

Winslow Christian Fellowship Trustees

Annual Report

1st September 2024 to 31st August 2025

Aim and Purpose

Winslow Christian Fellowship (WCF) is affiliated to the Fellowship of the Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC).

FIEC is a Fellowship of self-governing independent churches. This is not a denomination that exercises any central control over the churches, but the churches are joined together with a common identity and practice of fellowship which means we work together for the advance of the gospel.

We share our resources to strengthen other churches with a national co-operation amongst our family of churches.

We do all this because we long to see more people come to know Christ as Lord and Saviour across our nation.

We invest in mission and evangelism to ensure that being an FIEC church is associated with being a gospel-driven church.

Objectives and Activities.

The objectives of WCF are the advancement of the Christian Faith locally, in other parts of the UK and the World through communion as the Trustees consider appropriate. This will be carried out in accordance with Winslow Christian Fellowship's Statement of Faith, including values, priorities, practice and leadership standards.

WCF will also undertake in the relief of those in need whether poor, weak or elderly locally, in other parts of the UK and the World as the Trustees consider appropriate.

The objectives will be achieved through the weekly Provision of services of Worship open to all members of the public. These are to be advertised on social media and in the local town magazine.

Weekly recorded talks regarding Christian Faith and values are to be made available locally and internationally, via. the internet.

Regular provision of pastoral care and prayer support for those in need such as the sick, elderly and people with special needs. Regular provision of food, and occasional provision of finance, to support local poor and those in need. All of the above activities are supported and carried out in the main, by around 15 volunteers. These people come from different backgrounds, ages, gender and nationalities. Some of the activities are carried out in partnership with the other churches in the Town. In accordance with the Christian principle of tithing, it is policy of the Church to use 10% of income to issue grants to other charities/Christian organisations or to support known individuals and organisations working abroad or at home in evangelical or outreach positions. The Trustees would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers for their continued help.

Structure, governance and management.

Governing Document - CIO ASSOCIATION registered 13 March 2017

A Charitable Trust

Trustees appointed by resolution of the trustees in accordance with paragraph 13 of the Trust Deed.

Formal meetings of the Trustees are held monthly and an annual General meeting is held for all members.

As referenced previously Winslow Christian Fellowship is affiliated to the Federation of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC). This organisation provides both advice and practical support. The Church continues to have the benefit of a full time Pastor. This is the only paid member.

Administration details.

Charity number: 1172013

Address: 92 High Street, Winslow, MK18 3DBQ

Trustees: Colin Poyntz (Pastor), Mary Copsey, Michael Hotard, Margaret Martin

Finance report for the 2024-2025 Financial Year ending 31st August 2025

General fund

Income

The income into the general fund of the church as recorded in the bank is £47,518 plus £11,179 Gift Aid reclaimed. Totalling £58,697.

Expenditure

This year's expenditure was £52,052.

Present reserves

General Fund Reserves within the Bank Account as of the 31 August 2025 is £56,776.

Communion Giving

The income from communion gifts of the church as recorded in the accounts is £3,449 plus a £201 Gift Aid reclaimed.

The list of organisations benefiting with amounts given during the financial year is listed on the following page. Further donations will made as and when payment details can be obtained for a one-off payment rather than monthly donations.

Tear Fund	£281.00	Tearfund	£390.00
Jon and Abi Hunt	£165.00	Emma Podmore	£354.00
Sorin Badragan	£337.00	Wycliffe Bible	£651.00
UCCF	£144.00	Buckingham Holiday Club	£440.00
Margaret Martin	£132.00	Release International	£302.00
London City Mission	£235.00	Bridgebuilders	£314.00
CAP	£319.00		

Restricted Church Project Fund (Number 92)

The Restricted Church Project Fund had donations of £7,750 this financial year with a gift Aid reclaimed of £1,500. The expenditure was £363.

OVERALL SUMMARY

<u>FUND</u>	As at 1 Sept 24	Income	Expenditure	As at 31 Aug 25
General	£45969	£49447	£51,689	£43727
Restricted (No 92)	£4162	£9250	£363	£13,049
	£50,131	£58697	£52,052	£56,776

Relief of the poor and needy and vulnerable / Training and Education.

Locally

The Church continues to support the local community, particularly schools in financial and practical ways. Holiday clubs were organised twice in the year in a local school during term breaks. The Pastor has lead assemblies and helps with RE lessons when needed.

Support is given to a local charity that visits schools to aid them in the teaching of Christianity and the exploration of social and personal matters.

Nationally and internationally.

Monthly Communion collections are taken to support other charities, nationally, internationally and local who seek to support vulnerable people with practical and spiritual aid. We continue to support, both financially and in prayer, three workers in Nigeria, Uganda and Romania, all of which, occasionally, make visits to the church.

Members of the Church attend various national, local conferences and celebration days.

Finance

In accordance with Christian principles, we do not seek to store up treasure on earth. However, in order to be prudent, we follow a guideline of holding a bank balance at least sufficient to cover three months average expenditure. Amounts exceeding this are held in a deposit account to gain interest.

The charity's income is mainly from voluntary gifts from Church members and supporters. No fund-raising activities or trading have been undertaken, hence no costs of generating voluntary receipts or fundraising trading are reported in the financial statements.

The charity owns a property, 92 High Street once home of the Pastor. The church applied and now has change of use. Building plans have been drawn to convert it into a Community Centre. The building is already being used by a local SEND school as a safe space.

Donations were made to other charities/Christian organisations to help with relief of the poor, needy and oppressed.

The charity's expenditure is directed solely to the objectives stated above.

Declarations

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees –

Signature:



Full name:

MICHAEL SCOTT HOTARD

Position Held:

TRUSTEE

Date:

11th JUNE 2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

Period start date
01/09/2024

To

Period end date
31/08/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	35,182	-	-	35,182	31,500
Communion	3,449	-	-	3,449	2,425
Gift Aid reclaimed Donations	9,679	-	-	9,679	9,865
Number 92 Project	1,000	6,750	-	7,750	-
Number 92 Project Gift Aid	-	1,500	-	1,500	-
Other	1,137	-	-	1,137	2,812
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	50,447	8,250	-	58,697	46,602
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	50,447	8,250	-	58,697	46,602
A3 Payments					
Administration	3,733	-	-	3,733	1,153
Building	9,925	-	-	9,925	8,117
Ministry	8,287	-	-	8,287	16,006
Pastor	26,014	-	-	26,014	25,734
Communion giving	4,093	-	-	4,093	2,425
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	52,052	-	-	52,052	53,435
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	52,052	-	-	52,052	53,435
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,605	8,250	-	6,645	- 6,833
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	50,131	-	-	50,131	57,544
Cash funds this year end	48,526	8,250	-	56,776	50,711

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	TSB Main Account	44,365	12,411	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	44,365	12,411	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	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	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the

Charity Name
Winslow Christian Fellowship

On accounts for the year
ended

August 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1172013

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2025.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

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

Independent
examiner's statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed:

Date: 10 June 2026

Name:

Stephen Hardman

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

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