the number of times this took place in 2021 was very restricted due to restrictions on nightlife. It is hoped to resume this fully again in 2022.

5.3.7 Foodbank

SMCF continues to support the Barrow Foodbank (ref: 9.7).

5.4 Buildings

5.4.1 Salthouse Pavilion

In February 2015 Spring Mount purchased Salthouse Pavilion as a long-term solution to the lack of space in Abbey Road and as part of a strategy to grow the church including reaching into a new community. After four years of development, the permanent move into the building took place in 2019.

Although the bulk of the renovation work has been completed to allow for church services and activities to take place, there remain several areas of the building which still require development and improvement. 2021 saw the completion of the first floor Annex works to provide private office space for the church Pastor.

A new baptistery was purchased to allow baptism services to take place. The baptistery is a mobile temporary structure which can be easily stored when not in use.



The move to Salthouse massively increased the physical capacity of the church to accommodate people attending weekly Sunday services, provided space for Sunday School and large-scale events. In addition, the size and flexibility of the building allows for many more activities to take place and to therefore provide even more opportunities to meet people's needs. The location of the building in Roose is allowing SMCF to expand its ministry into this area of Barrow and to act as a community hub for the local residents. The location of the building in the heart of the Salthouse/Roose community was a real asset during the pandemic to provide emergency assistance through the Food Hub described in section 5.3.1. Now that normal activities started to resume in 2021, we are able to build on these local connections made and are excited for the future with the building once again regularly full.

5.4.2 Abbey Road

Since the permanent move from Abbey Road to the Salthouse Pavilion in 2019 the Leadership Team has been actively exploring options for the use of the Abbey Road building. Use of the building had been greatly reduced and it remains a valuable property asset. SMCF agreed a lease with a national firm of funeral directors to lease the property.



5.5 Media

The website www.springmount.church was developed and maintained by Naomi Chad. It provides sophisticated content to showcase and advertise the work of the church. All activities are listed and described together with links to newsletters, videos, and articles. All services and sermons are available to download or watch via podcast. Links are available to contact the church leadership team. There are links to the church Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts. An email account is given to the leadership team and other key church workers to send and receive church related email.

The pandemic led to a rapid shift towards new ways of connecting with church via online media. These continued to be offered even once physical meeting became possible again. The Sunday morning services were broadcast live via YouTube, Facebook and then the recorded service could also be accessed via the church website afterwards. The recorded service was also distributed via CD to those who could not access the service via online formats. Throughout this time, we have found that we have connected with people who would not have otherwise attended the church physically. Many of the Connect Groups also continued to meet via Zoom to allow for group discussion. There are now groups which meet exclusively online which gives people who cannot attend in person the option of still being a part of a group.

5.6 External Prayer and Financial Support

UGANDA - SMCF continued to have strong links with Blessed Hill school and orphanage in Kampala, Uganda (Ref: 9.8).

ROMANIA - through the "Boxes of Hope, Cumbria" charity (ref: 9.9). An appeal for shoeboxes (filled with gifts for children) in the run-up to Christmas saw approximately 100 given by members of SMCF.

PERSECUTED CHURCH - SMCF continued to support the persecuted church through the charity "Open Doors" (ref: 9.10). Members of SMCF attended the annual Open Doors conference in Birmingham.

OTHER - SMCF continued to support Capernwray (local Bible College) (Ref: 9.11).

LIFECENTRE SALFORD - SMCF started regular financial support to Salford's Lifecentre Church's Youth Worker project. This is seen as a token of gratitude for Lifecentre's support to Spring Mount and a tangible demonstration of standing alongside a church with similar objectives to Spring Mount (Ref: 9.12).

6. Risk

6.1 Insurance

Insurance has been reviewed. Insurance includes public and employer's liability and Trustees indemnity and covers both the Salthouse Pavilion and Abbey Road buildings including contents.

The Missing Document Insurance policy purchased during the acquisition of the Pavilion was for a one-off premium and remains in force with no need for renewal.

The copyright licenses have been reviewed and renewed.

6.2 Policies

All policies are maintained and reviewed annually.

- The Child Protection Policy. Spring Mount is a member of Thirtyone-eight (formally Churches Child Protection Advisory Service). Membership of this enables access to consultancy, training, DBS checks and a 24-hour helpline.
- The Vulnerable Adults Policy was maintained.
- The Health and Safety Policy was maintained.
- Data Protection Policy to ensure all data held and shared followed General Data Protection Regulations.

6.3 Buildings (including Security)

The Health and Safety File compiled during the Salthouse Pavilion refurbishment works is maintained as a live file in compliance with the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015.

The asbestos survey undertaken in 2015 provides the basis for an on-going asbestos register to manage remaining asbestos. No alterations have been required to the asbestos register.

The Pavilion alarms (fire and intruder) are actively managed and maintained.

6.4 Planned Maintenance

Appliances and equipment (including alarms and fire extinguishers) have been serviced and maintained as appropriate.

PAT testing was completed by trained SMCF volunteers.

The arrangements for use of a local school minibus minimise SMCF's exposure to risks associated with vehicle ownership.

6.5 Financial

See Section 7 Financial Review below for comment on loan liabilities.

7. Financial Review

7.1 Policy

All regular income is by way of voluntary gifts and donations.

The Trustees appreciate the government's Gift Aid scheme and encourages gifts to be made using this means. Claims are made on an annual basis.

The government's Gift Aid on Small Donations Scheme (GASDS) was not utilised during the period for 2020-2021 due to the low levels of cash receipts during the Covid-19 pandemic. The claim for 2021-2022 will be made during 2022.

The first £9,000 of a three year grant (for £27,000) for the ongoing work of CAP was received and a further £10,000 grant was secured with payment anticipated in January 2022, all as described in section 5.3.3.

No new loans were taken out during 2021. Repayment of loans was as follows:

- Secured loan (Methodist Chapel Aid Ltd): Regular monthly repayments continued, all in accordance with the conditions of the loan.
- Interest free un-secured loans: The status of all interest free un-secured loans was kept under review. £31,000 was repaid in 2021.

Grants from Keswick2Barrow Committee are appreciated. The May 2020 K2B and C2B walks were postponed to Sept 2021 due the Covid-19 pandemic and a grant is expected in January 2022 following SMCF's participation in the Sept 2021 event.

Income is used for general running expenses, the Salthouse Pavilion refurbishment project, and grants which are made to Christian organisations who work both locally and abroad, based on perceived need, in accordance with SMCF's objectives.

SMCF continues to meet all on-going financial commitments as a going concern.

7.2 Independent Examination

SMCF's accounts were subject to Independent Examination. Building on experience gained during previous examinations (which were first conducted for the year 2007 to 2008), a local firm of Chartered Accountants with experience in the charity sector (R F Miller & Co) undertook the Examination. The Examination was successfully concluded and found the accounts to be compliant with regulatory requirements.

7.3 Bankers

SMCF continues to use Barclays Bank PLC, 86-90 Dalton Road, Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria, LA14 IJH.

8. Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above.

Signed for on behalf of the SMCF Trustees:

Signature:

Full name: Tim Baalham

Position: Trustee

Date: 26 September 2022

9. Appendix: Charities with Links to Spring Mount

9.1 The Walney Community Trust (WCT) has close ties to SMCF. It is led by Alan Docker (also a member of SMCF Leadership Team) with the vision of serving the community of Walney. Ros Harrison is employed to co-ordinate the work on Walney Island. It also employs community and youth workers to provide youth clubs, courses and community activities throughout the week. Whilst independent organisations, the WCT links with SMCF activities such that both charities can benefit from each other. Some of the trustees for the charity are also a part of Spring Mount Church.

9.2 Christians Against Poverty (CAP) is a nationally recognised charity started in Bradford in the 1990s which seeks to help people in poverty by giving debt advice to clients referred to them. It seeks to address the root causes of poverty and provide practical financial advice and help to those in need. It provides help to all who request it irrespective of their faith, however, CAP is a Christian charity which seeks to ultimately assist with a holistic solution to a person's problems.

The debt manager sets up appointments to meet with potential clients and together with a "befriender" will seek to build a trusting relationship with the client. The details of the client's financial situation are then passed to experts at CAP central office in Bradford who will identify a strategy to assist the client to become debt free. On subsequent visits they will pass on that plan and, if the client accepts it, CAP will support the client in following that new path. The befriender is there as an on-going moral support for the client throughout the whole process to financial independence. This model has been successfully used for 20 years throughout the UK by CAP.

9.3 Green Pastures is a national Christian social enterprise that provides homes for the homeless and those in most need. The successful model adopted by Green Pastures is that they purchase a suitable property, in consultation with the partner church and provide the financial resources needed. The partner church then manages the day to day running and maintenance of the property, renting it exclusively to homeless people or those in real need of emergency accommodation. The church administers the rent collection and deals with the local authorities or other agencies. This pays the lease of the property to Green Pastures. The tenant is required to engage in activity through the church each week as part of their agreement. In the case of SMCF, this will be through taking CAP courses, volunteering and being mentored. This supervised activity allows the individual to get the help they need, turn their life around and find community within the wider church.

9.4 StreetGames is an organisation which uses the power of sport to create positive change in the lives of disadvantaged young people across the UK. It helps make young people and their communities healthier, safer and more successful.

9.5 Anna Chaplaincy is a way of supporting older people emotionally and spiritually. It seeks to particularly support those with dementia. It operates across the UK with churches and is run by the Christian charity BRF.

9.6 Street Angels is an initiative partnered through Cumbria Police in which volunteers help in the town centre on Saturday nights. The teams of volunteers, comprising individuals from various Barrow churches, give assistance and help to those who are exiting the pubs and clubs and are often in a vulnerable state due to alcohol consumption.

9.7 Barrow Foodbank is operated by the local churches to respond to and provide emergency food parcels to those in desperate need. It forms part of a national network of foodbanks linked to the Trussell Trust.

9.8 Blessed Hill Children's Centre is a Christian based organisation which runs an orphanage and school in Kampala, Uganda. Close ties have been built up and maintained between it and Spring Mount Church. Regular support is provided through a £6/month scheme (commenced in 2011) which provides enough money to feed all the children at Blessed Hill every day. The scheme has continued through the current year with regular gifts to support the school/orphanage. Fund raising events for the Uganda projects included a garden party at the home of Alan and Hilly Docker in Barrow.

9.9 Boxes of Hope Cumbria is a local charity which distributes seasonal aid to needy children in Romania. A group of 6 local people go out to Romania at the beginning of December each year to help distribute some of the shoe boxes. However, due to COVID this has not been possible for the last two years but it is hoped there will be a distribution trip in 2022, which will include two members from Spring Mount. Boxes of Hope also provides other support to dis-advantaged children.

9.10 Open Doors International is an organisation serving and raising awareness of the persecuted church across the world. It seeks to help Christians on the ground in these countries as well as mobilising the UK church to support and pray for Christians under religious persecution. Spring Mount Church supported their regular initiatives and encouraged regular prayer meetings for them.

9.11 Capernwray is a bible college based near Carnforth. SMCF has benefited in previous years from college staff speaking at SMCF and from bible course at the college.

9.12 Lifecentre, Salford is part of Langworthy community church, a small church plant on an estate with great social challenges. As a church they model a community based approach and Spring Mount has benefitted greatly from their advice and example as we have tried to work in our similar communities.

Independent Examiner's Report
To the Trustees of
Spring Mount Christian Fellowship



I report on the accounts of Spring Mount Christian Fellowship for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on pages 21 to 22.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this Period under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:-

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Newsham'.

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Spring Mount Christian Fellowship

Receipts and Payments Account

for the year ended 31 December 2021

Receipts	Ye 31/12/2021	Ye 31/12/2020
	£	£
Offerings	121,385	139,172
Donations	53,785	16,500
Rentals	320	45
Auxiliaries	150	80
Specified gifts	8,240	9,844
Bank interest	2	52
Legacy	500	-
Events	108	901
Pavilion loan	-	-
Housing project	18,967	2,309
Misc income	286	1,555
Total receipts	203,745	170,458
Payments		
Gas	1,575	3,471
Electricity	3,371	3,329
Telephone	278	170
Water, sewerage	767	680
Rates	1,573	638
Insurance	1,919	1,808
Fabric	13,633	42,171
Professional Fees	3,277	1,303
Cleaning	1,140	-
Speaker's expenses & gifts	470	300
Sunday school	35	-
Printing, postage & stationery	467	534
Digital Media	281	2,179
Course fees & training	575	-
Catering	238	1,545
Consumables	35	224
Freedom in Christ	180	180
Young people	-	575
Support gifts	54,900	18,843
Personnel Related Costs	64,793	64,344
PAIS		1,250
Events	19	27
Pavilion loan repayment	48,164	34,164
Housing project	13,778	4,454
Bank charges	169	241
Miscellaneous	2,749	1,236
Total payments	214,385	183,667
Net of payments	(10,640)	(13,208)
Cash funds at 31 December 2020	60,967	74,175
Cash funds at 31 December 2021	50,327	60,967

Spring Mount Christian Fellowship

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

as at 31 December 2021

	2021
Assets	£
Cash funds	
Current account	12,226
Business premium account	38,101
	<u>50,327</u>
Other monetary assets	
Investment assets	
None	
Other assets	
Gift Aid due from HMRC re YE 31/12/2020	13,696
GASDS	0
Kendal to Barrow donation	693
	<u>14,389</u>
Assets retained for the charity's own use	
Building	1,581,060
Fixtures and fittings	31,807
Appliances	2,098
Projectors	9,136
Computer equipment	2,420
Audio equipment	20,069
	<u>1,646,589</u>
Liabilities	
Loans	112,174
Accountancy YE 31/12/2021	564
PAYE liability	995
Pension liability	
	<u>113,733</u>

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on 26 September 2022 and are signed on their behalf by:

Mr P G Hardingham
Trustee

Accounts

Spring Mount Christian Fellowship

Report and Accounts

For the year ended

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1. Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name: Spring Mount Christian Fellowship (SMCF)

Registered Charity Number: 1163628

Principal Address: Salthouse Pavilion,
Roose Road,
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Charity Trustees who Manage the Charity (known as the Church Leadership Team):

- Tim Baalham — Communications, Housegroups.
- Alan Docker — Pastoral, Walney
- Paul Hardingham — Finance
- Jonny Harrison — Pastor, Worship, Teaching, Youthwork
- Shirley Waters — Secretary, Sunday School Co-ordinator

2. Executive Summary

2020 started as any other year, full of optimism and promise and welcomed in with the usual New Year's Eve party. The work of Spring Mount was flourishing with increasing numbers of people accessing the groups and services that were provided. The move to the Salthouse Pavilion in the previous year had proved to be a great success and all activities had settled into their new home. This spirit of thankfulness and optimism was perfectly encapsulated at the Pavilion commissioning service in February which saw the hall full of people. The larger hall also allowed for many more people to worship comfortably together on a Sunday morning with additional space for the large number of Sunday School children. These services were increasingly multi-cultural with many international friends joining us each week.

In March 2020 the world was changed by the devastating COVID-19 pandemic. Almost overnight it was necessary to cease all face-to-face interaction as the country entered a national lockdown. All the weekly activities were unable to continue including the main Sunday services. The Leadership Team had to rapidly reassess and adapt to what was safe and possible to do. The pandemic caused fear

throughout society, but the necessary closure of normal life also led to much loneliness and isolation which often exacerbated such anxiety. The new ways of doing things evolved over the year as regulations and advice changed and as people became increasingly comfortable with new technologies such as Zoom. Sunday services moved to on-line formats.

Spring Mount has always been a church which strives to help the community practically and to share God's love to all, especially those who are the most marginalised. The pandemic quickly exposed deep problems in society and many people struggled with basic living due to the sudden cessation of normal services and facilities on which they usually relied. From early in the lockdown, SMCF looked for opportunities to help and so set up and ran a Community Hub in collaboration with Walney Community Trust (ref: 9.1). This provision helped with emergency food for those who needed it, built many new relationships within the community, and increased the prominence of Spring Mount as a charitable organisation within the town. These are excellent foundations on which to build in the coming years.

The work on Walney continued to thrive working alongside Walney Community Trust. The usual provision of community meals, toddler groups, craft cafes, activities for families and older people all continued until March. At that point the Walney building was taken over with the collection, storage, and distribution of food to the community. A few socially distanced activities resumed towards the end of the year, but the pandemic really allowed SMCF to strengthen its links within the Walney community in a way which could have never been imagined.

2020 also saw SMCF continue to practically serve the needs of the most vulnerable people in society through CAP (Christians Against Poverty) (ref: 9.2). The work adapted and was less face to face but many people were still helped to become debt free. Another exciting development was the partnership with Green Pastures (ref 9.3) to offer accommodation to homeless people. A house was acquired and the first resident moved into this house in September.

3. Structure, Governance and Management

SMCF is an active church organisation which was founded in the early 20th century. The church was registered with the Charity Commission as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in 2015. Church trustees are appointed by the church Leadership Team. Trustee term of service is 3 years.

SMCF is staffed by volunteers from within its membership. The trustees retain overall management of all Trust affairs but delegate day to day administration to volunteer workers for areas specific of responsibility. Jonny Harrison has been employed full time as the church pastor since 2018. In addition, Donna Docker is employed part time to lead and co-ordinate the work of Christians Against Poverty and Samantha Taylor is part time church administrator. Corey Love was supported as an apprentice Youth pastor using funding from StreetGames (ref: 9.4), Scripture Union, personal sponsorship and church funding.

The Leadership Team meet formally at least once a month for business and prayer. Throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic this has continued online via videocall meetings usually every three weeks. The leaders continue to recognise a need for more prayer and therefore a significant proportion of Leadership Team business meetings have been devoted to prayer. Usually the team also meet once a month for a specific prayer time during which issues are raised and time is spent seeking God and additional meetings are held if the need arises including occasional whole Saturday meetings for business and prayer. These have not been possible during 2020 due to the lockdown. Key workers also meet weekly for prayer with Jonny and to discuss day to day issues. These have continued via zoom and in person when the regulations allowed.

The Leadership Team is actively seeking ways to improve the efficiency of decision making by separating some of the day-to-day decision making from the long-term strategic planning to reflect the growth of the church. During 2020 separate groups of key workers met via telephone and virtually to discuss decisions and pastoral issues.

The Leadership Team outlines current plans, activities and concerns during Sunday services and encourages feedback, especially via the Connect Groups and the Sunday evening prayer times. The Leadership prayer times are occasionally open to the wider church as a way of seeking and sharing vision collectively. The opportunity to communicate in these ways was significantly reduced due to the pandemic but effort was made to encourage participation and connection through the online services, prayer times and connect groups.

Property title is held by the CIO.

4. Objectives and Activities

SMCF objectives are summarised in the SMCF CIO constitution as follows:

1. The advancement of the Christian faith for the benefit of the public in accordance with the SMCF Statement of Identity (attached to the Constitution as Schedule 1 "Statement of Identity").
2. Such other purposes as are exclusively charitable in accordance with the laws of England and Wales as the trustees may from time to time determine.

The Constitution Schedule 1 "Statement of Identity" sets out SMCF's concerns, principles, beliefs, practices and membership. Associated appendices include the SMCF Mission Statement, Statement of Doctrine and an accompanying statement of Privileges and Responsibilities of being Part of a Local Church, all broadly as published in past Trustees Reports.

The Constitution Schedule 1 summarises SMCF's primary concern as follows:

'For children, young people, men and women of all ages that they may know that salvation through Christ can transform lives wherever they are lived out including home, school, work and leisure. To that end, SMCF's ultimate aims are that they will come to faith in Christ by whatever means and will continually grow as disciples of Jesus Christ, whether or not they remain with Spring Mount'.

SMCF's Mission Statement (why SMCF exists) is presented in the Constitution Schedule 1 as follows:

Our Mission: "To reach, teach, grow and send"

- Reach others for Christ
- Teach others about Christ
- Grow in Christ
- Send for Christ

SMCF's vision (what will SMCF look like) is currently as follows:

- For three worshipping communities, all benefiting from mutual support under the SMCF umbrella.

- For discipleship (individual and corporate) for SMCF members to grow in faith and service, developing people's gifts.

SMCF's strategy (how SMCF will get there) is currently as follows:

- *"Don't just come to church, be the church"*
To encourage all regular SMCF worshippers to participate in different activities and to serve the needs of the church and wider community. To find and then fulfil their role in the Body of Christ (the church).
- *Mentoring and Support*
Encourage all regular SMCF worshippers to be within a partnership of two or three people to pray and mentor each other or be a member of a small group or Connect Group.
- *Develop Salthouse Pavilion*
Continue the refurbishment of the Salthouse Pavilion to maximise the potential use. To expand the work of SMCF into this community in Barrow, such that more people may experience the love of God and be helped into a faith in Christ.
- *Develop Work on Walney*
Develop the worshipping community on Walney, in conjunction with other aspects of church life already happening in the Walney building, to "strengthen the stakes".
- *Explore Options for Abbey Road*
Regular activities have moved from Abbey Road to Salthouse Pavilion leaving a much-reduced level of activity at Abbey Road. The Leadership Team is actively seeking God's guidance for the best use of this asset.
- *"People, People, People"*
The priority remains a concern for all people which has helped keep the church's focus on its core objectives to help and serve people in the church and wider community. In particular, the church feels that it should concentrate its work amongst people experiencing greatest need and hardship thus following the example of Jesus.

SMCF's vision and strategy are live items which are expected to develop over time.

Activities undertaken to support SMCF's objectives are described in the following section.

5. Achievements and Performance

The following sections give a more detailed report of the activities of Spring Mount Church and a brief summary of how these link to the general mission objectives are **highlighted in red text**.

5.1 General Activities

Most activities were based at SMCF's Salthouse Pavilion building. Certain activities are centred on Walney Island within the Walney Community Trust (WCT) (ref: 9.1) building on Amphitrite Street (known as Spring Mount on Walney).

Throughout the pandemic Spring Mount Church has strived to be creative in allowing people to stay connected to church worship whilst fully conforming with the laws and government recommendations. This has led to some new ways of operating some of which will continue after normality returns.

5.1.1 Weekly Sunday Services

The principal expressions of the church's community are the weekly services of worship.

The mornings cater for all ages, including Sunday School groups and a crèche for children.

The evening service is a less formal setting with an emphasis on corporate prayer and includes the following:

- 1st Sunday: services led by the youth.
- 2nd Sunday: meetings dedicated to CAP prayer. To support the work of Christians Against Poverty with general and specific prayer needs.
- 3rd and 5th Sundays: prayer focussed services branded as "The Evening Download." After a short sermon open congregational prayer is encouraged for the church and wider community.
- 4th Sunday: meetings in the Walney building. These Sunday activities on Walney have continued with informal meals to develop growing relationships with the local community. These included a short time of worship and brief talk, or testimony given after the meal.

This regular pattern continued until March when the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdown meant any face to face, congregational worship and physical meeting was not permitted.

Spring Mount Church believes in the importance of regular services both for the worship of God and the benefit of the individual. A new COVID safe way to worship was developed quickly as a necessity to maintain a regular service. Initially Jonny was able to live stream worship from his home on a Sunday morning in which the congregation was able to follow from their own homes and encouraged to sing along personally. Jonny also gave a sermon during this time.

A Sunday evening Zoom worship and prayer service was quickly developed. This allowed for people to "see" each other on screen and allowed for a slightly more interactive form of worship. Up to 50 participants took part in this online service regularly.

Due to the uncertain times and unprecedented circumstances of the lockdown Jonny also provided a daily devotional session via the internet in which there was some live worship and a short talk. During this time Jonny went through the book of Acts showing the struggles and lessons from the early church. These daily devotionals continued until July.

The Leadership Team followed the changing Government guidelines and restrictions closely to maintain the safety of people and to obey the law. In September, following the lifting of some of these restrictions, worship was allowed to be broadcast live from the Pavilion via YouTube without any congregation present in the building and keeping anyone in the building socially distant. In November the regulations changed and allowed for the limited return of the congregation. This was done under a very strict booking system to keep numbers to permitted levels and no singing or inter-household mixing was allowed. However different and strange this was, it was deemed to be an improvement and a step back towards normality and important to start worshipping God together again, albeit under very different circumstances. A simple Christingle service also took place at Christmas.

5.1.2 Prayer Meetings

In addition to the Sunday evening prayer focus, there were two regular prayer meetings held weekly until March. Tuesday night had an outward focus on community, CAP and international issues, and

Wednesday morning focussed on issues and people in the fellowship. An additional prayer group for Israel also met regularly in homes including folk from other Barrow churches. Helen Pearson continued to promote the importance of corporate prayer in her capacity as Prayer Co-ordinator. The Tuesday prayer then met online during the pandemic via Zoom.

The administration of the Prayer Network allowed prayer requests to be circulated rapidly to those who have committed to pray for issues and situations as they arise. This was carried out confidentially to ensure all GDPR and confidentiality requirements were fully met. This formed an important part of corporate prayer throughout the pandemic.

5.1.3 House (Connect) and Other Small Groups

The Leadership Team continued to encourage participation in a Connect Group as a means of support, prayer and Bible study. They were held on different days and at different times to cater for as many people as possible. One of these groups was aimed to appeal to people in their 20s and 30s and one was held during the day for ladies. Each group is encouraged to follow on from the Sunday morning sermon to provide continuity and an opportunity to discuss the points raised in a safe, small group setting. It is also a forum for sharing and discussing the vision and opportunities in the church. It is the Leadership Team's desire to see as many people from within the fellowship as possible linked to a Connect Group.

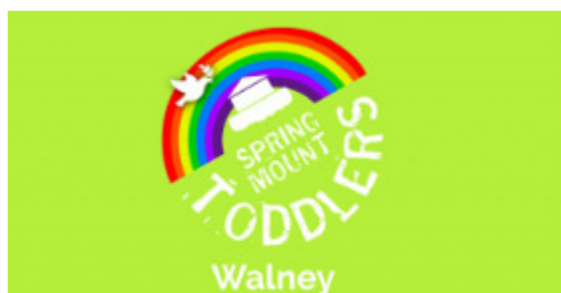
Unfortunately, with the onset of the pandemic, meeting in this way was not possible from March onwards. Most of the Connect Groups moved to online meetings via Zoom. The group leaders have encouraged members of the group to stay in more regular contact via messaging to help support one another during the exceptionally stressful times of 2020. A new online Connect Group specifically for young people was also started during this time.

The Book Club continued to meet on a Friday afternoon to review a Christian book together over a coffee. They met in a local coffee shop and were encouraged to read a chapter per week and then discuss and review the issues together. After March this moved online and met successfully via Zoom.

A course called "Old to New" was set up and run on a Thursday evening by Geoff Chad to give a brief run through and background to each of the Old Testament books of the Bible. This was to give a better understanding of the way the Bible fits together historically and contextually. It was regularly attended by over 40 people until it was forced to stop in March. It is planned to continue it after the pandemic restrictions are lifted.

A Freedom in Christ Marriage Course was run with the aim of helping people to understand their Christian faith within the context of a marriage. Participants attended this with their spouses via zoom.

5.1.4 Children's Work



A toddler group met at the Pavilion every Wednesday led by Shirley Waters. A different toddler group also met on Tuesday and Thursdays at Walney led by Ros Harrison. The groups are supported by teams

of volunteers. Both groups attract a large and diverse number of parents, carers, and children from across the community. The groups provide safe environments for parents and small children.

A large Sunday School met every Sunday during the main morning service in which children from the age of three upwards were taught about stories from the Bible in a fun and interesting way.

Sadly, all these stopped meeting in March due to the pandemic. Contact with the young people was maintained and a weekly Sunday School video on YouTube was posted. Activity packs were also given out during the school holidays.

5.1.5 Youth Work

Corey continued work as an apprentice youth pastor funded partially by Streetgames (ref: 9.4). He continued to develop the youth work within the church. A PAIS team led by German intern Tabby Kind also provided support (ref: 9.5). The PAIS team was jointly supported by St Paul's Church Barrow who hosted one of the three interns. The PAIS interns provided a lot of assistance with youth activities and included mentoring individuals on a one-to-one basis whilst working with local schools. This continued until the National lockdown. The decision was already taken not to take a new PAIS team for the 2020-21 year.



Other volunteers from within SMCF also helped with running various youth clubs.

Tuesday evening meetings start with a meal before Bible study. This continued to be a great success with the youngsters. It also encourages more adult participation in the youth work with people preparing the meals, serving, and clearing away afterwards. The evening finishes with football at a local floodlit all weather pitch which allows non-church youngsters to engage with church youth.

There were games nights and an indoor cricket club for young people using funding from Streetgames. These all continued until March.

5.1.6 Seniors

A monthly meeting for more senior folk (known as SMILE) provided a tea, entertainment, and devotional time. It attracted people from the church and the wider community and helped to build relationships with senior folk and tackle the problem of loneliness and isolation within this age group.

A "Café Connect" group on Walney provided support for those who are lonely and isolated.

These activities both ceased at the start of the pandemic. A special effort was made to ensure older and vulnerable people from within Spring Mount were contacted via telephone in the national lockdowns and people were encouraged to remain in touch and offer to help whenever possible and appropriate.

5.2 Other Regular Events

5.2.1 Men's Ministry

The regular men's social meeting ceased in March.

5.2.2 Ladies' Ministry

A ladies' Bible Study continued every fortnight for women to pray and read the Bible together. The online Ladies Bible study continued throughout the national lockdown and increased in membership.

A ladies' conference called "Flourish" took place in March before the national lockdown. This provided a day of worship and teaching for approximately 100 ladies from different churches across the area.

The sewing group called "Spring Mount in Stitches" continued to meet until March to share sewing tips and create work together.

5.2.3 Ad Hoc Events

SMCF usually organises many other events, however, due to the pandemic none of these were able to take place.

All these regular church events described above succeeded in teaching people about Christ and helped many within the church to grow in their faith over many years. Sadly, due to the pandemic most of these were unable to continue to meet. All the activities encouraged members to remain in contact with one another and to support one another. Strong relationships created during these activities provided an excellent foundation for people to help one another during the unprecedented situation of 2020.

5.3 Community Involvement

5.3.1 COVID-19 Emergency Food Hubs: At the start of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020 a Food Hub was set up at Spring Mount Walney, which is owned by Walney Community Trust. This was set up to provide food parcels for those people who were struggling due to having to self-isolate or struggling financially. This could have been due to loss of employment or simply a reduction in wages because a reduction in hours, or support whilst waiting for their benefits to come through.



During this time, it was a privilege to help so many people to come through this very difficult time, and as time went on it was encouraging to see many of these people getting back on their feet and being able to support themselves again.

The Food Hub not only provided food parcels for people but also did shopping, collected prescriptions or their click and collect shopping from Tesco, Asda or Morrison's. The food provided was paid for by grant money and donations. The food hub also received donations of food from many different supermarkets, shops as well as generous individuals.

During the school holidays, additional support was given. The hub provided and delivered picnic bags for children who would have otherwise received free school meals. In addition, the hub also provided toilet packs, art/craft packs for children, teenage packs, baking packs, sports packs, and film night goodies. At Christmas the hub also provided well-being packs.

In total the Food Hub supported nearly 10,000 people across Barrow in 2020.

- Food parcels delivered to 3,345 households with a total of 9,657 number of people helped.
- 4,194 picnic bags delivered to children in the school holidays
- 159 toilet packs given to families
- 521 Art/Craft packs given to children
- 100 packs given to teenagers
- 129 baking packs delivered
- 50 sports packs distributed
- 48 film night goody packs given out
- 38- Christmas well-being packs supplied

The hub also distributed leaflets to every house on Walney and the Salthouse area of Barrow with details of the help available. Leaflets were included with information on additional help from other professionals available.

All this was done jointly with staff from Walney Community Trust and approximately 80 volunteers, mainly from Spring Mount Church but also from local people just wanting to help people in their community.

This practical show of Christian love in the local community's time of need was a key element of Spring Mount's vision to share God's love with everyone, especially the most disadvantaged and in need. The connections made with people and the links made to agencies and bodies within the town will be a good base from which to build further practical outreaches in the future.

5.3.2 Walney Worshipping Community

In 2018 Ros Harrison was appointed to be a Community Worker on Walney by the Walney Community Trust (WCT) (ref: 9.1). Ros' role is to increase and coordinate the community work on Walney.

Weekly community meals continued to take place on Monday evenings, building on the success of the monthly Sunday meals. They provide a safe place for children and carers to enjoy an after-school time over a meal with activities and space for homework for children and teenagers.

A popular toddler group continued to meet twice a week. It gives carers and children a safe environment in which to meet, play and support one another.

A program of weekly events was held on a Saturday night for the community. "Saturday Night on Walney" (SNOW) provides such diverse entertainments as crafts, football on the big screen, films and open mic nights. The aim is to provide a safe, family friendly social environment for the community on Walney.



Free Craft Cafés

A Craft Café was provided in the school holidays during which children and parents were invited to meet and participate in crafts and activities followed by a lunch.

New parenting courses, CAP Fresh Start, CAP Life Skills and CAP Money courses (section 5.3.3) were all run through the Walney building positively impacting the lives of many people

who participated.

A monthly group dedicated for fathers monthly. "Who let the Dads Out?" community to meet whilst their in a safe environment.



with small children met attracted fathers from the children were able to play

All these activities had to cease throughout the national lockdowns. However, the Walney building run by Walney Community Trust transformed to become a local Food Hub. Relationships built up over many years running these activities made us well placed to meet the needs of the community in its time of need.

5.3.3 Christians Against Poverty (CAP)

CAP Debt Centre

Spring Mount ran a local debt centre (established in November 2016) for CAP (ref: 9.2) with Donna Docker employed as the centre manager.

Throughout 2020, CAP saw 37 new clients in addition to working with existing families. A total of 17 people were helped to go “debt free”. That was despite the unprecedented situation caused by COVID-19 as Donna continued to work with new and existing clients in different ways.



Initially Spring Mount made use of the Government’s furlough scheme placing Donna on furlough between March and May while CAP geared up for home working and telephone-based appointments. Even during this time clients on the waiting list and some debt free clients were still supported with phone calls and food parcels described elsewhere in the report. In May phone-based appointments resumed for existing clients and new clients were accepted from August with a full diary throughout the rest of 2020.

The usual CAP client events in which clients were served with a meal by volunteers within the church were unable to happen, however, Christmas hampers and gifts were still provided to past and present clients. After March the usual practice of face-to-face appointments with a “befriender” to help support the client had to cease and so the bulk of this support fell to Donna as the Debt Centre Manager.

CAP Fresh Start Courses

Jonny Harrison provided CAP Fresh Start courses which helped people with life controlling habits and addictions. These continued in a COVID-safe way when regulations allowed later in 2020.

CAP Life Skills Courses

Ros Harrison ran a series of CAP Life Skills Courses from the Walney building. The course helps people to gain some of the basic skills required for effective, practical living. Topics covered include how to cook from scratch and how to budget effectively. These occurred pre-pandemic and resumed after the summer in a Covid-secure way.

CAP Money Courses

Due to the pandemic, it was not possible to run the CAP Money course in person in 2020.

CAP Funding

SMCF received the final year of grant funding to help finance the work of CAP Barrow over three years. The Frances C Scott Charitable Trust is providing a grant for £7,000 over 3 years from 2018-2021 and the Sir John Fisher Foundation is providing a grant for £6,000 over 3 years, also from 2018-2021. It is Spring Mount’s intention to re-apply for funding for future years.

The work of CAP formed a key part of the strategy to prioritise the needs of people, especially those experiencing greatest need and hardship. Several individuals have been helped practically by this work and through that have also found a spiritual home in SMCF and seen positive, transformational changes to their lives. The pandemic has exposed deeper problems and needs within society and has been critical in relieving people’s needs and SMCF expect demand for this to increase in future years as a result.

5.3.4 Green Pastures

This year SMCF acquired a two-bedroom property in partnership with Green Pastures in the Salthouse area very close to the Pavilion. The property was shortlisted with Green Pastures who then negotiated and purchased the property. The running and maintenance of it is the responsibility of Spring Mount. The property was furnished and prepared for the first resident who moved in during September.



The house will provide emergency and short-term housing for two residents who agree to access support available through the church. In ordinary times this would include volunteering under supervision and accessing a variety of activities. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, the bulk of these activities were not running. However, Jonny did make regular visits three or four times a week to support them. They also participated in the CAP Fresh Start course.

Samantha Taylor, the church administrator took responsibility for the management of the paperwork required for this outreach. This included submitting claims for housing benefits and other official documentation.

It is anticipated that during normal times this house will allow people experiencing emergency need for housing to be housed and integrated into activities in the church to be supported and helped put their lives back on track. It forms a key part of the strategy to meet people's practical needs within the community.

5.3.5 Street Angels

Members of SMCF continued their involvement with the "Street Angels" initiative until the pandemic in March. (ref: 9.6)

5.3.6 Foodbank

SMCF continues to support the Barrow Foodbank (ref: 9.7).

5.4 Buildings

5.4.1 Salthouse Pavilion

In February 2015 Spring Mount purchased Salthouse Pavilion as a long-term solution to the lack of space in Abbey Road and as part of a strategy to grow the church including reaching into a new community. After four years of development the permanent move into the building took place in 2019. In February 2020 there was a celebration service to formally mark the opening of the building, to thank God for its provision and to commission it for its future use. The service was full of current and previous church members, people with a connection to Spring Mount and people who had worked on the building. Some people travelled from as far afield as Manchester, Warrington and Edinburgh to attend the special celebration.



Although the bulk of the renovation work has been completed to allow for church services and activities to take place there remain several areas of the building which still require development and improvement. During 2020 further renovation work was carried out by Neil Martin Group Ltd. This included the construction of a new ramp access to the front of the building to provide better disabled access. In addition, work was carried out on the annex adjacent to the main building with an office for Jonny created on the first floor. This work continued to be led by Iain Salter, a member of SMCF with professional engineering and project management experience. A team from church led by Iain communicated regularly to plan and liaise with the contractors.

The move to Salthouse massively increases the physical capacity of the church to accommodate people attending weekly Sunday services, provide space for Sunday School and large-scale events. In addition, the size and flexibility of the building allows for many more activities to take place and to therefore provide even more opportunities to meet people's needs. The location of the building in Roose will allow SMCF to expand its ministry into a new area of Barrow and to act as a community hub for the local residents. The location of the building in the heart of the Salthouse/Roose community was a real asset during the pandemic to provide emergency assistance through the Food Hub described previously.

5.4.2 Abbey Road

Since the permanent move from Abbey Road to the Salthouse Pavilion in 2019 the Leadership Team has been actively exploring options for the use of the Abbey Road building. Use of the building has been greatly reduced and it remains a valuable property asset. However, costs associated with maintaining the building, even in a much-reduced capacity remained significant. In 2020 valuations and professional advice were sought from estate agents to explore the options of both selling or leasing the building.



5.5 Media

The website www.springmount.church was developed and maintained by Naomi Chad. It provides sophisticated content to showcase and advertise the work of the church. All activities are listed and described together with links to newsletters, videos, and articles. All sermons are available to download or watch via podcast. Links are available to contact the church leadership team. There are links to the church Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts. An email account is given to the leadership team and other key church workers to send and receive church related email.

The pandemic led to a rapid shift towards new ways of connecting with church via new online media. The inability to physically meet meant that it was vitally important to connect with people in other ways to avoid isolation, maintain the church community and to provide for people's spiritual growth. A simple worship time and message was broadcast via Facebook every day throughout the first lockdown. An evening service was broadcast on Zoom to allow for some participation and regularly attracted up to 50 participating households. Connect Groups also met via Zoom to allow for group discussion.

In September when the regulations allowed for limited numbers to attend the services a booking system through the website "Ticket Source" was set up to allow for people to book in on a Sunday morning. The services were broadcast live via YouTube, Facebook and then the recorded service could also be accessed via the church website afterwards. The recorded service was also distributed via CD to those who could not access the service via online formats. Throughout this time, SMCF has found

that the church has connected with people who would not have otherwise attended the church physically in normal times including several local people who have never attended the church before and others who have viewed the services from different areas of the country.

5.6 External Prayer and Financial Support

UGANDA - SMCF also continued to have strong links with Blessed Hill school and orphanage in Kampala, Uganda (Ref: 9.8).

ROMANIA - through the "Boxes of Hope, Cumbria" charity (ref: 9.9). An appeal for shoeboxes (filled with gifts for children) in the run-up to Christmas saw approximately 100 given by members of SMCF.

PERSECUTED CHURCH - SMCF continued to support the persecuted church through the charity "Open Doors" (ref: 9.10).

OTHER - SMCF continued to support Capenwray (local Bible College) (Ref: 9.11).and Bridge Trust (Health Clinic in Zambia) (Ref: 9.12).

6. Risk

6.1 Insurance

Insurance has been reviewed. Insurance includes public and employer's liability and Trustees indemnity and covers both the Salthouse Pavilion and Abbey Road buildings including contents.

The Missing Document Insurance policy purchased during the acquisition of the Pavilion was for a one-off premium and remains in force with no need for renewal.

The copyright licenses have been reviewed and renewed.

6.2 Policies

All policies are maintained and reviewed annually including the following:

- The Child Protection Policy. Spring Mount is a member of Thirtyone-eight (formally Churches Child Protection Advisory Service). Membership of this enables access to consultancy, training DBS checks and a 24-hour helpline.
- The Vulnerable Adults Policy.
- The Health and Safety Policy.
- Data Protection Policy.

Professional advice across all policies is being obtained from Turnstone HR.

6.3 Buildings (including Security)

The Health and Safety File compiled during the Salthouse Pavilion refurbishment works is maintained as a live file in compliance with the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015.

The asbestos survey undertaken in 2015 provides the basis for an on-going asbestos register to manage remaining asbestos. No alterations have been required to the asbestos register.

The Pavilion alarms (fire and intruder) are actively managed and maintained.

6.4 Planned Maintenance

Appliances and equipment (including fire extinguishers) have been serviced and maintained as appropriate.

PAT testing was completed by trained SMCF volunteers.

The arrangements for use of a local school minibus minimise SMCF's exposure to risks associated with vehicle ownership.

6.5 Financial

See Section 7 Financial Review below for comment on loan liabilities.

7. Financial Review

7.1 Policy

All regular income is by way of voluntary gifts and donations.

The Trustees appreciate the government's Gift Aid scheme and encourages gifts to be made using this means. Claims are made on an annual basis.

Receipts from the government's Gift Aid on Small Donations Scheme (GASDS) were received during this reporting period for 2019-2020. The claim for 2020-2021 will be made during 2021.

The third and final instalments of two grants for the ongoing work of CAP were received. The grants totalled £39,000 over three years (see section 5.3.3).

£1,500 was received from Scripture Union for youthwork.

No new loans were taken out during 2020. Repayment of loans continued as follows:

- Secured loan (Methodist Chapel Aid Ltd): Regular monthly repayments continued, all in accordance with the conditions of the loan.
- Interest free un-secured loans: The status of all interest free un-secured loans was kept under review. £17,000 was repaid in 2020. Repayments were either in accordance with agreed timescales, or repaid on demand. Repayment schedules were established for all loans remaining that were not already subject timescale agreements.

Annual grants from Keswick2Barrow Walk are appreciated, however, the 2020 event was postponed due to the pandemic.

Income is used for general running expenses, the Salhouse Pavilion refurbishment project, and grants which are made to Christian organisations who work both locally and abroad, based on perceived need, in accordance with SMCF's objectives.

SMCF continues to meet all on-going financial commitments as a going concern.

7.2 Independent Examination

SMCF's accounts were subject to Independent Examination. Building on experience gained during previous examinations (which were first conducted for the year 2007 to 2008), a local firm of Chartered Accountants with experience in the charity sector (R F Miller & Co) undertook the Examination. The Examination was successfully concluded and found the accounts to be compliant with regulatory requirements.

7.3 Bankers

SMCF continues to use Barclays Bank PLC, 86-90 Dalton Road, Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria, LA14 1JH.

8. Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above.

Signed for on behalf of the SMCF Trustees:

Signature:

Full name: Tim Baalham

Position: Trustee

Date:

9. Appendix: Charities with Links to Spring Mount

9.1 The Walney Community Trust (WCT) has close ties to SMCF. It is led by Alan Docker (also a member of SMCF Leadership Team) with the vision of serving the community of Walney. Ros Harrison is employed to co-ordinate the work on Walney Island. It also employs many other community and youth workers to provide youth clubs, courses and community activities throughout the week. Whilst independent organisations, the WCT links with SMCF activities such that both charities can benefit from each other. Many of the trustees for the charity are also a part of Spring Mount Church.

9.2 Christians Against Poverty (CAP) is a nationally recognised charity started in Bradford in the 1990s which seeks to help people in poverty by giving debt advice to clients referred to them. It seeks to address the root causes of poverty and provide practical financial advice and help to those in need. It provides help to all who request it irrespective of their faith, however, CAP is a Christian charity which seeks to ultimately assist with a holistic solution to a person's problems.

The debt manager sets up appointments to meet with potential clients and together with a "befriender" will seek to build a trusting relationship with the client. The details of the client's financial situation are then passed to experts at CAP central office in Bradford who will identify a strategy to assist the client to become debt free. On subsequent visits they will pass on that plan and, if the client accepts it, CAP will support the client in following that new path. The befriender is there as an on-going moral support for the client throughout the whole process to financial independence. This model has been successfully used for 20 years throughout the UK by CAP.

9.3 Green Pastures is a national Christian social enterprise that provides homes for the homeless and those in most need. The successful model adopted by Green Pastures is that they purchase a suitable property, in consultation with the partner church and provide the financial resources needed. The partner church then manages the day to day running and maintenance of the property, renting it exclusively to homeless people or those in real need of emergency accommodation. The church administers the rent collection and deals with the local authorities or other agencies. This pays the lease of the property to Green Pastures. The tenant is required to engage in activity through the church each week as part of their agreement. In the case of SMCF, this will be through taking CAP courses, volunteering and being mentored. This supervised activity allows the individual to get the help they need, turn their life around and hopefully find community within the wider church.

9.4 StreetGames is an organisation which uses the power of sport to create positive change in the lives of disadvantaged young people across the UK. It helps make young people and their communities healthier, safer and more successful.

9.5 PAIS International is a global organization which provides teams of youth and schools workers with the aim of linking young people in schools with churches and community initiatives and spread the gospel of Christ. It provides interns to work in local schools and youth clubs based from a local church or churches across a local area.

9.6 Street Angels is an initiative partnered through Cumbria Police in which volunteers help in the town centre on Saturday nights. The teams of volunteers comprising individuals from various Barrow churches give assistance and help to those who are exiting the pubs and clubs and are often in a vulnerable state due to alcohol consumption.

9.7 Barrow Foodbank is operated by the local churches to respond to and provide emergency food parcels to those in desperate need. It forms part of a national network of foodbanks linked to the Trussell Trust.

9.8 Blessed Hill Children's Centre is a Christian based organisation which runs an orphanage and school in Kampala, Uganda. Close ties have been built up and maintained between it and Spring Mount Church. Regular support is provided through a £6/month scheme (commenced in 2011) which provides enough money to feed all the children at Blessed Hill every day. The scheme has continued through the current year with regular gifts to support the school/orphanage. Fund raising events for the Uganda projects included a garden party at the home of Alan and Hilly Docker in Barrow, in addition to the monthly Café Uganda.

9.9 Boxes of Hope Cumbria is an organisation which distributes seasonal aid to needy children around the world, including Romania. It also provides other support to dis-advantaged children.

9.10 Open Doors International is an organisation serving and raising awareness of the persecuted church across the world. It seeks to help Christians on the ground in these countries as well as mobilising the UK church to support and pray for Christians under religious persecution. Spring Mount Church supported their regular initiatives and encouraged regular prayer meetings for them.

9.11 Capernwray is a bible college based near Carnforth. SMCF has benefited in previous years from college staff speaking at SMCF and from bible course at the college.

9.12 Bridge Trust supports a health clinic in rural Zambia which SMCF has had a keen interest in.

Independent Examiner's Report
To the Trustees of
Spring Mount Christian Fellowship

I report on the accounts of Spring Mount Christian Fellowship for the year ended 31 December 2020 which are set out on pages 21 to 22.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this Period under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:-

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Receipts and Payments Account

for the year ended 31 December 2020

Receipts	Ye 31/12/2020	Ye 31/12/2019
	£	£
Offerings	139,172	158,245
Donations	16,500	22,933
Rentals	45	297
Auxiliaries	80	120
Specified gifts	9,844	25,447
Bank interest	52	69
Legacy	-	238
Events	901	200
Pavilion loan	-	10,000
Housing project	2,309	-
Misc income	1,555	71
Total receipts	170,458	217,619
Payments		
Gas	3,471	3,203
Electricity	3,329	4,184
Telephone	170	694
Water, sewerage	680	1,554
Rates	638	895
Insurance	1,808	1,841
Fabric	42,171	60,807
Professional Fees	1,303	756
Cleaning	-	785
Speaker's expenses & gifts	300	1,240
Books, tapes, videos	-	543
Sunday school	-	144
Printing, postage & stationery	534	1,204
Digital Media	2,179	-
Course fees & training	-	672
Catering	1,545	3,297
Consumables	224	-
Freedom in Christ	180	180
Young people	575	1,709
Support gifts	18,843	18,172
Personnel Related Costs	64,344	53,007
PAIS	1,250	4,850
Events	27	1,479
Pavilion loan repayment	34,164	29,564
Housing project	4,454	-
Bank charges	241	372
Miscellaneous	1,236	740
Total payments	183,667	191,892
Net of payments	(13,208)	25,727
Cash funds at 31 December 2019	74,175	48,448
Cash funds at 31 December 2020	60,967	74,175

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

as at 31 December 2020

	2020
Assets	£
Cash funds	
Current account	7,022
Business premium account	53,945
	<u>60,967</u>
Other monetary assets	
Investment assets	
None	
Other assets	
Gift Aid due from HMRC re YE 31/12/2020	16,740
GASDS	0
	<u>16,740</u>
Assets retained for the charity's own use	
Projectors	10,144
Electronically operated screen	1,000
Building	1,581,060
Computer equipment	3,238
Fixtures and fittings	67,579
Televisions	900
Audio equipment	23,168
Appliances	2,470
Liabilities	
Loans	157,398
Accountancy YE 31/12/2020	636
PAYE liability	794
Pension liability	321
	<u>159,149</u>

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on [date] and are signed on their behalf by:

Mr P G Hardingham
Trustee