

North Carlisle Christian Ministry

Charity 1169469

Trustees report for the period from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

A. Charity Information

Constitutional Objects

North Carlisle Christian Ministry (NCCM) is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation whose Constitution was agreed on 21st April 2016 and first registered as a charity on 4th October 2016 and whose sole membership is the Trustees.

Its Objects are:

Advancing the Christian faith among people in the north Carlisle area for the benefit of all in accordance with beliefs appearing in the Schedule [to the charity's Constitution] and in such other regions as the Trustees may from time to time determine including

- a. the recruitment education training and deploying of gospel ministers whether paid or unpaid
- b. the support of those engaged in evangelistic teaching and other pastoral ministry
- c. the support of Christians who are engaged full-time in the missionary work of proclaiming the gospel and in bringing others to believe in Jesus Christ and to live according to his teaching in Great Britain or elsewhere
- d. the support of religious education in accordance with the Christian faith by any suitable means
- e. the relief of hardship or mental distress particularly but not exclusively in the north Carlisle area.

In the current reporting period NCCM's principle work has been in fulfilling b and c above through the provision of grants as indicated in the *Activities and Achievements* section below.

Trustees

Neal Andrews

Andrew Paul John Towner

Bryony Catherine Rachel Woodbridge

Stephen Andrew Blake

Johanna Victoria Boddam-Whetham

Four are founding Trustees from 2016 and Stephen Blake was appointed in October 2020. There are no people or institutions with a right to appoint trustees. All Trustees stand down in rotation and are eligible for re-appointment subject to the requirements of the charity's Constitution. The charity has adopted a policy on trustee recruitment and induction.

Principal Office: St Peter's Church Office, Kingstown Road, Carlisle, CA3 0BB.
[NCCM has the use of these premises as a postal address free of charge].

Contact details:

Post: % St Peter's Church Office, Kingstown Road, Carlisle, CA3 0BB.

Email: office@northcarlislechristianministry.org.uk

Website: www.northcarlislechristianministry.org.uk.

B. Activities and Achievements

In all its activities to fulfil its Objects, the Trustees are mindful of the need to provide public benefit and follow Charity Commission guidance as required by Section 4 of the Charities Act 2006. This is done by supporting organisations and individuals whose role is outward-facing towards the Christian and wider community.

The principal type of activity has been to make funding available for employment and training by other bodies.

Grant Making

The Trustees have a clear policy establishing the procedure and criteria for making grants. Applications are assessed by the whole trustee body together (except where one or more recuse themselves because of a possible conflict of interest) and decisions reached on the basis of the criteria being met and the expenditure being appropriate, in the light of overall resources and other commitments.

In providing finance to support an individual, our usual arrangement is to channel this through a charity by which the person is employed or to which they are accountable as a volunteer.

If this recipient is engaged in work with children or vulnerable adults, the Trustees satisfy themselves that appropriate safeguarding policies are in place and implemented by the organisation to which they are accountable.

Recipients of grants from NCCM are periodically expected to make reports to the Trustees about their work and training so that the trustees can be satisfied that the grant is being put to appropriate use.

Where we work

As indicated in the Objects, the geographical focus of what we do is north Carlisle. We aim to devote around 90% of funds here.

The remaining 10% may be used to support people fulfilling the same Objects elsewhere in the UK, or in secondary ways of enabling Christian ministry in north Cumbria. Currently, within our Objects, we are focusing on ministry support in north Carlisle. We continue to set aside the 10% of our funds so that they are available to be used when we (as trustees) identify needs or these are brought to our notice.

How we have used our money

This year NCCM has been able to continue to fulfil its pledge to assist with funding an Associate Minister post in the parish of St John's Houghton with St Peter's Kingmoor in Carlisle, by monthly contributions through the Houghton Parochial Church Council.

We are planning to continue to fund this role into the future.

We have also been able to support a member of Bath University Christian Union leadership committee, with strong connections to the north Carlisle area, on a UCCF training weekend to teach and equip her for gospel ministry this coming year. This has been a great opportunity to put some of the '10% category' of our funds to good use.

C. Structure, Governance and other Policies

NCCM is governed by a board of trustees who meet four times a year to review progress on work which is currently being supported; to consider new requests and possibilities for use of finance; to review regularly the operation of the charity's policies; and to ensure that supporters of the charity are kept informed. We are also in communication between meetings if issues that need attention arise.

Informing Supporters

The Trustees provide a written report of activities once or twice per year which is sent to supporters and normally hold an annual Information and Thanksgiving evening or lunch each summer, which anyone may attend.

The website has the latest report (NCCM latest News) and short videos from individuals that we have supported.

(<https://www.northcarlislechristianministry.org.uk/how-to-support-us/>)

Policies

The Trustees have in place the following policies, all of which we plan to review regularly:

- **Risk Management**
The Trustees acknowledge their responsibility to identify and minimise risks and keep such policies under review. We believe that there have been no significant risks either financial, operational or reputational in the year, nor are any anticipated.
- **Reserves**
The Trustees are mindful of the future need to be ready to consider higher levels of expenditure than currently, as indicated above. The Reserves Policy takes this into account while seeking not to hold onto funds unnecessarily which could otherwise be used charitably. Current operating commitments are fully covered by existing cash balances.
- **Employment**
Although not yet used, NCCM has a policy in place for this.
- **Investment**
The Trustees are of the view that long-term risk-based investment of funds is inappropriate for the objects of NCCM. Operating funds are held in a Charities Aid Foundation current account and funds surplus to immediate requirements are invested through CAF Bank in savings accounts with Shawbrook Bank. The amount saved in this way is regularly reviewed.
- **Data Protection**
The Trustees have taken the steps necessary to be compliant with the General Data Protection Regulation since it became operative in May 2018.
- **Trustee recruitment and Induction**
The Trustees have adopted a policy to ensure that the composition of the trustee board is reviewed annually and that trustees are recruited with the necessary range of skills and attributes needed to lead and oversee the work of the charity. Also that those selected to become trustees are fully acquainted with the operation of the charity and of their responsibilities both legally and practically.

The other policies we have are Grant Making policy, Conflict of Interest policy, Complaints handling policy & Anti-money laundering policy.

All policies will be available on our website once they have been reviewed.

www.northcarlislechristianministry.org.uk

D. Property and Finance

Property

NCCM owns no property but has free use of St Peter's Church Office as its Registered Address.

Administrative costs

These have been kept to a minimum. The main outgoing being the maintenance of the website, which has gone up slightly this year and occasional printing of publicity materials.

Fundraising

NCCM employs no people in fund-raising; expends no money on fund-raising beyond providing printed material; relies upon word of mouth and presentations in supporting churches to make its work known.

Thus less than 1% of NCCM's income in the year has been expended on administration.

Accounts

The accounts for the twelve month period ended 31st March 2025 are appended. They show a current balance which, together with bank standing orders from donors, is more than sufficient to maintain the viability of the charity, and the ongoing funding of the Associate Minister post as explained above.

The charity holds no funds on behalf of any other body.

E. Statement of Trustee Responsibilities

The Trustees are required by current Charities legislation to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the Charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing the financial statements giving a true and fair view, the Trustees are required to follow best practice and:

- (a) Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- (b) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- (c) State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed or explained in the financial statements.
- (d) Prepare the financial statement on an ongoing basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity, and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable law and regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud, money laundering and other irregularities.

It is our belief that we have faithfully and successfully discharged these duties during the period from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025.

This report was adopted by the Trustees of North Carlisle Christian Ministry:

Signed: B. Woodruffe

Trustee

Date: 19/10/25

Signed: Steve Blake

Trustee

Date: 19/10/25



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

North Carlisle Christian Ministry

No 1169469

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01/04/2024

To

31/03/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations eligible for gift aid	18,076	-	-	18,076	10,120
Other donations	12,564	-	-	12,564	16,461
Gift aid recovered	2,530	-	-	2,530	2,335
Interest	462	-	-	462	222
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	33,632	-	-	33,632	29,138
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	33,632	-	-	33,632	29,138
A3 Payments					
Office expenses	220	-	-	220	175
Bank charges	60	-	-	60	60
Grants for supporting ministry	40,995	-	-	40,995	36,000
Grants for supporting other work	245	-	-	245	216
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	41,520	-	-	41,520	36,451
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	41,520	-	-	41,520	36,451
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 7,888	-	-	- 7,888	- 7,313
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	35,217	-	-	35,217	42,530
Cash funds this year end	27,329	-	-	27,329	35,217

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	CAF Bank account	16,614	-	-
	Scottish Widows	10,715	-	-
	Shawbrook		-	-
	Total cash funds	27,329	-	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets			Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		B. Woodbridge	BRYONY WOODBRIDGE	19/10/25
		Steve Blake	STEVEN BLAKE	19/10/25



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
North Carlisle Christian Ministry

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 March 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1169469

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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

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

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date: 29-09-2025

Name: MARTIN BORRADAILE

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS IN ENGLAND AND WALES

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.