

TOGETHER FOR THE COMMON GOOD

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS THE FURTHERANCE FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT OF THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES IN A MANNER WHICH PROMOTES MORAL AND ETHICAL PRINCIPLES BASED ON THE NOTIONS OF HUMAN DIGNITY, MUTUAL RESPECT AND UNDERSTANDING, HONESTY AND FAIRNESS AND CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY: (A) PROMOTING RELIGIOUS HARMONY AND EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY (B) PROMOTING COMMUNITY CAPACITY BUILDING IN SOCIALLY OR ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES. (C) RELIEVING POVERTY BY UNDERTAKING OR SUPPORTING RESEARCH INTO INEQUALITY AND OTHER FACTORS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO POVERTY AND THE MOST APPROPRIATE WAYS TO MITIGATE THESE. THE CIO'S AREA OF ACTIVITY WILL BE PRIMARILY, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, THE UNITED KINGDOM.

Activities: Promotion of religious harmony and equality and diversity, Promotion of community capacity building in disadvantaged communities, Relieving poverty by research into inequality and other factors that contribute to poverty and the most appropriate ways to mitigate these, all based on the notions of human dignity, mutual respect and understanding, honesty and fairness and civic responsibility:

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Economic/community Development/employment, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£118,398	£114,514	-	-
2024-03-31	£99,482	£113,389	-	-
2023-03-31	£122,907	£113,932	-	-
2022-03-31	£95,286	£99,860	-	-
2021-03-31	£74,202	£69,326	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Daisy Mae Inglese		2024-12-10
Edward Hadas		2020-04-16
Rev Michael John Hall		2024-12-10
Richard John Holman FCA		2017-03-16

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Accounts

TOGETHER FOR THE COMMON GOOD

Annual Report and Unaudited Financial Statements for the year ending 31 March 2025.

Registered Charity number

Together for the Common Good is a charitable incorporated organisation registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales under charity registration number 1172113.

Trustees

Richard Holman (Chair and Treasurer)

Edward Hadas

David Smith

Daisy Inglese (from 10/12/24)

Fr Michael Hall (from 10/12/24)

Officers

Founder and Director: Jenny Sinclair (full time)

Team Support Worker: Louise Lambert (part time)

Common Good Schools Project Leader: Jo Stow (part time)

Head of Communications: Ben Curran (part time)

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CHAIR'S FOREWORD

In a time of profound uncertainty and social fragmentation, the UK faces challenges that call for moral clarity and renewed commitment to the common good. Many churches, too, are struggling with mission drift, influenced by cultural pressures. At Together for the Common Good (T4CG), we believe this is a moment to recover confidence in our shared vocation and to bear witness to a generous vision of solidarity—one that balances rights with responsibilities and restores the bonds of family and community life.

Our work presents the Common Good as a practical framework for hope and action. Rooted in the Catholic Social Thought tradition and drawing from across the Christian family, we equip leaders, churches, schools and charities to navigate this volatile period and to play their part in civic and spiritual renewal.

2024–2025 has been a year of growth and impact. We delivered 28 keynotes, talks and sessions reaching over 4,000 people in person and many more online; our *Leaving Egypt* podcast expanded to 96 countries with over 25,000 downloads; and our *Common Good Schools* programme grew by 50%, now serving nine partner schools involving over 2,500 young people. We convened three strategic gatherings, bringing together over 170 leaders from across Christian traditions to deliberate on the big questions of our time. We produced over 40 original resources, responded to over 100 requests for advice—and much more. Across all metrics we have seen significant growth. These achievements were made possible by a small team of just 1.9 FTE, working virtually with minimal overheads, and by the generosity of volunteers, donors and partners who share our vision.

Looking ahead, we will deepen our thought leadership, expand our schools programme—including developing new resources for primary schools—and continue to convene leaders around the critical questions of our time. Demand for this work is increasing, and we remain committed to delivering it sustainably and for the public benefit.

We warmly invite all who share our vision to join us on this journey—through prayer, partnership and support—as we work together for the common good.



Richard Holman

Chair

Together for the Common Good

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published on 1/01/2019.

Overview

Together for the Common Good (T4CG) is a small independent UK-based Christian charity dedicated to spiritual and civic renewal.

Our work draws from across the Christian traditions and from the insights of Catholic Social Thought. We call this 'common good thinking'. We believe it holds the key to addressing many of the challenges facing society and our churches today. It can help to ignite passion, reimagine vocation and encourage people to join in the reweaving of our broken social fabric. It starts by building relationships.

Our activities were focused through following integrated strands:

1. Providing **thought leadership** through keynotes, talks, sessions, newsletter, online content, advisory roles and relationship building, equipping leaders with common good thinking to enable them better to navigate this period of instability
2. Producing **resources** to help churches discern their unique vocation for the common good
3. Convening **public talks** and **events** for leaders addressing big issues through the lens of the common good
4. Equipping **schools** to be a force for the common good in the neighbourhood

Our guiding principle: the Common Good

The Common Good is an ancient idea shared by many traditions. Our understanding has its roots in the Jewish and Christian traditions, reflected in Scripture:

*"Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you...
for in its welfare you will find your welfare." Jeremiah 29:7*

We define the Common Good as follows:

The shared life of a society in which everyone can flourish - as we act together in different ways that all contribute towards that goal, enabled by social conditions that mean every single person can participate.

We create these conditions and pursue that goal by working together across our differences, each of us taking responsibility, according to our calling and ability.

REVIEW OF 2024-25

This report covers the 12 months to 31 March 2025.

1. Thought Leadership

Providing thought leadership through keynotes, sessions, newsletter, online content, advisory roles and relationship building, equipping leaders with common good thinking to enable them better to navigate this volatile moment.

Talks and sessions, articles and interviews

This year we delivered 28 keynotes, interviews and sessions – reaching an in-person audience of at least 4,200 and a much larger audience online. We were invited to contribute content for a variety of settings. Examples include:

Trinity Forum London, TWR Radio, Pastoral Review, Caritas Social Action Network, Diocese of Clifton, Divine Renovation, Methodist Church of Great Britain, The Tablet, the Catholic Union of Great Britain, Community Organisers, Crucible Magazine, Songs of Praise, Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology, The Salvation Army, Faith in Labour, EducareM, Radio Maria, Word on Fire Ministries, East Brighton Parish, and others.

T4CG Newsletter

The T4CG Newsletter goes to over 2,500 subscribers, a 25% increase on the previous year. During the year, 6 editions were published, each featuring originally commissioned content, talks, guest articles, latest podcast episodes, updates about our Common Good Schools programme, plus recommended books and selected articles on current affairs.

New online content

We published over 40 online resources which were disseminated widely and added to the T4CG website resource. This included editorial reflections, commissioned stories and essays by leading thinkers and grassroots practitioners, and resources for leaders and schools. Some of these resources were republished by third parties.

Advisory roles

During this period, we responded to at least 100 requests from a range of organisations and individuals, including leaders, churches, academics, dioceses, charities, festivals and networks. We gave advice, made verbal and written contributions and provided coaching on a one-to-one basis and in groups. In addition, our director contributed a chapter to a book on the anniversary of the *Faith in the City* report. She also fulfilled several formal advisory roles, including serving as a trustee of the Common Good Foundation, and as a member of Caritas Social Action Network's Reference Group.

Strategic relationships

As a matter of course, our work is relational in character. The T4CG network consists of an informal, growing coalition of many organisations and leaders across the Christian traditions and beyond. This year, we built new relationships and facilitated strategic introductions, and all activities were delivered through partnerships, some named in this report.

2. Resources

Producing resources to help churches discern their unique vocation for the common good

Leaving Egypt Podcast

- This year we marked the second year of our *Leaving Egypt* podcast. The podcast focuses on what it means to be God's people in an age of unravelling and is co-hosted by T4CG's director Jenny Sinclair along with Canadian missional leader and theologian Alan Roxburgh. *Leaving Egypt's* fortnightly episodes engage special guests who help to read the signs of the times and share grassroots stories of hope.
- 21 episodes were produced during the year.
- The podcast this year increased its reach from 64 to 96 countries and was received with enthusiasm, with a cumulative total of 25.8K downloads.
- This year, local churchgoers and in particular church leaders commented that they valued the podcast as a resource; they were inspired and equipped better to fulfil their vocation for the common good in their local areas.
- In addition, four zoom forums were held for listeners to engage with guests.
- Guests included Sally Gaze, Peter Aschoff, Brian Fraser, Luigino Bruni, John Milbank, Rob Duncan, David Widdicombe, Sr Helen Alford OP, Colin Miller, Sian Wade, Paul Kingsnorth, Martin Robinson, David Fitch, Alison Milbank, Harvey Kwiyani, Martin Rodriguez and Greg McKinzie, Sally Mann, John van Sloten.

Misc projects

At any given time, T4CG is open to discuss potential projects and creative ideas, which if not directly funded are not listed here. This year, one project – a congregational project to develop awareness of “God’s Economy” was funded in its initial stages, but not then pursued when funders’ circumstances changed.

3. Public talks and events

Convening public talks and events for leaders addressing the critical issues of our time through the lens of the common good.

T4CG holds events from time to time to inform and inspire Christians of all traditions to play their part in spiritual and civic renewal, each exploring a focused challenge around a critical issue. T4CG events serve to generate in-person, strategic relationships across the Christian traditions and uniquely, enabling leaders to deliberate together through the framework of Catholic social thought. Each event is simultaneously livestreamed and the recording later released as a podcast on the T4CG podcast channel, enabling the content to be made available for a wider audience and for the public benefit.

As the country faced profound social and political change and increasing inequality, we chose to focus our events in 2024-2025 on two key themes:

1. ***The Future of Christian Social Action*** – this was the focus for two events, each examining mission drift in the church-based charity sector. Examining established patterns and practices, we explored why well-intentioned charitable initiatives have become disconnected from justice, deepened dependency and have drifted in a secular direction. Our purpose was to open up an honest conversation about impact, power and authentic Christian witness, to challenge leaders in the sector and to identify practical steps to correct the drift:
 - 1.1. ***Grace, Truth and the Common Good the Future of Christian Social Action*** was a lecture commissioned by T4CG from Jon Kuhrt, CEO of Hope into Action. Held in-person, simultaneously livestreamed and later released as a podcast, the lecture was given before a live, invited audience of 70 church and charity leaders from across the Christian traditions. Following the lecture, a private roundtable dinner was held for a group of 30 leaders convened to deliberate together on the themes raised.
 - 1.2. ***The Advent Retreat*** followed the above event. We convened 36 leading Christian charity CEOs and church leaders to discern these themes of mission drift. The retreat enabled deep communal reflection in the format of a one day retreat using the methodology of Conversation in the Spirit. The outcomes of the retreat and a call to action were shared in a report which was widely distributed.
2. ***Staying Human*** – this was the focus of a new series of public talks launched to address how to stay human in this rapidly unfolding period of epochal change. In the context of cultural confusion, fragmentation, accelerating AI, the breakdown of trust, extreme inequality and loss of agency amidst the intensification of money and state power, we began by asking “what does it mean to be human?” and “how can we restore our common life?” To help our pool of leaders address this, we commissioned the first lecture, *Reimagining the Spirit of the Commons* from Professor Luke Bretherton.

Again, this lecture event was held in-person, simultaneously livestreamed and later released as a podcast. It was given before a live, invited audience of 70 church and charity leaders from across the Christian traditions. Following the lecture, a private roundtable dinner was held for a group of 30 leaders convened to deliberate together on the themes raised.

4. Schools

Equipping schools to be a force for the common good in the neighbourhood.

Common Good Schools programme

- Our young people are facing a more confused and uncertain future than ever before. It is vital that they are formed with the skills to thrive in this environment.
- T4CG's *Common Good Schools* enables young people and schools to play their part in spiritual and civic renewal. The programme fosters character development and teaches the principles of common good thinking in practice and cultivates a respect for others, the importance of good relationships, while demonstrating good stewardship and valuing community.
- Delivered through a train-the-trainer model and through classroom-based learning and community-based experience, the 10-week programme is designed for 11-16s in school and youth settings.
- Schools that join the *Common Good Schools* programme become our partners.

Serving secondary schools

- This year the programme was delivered in 9 partner schools and youth settings (Key Stage 3/4), an increase of 50% on the previous year.
- We delivered two CPD sessions for our partner schools' teachers to deepen their knowledge of Catholic social teaching beyond the course programme.
- The number of subscribers for the monthly *Common Good Schools* Newsletter grew by 143% to 258. The newsletter continued to serve our partner schools' teachers and chaplains as well as others interested in how a school can be a force for the common good in the neighbourhood.

Developing a new resource for primary schools

- This year we carried out a survey among primary head teachers to research how a new resource for Key Stage 2 should be designed. We convened a working group of 20 primary school leaders to assist with the development of this new resource.

Resourcing the wider education community

- We delivered bespoke workshops, talks and sessions for dioceses, multi academy trusts, festivals and strategic head teacher and chaplains training programmes. We worked hard to respond to an increasing number of invitations from across the UK, as well as approaches from Sweden and Italy. We published articles in education magazines and online platforms.
- Further, we created free resources for schools - for the General Election, for Advent and Lent, and collected download data to help us monitor traction. We also held a common good themed Christmas card competition.
- Our work is relational in nature. and we forge strategic relationships with organisations who share our vision. New strategic partners this year include dioceses, archdioceses and multi academy trusts and Christian networks.

Communications

This year's communications strategy continued to focus on developing T4CG's thought leadership profile among Christian networks and growing our audiences.

Attention was devoted to promoting the unique content and messaging outlined in the strands of work above – disseminating our director's talks, online stories, essays and newsletter, promoting our *Leaving Egypt* podcast, our public lectures and our schools programme.

Press releases were disseminated to promote our public talks.

Weekly social media postings on Twitter/X, LinkedIn, Instagram and Facebook resulted in growth across all metrics.

In addition, strategic plans were put in place to relocate the T4CG Newsletter from Mailchimp to Substack, to be actioned in the next financial year.

Throughout, the T4CG website was updated with our original content, maintaining a unique online resource for the public benefit.

Strategy, Infrastructure and Sustainability

We continued to follow the general direction of our 2022 Strategic Review, making adaptations as required. Our risk assessment practice was ongoing throughout the period and strategic decisions were taken in order to achieve optimum leverage of our small staff team.

Demand for this work is increasing and our resources are severely overstretched. At only 1.9 FTE (director 1.0 FTE, schools 0.4FTE, comms 0.2 FTE, admin 0.3 FTE), our team achieves far more than would be expected of such a small charity, thanks to partnership working, and associates giving their time pro bono. Working remotely means there are no office costs.

Securing sustainable funding is still proving elusive. We have continued to pursue a major gifts strategy and made progress in developing our minor revenue streams such as podcast subscriptions, earned income, honoraria, fees and regular donations. However, although demand for T4CG's work is growing, fundraising conditions are increasingly challenging.

Delivering public benefit

In planning our activities this year, the trustees have given consideration to the duties set out in section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard for public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Objects

The object of the CIO is the furtherance for the public benefit of the following purposes in a manner which promotes moral and ethical principles based on the notions of human dignity, mutual respect and understanding, honesty and fairness and civic responsibility:

1. promoting religious harmony and equality and diversity
2. promoting community capacity building in socially or economically disadvantaged communities
3. relieving poverty by undertaking or supporting research into inequality and other factors that contribute to poverty and the most appropriate ways to mitigate these.

The trustees are confident that T4CG's aims and objectives fulfil the criteria. The trustees do not anticipate any change in the future to this operational approach.

Our approach

T4CG's primary aims are to tackle social and economic disadvantage and social fragmentation, and we do this in ways set out earlier in this document. We do this by calling people of goodwill to fulfil their vocational responsibility, put Common Good principles into practice where they live and work, to build relationships and work together across their differences.

We believe the church has a legitimate, distinctive part to play and that revitalising its vocation is critical for civic and spiritual renewal. We work mainly across the Christian traditions but also with people and organisations of other faiths and non-religious backgrounds. Beneficiaries are not restricted by faith, gender, ethnic origin, disability, age or sexual orientation.

Planning for 2025-26

2024-2025 is set to be another year of instability with indications pointing to a further deterioration in social trust. This only strengthens our dedication to civic and spiritual renewal and the urgency of promoting the common good. We will pursue this by focusing our influence in the following ways:

Using Catholic Social Thought as a framework we will continue to help people read the signs of the times, to navigate well and discern their unique vocation for the common good.

Across all our work we will build confidence in common good thinking amongst Christian leaders by working across traditions. To achieve this, we will work with our longstanding partners and seek to build relationships with new partners who share our vision.

- We will serve leaders across churches, Christian charities, organisations and schools with talks and bespoke sessions, and as capacity allows, respond to their requests for advice, contribute to their projects, and fulfil formal and informal advisory roles.
- We will serve a broad audience across the Christian traditions with original high quality content by commissioning and producing stories, essays and resources. We will disseminate this content via the T4CG website, the T4CG Substack, the T4CG Newsletter and across our social media platforms.
- We will serve the local church, church leaders and ordinary Christians through fortnightly episodes of the *Leaving Egypt* podcast in partnership with Alan Roxburgh and build the community of Christian leaders around the podcast.
- We will serve strategic Christian leaders through public talks and events on the critical questions of our time. Through our hybrid model we will convene invitation-only, in-person thought-leadership events and round tables to enable peer to peer deliberation and relationship building. Via livestream and via our podcast platform we will deliver this content to a wider audience.
- We will train more secondary schools to run our *Common Good Schools* programme and continue to support our partner schools with advice and CPD sessions.
- We will develop a new *Common Good Schools* resource for primary schools.
- We will endeavour to meet growing demand from the wider education community for keynotes, talks and sessions.
- We will communicate this work for the public benefit and extend our audiences via our social media platforms and the T4CG website. We will move the T4CG newsletter from Mailchimp to Substack platform and develop a community of subscribers.
- In 2024-2025 it is our aspiration to secure sufficient funding for this work through a mix of major gifts, earned income and regular donations.

Structure, governance and management

T4CG is a creative initiative which has evolved organically and as such its character is unique. At the same time, T4CG fulfils conventional governance obligations.

Governing documents

T4CG is a CIO registered with the Charity Commission. It is governed by its Constitution of 14 June 2016 which was registered by the Charity Commission on 16 March 2017. The charity number is 1172113. The CIO's area of activity is primarily, but not exclusively, the UK.

Trustees

Two new trustees joined in this period - Daisy Inglese and Fr Michael Hall.

Trustees are identified through existing networks and advertising. They are selected and appointed by the Board. In selecting trustees, the Board pays regard to the balance of skills and experience required, the need for capacity to develop the charity, the need for continuity, and the beneficiaries the charity seeks to serve. There is a trustee induction programme in place and a rolling programme of recruitment. The trustees serve on sub-committees as needed and report to the main Board.

The current composition of the trustees is set out on page 1.

Management and organisational structure

Responsibility for the implementation of strategy and planning was delegated to the management team, with day-to-day management delegated to the founder director.

Capacity was significantly boosted by volunteers and associates contributing on a pro bono basis, both individually and via working groups convened and coordinated by the staff team to address different strands of the work. Professional assistance was retained where required.

Formal reporting to the Trustee Board took place four times during the year, with additional interim updates.

Risk management

The trustees have conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. These risks are monitored throughout the year and updated annually. A risk register is used to support this. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces, and the management of risks are owned by the appropriate personnel. Different risks are assessed by the most appropriate people: the full Board, the trustee sub-committees, and the staff team. Regardless of who manages the risk, all risks are reported to the full Board, with key risks assessed at each meeting.

Pro bono support, volunteers and help in kind

T4CG achieves more than would be expected of a charity of its size thanks to strong *pro bono* support, augmenting T4CG's small staff team, which this year was 1.9 FTE.

During 2024-2025, T4CG benefited from at least 30 people generously contributing in practical ways to different areas of our work.

We are grateful to all who contributed this year:

- T4CG's trustees devoted time in addition to their board responsibilities.
- Members of our staff team who devoted time in addition to paid hours.
- Annette McBride provided voluntary admin support for the team.
- Rob Duncan provided voluntary admin support for *Leaving Egypt*.
- Charles Wookey advised on fundraising strategy.
- Members of our informal fundraising advisory group.
- Members of our informal *Common Good Schools* advisory group.
- Our associate thinkers and practitioners - all our stories, essays and lectures were contributed on a pro bono basis.
- Fr Chris Vipers hosted our board meetings at St Mary Moorfields, London.
- The Vicariate for Education at Hinsley Hall in Leeds hosted our away days.

T4CG punches above its weight due to a wide range of active working relationships. It is impossible to name all the organisations and individuals involved, but some appear in this report. Apologies for any oversights.

Sincere thanks to those who generously gave strategic advice, to all those friends of T4CG praying for the work and those providing moral support.

Financial Review

The achievements of 2024-25 have been made possible thanks to a number of trusts and individual donors whose generous support funded key projects and the salaries of T4CG's key officers.

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period

During the year to 31 March 2025, T4CG's total income amounted to £118,398 and expenditure came to £114,514.

There was a surplus on unrestricted funds of £3,804. The restricted fund income of £18,199 was all spent in the year.

Net assets at 31 March 2025 were £48,597.

In 2024-25, T4CG's work was made possible by a range of trusts, individual gifts and a small number of committed regular individual donors. We are grateful to all those who have supported our work. In particular we appreciate sponsorship of our events by CCLA, a longstanding partner and the UK's leading sustainability fund manager for charities, faith and public sector organisations. We also acknowledge sponsorship from Church Urban Fund and Caritas Westminster for one of our events.

Going concern

See note 1.2 on page 18.

Reserves policy

The trustees' policy on reserves is to hold sufficient funds to cover salaries and the other repeat operating costs of the charity for a minimum of six months to ensure that the charity is not at risk in the event that expected income does not materialise or is delayed. The unrestricted reserves of £48,597 at 31 March 2025 fell short of that target but it was achieved again subsequent to the end of the financial year.



Richard Holman, Chair

Date: 29 December 2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF TOGETHER FOR THE COMMON GOOD

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Together for the Common Good (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 16 to 24.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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 2011 Act.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the financial statements. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently, I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair view' and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

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

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, other than any requirement that the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

Signed: Edulji J. Avari.

Name: Edul Avari B COMM, MAAT

Name of applicable listed body: Association of Accounting Technicians

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional body: Accounting Technician

On behalf of E J Avari & Co Ltd, 178 Twyford Road, Harrow, Middlesex HA2 0SN

29th December, 2025

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Statement of financial activities

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	2025			2024		
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources (Note 3)						
Income from:						
Donations and grants	80,672	18,199	98,472	83,654	7,250	90,904
Charitable activities	19,816	-	19,816	8,441	-	8,441
Bank interest	110	-	110	1337	-	137
Total	100,199	18,199	118,398	92,232	7,250	99,482
Resources expended (Note 4)						
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	2,129	-	2,129	3,958	-	3,958
Charitable activities	92,090	18,119	110,209	89,025	17,917	106,924
Governance	2,175	-	2,175	2,489	-	2,489
Total	96,395	18,119	114,514	95,472	17,917	113,389
Net income/(expenditure)	3,804	-	3,804	(3,240)	(10,667)	(13,907)
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	(9,795)	9,795	-
Net movement in funds	3,804	-	3,804	(13,035)	(872)	(13,907)
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward	44,793	-	44,793	57,828	872	58,700
Total funds carried forward	48,597	-	48,597	44,793	-	44,793

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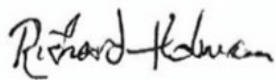
Balance sheet

At 31 March 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total at 31 March 2025	Total at 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	-	-	-	-
Current assets				
Stock	606	-	606	-
Debtors (Note 7)	3,830	-	3,830	1,351
Cash at bank and in hand (Note 9)	50,326	-	50,326	55,398
<i>Total current assets</i>	54,762	-	54,762	56,749
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Note 8)	(6,165)	-	(6,165)	(11,956)
<i>Total net assets or liabilities</i>	48,597	-	48,597	44,793
Funds of the Charity (Note 11)				
Restricted income funds	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted funds	48,597	-	48,597	44,793
<i>Total funds</i>	48,597	-	48,597	44,793

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 29 December 2025.

Signed by two trustees on behalf of all the trustees



..... (Richard Holman – Chair and Treasurer)



..... (David Smith – Trustee)

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Notes to the unaudited financial statements

Year ended 31st March 2025

Note 1 Basis of preparation

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

- the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014; and with
- the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)
- and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

1.2 Going concern

The charity relies on grant and donation income to meet a high proportion of its expenses.

We have been successful in obtaining substantial multi-year donation commitments from private supporters and we are continuing to work to expand this group.

A cash flow forecast prepared for trustees shortly before the approval of these financial statements confirmed that funds received since the end of the accounting period, taken together with confirmed donations not yet received and firm commitments from donors, will be sufficient to maintain the current level of activity for the full twelve months from the date of signature of the report.

The trustees have a strict policy that no expenditure commitments will be made that exceed available resources.

The trustees are therefore satisfied that it is appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis.

1.3 Changes of accounting policy

The accounts present a true and fair view and the accounting policies adopted are those outlined in this note 1. The policies are the same as those applied in the previous period.

1.4 Changes to accounting estimates

No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period (3.46 FRS 102 SORP).

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Notes to the unaudited financial statements (contd)

Year ended 31st March 2025

Note 2

Accounting policies

2.1 INCOME

The following accounting policies have been applied by the charity:

Recognition of income	These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when: · the charity becomes entitled to the resources; · it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and · the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.
Offsetting	There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.
Grants and donations	Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP).
Legacies	Legacies are included in the SOFA when receipt is probable, that is, when there has been grant of probate, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy are either within the control of the charity or have been met.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.
Contractual income	This is only included in the SoFA once the charity has provided the related goods or services or met the performance related conditions.
Donated goods	Donated goods are measured at fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so. Goods donated for on-going use by the charity are recognised as tangible fixed assets and included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as income from donations when receivable.
Volunteer help	The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.
Donated services and facilities	Donated services and facilities are included in the SOFA when received at the value of the gift to the charity provided the value of the gift can be measured reliably. Donated services and facilities that are consumed immediately are recognised as income with an equivalent amount recognised as an expense under the appropriate heading in the SOFA.

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2.2 EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

Liability recognition	Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.
Governance costs	Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.
Support costs	Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, e.g. allocating staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.
Redundancy cost	The charity made no redundancy payments during the reporting period.
Provisions for liabilities	A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.
Basic financial instruments	The charity accounts for basic financial instruments on initial recognition as per paragraph 10.7 FRS102 SORP. Subsequent measurement is as per paragraphs 11.17 to 11.19, FRS102 SORP.

2.3 ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity	Fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £1,000. The Charity had no fixed assets during the reporting period.
Debtors	Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

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Notes to the unaudited financial statements (contd)

Year ended 31st March 2025

Note 3		Analysis of income			
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds 2025	Prior year 2024
		£	£	£	£
Donations legacies and grants:	Donations and gifts	56,259	-	56,259	45,458
	Gift Aid	2,413	-	2,413	5,396
	Communities of Hope project grants	-	18,119	18,119	17,800
	Grants provided by other charities	22,000	-	22,000	22,250
	Total	80,672	18,119	98,791	90,904
Charitable activities:	Fees and sundry income	19,417	-	19,417	8,441
	Total	19,417	-	19,417	8,441
Bank Interest		110	-	110	137
TOTAL INCOME		100,199	18,199	118,398	99,482
All income was unrestricted.					
Note 4		Analysis of expenditure			
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds 2025	Prior year 2024
		£	£	£	£
Expenditure on raising funds	Fundraising software and fees	2,129	-	2,129	3,997
	Total	2,129	-	2,129	3,997
Expenditure on charitable activities	Salaries, NIC and pension contributions	59,113	4,147	63,260	95,053
	Project delivery costs	10,170	14,052	24,222	766
	Travel and administration	7,040	-	7,040	4,382
	Communications and outreach	14,451	-	14,451	4,089
	Other expenses	1,317	-	1,317	2,634
	Total	92,091	18,199	110,290	106,924
Expenditure on Governance	Accounts examination	1,250	-	1,250	2,100
	Bank charges	187	-	187	117
	Payroll fees	738	-	738	794
	Total	2,175	-	2,175	3,011
Expenditure for the year		96,395	18,199	114,594	113,932

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Notes to the unaudited financial statements (contd)

Year ended 31st March 2025

5.1 Staff Costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Salaries and wages	61,650	59,822
Social security costs	-	-
Pension costs (defined contribution scheme)	1,609	1,562
Total staff costs	63,259	61,384

Staff costs of £4,147 were charged to Restricted Funds.

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000

The total amount paid to key management personnel for their services to the charity during the period was £37,150 (2024: £36,050).

5.2 Average head count in the year

	2025	2024
	Number	Number
The parts of the charity in which the employees work		
Charitable Activities	3	3
Total	3	3

Note 6 **Defined contribution pension scheme.**

Amount of contributions recognised in the SOFA as an expense.	1,609	1,562
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Note 7 **Debtors and prepayments**

Analysis of debtors	2025	2024
	£	£
Gift Aid tax reclaimable	2,622	796
Other Debtors	1,208	555
Total	3,830	1,351

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Year ended 31st March 2025

Note 8 Creditors and accruals

Amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	5,852	11,652
Pension contributions	313	304
Total	6,165	11,956

Note 9 Cash at bank and in hand

	2025	2024
	£	£
Cash at bank	50,326	55,398
Total	50,326	55,398

Note 10 Events after the end of the reporting period

There have been no material events since the end of the reporting period.

Note 11 Charity funds

11.1 Details of material funds held and movements during the current reporting period

** Key: PE – permanent endowment funds; EE – expendable endowment funds; R – restricted income funds, including special trusts, of the charity; and U – unrestricted funds*

Fund names	Type PE, EE R or UR *	Fund balances brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Fund balances carried forward
		£	£	£	£
Communities of Hope	R	-	18,199	(18,199)	-
General	U	44,793	100,199	(96,395)	48,597
Total Funds		44,793	118,398	(114,594)	48,597

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Notes to the unaudited financial statements (contd)

Year ended 31st March 2025

Note 11 Charity funds (contd)

11.2 Description of funds

Unrestricted funds are available for any purpose consistent with the objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subject to limitations set by donors on the purposes for which they can be applied. In relation to these financial statements restricted funds were provided specifically for the development of the Communities of Hope project, which was terminated during the financial year.

Note 12 Transactions with trustees and related parties

12.1 Trustee remuneration and benefits

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity (2024: None).

12.2 Trustees' expenses

No trustee expenses have been incurred (2024: None).

12.3 Related party transactions

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period (2024: None).

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Together for the COMMON GOOD

Annual Report & Accounts

1 April 2023 – 31 March 2024



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Annual Report and Unaudited Financial Statements for the year ending 31 March 2024.

Registered Charity number

Together for the Common Good is a charitable incorporated organisation registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales under charity registration number 1172113.

Trustees

Richard Holman (Chair and Treasurer)

Edward Hadas

David Smith

Officers

Founder and Director: Jenny Sinclair (full time)

Team Support Worker: Louise Lambert (part time)

Common Good Schools Project Leader: Jo Stow (part time)

Head of Communications: Ben Curran (part time)

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CHAIR'S FOREWORD

We live in a troubled time.

2023-24 saw further instability and division within society. Longstanding socio-economic weaknesses put further pressure on our poorest communities. Governments failed to address the underlying drivers of upheaval, colluding with global corporates who accrued more power, undermining agency at local level.

Geopolitical conflict, in particular the Russia-Ukraine war, added to economic difficulties, whilst the Israel-Gaza conflict and unprecedented levels of immigration exacerbated antisemitism and social tensions on the streets of the UK. Western countries experienced increasing elite pressure to conform to progressive ideologies, generating blowback from socially conservative majorities.

Meanwhile profound change continued to affect the churches in the UK. Some saw congregations re-energised by the inflow of Christian refugees and migrants from Eastern Europe, India, Africa and Hong Kong. However, many more faced the brutal reality of decline, as churches closed and parishes merged, despite efforts to turn the tide. Some were preoccupied by ideological and theological division while others found a growing sense of calling to ministry in poor communities.

But there is hope. Dedicated to spiritual and civic renewal, the work of *Together for the Common Good* goes to the heart of the big issues facing the church and society. Drawing on the framework of Catholic Social Thought and its vision of a common good political economy, this year, as ever we promoted a constructive alternative and built confidence among Christians across all traditions. In defiance of this malign culture, joining together with God and with neighbour builds a genuine solidarity that generates life-giving energy and keeps us human.

We operate with no illusions about the seriousness of the new era that is upon us. In these dark times, our aim is to seed and support "common good thinking" in the church, schools, politics and wider society to strengthen communities, bridge divides and enable human flourishing.

In the past year, our thought leadership work reached over 1,100 church leaders through our talks and training sessions. We produced 41 resources and responded to over 100 requests for advice from a wide variety of Christian leaders and organisations. Our *Common Good Schools* programme was used by 6 schools and engaged over 1,563 young people. And with our *Leaving Egypt* podcast, we are now reaching far beyond the UK, engaging listeners in 64 countries.

Together for the Common Good is unique. We are the only Christian charity specialising in the practice and interpretation of the common good to deliver civic and spiritual renewal. Our growth is a testament to the wonderful work of our team and growing network.

At such a time as this, and in an increasingly challenging environment, we warmly invite individuals who share this vision to partner with us this year in this vital mission.



Chair

Together for the Common Good

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published on 1/01/2019.

Overview

Together for the Common Good (T4CG) is a small independent UK-based Christian charity dedicated to spiritual and civic renewal. Our work draws from across the Christian traditions and from the insights of Catholic Social Thought. We call this 'common good thinking'. We believe it holds the key to addressing many of the challenges facing society and our churches today. It can help to ignite passion, reimagine vocation and encourage people to join in the reweaving of our broken social fabric. It starts by building relationships.

We are one organisation with many strands to our work.

We support and influence leaders across the churches and give talks, keynotes and sessions for a wide range of Christian organisations.

We hold public conversations to raise the profile of Common Good thought leadership and to inform and inspire Christian leaders.

We equip young people for an uncertain future by training teachers to deliver our Common Good Schools programme.

We engage in advocacy, respond to requests for advice and contribution, and fulfil several formal advisory roles.

Because we always work in partnership, T4CG achieves far more than would be expected for a charity of its size, and our small and effective team is boosted thanks to many associates working *pro bono*.

Our guiding principle: the Common Good

The Common Good is an ancient idea shared by many traditions. Our understanding has its roots in the Jewish and Christian traditions, reflected in Scripture:

*"Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you...
for in its welfare you will find your welfare." Jeremiah 29:7*

We define the Common Good as follows:

The shared life of a society in which everyone can flourish – as we act together in different ways that all contribute towards that goal, enabled by social conditions that mean every single person can participate.

We create these conditions and pursue that goal by working together across our differences, each of us taking responsibility, according to our calling and ability.

REVIEW OF 2023-2024

This report covers the 12 months to 31 March 2024.

Together for the Common Good is dedicated to spiritual and civic renewal. This year our work involved building the capacity of Christian leaders, teachers, young people and the wider public to play their part for the common good. Our activities were focused through following integrated strands:

1. Providing **thought leadership** through bespoke sessions, talks, newsletter, online content, advisory roles and relationship building, equipping leaders with common good thinking to enable them better to navigate this period of instability
2. Producing **resources** to help churches discern their unique vocation for the common good
3. Convening **public talks** addressing big issues through the lens of the common good
4. Equipping **schools** to be a force for the common good in the neighbourhood

Thought Leadership

Talks and sessions

This year we delivered 23 inputs – bespoke keynotes, interviews, forums and sessions – helping an estimated 1,100 leaders read the signs of the times and discover common good thinking. We were invited to contribute and design content for a variety of settings. Examples include:

St Vincent de Paul Society of England and Wales, Association of Italian Catholic Teachers (Italy), TheAscent Discipleship programme, Caritas Plymouth, Clifton Diocese Adult Formation, St Ethelburgas Centre for Peace and Reconciliation, Journey of Hope leadership training, European Justice and Peace Commission, The Manna Journey podcast, Northern Diaconal Formation Partnership, Catholic Social Action Network, Leaving Egypt Forum, Common Good Journey Forum, Centesimus Annus Foundation, Theological Faculty of Emilia Romagna at Bologna University, Island Spirituality Network (Isle of Man), Manx Radio, Community Organisers UK.

T4CG Newsletter

The T4CG Newsletter goes to over 2,000 subscribers. In the period, 8 editions were published, each featuring originally commissioned content, bespoke talks, guest articles, latest podcast episodes, updates about our Common Good Schools programme, plus recommended books and selected articles on current affairs.

New online content

We commissioned, edited and published 41 resources, stories and essays by leading thinkers and grassroots practitioners. This original content was disseminated widely and added to the T4CG website resource.

Advisory roles

During this period, we responded to over 100 requests from a range of organisations and individuals, too many to name here. These included individual leaders, cathedrals, churches, charities and networks. We gave advice, made verbal and written contributions and provided coaching on a one-to-one basis and in groups. In addition, our director fulfils several formal advisory roles, for example serving as a trustee of the Common Good Foundation, and as a member of Caritas Social Action Network's Reference Group.

Strategic relationships

As a matter of course, our work is relational in character. The T4CG network consists of an informal, growing coalition of many organisations and leaders across the Christian traditions and beyond. This year, we built new relationships and facilitated strategic introductions, and as ever, all our activities were carried out in partnerships, some of which are named in this report.

Resources

Leaving Egypt Podcast

This year we launched the *Leaving Egypt* podcast, co-hosted by T4CG's director Jenny Sinclair along with Canadian missional leader and theologian Alan Roxburgh. Together with guests, they explore what it means to be God's people in an age of unravelling, reading the signs of the times and hearing grassroots stories of hope. 16 episodes were produced in the period. Serving Christian leaders and the local church around the world, our listeners this year came from 64 countries. *Leaving Egypt* is hosted on Substack which is enabling us to host monthly online discussion forums and to cultivate a growing community of church leaders interacting with podcast content.

Episodes featured guests including Mary Publicover, Barry Jung, Maurice Glasman, Mark Lau Branson, Nick Graves, Avril Bagient, Graham and Mairi McBain, Edward Hadas, Karen Reed, Hannah Vaughan-Spruce, Tim Wray, Matthew Petrusek, Roy Searle, Bill Cavanaugh, Xenia Chan, and Phillip Ullmann.

Parish resource

T4CG hosted a group for church leaders using *Common Good Journey*, our parish material, providing peer to peer support for the participating parishes.

Public talks

In person and livestreamed events

Each year we hold public talks where leading thinkers address big questions within the framework of the common good. This year we concluded our 2022-2023 Lincoln Lecture Series, which was run in partnership with Lincoln Cathedral and CCLA. The series explored the questions “How can common good theology help us play our part in spiritual and civic renewal?” Topics addressed the economy, work, nature, freedom, social peace, politics and civic life. The lectures featured speakers from different traditions drawing on Catholic Social Teaching, exploring how the Christian tradition can be a blessing on public life.

This year in total we convened six in-person audiences for at least 180 leaders. And, with simultaneous public livestreaming, linking up live with Lincoln Cathedral, we reached more than 1,000 viewers online. After each lecture, our invited audience of Christian leaders joined with the speaker in a round table discussion. This served as an intense learning experience for all present and forged relationships across Christian traditions.

During the year we hosted the last six lectures in the series, featuring Professor Adrian Pabst, Lord Glasman, Dr Jon Cruddas MP, Professor Alison Milbank and Sr Helen Alford. The series came to an end with the ninth and final lecture in November 2023. Building on the success of this series we launched the T4CG 2024-2025 Series in February 2024, featuring Professor Matthew Petrussek, on the common good response to identity politics.

Making more of the content

To extend the reach of the rich content of these talks, we launched a Together for the Common Good podcast channel. Like the Leaving Egypt podcast, this is hosted on Substack which enables a community to grow around the content. This year the content was accessed by listeners from 25 countries.

Schools

In these times of unravelling, our young people are facing a more confused and uncertain future than ever before. It is vital that they are formed with the skills to thrive in this environment. By building a sense of mutual responsibility and creating relationships within our local communities, our young people can play a significant role in resisting the continuing fragmentation we are witnessing in society.

Common Good Schools programme

Our 10-week *Common Good Schools* programme is designed for 11-16s in school and youth settings. The programme fosters character development and teaches the principles of common good thinking in practice and cultivates a respect for others, the importance of good relationships, while demonstrating good stewardship and valuing community. This year the programme was delivered in 6 partner schools across the country.

Resourcing our partner schools

This year we completed the construction of our online portal providing access to the programme's full suite of digital resources and developed a membership area.

We delivered CPD sessions for our partner schools' teachers to deepen their knowledge of common good thinking beyond the course programme.

Further, we created a unique Lent resource for schools to use which links to the Common Good Schools programme.

We also launched a dedicated monthly Newsletter to serve teachers, chaplains and others with an interest in building the common good in a school setting.

Strategic Relationships

Our work is relational in nature. Schools that join the Common Goods Schools programme become our partners, and we forge strategic relationships with organisations who share our vision. For example, we this year we became members of the parachurch network Growing Faith Foundation and the CSAN Youth Alliance. Partnerships were developed with Catholic Schools Ministry International and the Archdiocese of Modena in Italy.

Communications

This year's communications strategy focused on positioning T4CG's thought leadership role and growing new audiences, both through greater emphasis on the director's work, and through the launch of the Leaving Egypt podcast and the T4CG podcast channel. In addition, weekly social media posting on Twitter/X, LinkedIn, Instagram and Facebook resulted in steady growth across all metrics.

Strategy, Infrastructure and Sustainability

In line with our 2022 Strategic Review, we continued to follow our three-year plan for 2023-2025, making adaptations as required.

Our risk assessment practice was ongoing throughout the period and strategic decisions were taken in order to achieve optimum leverage of our small staff team.

In an increasingly challenging fundraising environment, we continued with our major gifts strategy and made progress with our aim to achieve a sustainable mix with other revenue streams such as podcast subscriptions, earned income, fees and regular donations.

Delivering public benefit

In planning our activities this year, the trustees have given consideration to the duties set out in section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard for public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Objects

The object of the CIO is the furtherance for the public benefit of the following purposes in a manner which promotes moral and ethical principles based on the notions of human dignity, mutual respect and understanding, honesty and fairness and civic responsibility:

1. promoting religious harmony and equality and diversity
2. promoting community capacity building in socially or economically disadvantaged communities
3. relieving poverty by undertaking or supporting research into inequality and other factors that contribute to poverty and the most appropriate ways to mitigate these.

The trustees are confident that T4CG's aims and objectives fulfil the criteria. The trustees do not anticipate any change in the future to this operational approach.

Our approach

T4CG's primary aims are to tackle social and economic disadvantage and social fragmentation, and we do this in ways set out earlier in this document.

We do this by calling people of goodwill to fulfil their vocational responsibility, put Common Good principles into practice where they live and work, to build relationships and work together across their differences.

We believe the church has a legitimate, distinctive part to play and that revitalising its vocation is critical for civic and spiritual renewal.

We work mainly across the Christian traditions but also with people and organisations of other faiths and non-religious backgrounds. Beneficiaries are not restricted by faith, gender, ethnic origin, disability, age or sexual orientation.

Planning for 2024-2025

2024-2025 is set to be another year of instability with indications pointing to a further deterioration in social trust. This only strengthens our dedication to civic and spiritual renewal and the urgency of promoting the common good. We will pursue this by focusing our influence in the following ways:

Using Catholic Social Thought as a framework we will continue to help people read the signs of the times, to navigate well and discern their unique vocation for the common good.

Across all our work we will build confidence in common good thinking amongst Christian leaders by working with and convening groups across traditions. To achieve this, we will work with our longstanding partners and seek to build relationships with new partners who share our vision.

We will continue to invest in communications to extend our reach and expose more people to common good thinking.

We will respond to as many requests for advice as capacity allows, and contribute to other organisations' projects, through formal and informal advisory roles.

We will deliver bespoke sessions and coaching for Christian leaders, groups, charities and other organisations.

We will commission stories, essays and resources and disseminate original content through the T4CG website, newsletter, across our social media platforms and through third parties.

We will produce fortnightly episodes of the *Leaving Egypt* podcast, in partnership with Alan Roxburgh, and build our community of Christian leaders around the podcast.

We will provide common good thought leadership through public talks and events. Through our hybrid model we will reach more people via livestream and convene invitation-only, in-person round tables for leaders around critical issues. We will build up our T4CG podcast platform with this content to resource wider audiences.

We will equip more young people for an uncertain future by training more schools to use our ten-week Common Good Schools programme. We will launch new, free resources for the General Election and for Advent, and continue our successful programme of CPD sessions for our partner schools.

We will continue to convene a forum for leaders using our Common Good Journey material, providing peer to peer support for parishes engaging with grounded experiments.

In 2024-2025 we plan to continue our efforts in securing funding to consolidate the current level of activity for the next three years. It is our aspiration to secure sufficient funding through a mix of major gifts, earned income and regular donations.

Structure, governance and management

T4CG is a creative initiative which has evolved organically and as such its character is unique. At the same time, T4CG fulfils conventional governance obligations.

Governing documents

T4CG is a CIO registered with the Charity Commission. It is governed by its Constitution of 14 June 2016 which was registered by the Charity Commission on 16 March 2017. The charity number is 1172113. The CIO's area of activity is primarily, but not exclusively, the UK.

Trustees

Trustees are identified through existing networks and advertising. They are selected and appointed by the Board. In selecting trustees, the Board pays regard to the balance of skills and experience required, the need for capacity to develop the charity, the need for continuity, and the beneficiaries the charity seeks to serve. There is a trustee induction programme in place and a rolling programme of recruitment. The trustees serve on sub-committees as needed and report to the main Board.

The current composition of the trustees is set out on page 2. In the coming year, the T4CG Board aims to expand modestly.

Management and organisational structure

Responsibility for the implementation of strategy and planning was delegated to the management team, with day-to-day management delegated to the founder director.

Capacity was significantly boosted by volunteers and associates contributing on a pro bono basis, both individually and via working groups convened and coordinated by the staff team to address different strands of the work. Professional assistance was retained where required.

Formal reporting to the Trustee Board took place four times during the year, with additional interim updates.

Risk management

The trustees have conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. These risks are monitored throughout the year and updated annually. A risk register is used to support this. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces, and the management of risks are owned by the appropriate personnel. Different risks are assessed by the most appropriate people: the full Board, the trustee sub-committees, and the staff team. Regardless of who manages the risk, all risks are reported to the full Board, with key risks assessed at each meeting.

Pro bono support, volunteers and help in kind

T4CG achieves more than would be expected of a charity of its size thanks to strong *pro bono* support, augmenting T4CG's small staff team, which this year was 1.9 FTE.

During 2023-2024, T4CG benefited from at least 30 people generously contributing in practical ways to different areas of our work.

- T4CG's trustees devoted time in addition to their board responsibilities.
- Annette McBride generously provided admin support throughout the year pro bono.
- We are grateful to the members of our fundraising advisory group and to our informal advisors who support our Common Good Schools work.
- Rob Duncan kindly provided admin support for the Leaving Egypt podcast
- We are indebted to all who wrote articles pro bono for the T4CG website
- Each of our staff team devoted significant amounts of time in addition to paid hours.
- Fr Chris Vipers kindly hosted our board meetings at St Mary Moorfields, London.
- The Vicariate for Education at Hinsley Hall in Leeds kindly hosted our awaydays.

T4CG punches above its weight due to a wide range of active working relationships. It is impossible to name all the organisations and individuals involved, but some appear in this report.

Sincere thanks to those who generously gave strategic advice, to all those friends of T4CG praying for the work and those providing moral support.

Financial Review

The achievements of 2023-24 have been made possible thanks to a number of trusts and individual donors whose generous support funded key projects and the salaries of T4CG's key officers.

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period

During the year to 31 March 2024, T4CG's total income amounted to £99,482 and expenditure came to £113,389.

There was a deficit on unrestricted funds of £3,240 and a deficit on restricted funds of £10,667. The cumulative deficit on restricted funds was offset by a transfer of £9,795 from unrestricted funds.

Net assets at 31 March 2024 were £44,793.

In 2023-24, T4CG's work was made possible by a range of trusts, individual gifts and a small number of committed regular individual donors. We are grateful to all those who have supported our work. In particular we appreciate the backing of CCLA, a longstanding partner and one of the UK's leading ethical investment fund managers and home of the Catholic Investment Fund, for the 2023 programme of public talks.

Going concern

See note 1.2 on page 17.

Reserves policy

The trustees' policy on reserves is to hold sufficient funds to cover salaries and the other repeat operating costs of the charity for a minimum of six months to ensure that the charity is not at risk in the event that expected income does not materialise or is delayed. The unrestricted reserves of £44,793 at 31 March 2024 fell short of that target but it was achieved again subsequent to the end of the financial year.



Richard Holman, Chair

Date: 27 October 2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF TOGETHER FOR THE COMMON GOOD

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Together for the Common Good (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 15 to 23.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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 2011 Act.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the financial statements. The planning and conduct of an audit go beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently, I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair view' and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

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

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, other than any requirement that the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

Signed Edułji J. Avari

Name: Edułji J Avari B.COM, MAAT

Name of applicable listed body: Association of Accounting Technicians

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional body: Accounting Technician

On behalf of E J Avari & Co Ltd, 178 Twyford Road, Harrow, Middlesex HA2 0SN

28th October, 2024

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Statement of financial activities

For the year ended 31 March 2024

	2024			2023		
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources (Note 3)						
Income from:						
Donations and grants	83,654	7,250	90,904	111,611	10,000	121,611
Charitable activities	8,441	-	8,441	1,170	-	1,170
Bank interest	137	-	137	126	-	126
Total	92,232	7,250	99,482	112,907	10,000	122,907
Resources expended (Note 4)						
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	3,958	-	3,958	3,997	-	3,997
Charitable activities	89,025	17,917	106,942	74,915	32,009	106,924
Governance	2,489	-	2,489	3,011	-	3,011
Total	95,472	17,917	113,389	81,923	32,009	113,932
Net income/(expenditure)	(3,240)	(10,667)	(13,907)	30,984	(22,009)	8,975
Transfers between funds	(9,795)	9,795	-	(4,896)	4,896	-
Net movement in funds	(13,035)	(872)	(13,907)	26,088	(17,113)	8,975
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward	57,828	872	58,700	31,740	17,985	49,725
Total funds carried forward	44,793	-	44,793	57,828	872	58,700

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Charity number: 1172113

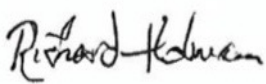
Balance sheet

At 31 March 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total at 31 March 2024	Total at 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£
Current assets				
Debtors (Note 7)	1,351	-	1,351	625
Cash at bank and in hand (Note 9)	55,398	-	55,398	61,515
Total current assets	56,749	-	56,749	62,140
 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Note 8)	 11,956	 -	 11,956	 3,440
 Total net assets	 44,793	 -	 44,793	 58,700
 Funds of the Charity (Note 11)				
Restricted income funds	-	-	-	872
Unrestricted funds	44,793	-	44,793	57,828
Total funds	44,793	-	44,793	58,700

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 27 October 2024

Signed by two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

	.. (Richard Holman – Chair and Treasurer)
	
.....	(David Smith – Trustee)

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Notes to the unaudited financial statements

Year ended 31st March 2024

Note 1 Basis of preparation

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

- the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014; and with
- the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)
- and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

1.2 Going concern

The charity relies on grant and donation income to meet a high proportion of its expenses. The charity revised its fundraising strategy in 2022-23, having been advised by its main grant funder in recent years that its priorities had changed and that they would not be able to provide further support for our activities. We have been successful in obtaining substantial multi-year donation commitments from several private supporters and we are continuing to work to expand this group.

A cash flow forecast prepared for trustees shortly before the approval of these financial statements confirmed that funds received since the end of the accounting period, taken together with confirmed donations not yet received and firm commitments from donors, will be sufficient to maintain the current level of activity for the full twelve months from the date of signature of the report.

The trustees have a strict policy that no expenditure commitments will be made that exceed available resources.

The trustees are therefore satisfied that it is appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis.

1.3 Changes of accounting policy

The accounts present a true and fair view and the accounting policies adopted are those outlined in this note 1. The policies are the same as those applied in the previous period.

1.4 Changes to accounting estimates

No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period (3.46 FRS 102 SORP).

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Notes to the unaudited financial statements (contd)

Year ended 31st March 2024

Note 2 Accounting policies

2.1 INCOME

The following accounting policies have been applied by the charity:

Recognition of income	These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when: · the charity becomes entitled to the resources; · it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and · the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.
Offsetting	There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.
Grants and donations	Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP).
Legacies	Legacies are included in the SOFA when receipt is probable, that is, when there has been grant of probate, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy are either within the control of the charity or have been met.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.
Contractual income	This is only included in the SoFA once the charity has provided the related goods or services or met the performance related conditions.
Donated goods	Donated goods are measured at fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so. Goods donated for on-going use by the charity are recognised as tangible fixed assets and included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as income from donations when receivable.
Volunteer help	The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.
Donated services and facilities	Donated services and facilities are included in the SOFA when received at the value of the gift to the charity provided the value of the gift can be measured reliably. Donated services and facilities that are consumed immediately are recognised as income with an equivalent amount recognised as an expense under the appropriate heading in the SOFA.

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Notes to the unaudited financial statements (contd)

Year ended 31st March 2024

2.2 EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

Liability recognition	Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.
Governance costs	Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.
Support costs	Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, e.g. allocating staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.
Redundancy cost	The charity made no redundancy payments during the reporting period.
Provisions for liabilities	A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date
Basic financial instruments	The charity accounts for basic financial instruments on initial recognition as per paragraph 10.7 FRS102 SORP. Subsequent measurement is as per paragraphs 11.17 to 11.19, FRS102 SORP.

2.3 ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity	Fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £1,000. The Charity had no fixed assets during the reporting period.
Debtors	Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

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Notes to the unaudited financial statements (contd)

Year ended 31st March 2024

Note 3 Analysis of income		Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds 2024	Prior year 2023
		£	£	£	£
Donations legacies and grants:	Donations and gifts	45,458	-	45,458	26,256
	Gift Aid	5,396	-	5,396	5,355
	Communities of Hope project grants	17,800	-	17,800	-
	Grants provided by other charities	15,000	7,250	22,250	90,000
	Total	83,654	7,250	90,904	121,611
Charitable activities:	Fees and sundry income	8,441	-	8,441	1,170
	Total	8,441	-	8,441	1,170
Bank Interest		137	-	137	126
TOTAL INCOME		92,232	7,250	99,482	122,907

Other information: In the prior year, £10,000 of grants provided by other charities were restricted. All other income was unrestricted.

Note 4 Analysis of expenditure		Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds 2024	Prior year 2023
		£	£	£	£
Expenditure on raising funds	Fundraising software and fees	3,958	-	3,958	3,997
	Total	3,958	-	3,958	3,997
Expenditure on charitable activities	Salaries, NIC and pension contributions	44,904	16,480	61,384	95,053
	Project delivery costs	19,460	166	19,626	766
	Travel and administration	2,371	1,271	3,642	4,382
	Communications and outreach	20,107	-	20,107	4,089
	Other expenses	2,183	-	2,183	2,634
	Total	89,025	17,917	106,942	106,924
Expenditure on Governance	Accounts examination	1,520	-	1,520	2,100
	Bank charges	164	-	164	117
	Payroll fees	805	-	805	794
	Total	2,489	-	2,489	3,011
Expenditure for the year		95,472	17,917	113,389	113,932

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Notes to the unaudited financial statements (contd)

Year ended 31st March 2024

Note 5 Paid employees

5.1 Staff Costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Salaries and wages	59,822	89,489
Social security costs	-	2,957
Pension costs (defined contribution scheme)	1,562	2,607
Total staff costs	61,384	95,053

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000

The total amount paid to key management personnel for their services to the charity during the period was £36,050 (2023: £36,050).

5.2 Average head count in the year	2024	2023
	Number	Number
The parts of the charity in which the employees work		
Charitable Activities	3	4
Total	3	4

Note 6 Defined contribution pension scheme.

Amount of contributions recognised in the SOFA as an expense	1,562	2,607
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Pension contributions are allocated between activities and between restricted and unrestricted funds pro rata to salaries, which are apportioned on a time basis.

Note 7 Debtors and prepayments

7.1 Analysis of debtors	2024	2023
	£	£
Gift Aid tax reclaimable	796	625
Other Debtors	555	-
Total	1,351	625

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Notes to the unaudited financial statements (contd)

Year ended 31st March 2024

Note 8 Creditors and accruals

Amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	11,652	3,137
Pension contributions	304	303
Total	11,956	3,440

Note 9 Cash at bank and in hand

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash at bank	55,398	61,515
Total	55,398	61,515

Note 10 Events after the end of the reporting period

There have been no material events since the end of the reporting period.

Note 11 Charity funds

11.1 Details of material funds held and movements during the current reporting period

** Key: PE – permanent endowment funds; EE – expendable endowment funds; R – restricted income funds, including special trusts, of the charity; and U – unrestricted funds*

Fund names	Type PE, EE R or UR *	Fund balances brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Transfers between funds	Fund balances carried forward
		£	£	£	£	£
Common Good Schools	R	872	7,250	(17,917)	9,795	-
General	U	57,828	92,232	(95,472)	(9,795)	44,793
Total Funds		58,700	99,482	(113,389)	-	44,793

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Notes to the unaudited financial statements (contd)
Year ended 31st March 2024

Note 11 **Charity funds (contd)**

11.2 **Description of funds**

Unrestricted funds are available for any purpose consistent with the objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subject to limitations set by donors on the purposes for which they can be applied. In relation to these financial statements restricted funds were provided specifically for the development of the *Common Good Schools* (10-week programme for 11-16 year olds).

Note 12 **Transactions with trustees and related parties**

12.1 Trustee remuneration and benefits

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity (2023: None).

12.2 Trustees' expenses

No trustee expenses have been incurred (2023: None).

12.3 Related party transactions

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period (2023: None).

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TOGETHER FOR THE COMMON GOOD

Annual Report and Unaudited Financial Statements for the year ending 31 March 2023

Registered Charity number

Together for the Common Good is a charitable incorporated organisation registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales under charity registration number 1172113.

Trustees

Richard Holman (Chair and Treasurer)

Edward Hadas

David Smith (appointed 7.12.22)

Geoff Knott (resigned 13.09.22)

Holly Terry, Company Secretary (resigned 23.3.23)

Sophie Stanes (resigned 23.3.23)

Officers

Founder and Director: Jenny Sinclair (full time)

Team Support Worker: Louise Lambert (part time)

Common Good Schools Project Leader: Jo Stow (part time) (from 5.4.22)

Comms Partner: Ben Curran (part time from 22.8.22)

Operations and Development: Sean Ryan (12 month contract: 1.3.22 - 28.2.23)

Registered office

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Website

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CHAIR'S FOREWORD

Together for the Common Good (T4CG) is dedicated to spiritual and civic renewal. Our work goes to the heart of the big issues facing the Church and society. We operate with no illusions about the seriousness of the new era that is upon us. In these dark times, our aim is to seed and support "Common Good thinking" in the church, schools, politics and wider society to strengthen communities, to transcend the culture wars, bridge divides and enable human flourishing.

2022-2023 saw further uncertainty, instability and division. On top of longstanding socio-economic weaknesses, the Russia-Ukraine war further destabilised the European economy, precipitating inflation and deepening the level of UK indebtedness. UK political parties managed to muster neither the vision nor the courage necessary to reform a system that is so clearly broken. Instead the situation deteriorated further. State power was further centralised and colluded with big corporations. More people lost faith in the political class. The relational vacuum that followed allowed extreme ideologies to gain further traction.

We are seeing a loss of confidence, mission drift, and the acceleration of decline among many churches. Churches are closing faster in the poorer and working-class communities in which they once thrived. This comes in a year when we witnessed the most vulnerable and the lowest paid bearing the brunt of the so-called "cost of living" crisis, the latest in a succession of crises generated by a failing system. The poor are central to God's mission, and so they are at the heart of our mission too. God's justice is achieved through right relationships and this is why building the common good is fundamental.

Twelve years ago, our founder director saw signs of this malaise beginning and since then T4CG has been inspired to seed a new vision to help the churches navigate these times of seismic change. Drawing on the wisdom of Catholic Social Thought and on missional approaches from across the Christian traditions, T4CG has enabled churches, schools and organisations to fulfil their unique role in seeding spiritual and civic renewal, to counter the prevailing culture of individualism, beginning with building local relationships.

This year, we shifted emphasis to put greater focus on our influencing and engagement work. This was expressed through 33 talks and sessions, four public lectures, the publication of 45 online resources, and in a range of advisory roles we responded to over a hundred requests from leaders across a range of Christian organisations. We aim to do even more next year.

T4CG is sought after to assist in areas such as reading the signs of the times, the implications of the new era for churches and leaders, Christian political economy, engagement with disadvantaged communities, the role of churches and schools for the common good, and integrating spirituality within Catholic social teaching.

Because we always work in partnership - this year with over 40 partner organisations - we deliver an unusually high return on investment, achieving impact far greater than expected of a charity so small. We measure impact by assessing the feedback we receive, by monitoring the level of engagement and evidence of influence. This tells us we are successfully helping churches to navigate the challenges of this moment of profound change.

In the last twelve months our partners included Churches Together England, The Missional Network, Caritas Social Action Network, theAscent, the St Vincent de Paul Society, as well as Lincoln Cathedral among many others. Further, we advised dioceses, parishes and individual leaders, and build exciting new relationships with faith schools as we restarted our *Common Good Schools* programme post-Covid. We also worked closely with non-religious friends such as CCLA, Better Way Network and the Common Good Foundation.

T4CG is the only Christian organisation specialising in the practice and interpretation of the common good in terms of civic and spiritual renewal. Our growing, broad-based network is unique and our independence of any denomination or institution allows us freedom to be flexible. Our charism is visionary, generous, collaborative, attentive, spirit-led and practical, traditional and radical.

At such a time as this, and in an increasingly challenging environment, we warmly invite all who share this vision to partner with us this year in this vital mission.



Richard Holman, Chair 10 November 2023

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published on 1/01/2019.

Overview

Together for the Common Good (T4CG) is a small independent UK-based Christian charity dedicated to spiritual and civic renewal.

Many now can see that, built on a culture of individualism, the socio-economic model in the West has failed. Over the last forty years our society has fallen into a deep malaise and the morbid symptoms are clear: breakdowns in trust, social fragmentation, extreme inequality, civic degradation, psychological distress and spiritual confusion. There is an urgent need for a countercultural movement to resist these dehumanising trends, to uphold the human space.

T4CG draws from across the Christian traditions and in particular from the insights of Catholic Social Thought to enable people to read the signs of the times and discern their unique calling for the Common Good. We call this 'Common Good thinking'. Correctly understood this is non-partisan and open to all. In making this tradition accessible to church, social and political life, we equip God's people to seed and support renewal in the places where they live and work.

We believe this approach will help the churches to navigate the challenges popular culture is presenting at the moment. This begins by building relationships in the local. People of faith should be at the heart of this, but many churches have lost confidence or suffered mission drift. There is decline, division, distraction and poor political literacy. But Common Good thinking can help to ignite passion, reimagine vocation and encourage people to join in the reweaving of our broken social fabric.

T4CG is a single project consisting of several integrated strands. Our work involves resourcing and influencing leaders across the churches, church communities and schools, through our *Common Good Schools* programme.

We generate original content and resources, hold public conversations and convene private groups, lifting up Common Good thought leadership and forging relationships between different traditions. We engage in advocacy, respond to requests for advice and contribution, and we fulfil a number of formal advisory roles. We give talks, keynotes and sessions for leaders and we train teachers to deliver our programme for young people in schools.

Because we always work in partnership, T4CG achieves far more than would be expected for a charity of its size, and our small and effective team is boosted thanks to many associates working *pro bono*.

Our guiding principle: the Common Good

The Common Good is an ancient idea echoed across many traditions. Our understanding has its roots in the Judeo-Christian tradition, reflected in Scripture:

“Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you ...for in its welfare you will find your welfare.”
Jeremiah 29:7

T4CG defines the Common Good as follows:

The shared life of a society in which everyone can flourish - as we act together in different ways that all contribute towards that goal, enabled by social conditions that mean every single person can participate. We create these conditions and pursue that goal by working together across our differences, each of us taking responsibility, according to our calling and ability.

Formal associations

T4CG has institutional or formal links with the following: T4CG is a Charity in Association with Churches Together in England, a member of Caritas Social Action Network, an associate member of the Church Urban Fund Together Network and an Associated Society of the Catholic Union of Great Britain. T4CG is engaged in partnership with many other organisations, some of which are mentioned in this report.

REVIEW OF 2022-2023

This report covers the 12 months to 31 March 2023. This year we worked in these integrated strands:

Influencing and thought leadership	Public conversations	Church communities	Schools and young people	Communicating the vision
Generate Common Good content; advocacy, teaching, keynotes, advisory, coaching, convening, relationship building	Public lectures and events providing platforms for thought leaders	Resourcing churches using the <i>Common Good Journey</i> programme and other resources	Resourcing young people using the <i>Common Good Schools</i> programme	Promoting Common Good content, shaping the culture of the church, society and politics

Influencing and Leaders

Generating online Common Good content

- We commissioned, edited and published 45 resources, stories and essays, sharing and disseminating original content, lifting up leading thinkers and grassroots practitioners.
- We produced and published six editions of the T4CG Newsletter, sharing new content, plus our regular recommended books and signs of the times selected articles on current affairs.

Advocacy and teaching

- We delivered 33 inputs, bespoke keynotes and teaching sessions, helping an estimated 1,500 leaders read the signs of the times and discover Common Good thinking.
- We were invited to contribute and design content for a variety of settings, for example: the St Vincent de Paul Society, Reconciliation Initiatives, Creatio Continua Conference Poland, Cambridge Catholic Chaplaincy, Churches Together England, TheAscent, AIMC, International Ecumenical Fellowship, the Catholic Bishop's Conference of England and Wales, Centre for Theology and Community, St Mary's University, The Urban Mission Group and The Hardie Group, among others.

Advisory roles

- During this period we responded to over a hundred requests from a range of Christian organisations and individuals, and others, too many to name here. These included cathedrals, churches, charities, networks and individual leaders. We gave advice, made verbal and written contributions to partners' work, and provided coaching on a one to one basis and in groups.
- Our director fulfils several formal advisory roles, for example, trustee of the Common Good Foundation, and as a member of Caritas Social Action Network's Reference Group.

Relationship building and convening

- We attended events, advocating for Common Good thinking.
- We built relationships and contributed to partners' initiatives, collaborating with fellow leaders and organisations within a wider movement and across multiple partnerships.
- We convened a number of groups, both one off and regular, such as the Friday Group and the Covenant Group.

Public Conversations

We designed the content for a new lecture series for Lincoln Cathedral as part of their *Common Good Theology Project*. The series was addressing the question "How can common good theology help us play our part in spiritual and civic renewal?" Topics addressed the economy, work, nature, freedom, social peace, politics and civic life. The lectures featured speakers from different traditions who draw on Catholic Social Teaching and who explore how the Christian tradition can be a blessing to public life and discourse.

We secured sponsorship from CCLA and promoted the series widely via our channels. We held the first four of these lectures between June and October. We recruited speakers, curated content and handled promotion. Themes included responsibility, civic life, human freedom and the church in terms of Common Good. Texts and audio were shared online. We planned the remaining four lectures, and scheduled them for the second half of 2023.

Church Communities

During this period many churches were concerned about engagement with vulnerable communities and reached out to T4CG for advice. At the same time there was confusion and loss of confidence about rapid cultural change across the church and society. We provided support to help leaders navigate these challenges, equipping them with Common Good thinking to improve their local contexts.

T4CG responded to numerous requests for support and advice from churches, cathedrals and dioceses, across different denominations. Drawing on our four step *Common Good Journey* resource, informed by Catholic social thought and the missional expertise of T4CG's partners, our support for church leaders took the form of informal and formal teaching sessions, one to one and small group coaching. Leaders discerned their unique vocation in relation to place and cultivated a deeper sense of mission in the neighbourhood.

Schools and Young People

In these times of unravelling it is vital to prepare young people to cope with an uncertain future. Without a sense of mutual responsibility, society begins to fracture and fragment. We see this happening in the form of social division and political extremism.

Our 10-week *Common Good Schools* programme is designed for 11-16s in schools and youth settings. The programme fosters character development and teaches the principles of Common Good thinking in practice and cultivates a respect for others, the importance of good relationships, while demonstrating good stewardship and valuing community. This programme was piloted prior to Covid-19 and had to be shelved during the pandemic.

This year was a turning point as we appointed our first paid project leader. Initially employed on a one day and then on a two days a week basis, she restarted the programme, established strategic relationships, recruited four new partner schools, and trained three in the period. A new section of the website for schools was planned for later in the year and regular reports were published.

Communicating the Vision

We recruited our first professional comms partner at 4 hours per week and then at 8 hours per week. He provided PR advice, designed and implemented a new comms strategy and promoted our online content across social media platforms. A new section of the website was built to showcase our director's work, sections of the site were updated and a new social media rhythm was implemented. Our Twitter following grew to 3226 and we established our first Facebook page.

Strategy, Infrastructure and Sustainability

A strategic review was carried out in October and November 2022 and we produced a three year plan for 2023-2025. Our risk assessment practice was ongoing throughout the period.

In an increasingly challenging fundraising environment, our approach was recalibrated and reweighted in favour of major gifts with the aim of achieving a sustainable mix along with earned income and regular donations.

Strategic decisions were taken in order to achieve optimum leverage of our small staff team and the following changes were actioned in this financial year:

On 25/3/22, Alison Gelder retired and Chris Knowles' 16 month contract ended.

A development role (Head of Operations and Development) was completed between 1/3/22 until 28/2/23 inclusive (0.8 FTE, 12-month contract).

A new role, Project Leader for Common Good Schools started on 5/4/22 (part time, 1 day pw, increasing to 2 days pw from September 2022).

A comms partner was retained from August 2022 (part time, 4 hours per week initially, increasing to 8 hours in March 2023).

DELIVERING PUBLIC BENEFIT

In planning our activities this year, the trustees have given consideration to the duties set out in section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard for public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Objects

The object of the CIO is the furtherance for the public benefit of the following purposes in a manner which promotes moral and ethical principles based on the notions of human dignity, mutual respect and understanding, honesty and fairness and civic responsibility:

- a) promoting religious harmony and equality and diversity
- b) promoting community capacity building in socially or economically disadvantaged communities
- c) relieving poverty by undertaking or supporting research into inequality and other factors that contribute to poverty and the most appropriate ways to mitigate these.

The trustees are confident that T4CG's aims and objectives fulfil the criteria. The trustees do not anticipate any change in the future to this operational approach.

Our approach

T4CG's primary aims are to tackle social and economic disadvantage and social fragmentation and we do this in ways set out earlier in this document.

We do this by calling people of goodwill to fulfil their vocational responsibility, put Common Good principles into practice where they live and work, to build relationships and work together across their differences.

We believe the church has a legitimate, distinctive part to play and that revitalising its vocation is critical for civic and spiritual renewal.

We work mainly across the Christian traditions but also with people and organisations of other faiths and non-religious backgrounds. Beneficiaries are not restricted by faith, gender, ethnic origin, disability, age or sexual orientation.

PLANNING FOR 2023-2024

In 2023-2024, we will continue help the churches navigate these times of seismic change. We plan to serve more people across the churches to seed and support civic and spiritual renewal, building confidence and addressing mission drift. We will achieve this by increasing our influence in the following ways.

Drawing on Catholic social thought, through advocacy and teaching, formal and informal advisory roles, coaching for leaders, groups and organisations, we will help people read the signs of the times and discern their unique vocation for the common good.

Collaborating with longstanding partners, we will build confidence in common good thinking among leaders by convening groups across traditions and by building relationships. To extend our reach we will build relationships in new sectors with partners who share our vision.

We will educate and inspire by lifting up common good thought leadership. We will commission stories, essays and resources and disseminate original content through the T4CG website, Newsletter, across our social media platforms and through third parties. We will grow our capacity by investing further in comms.

We will complete our lecture series in partnership with Lincoln Cathedral, reaching more people by livestreaming content for the public and publishing the full series as a podcast and pamphlet.

We will launch a trans-Atlantic podcast, reading the signs of the times and sharing grassroots stories, aimed at Christian leaders in North America and UK in partnership with Alan Roxburgh of the Missional Network. We will grow a community of leaders around the podcast.

We will enable more young people to come on the “common good” journey by engaging at least 50% more schools and organisations to engage in our ten-week Common Good Schools programme. We will grow our capacity in this area, develop a subscriber offer, online access to the resources and launch a programme of CPD sessions.

To serve the 16-25 age group, we will convene an incubator space to develop a beta version of Common Good Civics. With partners, we will innovate new ways for churches to engage in their neighbourhoods and convene a forum for users of Common Good Journey, enabling development of the material and mutual support for grounded experiments.

In 2023-2024 we plan to secure sufficient funding to consolidate the current level of activity for three years. It is our aspiration to achieve the goals set out in our three year plan, through a mix of major gifts, earned income and regular donations.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

T4CG is a creative initiative which has evolved organically and as such its character is unique. At the same time, T4CG fulfils conventional governance obligations.

Governing documents

T4CG is a CIO registered with the Charity Commission. It is governed by its Constitution of 14 June 2016 which was registered by the Charity Commission on 16 March 2017. The charity number is 1172113. The CIO's area of activity is primarily, but not exclusively, the UK.

Trustees

Trustees are identified through existing networks and advertising. They are selected and appointed by the Board. In selecting trustees, the Board pays regard to the balance of skills and experience required, the need for capacity to develop the charity, the need for continuity, and the beneficiaries the charity seeks to serve. There is a trustee induction programme in place and a rolling programme of recruitment. The trustees serve on sub-committees as needed and report to the main Board.

The current composition of the trustees is set out on page 2. This year, David Smith was appointed to the board. Two of T4CG's foundational trustees, Holly Terry and Geoff Knott, came to the end of their full six year term and Sophie Stanes resigned due to family commitments. In the coming year, the T4CG Board aims to expand modestly.

Management and organisational structure

Responsibility for the implementation of strategy and planning was delegated to the management team, with day-to-day management delegated to the Founding Director.

Capacity was significantly boosted by volunteers and associates contributing on a pro bono basis, both individually and via working groups convened and coordinated by the staff team to address different strands of the work. Professional assistance was retained where required.

Formal reporting to the Trustee Board took place four times during the year, with additional interim updates.

Risk management

The trustees have conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. These risks are monitored throughout the year and updated annually. A risk register is used to support this. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces, and the management of risks are owned by the appropriate personnel. Different risks are assessed by the most appropriate people: the full Board, the trustee sub-committees, and the staff team. Regardless of who manages the risk, all risks are reported to the full Board, with key risks assessed at each meeting.

PRO BONO SUPPORT, VOLUNTEERS AND HELP IN KIND

T4CG achieves more than would be expected of a charity of its size thanks to strong *pro bono* support.

During 2022-2023, T4CG benefited from at least 30 people generously contributing in a practical way to different areas of our work. These volunteers augmented T4CG's small staff team, which comprises several part time roles. This year, our staff team was the full time equivalent of between 2.4 and 1.9.

We have made every effort to name them here or elsewhere in the report:

- T4CG's trustees devoted time in various roles in addition to their board responsibilities.
- Annette McBride generously provided admin support throughout the year pro bono.
- We are grateful to the members of our fundraising advisory group and to our informal advisors who support our Common Good Schools work.
- Sincere thanks to Phil McCarthy for his assistance on our Synodality work.
- We are indebted to all who contributed articles to the T4CG website, all on a pro bono basis.
- Each of our staff team devoted significant amounts of time in addition to paid hours.
- Fr Chris Vipers kindly hosted our board meetings at St Mary Moorfields, London.
- The Vicariate for Education at Hinsley Hall in Leeds kindly hosted our awaydays.

T4CG punches above its weight due to a wide range of active working partnerships. It is impossible to name all the organisations and individuals involved, but some appear in this report.

Sincere thanks to those who generously gave strategic advice, to all those friends of T4CG praying for the work and those providing moral support.

The contributions of all are greatly valued and make T4CG what it is.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The achievements of 2022-23 have been made possible thanks to a number of trusts and individual donors whose generous support funded key projects and the salaries of T4CG's key officers.

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period

During the year to 31 March 2023, T4CG's total income amounted to £122,907 (2022: £95,286) of which £5,000 (2022: £36,000) was restricted to the development of the Common Good Journey (formerly known as Here Now Us People) programme and £5,000 to Common Good Schools (2022: £Nil). Expenditure totalled £113,932 (2022: £99,860) and included £32,009 (2022: £32,604) of costs met from restricted funds.

There was a surplus on unrestricted funds of £30,984 (2022 deficit £7,970) and a deficit on restricted funds of £22,009 (2022: surplus £3,396). Net assets at 31 March 2023 were £58,700 (2022: £49,725).

In 2022-2023, T4CG's work was made possible by a range of trusts, individual gifts and a small number of committed regular individual donors. We are grateful to all. Our 2022 conversation series was supported by our longstanding partner, CCLA, one of the UK's leading ethical investment fund managers and home of the new Catholic Investment Fund.

Going concern

The trustees have considered whether it is appropriate to prepare the financial statements on the basis that the charity is a going concern. Like many charities we are dependent on grant and donation income to cover costs and the timing of such income is unpredictable. In December 2022 the trustees reviewed the charity's strategy for 2023 and decided to curtail some of its activities. Following this decision the trustees are satisfied that Together for the Common Good currently holds sufficient funds to cover the revised work plan through to the end of October 2024. Nonetheless the raising of additional funds has been made a top priority in the first quarter of the new year.

Reserves policy

The trustees' policy on reserves is to accumulate sufficient funds to cover the operating costs of the charity for a minimum of six months in the event that expected income does not materialise or is delayed. The unrestricted reserves of £57,828 at 31 March 2023 almost exactly match the target, based on the charity's 2022/23 total expenditure of £114K.



Richard Holman

Chair

Date: 10 November 2023

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF TOGETHER FOR THE COMMON GOOD

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Together for the Common Good (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 16 to 24.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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 2011 Act.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the financial statements. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently, I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair view' and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

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

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, other than any requirement that the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

Kerry Gallagher
Signed:

Name: Kerry Gallagher, FCA DChA

Name of applicable listed body: The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional body: Chartered Accountant

On behalf of RSM UK TAX AND ACCOUNTING LIMITED, Chartered Accountants, Davidson House, Forbury Square, Reading, Berkshire RG1 3EU

20/11/23
Date:.....

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Statement of financial activities

For the year ended 31 March 2023

	2023			2022		
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources (Note 3)						
Income from:						
Donations and grants	111,611	10,000	121,611	56,286	36,000	92,286
Charitable activities	1,170	-	1,170	3,000	-	3,000
Bank interest	126	-	126	-	-	-
Total	112,907	10,000	122,907	59,286	36,000	95,286
Resources expended (Note 4)						
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	3,997	-	3,997	4,524	-	4,524
Charitable activities	74,915	32,009	106,924	59,559	32,604	92,163
Governance	3,011	-	3,011	3,173	-	3,173
Total	81,923	32,009	113,932	67,256	32,604	99,860
Net income/(expenditure)	30,984	(22,009)	8,975	(7,970)	3,396	(4,574)
Transfers between funds	(4,896)	4,896	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	26,088	(17,113)	8,975	(7,970)	3,396	(4,574)
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward	31,740	17,985	49,725	39,710	14,589	54,299
Total funds carried forward	57,828	872	58,700	31,740	17,985	49,725

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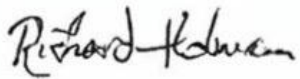
Balance sheet

At 31 March 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total at 31 March 2023	Total at 31 March 2022
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	-	-	-	-
Current assets				
Debtors (Note 7)	625	-	625	304
Cash at bank and in hand (Note 9)	60,643	872	61,515	52,954
<i>Total current assets</i>	61,268	872	62,140	53,258
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Note 8)	3,440	-	3,440	3,533
Total net assets or liabilities	57,828	872	58,700	49,725
Funds of the Charity (Note 11)				
Restricted income funds	-	872	872	17,985
Unrestricted funds	57,828	-	57,828	31,740
Total funds	57,828	872	58,700	49,725

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 10 November 2023

Signed by two trustees on behalf of all the trustees



Richard Holman – Chair and Treasurer)



..... (David Smith – Trustee)

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Notes to the unaudited financial statements

Year ended 31st March 2023

Note 1 Basis of preparation

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

- the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014; and with
- the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)
- and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

1.2 Going concern

The charity relies on grant and donation income to meet a high proportion of its expenses. Following a strategic review by trustees of activities planned for 2023, costs were significantly reduced with effect from 1st March 2023. We are now able to show that existing resources will be sufficient to enable us achieve our objectives for at least twelve months from the date of signing of these financial statements.

The charity revised its fundraising strategy in 2022-23, having been advised by its main grant funder in recent years that its priorities had changed and that they would not be able to provide further support for our activities. We have been successful in obtaining substantial multi-year donation commitments from several private backers and we are continuing to work to expand this group.

The trustees have a strict policy that no expenditure commitments will be made that exceed available resources.

The trustees are therefore satisfied that it is appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis.

1.3 Changes of accounting policy

The accounts present a true and fair view and the accounting policies adopted are those outlined in this note 1. The policies are the same as those applied in the previous period.

1.4 Changes to accounting estimates

No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period (3.46 FRS 102 SORP).

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Notes to the unaudited financial statements (contd)

Year ended 31st March 2023

Note 2 Accounting policies

2.1 INCOME

The following accounting policies have been applied by the charity:

Recognition of income	These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when: · the charity becomes entitled to the resources; · it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and · the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.
Offsetting	There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.
Grants and donations	Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP).
Legacies	Legacies are included in the SOFA when receipt is probable, that is, when there has been grant of probate, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy are either within the control of the charity or have been met.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.
Contractual income	This is only included in the SoFA once the charity has provided the related goods or services or met the performance related conditions.
Donated goods	Donated goods are measured at fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so. Goods donated for on-going use by the charity are recognised as tangible fixed assets and included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as income from donations when receivable.
Volunteer help	The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.
Donated services and facilities	Donated services and facilities are included in the SOFA when received at the value of the gift to the charity provided the value of the gift can be measured reliably. Donated services and facilities that are consumed immediately are recognised as income with an equivalent amount recognised as an expense under the appropriate heading in the SOFA.

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Year ended 31st March 2023

2.2 EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

Liability recognition	Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.
Governance costs	Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.
Support costs	Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, e.g. allocating staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.
Redundancy cost	The charity made no redundancy payments during the reporting period.
Provisions for liabilities	A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date
Basic financial instruments	The charity accounts for basic financial instruments on initial recognition as per paragraph 10.7 FRS102 SORP. Subsequent measurement is as per paragraphs 11.17 to 11.19, FRS102 SORP.

2.3 ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity	Fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £1,000. The Charity had no fixed assets during the reporting period.
Debtors	Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

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Notes to the unaudited financial statements (contd)

Year ended 31st March 2023

Note 3 Analysis of income

	Analysis	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds 2023	Prior year 2022
		£	£	£	£
Donations legacies and grants:	Donations and gifts	26,256	-	26,256	3,506
	Gift Aid	5,355	-	5,355	280
	General grants provided by other charities	80,000	10,000	90,000	88,500
	Total	111,611	10,000	121,611	92,286
Charitable activities:	Fees and sundry income	1,170	-	1,170	3,000
	Total	1,170	-	1,170	3,000
Bank Interest		126	-	126	-
TOTAL INCOME		112,907	10,000	122,907	95,286

Other information:

In the prior year, £36,000 of grants provided by other charities were restricted. All other income was unrestricted.

Note 4 Analysis of expenditure

	Analysis	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds 2023	Prior year 2022
		£	£	£	£
Expenditure on raising funds:	Fundraising software and fees	3,997	-	3,997	4,524
	Total expenditure on raising funds	3,997	-	3,997	4,524
Expenditure on charitable activities	Salaries, NIC and pension contributions	63,810	31,243	95,053	68,180
	Project delivery costs	-	766	766	14,251
	Travel and administration	4,382	-	4,382	2,313
	Communications and outreach	4,089	-	4,089	5,375
	Other expenses	2,634	-	2,634	2,044
	Total expenditure on charitable activities	74,915	32,009	106,924	92,163
	Accounts examination	2,100	-	2,100	2,280
Expenditure on Governance	Bank charges	117	-	117	106
	Payroll fees	794	-	794	787
	Total expenditure on Governance	3,011	-	3,011	3,173
		81,923	32,009	113,932	99,860

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Notes to the unaudited financial statements (contd)

Year ended 31st March 2023

Note 5 Paid employees

5.1 Staff Costs

	2023	2022
	£	£
Salaries and wages	89,489	65,981
Social security costs	2,957	638
Pension costs (defined contribution scheme)	2,607	1,561
Total staff costs	95,053	68,180

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000

The total amount paid to key management personnel for their services to the charity during the period was £36,050 (2022: £45,230).

5.2 Average head count in the year

	2023	2022
	Number	Number
The parts of the charity in which the employees work		
Charitable Activities	4	4
Total	4	4

Note 6 Defined contribution pension scheme.

Amount of contributions recognised in the SOFA as an expense	2,607	1,561
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Pension contributions are allocated between activities and between restricted and unrestricted funds pro rata to salaries, which are apportioned on a time basis.

Note 7 Debtors and prepayments

7.1 Analysis of debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Gift Aid tax reclaimable	625	304
Total	625	304

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Notes to the unaudited financial statements (contd)

Year ended 31st March 2023

Note 8 Creditors and accruals

8.1 Analysis of creditors

	Amounts falling due within one year	
	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	3,137	2,886
Pension contributions	303	647
Total	3,440	3,533

Note 9 Cash at bank and in hand

	2023	2022
	£	£
Cash at bank	61,515	52,954
Total	61,515	52,954

Note 10 Events after the end of the reporting period

There have been no material events after the end of the reporting period.

Note 11 Charity funds

11.1 Details of material funds held and movements during the current reporting period

* Key: PE – permanent endowment funds; EE – expendable endowment funds; R – restricted income funds, including special trusts, of the charity; and U – unrestricted funds

Fund names	Type PE, EE R or UR *	Fund balances brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Transfers between funds	Fund balances carried forward
			£	£	£	£
Here Now Us People	R	8,440	5,000	(18,336)	4,896	-
Common Good Schools	R	9,545	5,000	(13,673)	-	872
General	U	31,740	112,907	(81,923)	(4,896)	57,828
Total Funds		49,725	122,907	(113,932)	-	58,700

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Notes to the unaudited financial statements (contd)

Year ended 31st March 2023

Note 11 Charity funds (contd)

11.2 Description of funds

Unrestricted funds are available for any purpose consistent with the objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subject to limitations set by donors on the purposes for which they can be applied. In relation to these financial statements restricted funds were provided specifically for the development of the *Here Now Us People* (congregational formation programme) and *Common Good Schools* (10-week programme for 11-16 year olds).

Note 12 Transactions with trustees and related parties

12.1 Trustee remuneration and benefits

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity (2022: None).

12.2 Trustees' expenses

No trustee expenses have been incurred (2022: None).

12.3 Related party transactions

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period (2022: None).

Accounts

Together for the COMMON GOOD

Annual Report & Accounts

1 April 2021 – 31 March 2022



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Annual Report and Unaudited Financial Statements for the year ending 31 March 2022

Registered Charity number

Together for the Common Good is a charitable incorporated organisation registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales under charity registration number 1172113.

Trustees

Richard Holman (Chair and Treasurer)

Geoff Knott (resigned 13.09.22)

Holly Terry (Company Secretary)

Edward Hadas

Sophie Stanes

Officers

Founder Director: Jenny Sinclair (f/t)

Director of Operations: Alison Gelder (2 days pw) (to 24.3.22)

Head of Operations & Development: Sean Ryan (4 days pw) (from 1.3.22)

Project Leader (Lay People): Chris Knowles (17 hrs pw - 16 month contract to 24.3.22)

Team Support Worker: Louise Lambert (12 hrs pw)

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CHAIR'S FOREWORD

2021-2022 saw further global turbulence as the new era continued to unfold. By the end of this year's reporting period, the brutal Russian invasion of Ukraine had added further complexity to the social, psychological and global economic fallout of the pandemic. This disruption of the globalisation misadventure was later to precipitate a crisis in supply chains, threatening energy and food security worldwide.

In the UK, the scale of public debt and the prospect of spiralling inflation intensified pressure on the abandoned communities in our towns and cities. Decades of individualism pre-dating Covid, having weakened our institutional and social relationships, remained unaddressed. The long overdue Levelling Up agenda was obscured by a fog of ineptitude and underfunding; we sensed a deep, spiritual malaise.

With charities on the frontline struggling to stem the tide, T4CG continued to galvanise God's people to address the root causes - the culture of individualism and neoliberalism, which led to the commodification of human beings and nature, and the weakening of community. By reorientating churches to recognise the importance of relationship, place and community, of building common good in the local, we have been strengthening resilience against future turbulence, enabling churches to rediscover their civic vocation in these new and uncertain times.

Through talks, teaching, articles and accompaniment, our Founder Director's vision and boundless energy has enabled many more Christian leaders and institutions to recognise not merely the scale and gravity of the situation but also how God is calling them to adapt and become part of the antidote to individualism.

T4CG and our partner churches have walked together 'by faith not by sight', laying the foundations to move out into the neighbourhood and build the local, covenantal relationships so essential for spiritual and civic renewal. Indeed, amidst the great political and social upheaval we could see that God was making profound change, not least in the churches. Alongside decline in some parts of the church, we also identified signs of new energy, churches becoming more outward-facing and relational, not least where common good thinking and practice has been embraced.

T4CG's character is distinctive not only because of our unique and practical focus on the common good, but also due to our growing, broad-based network. We are immensely grateful to our friends and partners over the last twelve months, including numerous *Here Now Us People* parish cohorts in seven dioceses, as well as the prisons charity PACT, St Mary's University, Caritas Social Action Network, Churches Together England, CCLA, Better Way Network, the Common Good Foundation, the Journal of Missional Practice and many other individuals and organisations named in this report. We also pay tribute to our partner schools for their pioneering work and we are delighted that our *Common Good Schools* material has been adapted for SEN children.

Our small team achieves far more than would be expected of a charity of this size thanks to these fruitful partnerships. Looking ahead, we are excited to have recruited two new colleagues, Sean Ryan and Jo Stow whose gifts, experience and passion promise to deepen the impact of our work.

We feel confident that our work will continue to catalyse civic and spiritual renewal – provided we are able to sustain the work with funding in an increasingly tough and competitive environment.

To that end we urge all who share our vision, recognising the need to bring common good thinking into the church, schools, politics and wider society, to partner with us this year and help us fulfil our mission.



Richard Holman, Chair

12 December 2022

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published on 1/01/2019.

Overview

Together for the Common Good (T4CG) is a small charity working to strengthen the bonds of social trust - embodying love in a desecrated world, upholding the sanctity of human beings and creation, bringing estranged people together and ensuring no-one is left behind.

Our vision is of a world transformed as people take responsibility for the Common Good where they live and work. Our mission is to train and support people to fulfil their unique vocational responsibility, enabling them to help rebuild social solidarity by putting Common Good principles into practice.

We are living through not only an era of change, but a change of era. The fallout of the pandemic is accelerating pre-existing trends. There is widespread longing for civic renewal.

There is a distinctively Christian contribution to be made: one that reasserts what it means to be human, that builds relationships, that embodies the sacred.

We are inspired by the Gospels and draw from across the Christian traditions and the Hebrew Bible, and in particular from the body of thinking known as Catholic Social Teaching.

Our history is embedded in the celebrated Liverpool partnership between Anglican, Catholic and Free Church leaders who worked together for the good of the city a generation ago.

The charity is volunteer-driven and partners with people across the churches, as well as in friendship with those from other faith and non-religious traditions. T4CG was formed as a response to unmet need; it has been active since 2012 and has been a registered charitable incorporated organisation since 16 March 2017.

Strategic goals

1. *Strengthen the wider movement committed to the Common Good.* T4CG aims to provide leadership within a wider movement committed to bringing the Common Good alive, building relationships across differences and calling on organisations and partners to put Common Good principles into practice. From this community building work, other work flourishes.
2. *Influence society through communications, resources and events.* By drawing from the well of Christian tradition, T4CG aims to make a significant impact in convening and influencing public conversation, helping to offer a Common Good perspective on social and political issues of the day.
3. *Disseminate Common Good training and resources and equip people in local contexts.* Working with partners, T4CG aims to resource churches, organisations, individuals, leaders, schools and communities to engage people with the principles of the Common Good, build their capacity and fulfil their own vocational responsibility.

Our guiding principle

The Common Good is an ancient idea echoed across many traditions. Our understanding has its roots in the Judeo-Christian tradition, reflected in Scripture:

“Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you ...for in its welfare you will find your welfare.”

Jeremiah 29:7

Common Good Thinking

Our framework of principles applies to everything we do and every decision we take, both internally and externally. These principles are rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ but expressed in open, non-religious language suitable for people of all faiths and none. Through our resources, we support people of goodwill to put the Common Good principles into practice and we celebrate wherever we see them lived out.

The principles of Common Good Thinking are presented under **five main headings**:

The Common Good	The shared life of a society in which everyone can flourish – as we act together in different ways that all contribute towards that goal, enabled by social conditions that mean every single person can participate. We create these conditions and pursue that goal by working together across our differences, each of us taking responsibility, according to our calling and ability.
The Human Person	Human Dignity; Human Equality; Dignity of Work; Respect for Life
Social Relationships	Reconciliation; Participation; Subsidiarity; Solidarity
Stewardship	
Everyone is included, no one is left behind	

Discover the principles in more detail at www.togetherforthecommongood.co.uk

Our internal aims

T4CG aims to be encouraging, resourcing, ecumenical and empowering. We strive for a collaborative and relational approach which is outward-facing and characterised by a generosity of spirit.

Our associations

Together for the Common Good is in active relationship and in working partnerships with many organisations, some of which are outlined in this report. In terms of institutional links, T4CG is a Body in Association with Churches Together in England, a member of Caritas Social Action Network and an Associated Society of the Catholic Union of Great Britain.

REVIEW OF 2021-2022

This report covers the 12 months to 31 March 2022, when it became clear that far from 'building back better', we were in for a protracted period of deep change, economic stress and geopolitical instability.

In the spring of 2021, Covid-19 restrictions started to lift and people hoped for a route back to normality. But despite the success of the vaccination programme, trends pre-dating the pandemic accelerated, with symptoms such as social fragmentation, tribalism and polarisation becoming more widespread.

The economic and psychological fallout of the pandemic continues to severely impact people's lives, livelihoods and mental health, especially in the areas already suffering from civic degeneration. Whilst it promised many of the right solutions, the Levelling Up agenda was grossly underfunded. The UK Government's credibility entered a period of crisis as did the whole political class across the West, with no party yet generating the vision required, nor even showing they understood the causes. Despite all of this, a long way from Westminster and Twitter, community life and common sense continued.

But the terrible Russia-Ukraine war broke the dream of Western elites. It turned out that things would not always go their way and that there is evil in the world. Critical issues of energy security and inflation would emerge as the price to be paid for such complacency. Meanwhile the unravelling of our societies proceeds, as ideological progressivism, operating like an alternative religion, continues its destructive march through mainstream culture, at remarkable speed. Within this new reality, churches were largely ill-equipped to respond, let alone engage. However, despite the profound change underway, we knew God was at work and we noticed signs of new life.

There is a hunger for principled leadership and a visionary narrative. T4CG was called on repeatedly during this period to contribute to discussions with churches and leaders about mission in a 'post-Covid' world. We worked tirelessly to support people across the churches at all levels. We do believe the churches have a vital vocation to fulfil at this time. We can tell a story of spiritual and civic renewal.

Our approach is top down and bottom up, as set out below and on the following pages.

Influencing	Growing the community	Public conversations	Church leaders	Communications
	Building relationships, thought leadership, partnering and contributing across the churches and beyond	Influencing church and public discourse, convening conversations, through a Common Good lens	Bespoke sessions and resources for leaders/groups to revitalise the church and navigate the new era	Sharing and promoting Common Good content, shaping the culture of the church via online media, website and newsletter
Inspiring	Church members		Young people	
	Resourcing people in churches and organisations through coaching and support and our <i>Here Now Us People</i> programme		Resource young people in school and youth settings with our versatile <i>Common Good Schools</i> programme	

Influencing

Amid increasing polarisation and ideological confusion, T4CG has sought to build up the confidence of the faithful across the churches; helping them to discern how they may be called in their own neighbourhood. We offer the Common Good approach as a vital, non-tribal and distinctively Christian way to bring about civic and spiritual renewal.

Four areas: **growing the community; public conversations; church leaders; communications.**

Growing the community

WHY The world is undergoing profound change. We sense that amongst the many morbid symptoms of a society unravelling, God is stirring His people to play their part in spiritual and civic renewal. To do this we first need to understand the conditions in which we are operating so we can begin to discern how God is moving. There is also a need to bring people into relationship to travel this uncharted road together and avoid the huge risk of mission drift.

HOW We read the signs of the times to help people across the churches navigate their way through this confusing era. Part of a broad coalition, we aim to be a source of encouragement to each other, learning together in the spirit of fellowship. Relationships are at the heart of how we work.

Our networking and research contribute to our expertise. We learn constantly from people at the grassroots as well as from leading thinkers, shaping our resource materials accordingly. Our default way of working is in partnership. In the spirit of subsidiarity, T4CG grows not by centralising power to itself but by empowering others. We work across the church traditions, cross-pollinating, building connections.

Much of our work in this area is unseen. We facilitate introductions, support those in leadership roles and provide advice when asked. We are in regular conversation with our strategic partners, both in groups and one-to-ones.

ACTIVITY 2021-22

Our partnerships developed further this year. As soon as restrictions were lifted, we were keen to meet in person, although we also continued to use zoom intensively.

T4CG was invited to contribute to numerous events and responded to requests for advice from church leaders, church members, students, local community groups, teachers, academics, researchers, journalists, policy advocates, leaders from the charity and social sector.

We convened groups and worked closely with our partners. There are many individuals and organisations who are close to our work; too many to mention everyone by name in this report.

Examples of groups convened by T4CG

The Friday Group: we convened this group prior to the pandemic with friends from the Common Good Foundation (CGF) and the Journal of Missional Practice (JMP). This has developed into a generative partnership (see page 19) involving weekly meetings throughout the period.

Covenant Group: we convened this small group of leaders in the social sector, in partnership with the CGF and A Better Way, in Autumn 2020. We share an interest in strengthening communities, the importance of place and the building of local relationships. This group has met almost every week.

Some of T4CG's contributions to others' initiatives and events

New approaches to Christian mission today talk and discussion for the Reconciling Mission programme for Anglican clergy held by Reconciliation Initiatives

What kind of formation do we need now? interview with +Philip North, Estates Churches Task Group Conference

Formation and discipleship for the new era short talk for Churches Together England Forming Missional Discipleship conference

Bene Comune per le Scuole keynote for the Association of Italian Catholic Teachers conference

The impact of Catholic education in civil society panelist for an event held by The Tablet

We contributed to various working groups focusing on post-covid missiology, including several convened by Churches Together England and Caritas Social Action Network.

Examples of other platforms where T4CG's work was featured

Rediscovering our ethos article for All Saints Multi Academy Trust, Liverpool

A Synod for the World article for The Tablet by Jenny Sinclair with the assistance of Phil McCarthy

Public conversations

WHY At this time of rapid change and great uncertainty, the Gospel-rooted framework of Common Good thinking offers an antidote to individualism. But the term Common Good is often misunderstood and misused, not only by politicians but by Christians too. T4CG holds public events to raise the profile, discuss and articulate the authentic meaning and practice of the Common Good and debate ways in which it can transform our social and political life.

HOW We always work in partnership to deliver online and in-person events, share tasks like framing and publicity, strengthen links between our organisations and reach a broader audience.

ACTIVITY 2021-22

This year, we conducted a series of four public conversations, in partnership with the **Benedict XVI Centre for Religion and Society at St Mary's University**, the **Centre for Social Justice** and **Caritas Social Action Network**. The series was supported by our longstanding partner, **CCLA**.

We held four events, the first three online and the final one in person, as Covid restrictions were lifted, at the Church of St Mary Putney in London. Videos of all events form a valuable resource on our website. All videos were shared via YouTube, social media and on partners' websites, and disseminated further via the T4CG Newsletter. Viewing figures for these events were in excess of 2,000.

The Common Good: what does it mean for families, society and government?

Events series - 2021

15/06/21 (online)	The Common Good: what does it mean? Speakers: Professor Philip Booth, Jenny Sinclair, Dr Sam Bruce Chair: Ruth Kelly
13/07/21 (online)	The Common Good: what does it mean for the family? Speakers: Edward Hadas, Cristina Odone, Mercy Muroki Chair: Ruth Gledhill
29/09/21 (online)	The Common Good: what does it mean for society? Speakers: David Goodhart, Trevor Phillips OBE, Julia Unwin DBE. Chair: Richard Harries
16/11/21 (in person)	The Common Good: what does it mean for government? Speakers: Lord Maurice Glasman, Imogen Sinclair, Caroline Slocock Chair: Ruth Kelly

Lecture series 2022 - 2027

During this period, we also began working with Paul Overend, canon chancellor at Lincoln Cathedral, to develop a new lecture series to commence in the summer of 2022.

Church leaders

WHY We want to see a revitalised church with confident leaders adapting to the new era, fulfilling its vocation at this critical time in our history. During this period there was a desire among leaders, in churches and other Christian institutions, to define their role for civic renewal in the post-Covid moment, disturbed as they were by the scale of need in their communities. Many more struggled to comprehend both the gravity of the profound changes going on, and their vulnerability, indeed the threat to their very survival. Some were keen to come to terms with the implications but found themselves ill equipped, recognising they had not been trained for this moment. It was clear that the pandemic had accelerated the decline of most churches, but not all. Through our many relationships across the Christian traditions, we were uniquely positioned to see that some churches were dying, while in others there were signs of new life.

HOW As in all strands of our work, we work relationally, we study scripture and pray with our partners across many different Christian traditions. We also draw on the meaning and practice of the Common Good and the coherent, practical framework of Catholic Social Thought. Some of this work is delivered in formal teaching sessions, while much of it is below the radar, in the form of private one-to-one conversations, bespoke sessions and conversation groups. Drawing on expertise from our key partners, we work with leaders, listening to and accompanying them as they discern their unique vocation in relationship with people and place.

ACTIVITY 2021-22

T4CG's approach during this period was to be as flexible as possible and respond to need. Many leaders (ordained and non-ordained) across the Christian traditions consulted T4CG for advice, seeking support about their own vocation, wanting to discern the calling of the church in the new era.

Examples of T4CG teaching sessions and resources

Common Good, Covenant, Catholic Social Teaching, Politics and Ministry three half day sessions for cohorts of 1st, 2nd and 3rd year Anglican ordinands at St Mellitus College

Catholic Social Teaching and Common Good session for the *Buxton Leadership Programme*, the Centre for Theology and Community

Catholic Social Teaching and Common Good session for *The Faith in Politics Internship Programme*, Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales

The Role of Faith in Place session for Community Organisers Ltd

Walking Together for the Common Good, a free-to-download resource, was produced especially for **Catholic dioceses**, to assist parishes following the new 'synodality' pathway

We also held many informal one-to-one and group coaching sessions for leaders, both ordained and non-ordained.

Example of bespoke support for a church leader

T4CG heard from an Anglican priest wanting to talk because his church was threatened with closure unless he could grow his congregation and generate more income.

Thanks to our relationships across the churches, we were able to introduce him to an expert church planter who kindly gave his time *pro bono*. We facilitated three private masterclasses.

Over time, this built the priest's confidence and as a result he initiated several changes. He engaged with T4CG's formation resources, planned an Alpha course, recruited a new colleague and developed his contemplative prayer ministry. Further, he raised funding to develop community relationships and to repurpose church buildings for the benefit of the local community. Most importantly of all, he found he was better able to trust in God's plan, in all its mystery.

The Friday Group

This group started informally just before the pandemic, continues to meet weekly and is one of a number of key drivers fuelling our work. We are a group of friends with mutual interests in themes affecting God's people in the new era, the unravelling, renewal, the importance of place and covenantal relationships. While we published a number of letters in the previous year, most of the outworkings this year have been under the radar.

Those involved: Jenny Sinclair (Together for the Common Good), Maurice Glasman (Common Good Foundation), Alan Roxburgh, Martin Robinson, Mark Lau Branson, Sara Jane R. Walker and Mary Publicover (Journal of Missional Practice), Bishop Andrew Rumsey and Father William Taylor.

From time to time we involve others: in June 2021, we invited a group of twenty church leaders to join us and discuss our letter **The Politics of Grace and Place**.

Communications

WHY People find it increasingly challenging to navigate the profound, often complex changes we are seeing, with many churches and their leaders finding it a struggle. We use our comms (newsletter, social media, website, other platforms) to build up the church's confidence, helping the church discern its unique vocation at this time. We influence and educate, articulating the meaning and practice of the Common Good as our unique contribution to spiritual and civic renewal. We interpret events through the lens of Catholic Social Thought, keeping us non-partisan, resistant to secular ideology and mission drift.

HOW We carry out research, fieldwork and intelligence gathering, trawl social media, mainstream and alternative media across tribal lines. We pray and study Scripture. This informs the material we write and commission for our readers. All contributors writing for T4CG have done so generously on a *pro bono* basis. We publish on our website, on social media and disseminate further via the T4CG Newsletter: each edition also contains recommended articles, podcasts and books as well as performing a unique cross-pollination role across the Christian traditions.

ACTIVITY 2021-22

We published 23 stories, essays and news items and six editions of the T4CG newsletter. We launched an Instagram account, maintained our Twitter presence and grew our following to 3,121.

Examples of content published on the T4CG website 2021/22

Stories	Je ne regrette rien Patrick Kelly Re-neighbouring: the upside down Gospel Chris Lawrence Communities need jobs to thrive Andrew Bradstock Feeding the roots Andrew Rumsey Down on the allotment Tim Lea Where the Kingdom is Nick Graves Modernity's mistake Andrew Rumsey The soil of community Alan Roxburgh
Essays	Christianity and local democracy Luke Bretherton How Christian is post-liberalism? Adrian Pabst The dignity of labour John Cruddas Long-term leadership Henry Corbett Staying put Sally Mann Covid and the technocratic paradigm Edward Hadas A new formation, for a new era Jenny Sinclair Mission in the new era Jenny Sinclair/Ben Aldous/Harvey Kwiyani/Will Foulger The spirit and the common good Daniela Augustine A synod for the world Jenny Sinclair
News articles	New events series: Common Good, families, society & government T4CG 2020-2021 T4CG Annual Report T4CG Common Good Journey update 19/11/21 T4CG Common Good Journey update 15/2/22 T4CG

Newsletter editions 2021/22

Pentecost 21/05/2021	Through Human Work
Summer 20/07/2021	Rediscovering our Vocation
Autumn 06/10/2021	Staying, Loving, Listening
Christ the King 21/11/2021	Open to Grace
Christmas-New Year 19/12/2021	God's Mission
Lent 15/02/2022	Love and Solidarity

Inspiring

A toxic combination of hyper-capitalism and ideological progressivism continues to undermine our common life and has led to a crisis of meaning. There is a deep spiritual malaise and widespread longing for renewal. We believe the antidote to hyper-liberalism involves a focus on relationships, building common good both in the local and between estranged interests, the reordering of the economy and an approach to justice inspired by Catholic Social Thought.

We work to address the crisis by inspiring and empowering people with the meaning and practice of the Common Good as part of mission. We work with a range of partners to support and build up the confidence of people across the churches at all levels. We encourage prayerful discernment and listening to where the Holy Spirit is at work and mutual discovery of gifts and skills.

We equip people to contribute to the renewal of the civic ecology in terms of an authentically Christian vocation. We teach the basics of Catholic Social Thought, which is deeply rooted in the Gospel, to enable people to make sense of 'why we do what we do'. This helps people read the social/political context and avoid being captured by secular thinking. This approach also helps to bridge the false dichotomy between 'social justice' and 'evangelism'.

In 2021-2022, we focused on two constituencies: **church members and young people**

Church members

WHY The church, meaning the whole people of God, has a vital and distinctive contribution to make to civic as well as spiritual renewal. There is latent, largely untapped potential among the non-ordained (laity) in particular. Churches recognise and are willing to engage with the concept of the Common Good, but it is often misunderstood, and few know how to put it into practice.

HOW The latest iteration of our training material is a programme called *Here Now Us People*, designed to help ordinary church members identify their gifts and discern their unique vocation for the Common Good in the places where they live and work. The programme can be run by churches and Christian organisations themselves through a 'train the trainer' approach. The four-part course is suitable for all Christian traditions, requires no prior knowledge and consists of coaching, Bible study sessions, an intensive one-day workshop, and consolidation sessions. Our aim is to generate grounded examples of what the common good approach can deliver.

ACTIVITY 2021-22

Following delays due to Covid-19 restrictions, we were able to conduct a large scale experiment, thanks to a generous grant, with over 160 participants in 15 cohorts across England. Cohorts varied in size from 8 to 20. Six were located in Catholic parishes within the **Diocese of Nottingham**, two in the **Diocese of Shrewsbury**, two in the Liverpool charity **Nugent**, one in a parish in the **Archdiocese of Liverpool**, one in the parish of St Mary Moorfields in the **Archdiocese of Westminster** plus three, involving six Anglican parishes, in the Dioceses of **Rochester**, **Southwark** and **Hackney**.

Results of the programme

- 95% reported a *"better sense of how our church can contribute to the renewal of our area"*.
- 84% could see how their *"church can be revitalised by building relationships"*.
- 100% said they would recommend the programme to other parishes and valued the chance to come together and focus on the Common Good in an in-depth way.

Theos, our independent evaluation partner, found that all participants planned to build local relationships, participate more in the community, become more outward-looking, engage with other denominations, local schools, religious groups and civic organisations.

The evaluation also identified that *Here Now Us People* has a strong synergy with **synodality**, enabling the process initiated within the Catholic Church to encourage a new culture of 'walking together', listening to the Holy Spirit and building relationships in the community.

Commission - special version of *Here Now Us People* for prison volunteers

The **Prison Advice and Care Trust** (Pact) commissioned T4CG to adapt *Here Now Us People* into a specially tailored workshop. This was for their volunteers and staff working in prisons or supporting offenders' families. Our team developed and piloted the two-session workshop which is called *JustPeople*.

The workshop helps Pact volunteers understand 'why we do what we do', in other words it helps to familiarise them with the framework of Catholic Social Thought which underpins the ethos of Pact's work. The workshop is now being used around the country as a recruitment tool to encourage more parishes to engage and recruit volunteers.

Young people

WHY Schools and youth organisations have a vital and distinctive contribution to make to the renewal of place. While schools already handle more than enough responsibilities, there is potential for schools to act as hubs in local areas, enabling the building of common good with and between neighbouring institutions. Within PSHE or SMSC provision there is also scope to fill the gap in character education, which long pre-dates the pandemic, in order to foster a sense of purpose and civic responsibility. Given the scale of the impact of lockdown policies on young people, there is an especially urgent need to focus on the importance of relationships.

HOW T4CG's **Common Good Schools** (CGS) programme meets these needs, equipping young people, schools and youth groups, and enabling them to play their part in the renewal of the places where they live. We deliver this by training teachers and leaders to run the programme themselves, making the programme resources available in digital format thereafter. CGS consists of a versatile off-the-shelf suite, with lesson plans, assemblies, worksheets, student rewards, slide sets and a community engagement guide. It is designed for 11-16s, and intentionally written in non-religious language. The material is also available to purchase as hard copy. Our aim is that the programme will be an exemplar on how Common Good Thinking can be taught in schools.

ACTIVITY 2021-22

Due to ongoing Covid-19 restrictions, CGS was on hold during this period.

However, during this time we raised sufficient funding to recruit a part-time project leader for this strand of our work. We established an expert advisory group to assist with recruitment and we were delighted to appoint Jo Stow who took up the position in early April 2022.

Also, during the period one of our partner schools, **the St Marylebone Bridge CE School** in Kensal Town, London made great progress with their adaptation of T4CG's Common Good Schools for SEN children. The material was piloted with Year 10s over two terms. See box below.

T4CG's connection with the **Italian Association of Catholic Teachers** continued to flourish. We brokered a partnership between two Liverpool schools and a school in Modena, which plans to send a group of 11-year-olds to visit their Common Good Liverpool friends in the summer of 2023.

Common Good Schools - Example of impact of the SEN adaptation

Our partner Musenga Mumbi at the St Marylebone Bridge CE School reported that despite Covid restrictions, their SEN adaptation of CGS was completed and using it has helped them meet Ofsted and SIAMS requirements and the six benchmarks of character development.

They reported it helped the school become a hub in the community and made an impact on character development, increasing confidence and resilience, mental health and wellbeing, personal development and development of young leaders.

Further, teachers said it provided opportunities to see students achieving in unexpected ways, showing independent skills. When tested, 90% of participating students achieved Common Good Champion status. The school is committed to embedding the programme annually and would highly recommend it to other teachers.

Strategy, infrastructure and sustainability

T4CG continued to strive to meet the challenge of securing sustainability in an increasingly pressurised fundraising environment, while at the same time fielding rising levels of demand.

During the period, there were some personnel changes. In view of the retirement of Alison Gelder, our Director of Operations, and the end of contract for Chris Knowles, our *Here Now Us People* project leader, a review of staff roles was carried out and adjustments made to streamline our administration.

A new (0.8 FTE, on a 12-month contract) post was created, Head of Operations and Development, combining both operations, fundraising and project leadership for our *Here Now Us People* programme: Sean Ryan commenced this role at the beginning of March 2022.

Further, Jo Stow was appointed as T4CG's new (part time, 0.2 FTE) project leader for Common Good Schools, to commence her role in April 2022.

Regular reviews of operations and strategy were carried out to maximise T4CG's responsiveness and to refine our working methods to ensure optimum leverage of our small staff team and *pro bono* support.

Ongoing risk assessments were carried out as the Covid-19 restrictions were lifted, enabling more of our work to be done face to face again.

DELIVERING PUBLIC BENEFIT

In planning our activities this year, the trustees have given consideration to the duties set out in section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard for public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Objects

The object of the CIO is the furtherance for the public benefit of the following purposes in a manner which promotes moral and ethical principles based on the notions of human dignity, mutual respect and understanding, honesty and fairness and civic responsibility:

- (a) promoting religious harmony and equality and diversity
- (b) promoting community capacity building in socially or economically disadvantaged communities
- (c) relieving poverty by undertaking or supporting research into inequality and other factors that contribute to poverty and the most appropriate ways to mitigate these.

The trustees are confident that T4CG's aims and objectives fulfil the criteria. The trustees do not anticipate any change in the future to this operational approach.

Our approach

T4CG's primary aims are to tackle social and economic disadvantage and social fragmentation and we do this in ways set out earlier in this document.

We do this by calling people of goodwill to fulfil their vocational responsibility, put Common Good principles into practice where they live and work, to build relationships and work together across their differences.

We believe the church has a legitimate, distinctive part to play and that revitalising its vocation is critical for civic and spiritual renewal.

When we refer to 'the church', we are talking about groups of faithful Christians and we include the whole people of God. While we honour the roles of ordained leaders, buildings and formal institutions, our understanding of church is not limited to these structural conceptions.

We work mainly across the Christian traditions but also with people and organisations of other faiths and non-religious backgrounds. Beneficiaries are not restricted by faith, gender, ethnic origin, disability, age or sexual orientation.

PLANNING FOR 2022-2023

As we plan for 2022/2023, we are conscious that we are operating in a new era characterised by uncertainty and instability. Our most disadvantaged communities will experience the impact most severely and so the imperative to build Common Good is obvious. Further fragmentation and division is likely, and with more disturbance on the horizon both domestically and globally, the need for good, local relationships will be increasingly important.

Drawing on Catholic Social Thought, we operate in partnership with other organisations to influence decision-making for the renewal of the civic ecology. But civic renewal is not possible without spiritual renewal. And so we encourage people across the churches (ordained and non-ordained) to have confidence in their vocation for the Common Good and our support helps them avoid mission drift.

We believe that God is making profound changes in the churches, and in particular calling us to pay attention to the movements of the Spirit in the local, to focus on people and place: to be personal, relational, non-tribal and to build bridges. Indeed, to uphold the sacred, to be the embodiment of love in a desecrated world. In uncertain times, we are flexible. Our planned scheme of work is set out below.

Influencing

Growing the community: as a leader alongside others within a wider movement, we will continue to promote *Common Good Thinking* across the churches and beyond. We will strengthen and increase our partnerships, connect, convene, give advice, and accept invitations to contribute where we can.

Public conversations: with our partners at Lincoln Cathedral, we will advise on the *Common Good Theology Project* and arrange the content for a new lecture series commencing in June 2022.

Church leaders: working with partners, we will support leaders (ordained and non ordained) in churches and other organisations through teaching, coaching and resources to help them adapt to the new era, fulfil their vocation and play their part in civic and spiritual renewal.

Communications: we will continue to commission quality content for our website and publish at least six editions of the T4CG Newsletter. We will invest in comms support to extend our reach.

Inspiring

Church members: we will support churches and other groups wanting to bring Common Good Thinking into the life of their church. We will do this in a range of ways, including using *Here Now Us People*, our grassroots programme for Christians of all traditions, or elements of it. Where invited, and funding permitting, we will also work with partners to adapt the resource for bespoke contexts.

Young people: our new project leader will restart *Common Good Schools*, our programme for 11-16 year olds, engage and train more teachers and leaders in schools and youth organisations.

Strategy, infrastructure & sustainability

We will review our strategy and make a plan for 2023-2025. We will strengthen our trustee board. In an increasingly challenging fundraising environment, we will strive to secure a sustainable mix of grant funding, earned income and regular donations and to build strong partnerships with donors who share our vision.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

T4CG is a creative initiative which has evolved organically and as such its character is unique. At the same time, T4CG fulfils conventional governance obligations.

Governing documents

T4CG is a CIO registered with the Charity Commission. It is governed by its Constitution of 14 June 2016 which was registered by the Charity Commission on 16 March 2017. The charity number is 1172113. The CIO's area of activity is primarily, but not exclusively, the UK.

Trustees

Trustees are identified through existing networks and advertising. They are selected and appointed by the Board. In selecting trustees, the Board pays regard to the balance of skills and experience required, the need for capacity to develop the charity, the need for continuity, and the beneficiaries the charity seeks to serve. There is a trustee induction programme in place and a rolling programme of recruitment. The trustees serve on sub-committees as needed and report to the main Board. The current composition of the trustees is set out on page 3. In the coming year, the T4CG Board aims to expand modestly.

Management and organisational structure

Responsibility for the implementation of strategy and planning was delegated to the management team, the Founding Director (full time) and the Director of Operations (part time).

Day-to-day management was delegated to the Founding Director, with particular focus on influencing and communications, and the development of resources for schools, churches and church leaders. The Director of Operations was responsible for fundraising, governance and development of T4CG's formation offer for lay people.

Capacity was significantly boosted by volunteers and associates contributing on a *pro bono* basis, both individually and via working groups convened and coordinated by the staff team to address different strands of the work. Professional assistance was retained where required.

Formal reporting to the Trustee Board took place five times during the year, with additional interim updates.

Risk management

The trustees have conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. These risks are monitored throughout the year and updated annually. A risk register is used to support this. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces, and the management of risks are owned by the appropriate personnel. Different risks are assessed by the most appropriate people: the full Board, the trustee sub-committees, the Operations Director or the Director. Regardless of who manages the risk, all risks are regularly reported to the full Board, with key risks assessed at each meeting.

PRO BONO SUPPORT, VOLUNTEERS AND HELP IN KIND

Together for the Common Good has a small staff team of 2.1 (full time equivalent) but is able to achieve more than would be expected of a charity of its size thanks to strong *pro bono* support.

During 2021-2022, T4CG benefited from at least 23 people generously contributing in a practical way to different areas of our work.

- Annette McBride provided admin support throughout the year.
- Fiona Foreman, Alison Burrowes, Raymond Friel and Peter Bull supported the development of T4CG's *Common Good Schools*.
- Phil McCarthy advised and assisted in generating our Synodality resources.

We have made every effort to name them here or elsewhere in the report:

- Members of our staff team, Alison Gelder and Jenny Sinclair devoted significant amounts of time in addition to their paid hours.
- T4CG's trustees devoted time in various roles in addition to their board responsibilities.
- Chris Antoniou generously provided IT support.
- Fr Chris Vipars kindly allowed us to use the crypt at St Mary Moorfields.
- All those contributing articles to the T4CG website did so *pro bono*

We are grateful for all our working partnerships and most of these are named elsewhere in this report.

Sincere thanks to all those friends of T4CG who pray for the work and give us moral support.

We apologise for any omissions.

Thank you to all who gave us valuable strategic advice.

The contributions of all are greatly valued and make T4CG what it is.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The achievements of 2021-2022 have been made possible thanks to a number of trusts and individual donors whose generous support funded key projects and the salaries of T4CG's key officers.

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period

During the year to 31 March 2022, T4CG's total income amounted to £95,286 (2021: £74,202) of which £36,000 (2021: £4,800) was restricted to the development of the *Here Now Us People* programme. Expenditure totalled £99,860 (2021: £69,326) and included £32,604 (2021: £13,211) of costs met from restricted funds.

There was a deficit on unrestricted funds of £7,970 (2021: surplus £13,287) and a surplus on restricted funds of £3,396 (2021: deficit £8,411). Net assets at 31 March 2022 were £49,725 (2021: £54,299).

In 2021-2022, T4CG's work was made possible by a range of trusts, individual gifts and a small number of committed regular individual donors. We are grateful to all. Our 2021 conversation series was supported by our longstanding partner, CCLA, one of the UK's leading ethical investment fund managers and home of the new Catholic Investment Fund.

Going concern

The trustees have considered whether it is appropriate to prepare the financial statements on the basis that the charity is a going concern. Like many charities we are dependent on grant and donation income to cover costs and the timing of such income is unpredictable. In December 2022 the trustees reviewed the charity's strategy for 2023 and decided to curtail some of its activities. Following this decision the trustees are satisfied that Together for the Common Good currently holds sufficient funds to cover the revised work plan through to at least the end of 2023. Nonetheless the raising of additional funds has been made a top priority in the first quarter of the new year.

Reserves policy

The trustees' policy on reserves is to accumulate sufficient funds to cover the operating costs of the charity for a minimum of six months in the event that expected income does not materialise or is delayed. The unrestricted reserves of £31,740 at 31 March 2022 fall 6% short of that objective, based on the charity's 2021/22 expenditure, and the raising of additional funds to ensure that the shortfall is fully covered is one of our priorities in 2022/23.



Richard Holman
Chair

Date: 12 December 2022

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF TOGETHER FOR THE COMMON GOOD

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Together for the Common Good (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2022, which are set out on pages 27 to 35.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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 2011 Act.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the financial statements. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently, I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair view' and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

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

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, other than any requirement that the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

Kerry Gallagher

Signed:

Name: Kerry Gallagher, FCA DChA

Name of applicable listed body: The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional body: Chartered Accountant

On behalf of RSM UK TAX AND ACCOUNTING LIMITED, Chartered Accountants, Davidson House, Forbury Square, Reading, Berkshire RG1 3EU

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Statement of financial activities

For the year ended 31 March 2022

	2022			2021		
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources (Note 3)						
Income from:						
Donations and grants	56,286	36,000	92,286	69,402	4,800	74,202
Charitable activities	3,000	-	3,000	-	-	-
Total	59,286	36,000	95,286	69,402	4,800	74,202
Resources expended (Note 4)						
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	4,524	-	4,524	1,558	-	1,558
Charitable activities	59,559	32,604	92,163	52,447	13,211	65,658
Governance	3,173	-	3,173	2,110	-	2,110
Total	67,256	32,604	99,860	56,115	13,211	69,326
Net income/(expenditure)	(7,970)	3,396	(4,574)	13,287	(8,411)	4,876
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	(7,970)	3,396	(4,574)	13,287	(8,411)	4,876
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward	39,710	14,589	54,299	26,423	23,000	49,423
Total funds carried forward	31,740	17,985	49,725	39,710	14,589	54,299

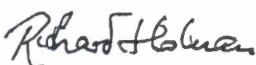
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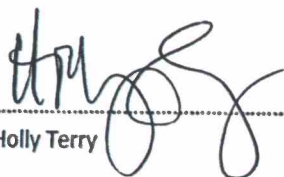
Balance sheet At 31 March 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Income funds	Total at 31 March 2022	Total at 31 March 2021
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	-	-	-	-
Current assets				
Debtors (Note 7)	304	-	304	591
Cash at bank and in hand (Note 9)	34,969	17,985	52,954	56,548
<i>Total current assets</i>	<i>35,273</i>	<i>17,985</i>	<i>53,258</i>	<i>57,139</i>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Note 8)	3,533	-	3,533	2,840
Total net assets or liabilities	31,740	17,985	49,725	54,299
Funds of the Charity (Note 11)				
Restricted income funds	-	17,985	17,985	14,589
Unrestricted funds	31,740	-	31,740	39,710
<i>Total funds</i>	<i>31,740</i>	<i>17,985</i>	<i>49,725</i>	<i>54,299</i>

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 7th December 2022

Signed by two trustees on behalf of the Board of Trustees.


Richard Holman


Holly Terry

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Notes to the unaudited financial statements

Year ended 31st March 2022

Note 1 Basis of preparation

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

- the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014; and with
- the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)
- and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has applied FRS102 and the applicable Charities SORP for the first time in this set of financial statements. The transition to the new standards has no effect on comparative figures.

1.2 Going concern

The charity relies on grant and donation income to meet a high proportion of its expenses. Following a strategic review by trustees of activities planned for 2023, costs will be significantly reduced with effect from 1st March 2023. We are now able to show that existing resources will be sufficient to enable us achieve our objectives for at least twelve months from the date of signing of these financial statements.

In addition, a donor trust has confirmed the availability of a reserve fund of £15,000, to be called on only if needed.

Nonetheless, fundraising has been made a top priority for the first quarter of next year. If it is successful the additional funds will be used to expand the activities that we have decided to continue, but no expenditure commitments will be made that exceed available resources. The trustees are therefore satisfied that it is appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis.

1.3 Changes of accounting policy

The accounts present a true and fair view and the accounting policies adopted are those outlined in this note 1. The policies are the same as those applied in the previous period.

1.4 Changes to accounting estimates

No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period (3.46 FRS 102 SORP).

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Notes to the unaudited financial statements (contd)

Year ended 31st March 2022

Note 2

Accounting policies

2.1 INCOME

The following accounting policies have been applied by the charity:

Recognition of income	These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when: · the charity becomes entitled to the resources; · it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and · the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.
Offsetting	There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.
Grants and donations	Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP).
Legacies	Legacies are included in the SOFA when receipt is probable, that is, when there has been grant of probate, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy are either within the control of the charity or have been met.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.
Contractual income	This is only included in the SoFA once the charity has provided the related goods or services or met the performance related conditions.
Donated goods	Donated goods are measured at fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so. Goods donated for on-going use by the charity are recognised as tangible fixed assets and included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as income from donations when receivable.
Volunteer help	The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.
Donated services and facilities	Donated services and facilities are included in the SOFA when received at the value of the gift to the charity provided the value of the gift can be measured reliably. Donated services and facilities that are consumed immediately are recognised as income with an equivalent amount recognised as an expense under the appropriate heading in the SOFA.

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Year ended 31st March 2022

2.2 EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

Liability recognition	Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.
Governance costs	Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.
Support costs	Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, eg allocating staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.
Redundancy cost	The charity made no redundancy payments during the reporting period.
Provisions for liabilities	A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date
Basic financial instruments	The charity accounts for basic financial instruments on initial recognition as per paragraph 10.7 FRS102 SORP. Subsequent measurement is as per paragraphs 11.17 to 11.19, FRS102 SORP.

2.3 ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity	Fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £1,000. The Charity had no fixed assets during the reporting period.
Debtors	Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

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Notes to the unaudited financial statements (contd)

Year ended 31st March 2022

Note 3		Analysis of income			
	Analysis	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds 2022	Prior year 2021
		£	£	£	£
Donations legacies and grants:	Donations and gifts	3,506	-	3,506	16,814
	Gift Aid	280	-	280	88
	General grants provided by other charities	52,500	36,000	88,500	57,300
	Total	56,286	36,000	92,286	74,202
Charitable activities:	Fees and sundry income	3,000	-	3,000	-
	Total	3,000	-	3,000	-
TOTAL INCOME		59,286	36,000	95,286	74,202

Other information:

In the prior year, all income other than £4,800 of grants provided by other charities was unrestricted.

Note 4		Analysis of expenditure			
	Analysis	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds 2022	Prior year 2021
		£	£	£	£
Expenditure on raising funds:	Incurred seeking grants	-	-	-	-
	Fundraising software and fees	4,524	-	4,524	1,558
	Total expenditure on raising funds	4,524	-	4,524	1,558
Expenditure on charitable activities	Salaries, NIC and pension contributions	54,747	13,433	68,180	58,129
	Project management fee	(4,716)	4,716	-	-
	Freelance fees	-	-	-	1,725
	Project delivery costs	-	14,251	14,251	-
	Travel and administration	2,109	204	2,313	1,853
	Other expenses	2,044	-	2,044	978
	Training and outreach	5,375	-	5,375	2,973
	Total expenditure on charitable activities	59,559	32,604	92,163	65,658
Expenditure on Governance	Accounts examination	2,280	-	2,280	1,320
	Bank charges	106	-	106	88
	Payroll fees	787	-	787	702
	Total expenditure on Governance	3,173	-	3,173	2,110
		67,256	32,604	99,860	69,326

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Notes to the unaudited financial statements (contd)

Year ended 31st March 2022

Note 5 Paid employees

5.1 Staff Costs

	2022	2021
	£	£
Salaries and wages	65,981	56,785
Social security costs	638	47
Pension costs (defined contribution scheme)	1,561	1,297
Total staff costs	68,180	58,129
No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000		

The total amount paid to key management personnel for their services to the charity during the period was £45,230 (2021: £48,546).

5.2 Average head count in the year

	2022	2021
	Number	Number
The parts of the charity in which the employees work		
Fundraising	-	-
Charitable Activities	4	4
Governance	-	-
Other	-	-
Total	4	4

Note 6 Defined contribution pension scheme.

Amount of contributions recognised in the SOFA as an expense	1,561	1,297
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Pension contributions are allocated between activities and between restricted and unrestricted funds pro rata to salaries, which are apportioned on a time basis.

Note 7 Debtors and prepayments

7.1 Analysis of debtors	2022	2021
	£	£
Gift Aid tax reclaimable	304	591
Total	304	304

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Notes to the unaudited financial statements (contd)

Year ended 31st March 2022

Note 8 Creditors and accruals

8.1 Analysis of creditors

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	2,886	2,409	-	-
Pension contributions	647	431	-	-
Total	3,533	2,840	-	-

Note 9 Cash at bank and in hand

	2022	2021
	£	£
Cash at bank and on hand	52,954	56,548
Total	52,954	56,548

Note 10 Events after the end of the reporting period

There have been no material events after the end of the reporting period.

Note 11 Charity funds

11.1 Details of material funds held and movements during the current reporting period

** Key: PE – permanent endowment funds; EE – expendable endowment funds; R – restricted income funds, including special trusts, of the charity; and U – unrestricted funds*

Fund names	Type PE, EE R or UR *	Fund balances brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Transfers between funds	Fund balances carried forward
			£	£	£	£
Here Now Us People	R	£ 14,589	26,000	32,149	-	8,440
Common Good Schools	R	-	10,000	455	-	9,545
General	U	39,710	59,286	67,256	-	31,740
Total Funds		54,299	95,286	99,860	-	49,725

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Notes to the unaudited financial statements (contd)

Year ended 31st March 2022

Note 11 Charity funds (contd)

11.2 Description of funds

Unrestricted funds are available for any purpose consistent with the objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subject to limitations set by donors on the purposes for which they can be applied. In relation to these financial statements restricted funds were provided specifically for the development of the *Here Now Us People* and Common Good Schools programmes.

Note 12 Transactions with trustees and related parties

12.1 Trustee remuneration and benefits

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity (2021: None).

12.2 Trustees' expenses

No trustee expenses have been incurred (2021: None).

12.3 Related party transactions

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period (2021: None).

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Accounts

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Annual Report and Unaudited Financial Statements for the year ending 31 March 2021

Registered Charity number

Together for the Common Good is a charitable incorporated organisation registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales under charity registration number 1172113.

Trustees

Richard Holman (Chair and Treasurer)

Geoff Knott

Holly Terry (Company Secretary)

Edward Hadas (appointed 16.04.20)

Sophie Stanes (appointed 23.09.20)

Catherine Brady (appointed 27.11.19, resigned 16.09.20)

Officers

Founder Director: Jenny Sinclair (f/t)

Director of Operations: Alison Gelder (2 days pw)

Team Support Worker: Louise Lambert (12 hrs pw) (from 30.3.20)

Project Leader (Lay People): Chris Knowles (17 hrs pw, 16 month contract) (from 14.09.20)

Registered office

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Website

www.togetherforthecommongood.co.uk

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CHAIR'S FOREWORD

By any measure, 2020-2021 was an extraordinary year. Grief and loss on a huge scale affected all communities and many families have been struggling to cope. The crisis also accelerated pre-existing trends already damaging our social fabric. Longstanding inequalities were exposed and toxic forces were amplified. All of this had the effect of raising profound questions about what really matters. The Common Good, and what it means in practice, became more resonant. There was a sense that place and belonging were becoming more important and there was a longing for renewal.

We have always believed that groups of faithful people – the church – have a legitimate and vital role to play. But parts of the church have been struggling too: in the lockdowns, a vulnerability was exposed, hastening the trajectory of decline and loss of identity that had been building over decades. Many church leaders wrestling with this reached out to T4CG, asking for help to think through the implications of the new era - on their role, and on the sacred relationship between church, place and community.

We moved quickly to respond to the new reality, devoting more time to relationships and to adapting material for use online. We resourced people across the churches as they strived to support their communities. With schools and churches disrupted by lockdowns, we rescheduled our physical activities and developed new resources. Meanwhile we curated our 2021 public conversations series and our young adults network continued to connect.

Most significantly this year however, we addressed the role of the church in the new era and the profound changes that were already underway prior to the pandemic. Together with key partners we carefully discerned and then articulated a vision for how the church could be revitalised for the sake of the Common Good. We invited church leaders to engage through a series of webinars and public letters which resonated widely. Requests for advice followed and we provided contributions to many strategic conversations. We handled more approaches than in any previous year. Our core partnerships deepened and our relationships in secular, social and political arenas extended further.

The success of our work is due to significant partnerships and pro bono support, to our trustees' and funders' commitment to the vision and objectives of T4CG. All of this elevates the capacity of our tiny but effective staff team. We practice what we preach – relationships are at the heart of the way we work. The motivation of all involved is Spirit-led and comes from our shared belief in Jesus of Nazareth. What we have achieved together is only possible thanks to the grace of God.

Over the next 12 months, we are seeking to grow modestly to meet increasing demand and build further on the achievements of this year. We believe the people of the churches can play a distinctive and significant role in uncertain times. Equipped to withstand the profound changes underway, they can become communities of love, alongside neighbours, building a shared life of meaning and belonging.



Richard Holman

Chair

Date: 14 September 2021

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published on 1/01/2019.

Overview

Together for the Common Good (T4CG) is a small charity working to strengthen the bonds of social trust. Our vision is of a world transformed where people take responsibility for the Common Good, which involves upholding the sanctity of love, of human beings and creation.

We are living through not only an era of change, but a change of era. The pandemic fallout is accelerating pre-existing trends. There is widespread longing for civic renewal.

T4CG's mission is to call and support people to play their part, to rebuild social solidarity and to fulfil their vocational responsibility by putting Common Good principles into practice. There is a distinctively Christian contribution to be made: one that reasserts what it means to be human, that builds relationships, that embodies the sacred in the emerging civic ecology.

We are inspired by the Gospel and draw from across the Christian traditions and the Hebrew Bible, and in particular from the body of thinking known as Catholic Social Teaching.

Our history is embedded in the celebrated partnership between Anglican, Catholic and Free Church leaders who worked together for the good of the city in Liverpool a generation ago.

The charity is volunteer-driven and partners with people across the churches, as well as in friendship with those from other faith and non-religious traditions. T4CG was formed as a response to unmet need; it has been active since 2012 and has been a registered charitable incorporated organisation since 16 March 2017.

Strategic goals

1. *Disseminate Common Good training and resources and equip people in local contexts.* Working with partners, T4CG aims to resource churches, organisations, individuals, leaders, schools and communities to engage people with the principles of the Common Good to build their capacity and to fulfil their own vocational responsibility.
2. *Influence society through communications, resources and events.* By drawing from the well of Christian tradition, T4CG aims to make a significant impact in convening and influencing public conversation, helping to offer a Common Good perspective on social and political issues of the day.
3. *Strengthen the wider movement committed to the Common Good.* From this community building work, other work flourishes. T4CG aims to provide leadership within a wider movement committed to bringing the Common Good alive, and be an exemplar of how to put Common Good principles into practice, building relationships and calling on organisations and partners to identify and fulfil their vocational responsibility.

Our guiding principle

The Common Good is an ancient idea echoed across many traditions. Our understanding has its roots in the Judeo-Christian tradition, reflected in Scripture:

“Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you ...for in its welfare you will find your welfare.”
Jeremiah 29:7

Common Good Thinking

Our framework of principles applies to everything we do and every decision we take, both internally and externally. These principles are rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ but expressed in open, non-religious language suitable for people of all faiths and none. Through our resources, we support people of goodwill to put the Common Good principles into practice and we celebrate wherever we see them lived out.

The principles of Common Good Thinking are presented under **five main headings**:

The Common Good	The shared life of a society in which everyone can flourish – as we act together in different ways that all contribute towards that goal, enabled by social conditions that mean every single person can participate. We create these conditions and pursue that goal by working together across our differences, each of us taking responsibility, according to our calling and ability.
The Human Person	Human Dignity; Human Equality; Dignity of Work; Respect for Life
Social Relationships	Reconciliation; Participation; Subsidiarity; Solidarity
Stewardship	
Everyone is included, no one is left behind	

Discover the principles in more detail at www.togetherforthecommongood.co.uk

Our internal aims

T4CG aims to be encouraging, resourcing, ecumenical and empowering. We strive for a collaborative and relational approach which is outward-facing and characterised by a generosity of spirit.

Our associations

Together for the Common Good is in active relationship and in working partnerships with many organisations, some of which are outlined in this report. In terms of institutional links, T4CG is a Body in Association with Churches Together in England, a member of Caritas Social Action Network and an Associated Society of the Catholic Union of Great Britain.

REVIEW OF 2020-2021

This report covers the 12 months to 31 March 2021, when we witnessed not only a year of change, but a change of era. As Covid-19 unfolded, we saw pre-existing trends accelerated, with the toxic combination of hyper-capitalism and extreme identity politics damaging the fabric of our society.

However, in the first lockdown and after, we experienced a spirit of neighbourliness, and people liked this taste of what they could become. The possibilities of a common life were revealed. And yet the fallout of the pandemic was to wreak havoc with people's lives, livelihoods and mental health.

During this time there was a hunger for principled leadership and a visionary narrative. T4CG was called on repeatedly to contribute to a variety of strategic conversations about churches' response to Covid-19 and civic renewal, to tell a story of revitalising the vocation of the church and encourage people to fulfil their vocational responsibility for the Common Good.

We engaged with people across the churches and urged them to build local relationships and to accompany their neighbours in their grief and distress.

We pivoted quickly, adapting resources for online use where possible, deferring face-to-face meetings and reorienting our work to the new time. Our approach is as set out below and on the following pages.

Influencing & relationships	Growing the community	Public conversations	Communications
	Building relationships, thought leadership, partnering and contributing across the churches and beyond	Influencing church & public discourse, convening conversations, addressing issues through a Common Good lens	Shaping the culture of the church through Common Good content via online media, website and newsletter
Formation in civic vocation	Lay people	Young people	Churches, leaders, institutions
	12-session entry level course in Common Good & vocational responsibility for lay people in churches & organisations	10-week course in Common Good & vocational responsibility for young people in school & youth settings	Formation resources in Common Good and civic vocation, to support leaders and revitalise the life of the church & other local institutions

Influencing & relationships

During the pandemic and amid increasing polarisation, T4CG sought to build up the confidence of the faithful people of the church; to discern their emerging role in civic renewal, offering the Common Good approach as a vital, non-tribal and distinctively Christian way forward.

We approached this in three ways: **growing the community, public conversations and communications.**

Growing the community

WHY We grow the T4CG community in order to nourish the church as it undergoes profound change. We believe it has a distinctive role to play to revitalise society, the economy and civic life through the principles of Common Good thinking. Relationships are at the heart of how we work. We love people and we believe we achieve better results when working together with others. In the spirit of subsidiarity, we grow not by centralising power to ourselves but by empowering others. We work across the church traditions, cross-pollinating, building connections.

HOW Much of our work in this area is unseen. We facilitate introductions, support those in leadership roles and provide advice when asked. We hold regular conversations with our strategic partners, both in groups and one-to-ones. Part of a broad coalition, we aim to be a source of encouragement to each other, learning together in the spirit of fellowship. Our networking and research develop our expertise to help others, and our findings filter down into our resources. We navigate the signs of the times in order to help others avoid mission drift.

ACTIVITY 2020-21

Our partnerships strengthened this year. Although the pandemic curtailed physical meetings, we found we were able to grow the T4CG community just as effectively, if not more so, using Zoom.

We convened groups, contributed to others' events and worked closely with partners. We responded to requests for advice from church leaders, lay people, students, local community groups, teachers, academics, researchers, journalists, policy advocates, leaders from the charity and social sector.

Our young adults' group, New Perspectives Network, held a series of meetups during the year. There are many other individuals and partners who are close to our work, too numerous to name here, although some are named elsewhere in this report.

Examples of groups convened by T4CG

The Friday Group: we convened a small group of leaders to address the role of the church in the new era, with friends from the Common Good Foundation (CGF) and the Journal of Missional Practice (JMP). This has developed into a generative partnership (see page 15). The group met weekly throughout the period.

Covenant Group: we convened a small group of leaders in the social sector in partnership with friends from CGF and A Better Way. Together we explored the concept of covenant as a frame for civic renewal and as a way to inform approaches to revitalise abandoned areas. This group met on a regular basis from November 2020.

Fratelli Tutti Group: we convened a group to explore Pope Francis' new encyclical together over several weeks to inform our understanding of civic friendship and renewal, in partnership with CGF.

New Perspectives Network (NPN) - T4CG's young adults' group

During this lockdown year, NPN went entirely online. An informal group of T4CG's young adults engaging with Common Good thinking, NPN connected via WhatsApp and held seven Zoom meetups, four led by members and three featuring guest speakers.

Discussion topics included:

- **The Dignity of Work and the Common Good**
- **Class and Education and the Common Good**
- **Coronavirus and Civil Liberties**
- **The Nation State and the Common Good**
- **Catholic Social Thought and the Common Good**

NPN is autonomous and volunteer-driven, with the blessing and support of T4CG.

Some of T4CG's contributions to others' events

Church, Identity, Nation consultation hosted by Churches Together England

Churches: More than Service Providers panel discussion for Religion Media Centre

Covenant seminar for A Better Way

Ethics of Common Good – is there such a thing? panel discussion for The Good Summit, Dublin

Renewal of the Church input for Churches Together England Missionary Discipleship conference

The Church and Cultural Renewal consultation group hosted by Theos think tank

Seeds of Change: institutional reform and human flourishing post Covid panel discussion for the Jubilee Centre, Cambridge

Urban Mission Alliance round table sessions hosted by the Chair of the Church of England's Estates Evangelism Task Group, Bishop Philip North

Examples of other platforms where T4CG's work was featured

New Reality Same Mission United Reformed Church booklet

We saw great community spirit during lockdown and we don't want to lose it Catholic Times

The Church has a better story Reform Magazine

The idea of Covenant and the collaborative society A Better Way

How can we prepare young people to cope with an uncertain future? St John Bosco College

Public conversations

WHY At this time of rapid change and great uncertainty, the framework of Common Good thinking offers an antidote to individualism and ethical, Gospel-rooted ways of navigating decisions and policy choices. But the term is often misunderstood and misused, not least by politicians. So, from time-to-time T4CG holds public events to raise the profile, discuss and articulate the authentic meaning and practice of the Common Good and debate ways in which it can transform our social and political life.

HOW We always work in partnership to deliver online and in-person events, to strengthen links between our organisations, to reach a broader audience, and to share tasks like framing and publicity.

ACTIVITY 2020-21

This year, we completed the planning for a new, forthcoming series of four public conversations, in coalition with **St Mary's University, the Centre for Social Justice and Caritas Social Action Network**. The series is supported by our longstanding partner, **CCLA**. The coalition worked together to design the content and secure sixteen speakers. Dates were set for June to November 2021:

The Common Good: what does it mean for families, society and government?	
New events series planned for 2021	
15/06/21 (online)	The Common Good: what does it mean? Speakers: Professor Philip Booth, Jenny Sinclair, Dr Sam Bruce Chair: Ruth Kelly
13/07/21 (online)	The Common Good: what does it mean for the family? Speakers: Edward Hadas, Cristina Odone, Mercy Muroki Chair: Ruth Gledhill
29/09/21 (online)	The Common Good: what does it mean for society? Speakers: David Goodhart, Trevor Phillips OBE, Julia Unwin DBE. Chair: Richard Harries
16/11/21 (in person)	The Common Good: what does it mean for government? Speakers: Danny Kruger MP, Caroline Slocock, Lord Maurice Glasman Chair: Ruth Kelly

Communications

WHY It is increasingly challenging for people to navigate the complexity of a confusing political period with extreme social upheaval: churches and their leaders are in many cases finding it a struggle. T4CG wants to encourage the church and build up her confidence by sharing a vision of a legitimate, valuable role to play. We use our comms (newsletter, social media, website, other platforms) to influence and educate, articulating the meaning and practice of the Common Good and the role of the church in civic renewal. Reading signs of the times through the lens of Catholic Social Thought ensures we remain non-partisan and avoid mission drift.

HOW We carry out research, fieldwork and intelligence gathering, trawl social media, mainstream platforms and alternative media across tribal lines. We pray and study Scripture. We do this to read the signs of the times. This informs the material we write or commission to resource our readers. All contributors writing for T4CG have done so generously on a *pro bono* basis.

This material is then disseminated via the T4CG Newsletter, website and social media. The newsletter also regularly highlights recommended articles, podcasts and books as well as performing a unique cross-pollination role across the Christian traditions.

ACTIVITY 2020-21

We researched and produced seven editions of the newsletter and carried out a readership survey. We published stories, essays, news items and new resources. We kept a limited Twitter presence, mainly for research, and our following grew to 3,121. We established a low-key Instagram account.

Newsletter readership survey findings

Our survey confirmed that two thirds of our subscribers are leaders and over half forward the newsletter to colleagues, friends and other networks. Some comments on the newsletter:

I really value T4CG. We all skip over such emails, but this is one I never miss.

T4CG does a lot of the heavy lifting and filtering out, with pointers to real pearls.

This is an important movement. The way in which T4CG communicates is a testament to a better politics that is possible.

Keep on alerting us to Catholic Social Teaching, it is so important that young people grasp the breadth of it.

Newsletter editions 2020/21

05/04/2020	Disruption and the seeds of our renewal
30/05/2020	The Plague and the Parish
13/08/2020	From Grief to Covenant
28/10/2020	We need to build relationships
17/12/2020	Defending humanity
14/02/2021	Common Good and Holy Time
31/03/2021	The Politics of Grace and Place

Examples of content published on the T4CG website 2020/21

Stories	Disruption and the Common Good Wayne Parsons We grieve William Taylor Walking the parish Andrew Rumsey Illegal grazing: why the culture of contract isn't working Jonathan Herbert Walking to church Sam Tomlin To live a decent life Jenny Sinclair No God-forsaken places: only church-forsaken places Tom Ketteringham Restoring the Dignity of Work Tim Thorlby Holy Time: nourishing our civic vocation during Lent Francis Stewart A neighbourhood church committed to people & place Tom Ketteringham Divine Irrigation: unveiling the purpose of the church William Taylor Common Change: neighbours pooling resources Matt Wilson
Leading Thinkers	The Plague and the Parish: An Invitation to the Churches T4CG/CGF/JMP Pandemic and the Common Good Kelly Johnson Solidarity and social distancing Gerald Beyer Pentecostalism, political culture and the Common Good David Muir Renewing the Covenant: Building Local Relationships T4CG/CGF/JMP Covenant and Mutuality in Mission Erica Dunmow The Assault on Humanity: CST looks at lockdown policy Edward Hadas (Some) Theology to Save the World Adrian Newman The Theology of Clapton Commons for the Common Good Peter Leith The Politics of Grace & Place: a letter to the local church T4CG/CGF/JMP Home for Good: the local church and the housing crisis Alison Milbank
News articles	The implications of Covid-19 on our political settlement T4CG Supporting your community during Covid-19 T4CG Covid-19: churches go online T4CG T4CG's young adults' meetups Joanne Rolling Is it time to forge a new narrative about race? T4CG Faith in Politics interns explore the Common Good Ellen Martin The Ethics of Common Good T4CG Fratelli Tutti: selected commentary T4CG Teachers in Italy mark their relationship with T4CG AIMC How should the churches respond to the new era? Jenny Sinclair How can Covenant help us be collaborative? Jenny Sinclair Institutional reform and human flourishing T4CG T4CG's Common Good lay leadership partnership gets going T4CG Churches are more than service providers Jenny Sinclair

Formation in civic vocation

While the toxic combination of hyper-capitalism and extreme identity politics continues to undermine the possibilities of a common life, there is widespread longing for renewal. But while so few understand what the Common Good means in practice it is unlikely to be realised. Our formation offer begins to meet this need, opening up an authentically Christian approach to civic vocation, indeed, a ministry.

Through our resources people learn about the Common Good principles and how this Gospel-rooted framework can help them transform society, the economy and everyday life, heal divisions and strengthen social trust. Prayer, place and relationships are at the heart of learning, to discern their unique calling in an integrated way, overcoming the false dichotomy of spirituality and social action.

In 2020-2021, we focused on three areas: **lay people, young people and churches, leaders and institutions.**

Lay people

WHY The church (by this we mean the whole people of God) has a vital and distinctive contribution to make to civic renewal. There is huge potential for the laity in particular to play their part, but this is far from being realised. Our lay leadership programme, **Here Now Us People** is designed to ignite that promise, helping lay people release their gifts and discern their unique vocational responsibility where they live and work.

HOW We enable churches and organisations to run the programme themselves through a train the trainer approach. We train facilitators and coach local hosts who act as a champion for the programme. The three-part course runs for adults in cohorts of 12-20 journeying together. Suitable for all Christian traditions, it requires no prior knowledge and consists of six Bible study sessions, followed by a one-day workshop, then six next-step sessions. Supporting material includes full facilitator notes, participant workbooks, slide sets, a local host guide and props.

ACTIVITY 2020-21

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, all previously scheduled face-to-face workshops were postponed, and our lay leadership project was rescheduled to start post Easter 2021. However, planning commenced with partners: the Dioceses of **Nottingham, Brentwood, Shrewsbury**, Nugent in the Archdiocese of **Liverpool**, the parish of St Mary Moorfields in the **City of London**, St Francis in the Diocese of **Rochester**, plus St Thomas Clapton Common, St Michael and All Angels, Stoke Newington Common, St Matthew's Upper Clapton and St Bartholomew, Stamford Hill, all in the Diocese of **Hackney**.

During the lockdowns our project leader was able to develop new material, transforming our one-day workshop into a three-part programme. And Part 1, the Word and the Common Good, was published as a free, standalone online resource. Additional new resources were published to respond to need.

Examples of new resources published during the pandemic, made available free to download

The Word and the Common Good six session course

The Common Good Examen prayer resource

Understanding power for the Common Good ten-part video series, courtesy of the IAF

Let's continue to build community 4 session guide for neighbours of all faiths and none

One-to-one conversations two pager guide

Lent Devotions weekly reflections and prayers

Young people

WHY As communities face the economic and psychological fallout from the pandemic, there is a recognised need to emphasise the importance of relationships among young people and a gap to be filled in character education to foster a sense of purpose and civic responsibility. Our **Common Good Schools** programme meets these needs, equipping young people, schools and youth groups to play their part.

HOW We deliver this by training teachers and leaders in a two-stage induction to run the programme themselves after which the material is made available free of charge in digital format. It consists of a versatile off-the-shelf suite, with lesson plans, assemblies, worksheets, student rewards, slide sets and a community engagement guide. It is designed for 11-16s, and intentionally written in non-religious language. The material is also available to purchase as hard copy.

ACTIVITY 2020-21

We completed a pilot period prior to the pandemic. During lockdown we evaluated and revised the material and published our 2nd Edition of the suite of resource material.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions most schools already involved put the programme on hold. However, **St John Bosco College in Battersea** managed to run parts of the programme online, and years 7 and 8 forged relationships with elderly people in the neighbourhood (see below).

Despite restrictions we delivered an induction for **St Cecilia's School in Wimbledon** in partnership with the Southwark Diocesan Board for Education. Other partners planned their re-start post pandemic.

We signed an agreement with **The Marylebone Bridge CE School in Kensal Town** who have been funded by another trust to tailor the material for SEN children and pilot it later in 2021.

T4CG's connection with the **Italian Association of Catholic Teachers** continued to flourish.

Common Good Schools – Example of impact in a school during lockdown

Our partner Omolara Ojikutu, RE teacher at St John Bosco College (SJBC), reported that despite Covid-19 preventing the full programme from running, she found ways to sustain the themes:

Some examples:

- *Our year 7s and 8s were able to spread some joy to their local community. During a time of extreme isolation, students formed friendships with elderly people from the Katherine Low Settlement Project around the corner. Students created Christmas cards for members of their Elders programme to let them know they are valued and have a role in our community. Students drew on the concepts they had absorbed from Common Good Schools. KLS Elders programme members were delighted that we took the time to think about them, particularly as most were unable to receive visitors or participate in their usual group sessions as a result of lockdown.*
- Drawing on the resources, Mrs Ojikutu sent messages of encouragement: to staff to give recognition in a difficult time, and to students, who were rewarded for caring for others, for looking out for fellow students with language barriers (such as EAL or SEN), for working hard and for looking after their local environment.

Mrs Ojikutu is responsible for championing the programme at SJBC across year groups 7-10. Having completed the induction along with nine fellow staff in 2019, she has since been supporting colleagues who deliver the material in their own classes.

Churches, leaders, institutions

WHY During the year there was a yearning among leaders, in churches and related institutions, to grasp the profound changes going on, and to understand their role for civic renewal in the post-Covid moment. But many struggled to come to terms with the implications of the new era, finding themselves ill equipped, disturbed by the scale of need in their communities. Alongside this, the pandemic accelerated church decline, accentuating its vulnerability. T4CG's approach during the crisis was to be as flexible as possible and respond to need.

HOW As in all strands of our work, we work relationally, drawing on the meaning and practice of the Common Good and the coherent, practical framework of Catholic Social Thought, prayer and scripture. Working with key partners, we accompany leaders, listen to their situations, helping them discern their unique vocation. Much of this aspect of our work was below the radar and took the form of one-to-one conversations, bespoke sessions and conversation groups.

ACTIVITY 2020-21

During Covid-19 many leaders (lay and ordained) consulted T4CG for advice, seeking support about their own vocation and wanting to discern the emerging role of the church in the new era. Alongside this, earlier work bore fruit during the pandemic (see page 16).

Early on in the period it became apparent that the church was undergoing profound change. We convened the 'Friday Group' (see below) and set about discerning the implications of the new era. Reading the signs of the times, we identified key themes: the primacy of God, the importance of place, the centrality of relationship, the shift from a culture of contract to covenant, and the church as the embodiment of love in a desecrated world. Our conversations bore fruit in the form of webinars and public letters, which emerged through a remarkable process of 'relational' writing.

The Friday Group

A highlight of our work this year was a special group we convened to talk about the role of the church in the new era. This started at the beginning of the pandemic and it quickly became generative, meeting weekly across the year. We refer to it affectionately as our 'Friday Group'.

Those involved are: Jenny Sinclair (Together for the Common Good), Lord Maurice Glasman (The Common Good Foundation), Alan Roxburgh, Martin Robinson, Sara Jane R. Walker and Mary Publicover (Journal of Missional Practice), the Rt Revd Andrew Rumsey and Father William Taylor.

This relationship between friends has been bearing fruit across 2020-2021, including so far:

Two transatlantic webinars

- **Preparing for a New Chapter: Revitalising the Christian Imagination for the Sake of the Common Good** (April 2020) 100 church leaders attended on Zoom plus Facebook livestream
- **Renewing the Covenant: Churches and the Building of Local Relationships** (Sept 2020) 100 church leaders attended on Zoom plus Facebook livestream

Three public letters to church leaders, published via the partners' websites and disseminated widely

- **The Plague and the Parish: An Invitation to the Churches** (May 2020)
- **Renewing the Covenant: Churches and the Building of Local Relationships** (Sept 2020)
- **The Politics of Grace and Place: A Letter to the Local Church** (Feb 2021)

An invitation-only webinar

- **Grace and Place: discussion forum** (March 2021) 28 invited church leaders on Zoom

Examples of T4CG bespoke sessions

Releasing the gifts of lay people for social action and local relationship building video interview plus session at residential Anglican clergy training course with Reconciliation Initiatives

The Common Good and the Role of the Church session for 2nd and 3rd year Anglican ordinands: St Mellitus College

Power, Prayer and Partnership session for young Pentecostal leaders: William Seymour Project, Centre for Theology and Community

The Common Good and Catholic Social Teaching - what and why seminar for interns Buxton Leadership Programme at the Centre for Theology and Community

Individualism, the Common Good and the implications for the church in the new era session for Faith in Politics internship programme: Catholic Bishops Conference England & Wales

Common Good Builder – Example of T4CG’s work with a church leader

Our partner Revd Ian Terry, Town Centre Team Rector in **Bournemouth**, reported:

Relationships built during the 2019 Common Good Builder pilot made a significant difference to the town's Covid emergency response in 2020. The process of helping rough sleepers off the streets and into safe accommodation was a much smoother and quicker operation because of the trust established between a wide range of civic partners.

The Common Good Builder process, facilitated by a church leader, is underpinned by Common Good principles, providing an inclusive framework for collaboration rooted in the Gospel. In 2019 the process in Bournemouth had included homeless people with first-hand experience in a process involving over 40 leaders, 27 civic groups, churches and charities, generating collaboration and cooperation between everyone involved.

This year Ian completed his doctorate, **How can a parish church work with partners for the common good?** drawing on T4CG's principles and Common Good Builder methodology.

Strategy, infrastructure and sustainability

T4CG continued to strive to meet the challenge of securing sustainability, while at the same time fielding rising levels of demand.

A review of staff roles was carried out and adjustments made to streamline our administration, with Louise Lambert, our Team Support Worker, taking on some additional comms and admin tasks.

Chris Knowles was appointed on a 16-month contract as part-time Project Leader to lead our *Here Now Us People* lay leadership programme.

Two new trustees, Edward Hadas and Sophie Stanes, were appointed to the Trustee Board and Catherine Brady resigned.

Our CRM database was further streamlined, enhancing our ability to serve our growing community.

We adopted Google Analytics to improve our understanding of how people use our website.

Regular reviews of operations and strategy were carried out to maximise T4CG's responsiveness and to refine our working methods to ensure optimum leverage of our small staff team and *pro bono* support.

With Covid-19, ongoing risk assessments were carried out. Contingency plans were put in place and most of our work was moved online while some projects were deferred.

DELIVERING PUBLIC BENEFIT

In planning our activities this year, the trustees have given consideration to the duties set out in section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard for public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Objects

The object of the CIO is the furtherance for the public benefit of the following purposes in a manner which promotes moral and ethical principles based on the notions of human dignity, mutual respect and understanding, honesty and fairness and civic responsibility:

- (a) promoting religious harmony and equality and diversity
- (b) promoting community capacity building in socially or economically disadvantaged communities
- (c) relieving poverty by undertaking or supporting research into inequality and other factors that contribute to poverty and the most appropriate ways to mitigate these.

The trustees are confident that T4CG's aims, and objectives fulfil the criteria. The trustees do not anticipate any change in the future to this operational approach.

Our approach

T4CG's primary aims are to tackle social and economic disadvantage and social fragmentation and we do this in ways set out earlier in this document.

We do this by calling people of goodwill to fulfil their vocational responsibility, put Common Good principles into practice where they live and work, to build relationships and work together across their differences.

We believe the church has a legitimate, distinctive part to play and that revitalising its vocation is critical for civic renewal.

When we refer to 'the church', we are talking about groups of faithful Christians and we include the whole people of God. While we honour the roles of ordained leaders, buildings and formal institutions, our understanding of church is not limited to these structural conceptions.

We work mainly across the Christian traditions but also with people and organisations of other faiths and non-religious backgrounds. Beneficiaries are not restricted by faith, gender, ethnic origin, disability, age or sexual orientation.

PLANNING FOR 2021-2022

Looking ahead as we move out of the pandemic, there is great hope for civic and spiritual renewal. However, the scale and full cost of the fallout are yet to play out. Meanwhile pre-existing trends already unravelling our social fabric continue to intensify.

We believe the people of the church have a legitimate and vital role at this time. To be relational, non-tribal, to be committed to place and mutual flourishing, to build bridges across estranged interests. To be a people who accompany their neighbours in shared grief and in the search for meaning. To uphold the sacred, to be the embodiment of love in a desecrated world.

We anticipate there will be a greater need to articulate, in a way that is distinctively Christian, what the Common Good means, and to equip and encourage people of goodwill to play their part at all levels.

In uncertain times, we aim to be flexible. Our planned scheme of work is set out below.

Influencing & relationships

Growing the community: as a leader alongside others within a wider movement, we will continue to engage across the churches and beyond, strengthen our partnerships, provide content and advice, convene and connect. We will also invest in the future of the *New Perspectives Network*.

Public conversations: with our partners, we will deliver and disseminate our new four-part series, *The Common Good: What does it Mean for the Family, Society and Government?* We will design our next series for 2021-2022 and work with partners to leverage the content for wider impact.

Communications: we will continue to publish quality content on our website and publish at least six editions of the T4CG Newsletter. We will invest in comms support to improve dissemination.

Formation in civic vocation

Lay people: in partnership with multiple dioceses and parishes we will deliver our 2021-2022 roll out of our *Here Now Us People* lay leadership course in seven locations. Funds permitting, we will secure delivery partners for 2022-2023. We will adapt the material for the *Prison Advice Care Trust*.

Young people: funds permitting, and working with partners, we will promote our *Common Good Schools* programme and involve more schools and youth organisations. We hope to see a special version of the resource piloted in an SEN school.

Churches, leaders, institutions: working with partners, we will discern the signs of the times, support leaders, make strategic connections, generate resources and provide content to revitalise the potential of churches and other institutions to fulfil their vocational responsibility in civic renewal.

Strategy, infrastructure & sustainability

The strategy and goals generated from our Strategic Review in 2019 will continue to form the basis for our plans moving from 2021 into 2022. To get closer to a sustainable future for T4CG, we aim to secure multi annual funding and increase the number of regular donors who share our vision. In particular we aim to secure core funding to sustain our staff team and to recruit two additional part-time project leaders to help meet demand for more churches and schools wanting to get involved.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

T4CG is a creative initiative which has evolved organically and as such its character is unique. At the same time, T4CG fulfils conventional governance obligations.

Governing documents

T4CG is a CIO registered with the Charity Commission. It is governed by its Constitution of 14 June 2016 which was registered by the Charity Commission on 16 March 2017. The charity number is 1172113. The CIO's area of activity is primarily, but not exclusively, the UK.

Trustees

Trustees are identified through existing networks and advertising. They are selected and appointed by the Board. In selecting trustees, the Board pays regard to the balance of skills and experience required, the need for capacity to develop the charity, the need for continuity, and the beneficiaries the charity seeks to serve. There is a trustee induction programme in place and a rolling programme of recruitment. The trustees serve on sub-committees as needed and report to the main Board. The current composition of the trustees is set out on page 3. In the coming year, the T4CG Board aims to expand modestly.

Management and organisational structure

Responsibility for the implementation of strategy and planning was delegated to the management team, the Founding Director (full time) and the Director of Operations (part time).

Day-to-day management was delegated to the Founding Director, with particular focus on influencing and communications, and the development of resources for schools, churches, leaders and institutions. The Director of Operations was responsible for fundraising, governance and development of T4CG's formation offer for lay people.

Capacity was significantly boosted by volunteers and associates contributing on a *pro bono* basis, both individually and via working groups convened and coordinated by the management team to address different strands of the work. Professional assistance was retained where required.

Formal reporting to the Trustee Board took place five times during the year, with additional interim updates.

Risk management

The trustees have conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. These risks are monitored throughout the year and updated annually. A risk register is used to support this. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces, and the management of risks are owned by the appropriate personnel. Different risks are assessed by the most appropriate people: the full Board, the trustee sub-committees, the Operations Director or the Director. Regardless of who manages the risk, all risks are regularly reported to the full Board, with key risks assessed at each meeting.

PRO BONO SUPPORT, VOLUNTEERS AND HELP IN KIND

Together for the Common Good has a small staff team of 2.1 (full time equivalent) but is able to achieve more than would be expected of a charity of its size thanks to strong *pro bono* support.

During 2020-2021, T4CG benefited from at least 30 people generously contributing in a practical way to different areas of our work.

We have made every effort to name them here or elsewhere in the report:

- Annette McBride provided admin support for our online events.
- Miriam Brittenden chaired the *New Perspectives Network*, supported by Joanne Rolling and Joseph Moore.
- Catherine Brady contributed to resource development and with the planning for our lay leadership programme.
- Fiona Foreman supported the development of T4CG's *Common Good Schools*.
- Tom Ketteringham and Francis Stewart researched and created material for the website.
- Ellen Martin and Sean Ryan contributed to our research.
- All those contributing material to the T4CG website, did so *pro bono* (see page 12).
- Members of our staff team, Alison Gelder and Jenny Sinclair devoted significant time in addition to their paid hours.
- Leo Donaghy generously donated time while on furlough.
- T4CG's trustees devoted time to various projects in addition to their board responsibilities. In particular Sophie Stanes donated time while on furlough.
- Our thanks go to Fr Chris Vipers for use of the crypt at St Mary Moorfields, and to the Industrial Areas Foundation for permission to share their material.

We are grateful for all our working partnerships and most of these are named elsewhere in this report.

Sincere thanks to all those friends of T4CG who pray for the work and give us moral support.

We apologise for any omissions.

Thank you to all who gave us valuable strategic advice.

The contributions of all are greatly valued and make T4CG what it is.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The achievements of 2020-2021 have been made possible thanks to a number of trusts and individual donors whose generous support funded key projects and the salaries of T4CG's key officers.

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period

During the year to 31 March 2021, T4CG's total income amounted to £74,202 (2020: £90,619) of which £4,800 (2020: £25,000) was restricted to the development of the *Here: Now: Us* programme. Expenditure totalled £69,326 (2020: £54,477) and included £13,211 (2020: £2,000) of costs met from restricted funds.

There was a surplus on unrestricted funds of £13,287 (2020: £13,142) and a deficit on restricted funds of £8,411 (2020: surplus £23,000). Net assets at 31 March 2021 were £54,299 (2020: £49,423).

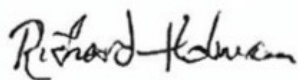
In 2020-2021, T4CG's work was made possible by the Charles Plater Trust, the English Benedictine Congregation, the Jesuit Fund for Social Justice, grants from a range of other trusts and a small number of committed regular individual donors to whom we are especially grateful. Our 2021 public conversation series is supported by our longstanding partner, CCLA, one of the UK's leading ethical investment fund managers and home of the new Catholic Investment Fund.

Going concern

The trustees have considered whether it is appropriate to prepare the financial statements on the basis that the charity is a going concern, including the impact of Covid-19 on that assessment. The delivery of the *Here: Now: Us People* project, which is largely funded by the Plater Trust, has been restructured and is now expected to complete in Q2 2022, but the funding is still expected to meet almost all costs. Unrestricted grants have been received from, or approved by, both established and new sources in recent months, sufficient to meet outgoings at the current level for the next twelve months.

Reserves policy

The trustees' policy on reserves is to accumulate sufficient funds to cover the operating costs of the charity for a minimum of six months in the event that expected income does not materialise or is delayed. The unrestricted reserves of £39,710 at 31 March 2021 met that objective.



Richard Holman

Chair

Date: 14 September 2021

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF TOGETHER FOR THE COMMON GOOD

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Together for the Common Good (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2019, which are set out on pages 26 to 34.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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 2011 Act.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the financial statements. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently, I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair view' and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

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

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, other than any requirement that the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

Signed: 

Name: Kerry Gallagher, FCA DChA

Name of applicable listed body: The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional body: Chartered Accountant

On behalf of RSM UK TAX AND ACCOUNTING LIMITED, Chartered Accountants, Davidson House, Forbury Square, Reading, Berkshire RG1 3EU

5 October 2021

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Statement of financial activities

For the year ended 31 March 2021

	2021			2020		
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources (Note 3)						
Income from:						
Donations and grants	69,402	4,800	74,202	63,413	25,000	88,413
Charitable activities	-	-	-	2,206	-	2,206
Total	69,402	4,800	74,202	65,619	25,000	90,619
Resources expended (Note 4)						
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	1,558	-	1,558	3,993	-	3,993
Charitable activities	54,557	13,211	67,768	48,484	2,000	50,484
Total	56,115	13,211	69,326	52,477	2,000	54,477
Net income/(expenditure)	13,287	(8,411)	4,876	13,142	23,000	36,142
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	13,287	(8,411)	4,876	13,142	23,000	36,142
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward	26,423	23,000	49,423	13,281	-	13,281
Total funds carried forward	39,710	14,589	54,299	26,423	23,000	49,423

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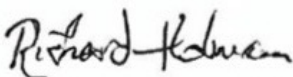
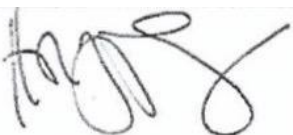
Balance sheet

At 31 March 2021

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total at 31 March 2021	Total at 31 March 2020
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	-	-	-	-
Current assets				
Debtors (Note 7)	591	-	591	621
Cash at bank and in hand (Note 9)	41,959	14,589	56,548	50,830
<i>Total current assets</i>	42,550	14,589	57,139	51,451
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Note 8)	2,840	-	2,840	2,028
Total net assets or liabilities	39,710	14,589	54,299	49,423
Funds of the Charity (Note 11)				
Restricted income funds	-	14,589	14,589	23,000
Unrestricted funds	39,710	-	39,710	26,423
Total funds	39,710	14,589	54,299	49,423

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 14 September 2021

Signed by two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
Richard Holman		RICHARD HOLMAN	14.09.21
Holly Terry		HOLLY TERRY	14.09.21

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Notes to the unaudited financial statements

Year ended 31st March 2021

Note 1 Basis of preparation

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

- the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014; and with
- the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)
- and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has applied FRS102 and the applicable Charities SORP for the first time in this set of financial statements. The transition to the new standards has no effect on comparative figures.

1.2 Going concern

The charity relies on grant and donation income to meet a high proportion of its expenses.

The charity has been assured of continuing unrestricted support from a major donor which, together with reserves in hand at 31st March 2021, will enable us achieve our objectives for at least twelve months from the date of signing of these financial statements.

Almost all the money required for the restricted fund project has already been committed by donors. Completion of the project will be delayed until 2022 due the Covid-19 pandemic

In addition, a donor trust has confirmed the availability of a reserve fund of £15,000, to be called on only if needed.

The trustees are therefore satisfied that it is appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis.

1.3 Changes of accounting policy

The accounts present a true and fair view and the accounting policies adopted are those outlined in this note 1. The policies are the same as those applied in the previous period.

1.4 Changes to accounting estimates

No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period (3.46 FRS 102 SORP).

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Notes to the unaudited financial statements (contd)

Year ended 31st March 2021

Note 2 Accounting policies

2.1 INCOME

The following accounting policies have been applied by the charity:

Recognition of income	These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when: · the charity becomes entitled to the resources; · it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and · the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.
Offsetting	There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.
Grants and donations	Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP).
Legacies	Legacies are included in the SOFA when receipt is probable, that is, when there has been grant of probate, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy are either within the control of the charity or have been met.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.
Contractual income	This is only included in the SoFA once the charity has provided the related goods or services or met the performance related conditions.
Donated goods	Donated goods are measured at fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so. Goods donated for on-going use by the charity are recognised as tangible fixed assets and included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as income from donations when receivable.
Volunteer help	The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.
Donated services and facilities	Donated services and facilities are included in the SOFA when received at the value of the gift to the charity provided the value of the gift can be measured reliably. Donated services and facilities that are consumed immediately are recognised as income with an equivalent amount recognised as an expense under the appropriate heading in the SOFA.

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Notes to the unaudited financial statements (contd)

Year ended 31st March 2021

2.2 EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

Liability recognition	Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.
Governance costs	Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.
Support costs	Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, eg allocating staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.
Redundancy cost	The charity made no redundancy payments during the reporting period.
Provisions for liabilities	A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date
Basic financial instruments	The charity accounts for basic financial instruments on initial recognition as per paragraph 10.7 FRS102 SORP. Subsequent measurement is as per paragraphs 11.17 to 11.19, FRS102 SORP.

2.3 ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity	Fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £1,000. The Charity had no fixed assets during the reporting period.
Debtors	Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

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Notes to the unaudited financial statements (contd)

Year ended 31st March 2021

Note 3 Analysis of income					
	Analysis	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds 2021	Prior year 2020
		£	£	£	£
Donations legacies and grants:	Donations and gifts	16,814	-	16,814	25,531
	Gift Aid	88	-	88	5,382
	General grants provided by other charities	52,500	4,800	57,300	57,500
	Total	69,402	4,800	74,202	88,413
Charitable activities:	Fees and sundry income	-	-	-	2,206
	Total	-	-	-	2,206
TOTAL INCOME		69,402	4,800	74,202	90,619
Other information:					
All income in the prior year was unrestricted.					

Note 4 Analysis of expenditure					
	Analysis	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds 2021	Prior year 2020
		£	£	£	£
Expenditure on raising funds:	Incurred seeking grants	-	-	-	-
	Fundraising software and fees	1,558	-	1,558	3,993
	Total expenditure on raising funds	1,558	-	1,558	3,993
Expenditure on charitable activities	Salaries, NIC and pension contributions	44,918	13,211	58,129	39,822
	Freelance fees	1,725	-	1,725	2,591
	Travel and administration	1,853	-	1,853	3,112
	Other expenses	978	-	978	1,300
	Training and outreach	2,973	-	2,973	1,470
	Total expenditure on charitable activities	52,447	13,211	65,658	48,295
Expenditure on Governance	Accounts examination	1,320	-	1,320	1,200
	Bank charges	88	-	88	414
	Payroll fees	702	-	702	575
	Total expenditure on Governance	2,110	-	2,110	2,189
		56,115	13,211	69,326	54,477

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Notes to the unaudited financial statements (contd)

Year ended 31st March 2020

Note 5 Paid employees

5.1 Staff Costs

	2021	2020
	£	£
Salaries and wages	56,785	38,583
Social security costs	47	276
Pension costs (defined contribution scheme)	1,297	963
Total staff costs	58,129	39,832
No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000		

The total amount paid to key management personnel for their services to the charity during the period was £48,546 (2020: £35,583).

5.2 Average head count in the year

	2021	2020
	Number	Number
The parts of the charity in which the employees work		
Fundraising	-	-
Charitable Activities	4	2
Governance	-	-
Other	-	-
Total	4	2

Note 6 Defined contribution pension scheme.

Amount of contributions recognised in the SOFA as an expense	1,297	963
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Pension contributions are allocated between activities and between restricted and unrestricted funds pro rata to salaries, which are apportioned on a time basis.

Note 7 Debtors and prepayments

7.1 Analysis of debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Gift Aid tax reclaimable	591	571
Event fees	-	50
Total	591	621

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Notes to the unaudited financial statements (contd)

Year ended 31st March 2021

Note 8 Creditors and accruals

8.1 Analysis of creditors

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	2,409	1,824	-	-
Pension contributions	431	204	-	-
Total	2,840	2,028	-	-

Note 9 Cash at bank and in hand

	2021	2020
	£	£
Cash at bank and on hand	56,548	50,830
Total	56,548	50,830

Note 10 Events after the end of the reporting period

There have been no material events after the end of the reporting period.

Note 11 Charity funds

11.1 Details of material funds held and movements during the current reporting period

** Key: PE – permanent endowment funds; EE – expendable endowment funds; R – restricted income funds, including special trusts, of the charity; and U – unrestricted funds*

Fund names	Type PE, EE R or UR *	Fund balances brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Transfers between funds	Fund balances carried forward
			£	£	£	£
		£				
Here:Now:Us	R	23,000	4,800	13,211	-	14,589
General	U	26,423	69,402	56,115	-	39,710
Total Funds		49,423	74,202	69,326	-	54,299

11.2 Description of funds

Unrestricted funds are available for any purpose consistent with the objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subject to limitations set by donors on the purposes for which they can be applied. In relation to these financial statements all restricted funds were provided specifically for the development of the Here:Now:Us programme.

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Notes to the unaudited financial statements (contd)

Year ended 31st March 2021

Note 12 Transactions with trustees and related parties

12.1 Trustee remuneration and benefits

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity (2020: None).

12.2 Trustees' expenses

No trustee expenses have been incurred (2020: None).

12.3 Related party transactions

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period (2020: None).

