

LIGHTHOUSE COMMUNITY CHURCH CARMARTHEN BAY

England & Wales · Charity number 1172124

Details

Other names Lighthouse Community Church

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2017-03-17

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS, FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF FAITH IN SUCH WAYS AS THE CHARITY TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME DECIDE.

Activities: The Church's activities include weekly religious worship services, prayer meetings, Bible study groups, Sunday activities for children, supporting the 'Christian Union' at a local school for staff and pupils to learn about the Christian faith. The Church also runs a 'Book and Information' stall at a car boot sale in Burry Port to spread the Word of God. The books are second hand/donated goods.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Carmarthenshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£25,615	£30,815	-	-
2024-12-31	£16,537	£18,971	-	-
2023-12-31	£18,259	£19,638	-	-
2022-12-31	£24,436	£24,583	-	-
2021-12-31	£21,786	£19,441	-	-
2020-12-31	£17,400	£11,504	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
MALCOLM WILLIAMS	Chair	2017-03-17
Ivan Frank Stewart		2019-02-07
Patricia Kelly		2024-04-24
William George Pettiford		2022-03-21

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Legal and Administrative Information

Charity Name: Lighthouse Community Church Carmarthen Bay

Working Name: Lighthouse Community Church

Charity Number: 1172124

Charity address: 57 Pencoed Road
Burry Port
Carmarthenshire
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Trustees: Mr Malcolm P Williams (Chairman)
Mr Ivan F Stewart
Mr William G Pettiford
Miss Patricia Kelly

Leadership Team Mr Malcolm P Williams (Retired 31st March 2025)
Mrs Isis Y Williams (Retired 31st March 2025)
Mr Andrew A James
Mrs Louise James
Mrs Louise Bowley (Appointed 1st April 2025)

Bankers: Lloyds Bank plc
21 Stepney Street
Llanelli
Carmarthenshire
SA15 3YD

Report of the Trustees

For the Period 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the period 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025. The trustees who served during the period and up to the date of this report are set out on page 2.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

Objectives and Activities

The object of the charity is, for the public benefit, the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Faith (Appendix A) in such ways as the charity trustees may from time to time decide.

The charity's activities include:

- Discipling the church and the wider community.
- Serving practically in the wider community.
- Holding weekly Christian worship services.
- Prayer meetings and worship events.
- Bible study groups and house groups.
- Sunday and weekday activities for children.
- Supporting 'Christian Unions' at local educational institutions for staff and pupils to learn about the Christian faith.
- Running youth group activities.

The trustees, along with the leadership team, have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charitable aims and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Achievements and Performance

The church seeks to be a family of God in Burry Port, modelling Christian community and demonstrating God's acceptance of and committed transforming love for all people, especially the poor and the disadvantaged.

Activities that took place during the year included:

- Christian worship services held weekly in the Memorial Hall, Burry Port.
- Sunday activities held for youth and children.
- Two house groups for adults and one for youth held each week for the purposes of Bible study and mutual support.
- Two Christian Union meetings held regularly in Glan-y-Mor School, and one in Sir Gar College and Gower College in cooperation with staff.
- CU started in Bryngwyn School
- The youth attended training in evangelism.
- A summer camp was held for the youth.
- Members of the church continue to serve with Pembrey & Burry Port Community Shop.
- Completing teaching series on How Jesus Related to Different Groups of People, Old Testament Characters, and Names of Jesus.
- The teaching and worship teams continue to develop.
- The youth work continues to develop, including youth Alpha courses and joint activities with other Christian youth groups in the Carmarthenshire area.
- From September 2025 the church has employed a part-time youth and community worker.
- The church has become an affiliate member of the Apostolic Church Denomination (See note 15).
- The church has sought to strengthen relationships with other churches in the area through organizing periodic meetings of church leaders in Burry Port and Pembrey.

As a church, we have continued to work with Burry Port Council to help meet the physical and spiritual needs of the community. Examples of this are our assistance at the Pembrey & Burry Port Community Shop, litter picking, providing a Nativity Scene in the Memorial Garden and leading the outdoor carols in Burry Port and Pembrey.

Plans for Future Periods

The church is committed to a programme of development through a mixture of online and face-to-face activities. During 2026 the church will:

- Continue to hold worship services each week.
- Continue to hold Sunday activities for the children attending.
- Run at least three weekly house groups – including one for youth.
- Continue holding regular Christian Union meetings in the local high school and colleges.
- Hold a summer camp for the youth.
- Aspire to initiate other projects to bless the local area, both alone and in cooperation with other churches.
- Work with Burry Port Council in promoting such activities as are agreed.
- Support, foster and develop links with those engaged in Christian work abroad in a wide variety of contexts and locations.
- Continue to employ somebody part-time as a youth and pastoral/community worker.
- Start a men's ministry.
- Continue to recruit, develop and expand the leadership team.
- Seek to develop and expand ministries, including the teaching and youth ministries.
- Seek to develop a planning process for the following year starting in the summer.
- Seek to strengthen the structure and community of the church.
- Strengthen the church as a disciple-making body.
- Strengthen relations with other churches in the area.
- Continue to pursue a relationship with the Apostolic Church Denomination (See note 15).
- Plan and hold an AGM.

As a church charity based in Carmarthenshire we are committed to this part of Wales, but we are also keen to understand our place in God's Kingdom worldwide.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The church is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered at the Charity Commission (England and Wales) on 17th March 2017. The CIO's governing document is its 'Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation whose only voting members are its Charity Trustees' established under the Charitable Incorporated Organisation's (General) Regulations 2012.

Recruitment and Appointment of the Board of Trustees

The first trustees of the church are the subscribers to the constitution and their terms of office are set out in the governing document. Future trustees are appointed for an initial term of three years by existing trustees and must subscribe and adhere to, in belief and lifestyle, the Statement of Faith (Appendix A). Care is taken to ensure that the board of trustees has the appropriate skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

Induction and Training of Trustees

New trustees, if they do not already participate in the activities of the church, are introduced to the work of the church by the existing trustees and leadership team. Trustees are kept informed through regular internal reports (including financial reports) and are strongly encouraged to participate in the activities of the church. On appointment trustees are informed of their obligations in law as a trustee of a charity and are encouraged to acquaint themselves with the publications and guidance available from the Charity Commission.

Organisational Structure

The trustees hold at least four meetings each calendar year and oversee finances, the present work and the future development of the charity. At these meetings the trustees make full and proper regard to the Spiritual Leadership of the church provided always that they shall not act outside their powers as conferred by the constitution or by general law.

Structure, Governance and Management (Continued)

Risk Management

The trustees recognise that they have overall responsibility for ensuring that they implement an appropriate system for the management of risks, whether financial or otherwise, to which the charity may be exposed. For this reason, the trustees have charged the leadership team with the task of ensuring that internal controls and the exposure to risk is reviewed on a regular basis. Risk reviews are conducted regularly, and the trustees consider that there are no major risks to the charity's continued operations in the foreseeable future.

Financial Review

Net outgoing resources for the period amounted to £5,200 (2024: £2,434 outgoing). Total funds held at the end of the period were £29,387 (2024: £34,587) of which £200 (2024: £200) were held as restricted funds and £29,187 (2024: £34,387) were held as unrestricted funds. The trustees have also set aside £1,679 (2024: £3,729) of the unrestricted funds for designated purposes (see note 9).

Reserves Policy

The trustees consider a sum equivalent to three months expenditure to be sufficient to hold in reserve. Based on this policy a reserve of £7,704 (2024: £4,743) would be required. The current level of reserves, not including funds set aside by the trustees for designated purposes, is £27,068 (2024: £30,194).

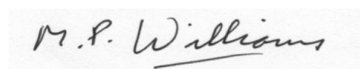
Responsibilities of the Trustees

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees on 20th May 2026 and signed on their behalf by:



Malcolm P Williams
Trustee



William G Pettiford
Trustee



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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Lighthouse Community Church Carmarthen Bay
(1172124)

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2025, which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

Signed.....  Nicola Jayne Lewis

Date... 11th May 2026.....

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Statement of Financial Activities
For the Period 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	23,469	-	23,469	15,406
Charitable Activities	3	1,990	-	1,990	1,131
Investments - Bank interest		156	-	156	-
Total income		<u>25,615</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,615</u>	<u>16,537</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	4	30,815	-	30,815	18,971
Total expenditure		<u>30,815</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,815</u>	<u>18,971</u>
Net movement in funds		(5,200)	-	(5,200)	(2,434)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		34,387	200	34,587	37,021
Total funds carried forward	9,10	<u>29,187</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>29,387</u>	<u>34,587</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year and therefore a separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been prepared.

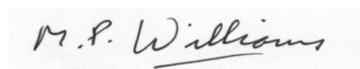
All the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

The notes on pages 10 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2025

	Notes	£	2025	£	£	2024	£
Fixed assets							
Tangible assets	6			440			464
Total fixed assets				<u>440</u>			<u>464</u>
Current assets							
Lloyds Bank			29,688			34,276	
Debtors	7		949			362	
			<u>30,637</u>			<u>34,638</u>	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	8		(1,690)			(515)	
Net current assets				<u>28,947</u>			<u>34,123</u>
Net assets	11			<u>29,387</u>			<u>34,587</u>
Represented by:							
Unrestricted funds	9			29,187			34,387
Restricted funds	10			200			200
Total funds				<u>29,387</u>			<u>34,587</u>

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on 20th May 2026 and signed on their behalf by:



Malcolm P Williams
Trustee



William G Pettiford
Trustee

Notes to the Accounts for the period 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

1. Church information

Lighthouse Community Church is a Christian church which regularly meets publicly on Sundays in The Memorial Hall, Parc-Y-Minos, Burry Port, Carmarthenshire SA16 0BN. The registered church office address is 57 Pencoed Road, Burry Port, Carmarthenshire SA16 0PN.

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 (FRS102) (effective January 2015) – (Charities SORP (FRS102)).

Lighthouse Community Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

The trustees continue to pursue strategies to increase the number of grants and donations needed to fund the work, and hence these accounts have been prepared on a Going Concern basis.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling (£) and rounded to the nearest pound.

1.2 Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Donations are accounted for gross when received. The charity utilises the services of Stewardship Services (UKET) Ltd for administering Gift-Aid receipts, who recover the tax on relevant donations and transfer the gross amount, less a small administration charge, to the charity in the form of a grant.

1.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

1.4 Fund accounting

Unrestricted general funds - these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charity's objectives, at the discretion of the trustees.

Unrestricted designated funds – these are unrestricted general funds that have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes.

Restricted funds - these are funds that can only be used for restricted purposes within the governing document of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for specific purposes.

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1.4 Pension costs

The charity does not operate its own scheme. Contributions are made to a group personal pension scheme provided by NEST. The amount charged to the Statement of Financial Activities represents the contributions payable to such schemes in respect of the accounting period and amounted to £Nil (2024: £Nil).

1.6 Fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Fixtures fittings and equipment - 20% straight line

1.5 Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in the statement of financial activities.

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
Regular giving	6,188	-	6,188	4,501
Sunday offerings	6,145	-	6,145	4,255
Ad-hoc donations	11,136	-	11,136	6,650
	<u>23,469</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,469</u>	<u>15,406</u>

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
Residential events	1,990	-	1,990	1,131
	<u>1,990</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,990</u>	<u>1,131</u>

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4 Cost of charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
Administration and governance	2,674	-	2,674	2,058
Bank charges	4	-	4	4
Equipment depreciation	331	-	331	343
Equipment purchase	237	-	237	-
Residential events	2,213	-	2,213	2,182
Hospitality	2,679	-	2,679	175
Insurance	362	-	362	362
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	242	-	242	-
Ministry	1,533	-	1,533	784
Outreach	1,040	-	1,040	1,806
Publicity	247	-	247	-
Resources	1,036	-	1,036	499
Safeguarding	245	-	245	215
Salaries	3,090	-	3,090	-
Venue costs	4,638	-	4,638	4,300
Youth work	1,807	-	1,807	-
Grants – Outreach	3,250	-	3,250	4,223
Grants – Social	3,302	-	3,302	1,875
Grants to other charities	-	-	-	145
Other costs	1,885	-	1,885	-
	30,815	-	30,815	18,971

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5 Staff numbers and cost

Employment costs

	2025	2024 £
Wages and salaries	3,090	-
Social security costs	-	-
Employer's pension contributions	-	-
	-	-

Two part-time staff were employed during the year (2024: None). No pension contributions were paid during the year (2024: £Nil).

The full-time equivalent number of staff during the year was 0.10 (2024: Nil).

No staff member was paid more than £60,000 during this accounting period.

The total employment benefits, including employer pension contributions, of the key management personnel of the charity were £640 (2024: £Nil).

No trustee received any remuneration during the year.

Malcolm Williams, a trustee, incurred charity expenses totalling £379.27 during the year (2024: £147.49) and Ivan Stewart, also a trustee, incurred charity expenses totalling £321.87 during the year (2024: £174.71). These expenses were fully reimbursed during the year.

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6 Fixed assets - Tangible

	2025	2024
	Equipment	Equipment
	£	£
Cost		
At 1 January	1,716	1,716
Additions	549	-
Disposals	(604)	-
At 31 December	<u>1,661</u>	<u>1,716</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 January	1,252	909
Charge for the year	331	343
Disposals	(362)	-
At 31 December	<u>1,221</u>	<u>1,252</u>
Net Book Value		
At 31 December	<u>440</u>	<u>464</u>

7 Debtors

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025	2024
	Funds	Funds	Total	Total
	£	£	Funds	Funds
Prepayments	362	-	362	362
Accrued income	576	-	576	-
Sundry debtors	11	-	11	-
	<u>949</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>949</u>	<u>362</u>

8 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025	2024
	Funds	Funds	Total	Total
	£	£	Funds	Funds
Trade creditors	135	-	135	-
Accruals	1,025	-	1,025	435
Sundry creditors	530	-	530	80
	<u>1,690</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,690</u>	<u>515</u>

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9 Unrestricted funds

	Balance at 31 Dec 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Dec 2025 £
General funds	30,658	25,615	(24,263)	(4,502)	27,508
Designated funds – Outreach	2,239	-	(3,250)	2,251	1,240
Designated funds – Social	1,490	-	(3,302)	2,251	439
Designated funds	3,729	-	(6,552)	4,502	1,679
	34,387	25,615	(30,815)	-	29,187

Outreach fund

A fund established to support efforts to communicate the message of Jesus Christ to those who are currently outside the Kingdom of God, in the United Kingdom and beyond.

Social fund

A fund established to support efforts to meet the practical needs of those outside the Kingdom of God, in the United Kingdom and beyond.

10 Restricted funds

	Balance at 31 Dec 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Dec 2025 £
Ukraine refugee fund	200	-	-	-	200
	200	-	-	-	200

Ukraine refugee fund

A fund established to help meet the needs of Ukrainian refugees currently in the United Kingdom, particularly those in the immediate vicinity of Burry Port and Llanelli.

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11 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Fund balances at 31 December 2025 as represented by:			
Tangible Assets	440	-	440
Current assets	30,437	200	30,637
Current liabilities	(1,690)	-	(1,690)
	<u>29,187</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>29,387</u>

12 Taxation

As a charity, Lighthouse Community Church is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

13 Related parties

Mrs Isis Y Williams was a member of the leadership team of the church and is the wife of Mr Malcolm P Williams, who was also a member of the leadership team and is still a member of the board of trustees. Care was taken to ensure that Isis did not have undue influence over the decisions made by the board of trustees. Both Malcolm and Isis retired from the leadership team on 31st March 2025 and in recognition of their substantial contribution to the establishment and subsequent development of the ministry of Lighthouse Community Church a gift was made to them of £800. Malcolm continues to serve as a member of the board of trustees.

14 Controlling parties

In the opinion of the trustees there is no single ultimate controlling party of the charity.

15 Affiliations

During the year Lighthouse Community Church became an affiliate member of the Apostolic Church Denomination, a charity registered in England and Wales number 284789, with the possibility of becoming a full member in the future. Lighthouse Community Church benefits from the advice and support of this national Christian church denomination while still operating autonomously.

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Statement of Financial Activities
For the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	15,406	-	15,406
Charitable activities	1,131	-	1,131
Total income	16,537	-	16,537
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	18,826	145	18,971
Total expenditure	18,826	145	18,971
Net movement in funds	(2,289)	(145)	(2,434)
 Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward	36,676	345	37,021
Total funds carried forward	34,387	200	34,587

Appendix A

Statement of Faith

We believe in...

1. The one true God who lives eternally in three persons—the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
2. The love, grace and sovereignty of God in creating, sustaining, ruling, redeeming and judging the world.
3. The divine inspiration and supreme authority of the Old and New Testament Scriptures, which are the written Word of God—fully trustworthy for faith and conduct.
4. The dignity of all people, made male and female in God's image to love, be holy and care for creation, yet corrupted by sin, which incurs divine wrath and judgement.
5. The incarnation of God's eternal Son, the Lord Jesus Christ—born of the virgin Mary; truly divine and truly human, yet without sin.
6. The atoning sacrifice of Christ on the cross: dying in our place, paying the price of sin and defeating evil, so reconciling us with God.
7. The bodily resurrection of Christ, the first fruits of our resurrection; his ascension to the Father, and his reign and mediation as the only Saviour of the world.
8. The justification of sinners solely by the grace of God through faith in Christ.
9. The ministry of God the Holy Spirit, who leads us to repentance, unites us with Christ through new birth, empowers our discipleship and enables our witness.
10. The Church, the body of Christ both local and universal, the priesthood of all believers—given life by the Spirit and endowed with the Spirit's gifts to worship God and proclaim the gospel, promoting justice and love.
11. The personal and visible return of Jesus Christ to fulfil the purposes of God, who will raise all people to judgement, bring eternal life to the redeemed and eternal condemnation to the lost, and establish a new heaven and new earth.

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The trustees consider a sum equivalent to three months expenditure to be sufficient to hold in reserve. Based on this policy a reserve of £4,743 (2023: £4,910) would be required. The current level of reserves, not including funds set aside by the trustees for designated purposes, is £30,194 (2023: £29,023).

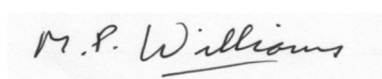
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Approved by the trustees on 15th June 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



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William G Pettiford
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	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Income from:					
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Charitable Activities	3	1,131	-	1,131	-
Total income		<u>16,537</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,537</u>	<u>18,259</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	4	18,826	145	18,971	19,638
Total expenditure		<u>18,826</u>	<u>145</u>	<u>18,971</u>	<u>19,638</u>
Net movement in funds		(2,289)	(145)	(2,434)	(1,379)
Reconciliation of funds					
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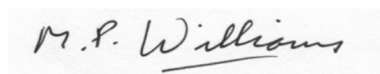
All the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

The notes on pages 8 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	6	464	807
Total fixed assets		<u>464</u>	<u>807</u>
Current assets			
Lloyds Bank current account		34,276	37,349
Debtors	7	362	81
		<u>34,638</u>	<u>37,430</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	8	(515)	(1,216)
Net current assets		<u>34,123</u>	<u>36,214</u>
Net assets	11	<u><u>34,587</u></u>	<u><u>37,021</u></u>
Represented by:			
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Restricted funds	10	200	345
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Lighthouse Community Church is a Christian church which regularly meets publicly on Sundays in The Memorial Hall, Parc-Y-Minos, Burry Port, Carmarthenshire SA16 0BN. The registered church office address is 57 Pencoed Road, Burry Port, Carmarthenshire SA16 0PN.

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 (FRS102) (effective January 2015) – (Charities SORP (FRS102)).

Lighthouse Community Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

The trustees continue to pursue strategies to increase the number of grants and donations needed to fund the work, and hence these accounts have been prepared on a Going Concern basis.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling (£) and rounded to the nearest pound.

1.2 Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Donations are accounted for gross when received. The charity utilises the services of Stewardship Services (UKET) Ltd for administering Gift-Aid receipts, who recover the tax on relevant donations and transfer the gross amount, less a small administration charge, to the charity in the form of a grant.

1.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

1.4 Fund accounting

Unrestricted general funds - these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charity's objectives, at the discretion of the trustees.

Unrestricted designated funds – these are unrestricted general funds that have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes.

Restricted funds - these are funds that can only be used for restricted purposes within the governing document of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for specific purposes.

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1.4 Pension costs

The charity does not operate its own scheme. Contributions are made to a group personal pension scheme provided by NEST. The amount charged to the Statement of Financial Activities represents the contributions payable to such schemes in respect of the accounting period and amounted to £Nil (2023: £58).

1.6 Fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Fixtures fittings and equipment - 20% straight line

1.5 Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in the statement of financial activities.

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2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Regular giving	4,501	-	4,501	5,290
Sunday offerings	4,255	-	4,255	5,927
Ad-hoc donations	6,650	-	6,650	7,042
	<u>15,406</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,406</u>	<u>18,259</u>

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Residential events	1,131	-	1,131	-
	<u>1,131</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,131</u>	<u>-</u>

4 Cost of charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Residential events	2,182	-	2,182	-
Salaries	-	-	-	4,074
Venue costs	4,300	-	4,300	3,042
Equipment depreciation	343	-	343	343
Equipment purchase	-	-	-	80
Hospitality	175	-	175	213
Administration and governance	2,058	-	2,058	1,930
Insurance	362	-	362	362
Publicity	-	-	-	30
Resources	499	-	499	243
Youth work	-	-	-	367
Outreach	1,806	-	1,806	1,419
Ministry	784	-	784	483
Safeguarding	215	-	215	170
Bank charges	4	-	4	18
Other costs	-	-	-	250
Grants – Outreach	4,223	-	4,223	2,550
Grants – Social	1,875	-	1,875	4,064
Grants to other charities	-	145	145	-
	<u>18,826</u>	<u>145</u>	<u>18,971</u>	<u>19,638</u>

Notes to the Accounts for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

5 Staff numbers and cost

Employment costs

	2024	2023 £
Wages and salaries	-	4,016
Social security costs	-	-
Employers pension contributions	-	58
	<u>-</u>	<u>4,074</u>
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No staff were employed during the year (2023: one part-time staff member was paid a total of £4,074). No pension contributions were paid during the year (2023: £58).

The full-time equivalent number of staff during the year was nil (2023: 0.16).

No staff member was paid more than £60,000 during this accounting period.

The total employment benefits, including employer pension contributions, of the key management personnel of the charity were £Nil (2023: £Nil).

No trustee received any remuneration or payment of expenses during the year.

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6 Fixed assets - Tangible

	2024	2023
	Equipment	Equipment
	£	£
Cost		
At 1 January	1,716	1,716
Additions	-	-
At 31 December	<u>1,716</u>	<u>1,716</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 January	909	566
Charge for the year	343	343
At 31 December	<u>1,252</u>	<u>909</u>
Net Book Value		
At 31 December	<u>464</u>	<u>807</u>

7 Debtors

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
	Funds	Funds	Total	Total
	£	£	Funds	Funds
Prepayments – Venue Costs	362	-	362	81
	<u>362</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>362</u>	<u>81</u>

8 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
	Funds	Funds	Total	Total
	£	£	Funds	Funds
Trade creditors – Bookkeeping	-	-	-	240
Accruals – Venue costs	-	-	-	26
Accruals – Bookkeeping	435	-	435	370
Sundry creditors	80	-	80	580
	<u>515</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>515</u>	<u>1,216</u>

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9 Unrestricted funds

	Balance at 31 Dec 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Dec 2024 £
General funds	29,830	16,537	(12,728)	(2,981)	30,658
Designated funds – Outreach	4,971	-	(4,223)	1,491	2,239
Designated funds – Social	1,875	-	(1,875)	1,490	1,490
Designated funds	6,846	-	(6,098)	2,981	3,729
	36,676	16,537	(18,826)	-	34,387

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A fund established to support efforts to communicate the message of Jesus Christ to those who are currently outside the Kingdom of God, in the United Kingdom and beyond.

Social fund

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10 Restricted funds

	Balance at 31 Dec 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Dec 2024 £
Syria fund	145	-	(145)	-	-
Ukraine refugee fund	200	-	-	-	200
	345	-	(145)	-	200

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A fund established to help meet the needs of Syrian refugees currently in the United Kingdom, particularly those in the immediate vicinity of Burry Port and Llanelli.

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Fund balances at 31 December 2024 as represented by:			
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Current assets	34,438	200	34,638
Current liabilities	(515)	-	(515)
	34,387	200	34,587

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13 Related parties

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In the opinion of the trustees there is no single ultimate controlling party of the charity.

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Expenditure on:			
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Total expenditure	<u>19,638</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,638</u>
Net movement in funds	(1,379)	-	(1,379)
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	Mr Ivan F Stewart	
	Mr William G Pettiford	
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Net outgoing resources for the period amounted to £1,379 (2022: £147 outgoing). Total funds held at the end of the period were £37,021 (2022: £38,400) of which £345 (2022: £345) were held as restricted funds and £36,676 (2022: £38,055) were held as unrestricted funds. The trustees have also set aside £6,846 (2022: £9,397) of the unrestricted funds for designated purposes (see note 8).

Reserves Policy

The trustees consider a sum equivalent to three months expenditure to be sufficient to hold in reserve. Based on this policy a reserve of £4,910 (2022: £6,073) would be required. The current level of reserves, not including funds set aside by the trustees for designated purposes, is £29,023 (2022: £27,508).

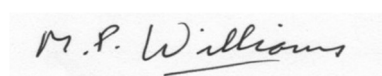
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Approved by the trustees on 26th May 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Malcolm P Williams
Trustee



William G Pettiford
Trustee

Statement of Financial Activities
For the Period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	18,259	-	18,259	24,436
Total income		<u>18,259</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,259</u>	<u>24,436</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	3	19,638	-	19,638	24,583
Total expenditure		<u>19,638</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,638</u>	<u>24,583</u>
Net movement in funds		(1,379)	-	(1,379)	(147)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		38,055	345	38,400	38,547
Total funds carried forward	8,9	<u><u>36,676</u></u>	<u><u>345</u></u>	<u><u>37,021</u></u>	<u><u>38,400</u></u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year and therefore a separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been prepared.

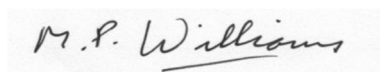
All the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

The notes on pages 8 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2023

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	5	807	1,150
Total fixed assets		<u>807</u>	<u>1,150</u>
Current assets			
Lloyds Bank current account		37,349	39,107
Debtors	6	81	-
		<u>37,430</u>	<u>39,107</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	7	(1,216)	(1,857)
Net current assets		<u>36,214</u>	<u>37,250</u>
Net assets	10	<u><u>37,021</u></u>	<u><u>38,400</u></u>
Represented by:			
Unrestricted funds	8	36,676	38,055
Restricted funds	9	345	345
Total funds		<u><u>37,021</u></u>	<u><u>38,400</u></u>

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on 26th May 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Malcolm P Williams
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Notes to the Accounts for the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

1. Church information

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1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 (FRS102) (effective January 2015) – (Charities SORP (FRS102)).

Lighthouse Community Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

The trustees continue to pursue strategies to increase the number of grants and donations needed to fund the work, and hence these accounts have been prepared on a Going Concern basis.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling (£) and rounded to the nearest pound.

1.2 Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Donations are accounted for gross when received. The charity utilises the services of Stewardship Services (UKET) Ltd for administering Gift-Aid receipts, who recover the tax on relevant donations and transfer the gross amount, less a small administration charge, to the charity in the form of a grant.

1.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

1.4 Fund accounting

Unrestricted general funds - these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charity's objectives, at the discretion of the trustees.

Unrestricted designated funds – these are unrestricted general funds that have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes.

Restricted funds - these are funds that can only be used for restricted purposes within the governing document of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for specific purposes.

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1.4 Pension costs

The charity does not operate its own scheme. Contributions are made to a group personal pension scheme provided by NEST. The amount charged to the Statement of Financial Activities represents the contributions payable to such schemes in respect of the accounting period and amounted to £58 (2022: £187).

1.6 Fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Fixtures fittings and equipment - 20% straight line

1.5 Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in the statement of financial activities.

Notes to the Accounts for the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
Regular giving	5,290	-	5,290	7,428
Sunday offerings	5,927	-	5,927	5,110
Ad-hoc donations	7,042	-	7,042	11,898
	<u>18,259</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,259</u>	<u>24,436</u>

3 Cost of charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
Salaries	4074	-	4,074	13,951
Venue costs	3,042	-	3,042	2,002
Equipment depreciation	343	-	343	342
Equipment purchase	80	-	80	151
Hospitality	213	-	213	242
Administration and governance	1,930	-	1,930	2,143
Insurance	362	-	362	362
Publicity	30	-	30	-
Resources	243	-	243	976
Youth work	367	-	367	189
Outreach	1,419	-	1,419	-
Ministry	483	-	483	659
Safeguarding	170	-	170	166
Bank charges	18	-	18	-
Other costs	250	-	250	167
Grants – Outreach	2,550	-	2,550	745
Grants – Social	4,064	-	4,064	2,198
Grants to other charities	-	-	-	290
	<u>19,638</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,638</u>	<u>24,583</u>

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4 Staff numbers and cost

Employment costs

	2023	2022 £
Wages and salaries	4,016	13,764
Social security costs	-	-
Employers pension contributions	58	187
	<u>4,074</u>	<u>13,951</u>

One part-time staff member was paid a total of £4,074 (2022: two part-time staff were paid a total of £13,951). This included employer pension contributions of £58 (2022: £187).

The full-time equivalent number of staff during the year was 0.16 (2022: 0.67).

No staff member was paid more than £60,000 during this accounting period.

The total employment benefits, including employer pension contributions, of the key management personnel of the charity were £Nil (2022: £1,283).

No trustee received any remuneration or payment of expenses during the year.

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5 Fixed assets - Tangible

	2023 Equipment £	2022 Equipment £
Cost		
At 1 January	1,716	1,112
Additions	-	604
At 31 December	<u>1,716</u>	<u>1,716</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 January	566	224
Charge for the year	343	342
At 31 December	<u>909</u>	<u>566</u>
Net Book Value		
At 31 December	<u>807</u>	<u>1,150</u>

6 Debtors

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
Prepayments – Venue Costs	81	-	81	-
	<u>81</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>-</u>

7 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
Trade creditors – Bookkeeping	240	-	240	120
Accruals – Venue costs	26	-	26	-
Accruals – Bookkeeping	370	-	370	370
Accruals – Payroll processing	-	-	-	48
Salaries outstanding	-	-	-	1,019
Sundry creditors	580	-	580	300
	<u>1,216</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,216</u>	<u>1,857</u>

Notes to the Accounts for the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

8 Unrestricted funds

	Balance at 31 Dec 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Dec 2023 £
General funds	28,658	17,744	(13,024)	(3,548)	29,830
Designated funds – Outreach	5,747	-	(2,550)	1,774	4,971
Designated funds – Social	3,650	515	(4,064)	1,774	1,875
Designated funds	9,397	515	(6,614)	3,548	6,846
	38,055	18,259	(19,638)	-	36,676

Outreach fund

A fund established to support efforts to communicate the message of Jesus Christ to those who are currently outside the Kingdom of God, in the United Kingdom and beyond.

Social fund

A fund established to support efforts to meet the practical needs of those outside the Kingdom of God, in the United Kingdom and beyond.

9 Restricted funds

	Balance at 31 Dec 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Dec 2023 £
Syria fund	145	-	-	-	145
Ukraine refugee fund	200	-	-	-	200
	345	-	-	-	345

Syria fund

A fund established to help meet the needs of Syrian refugees currently in the United Kingdom, particularly those in the immediate vicinity of Burry Port and Llanelli.

Ukraine refugee fund

A fund established to help meet the needs of Ukrainian refugees currently in the United Kingdom, particularly those in the immediate vicinity of Burry Port and Llanelli.

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10 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Fund balances at 31 December 2023 as represented by:			
Tangible Assets	807	-	807
Current assets	37,085	345	37,430
Current liabilities	(1,216)	-	(1,216)
	<u>36,676</u>	<u>345</u>	<u>37,021</u>

11 Taxation

As a charity, Lighthouse Community Church is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

12 Related parties

Mrs Isis Y Williams is a member of the leadership team of the church and is the wife of Malcolm P Williams, also a member of the leadership team and a member of the board of trustees. Care is taken to ensure that Isis does not have undue influence over the decisions made by the board of trustees.

13 Controlling parties

In the opinion of the trustees there is no single ultimate controlling party of the charity.

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Statement of Financial Activities
For the period 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	23,946	490	24,436
Total income	<u>23,946</u>	<u>490</u>	<u>24,436</u>
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	24,293	290	24,583
Total expenditure	<u>24,293</u>	<u>290</u>	<u>24,583</u>
Net movement in funds	(347)	200	(147)
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward	38,402	145	38,547
Total funds carried forward	<u><u>38,055</u></u>	<u><u>345</u></u>	<u><u>38,400</u></u>

Appendix A

Statement of Faith

We believe in...

1. The one true God who lives eternally in three persons—the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
2. The love, grace and sovereignty of God in creating, sustaining, ruling, redeeming and judging the world.
3. The divine inspiration and supreme authority of the Old and New Testament Scriptures, which are the written Word of God—fully trustworthy for faith and conduct.
4. The dignity of all people, made male and female in God's image to love, be holy and care for creation, yet corrupted by sin, which incurs divine wrath and judgement.
5. The incarnation of God's eternal Son, the Lord Jesus Christ—born of the virgin Mary; truly divine and truly human, yet without sin.
6. The atoning sacrifice of Christ on the cross: dying in our place, paying the price of sin and defeating evil, so reconciling us with God.
7. The bodily resurrection of Christ, the first fruits of our resurrection; his ascension to the Father, and his reign and mediation as the only Saviour of the world.
8. The justification of sinners solely by the grace of God through faith in Christ.
9. The ministry of God the Holy Spirit, who leads us to repentance, unites us with Christ through new birth, empowers our discipleship and enables our witness.
10. The Church, the body of Christ both local and universal, the priesthood of all believers—given life by the Spirit and endowed with the Spirit's gifts to worship God and proclaim the gospel, promoting justice and love.
11. The personal and visible return of Jesus Christ to fulfil the purposes of God, who will raise all people to judgement, bring eternal life to the redeemed and eternal condemnation to the lost, and establish a new heaven and new earth.

Accounts

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Legal and Administrative Information

Charity Name:	Lighthouse Community Church Carmarthen Bay
Working Name:	Lighthouse Community Church
Charity Number:	1172124
Charity address:	57 Pencoed Road Burry Port Carmarthenshire SA16 0PN
Trustees:	Mr Alan J Tootill Mr Ivan Stewart Mr Malcolm P Williams Mr William G Pettiford (Appointed 21 st March 2022)
Leadership Team	Mr Malcolm P Williams Mrs Isis Y Williams (Appointed 1 st May 2022) Mr Andrew A James Mrs Louise James (Appointed 1 st May 2022) Mrs Hollie Kemeny (Resigned 31 st August 2022)
Bankers:	Lloyds Bank plc 21 Stepney Street Llanelli Carmarthenshire SA15 3YD

Report of the Trustees

For the Period 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the period 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022. The trustees who served during the period and up to the date of this report are set out on page 2.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

Objectives and Activities

The object of the charity is, for the public benefit, the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Faith (Appendix A) in such ways as the charity trustees may from time to time decide.

The charity's activities include:

- Discipling the church and the wider community,
- Serving practically in the wider community,
- Holding weekly religious worship services,
- Prayer meetings,
- Bible study groups,
- Sunday activities for children,
- Supporting the 'Christian Union' at a local school for staff and pupils to learn about the Christian faith.

The trustees, along with the leadership team, have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charitable aims and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Achievements and Performance

The church seeks to be a family of God in Burry Port, modelling Christian community and demonstrating God's acceptance of and committed transforming love for all people, especially the poor and the weak. Activities that took place during the year included:

- Religious worship services held weekly in the Memorial Hall, Burry Port.
- Sunday activities held for the children, whenever there were children in attendance.
- Two house groups held each week and one fortnightly for the purposes of Bible study and mutual support.
- Christian Union meetings held regularly from the beginning of September in Glan-y-Mor School and Sir Gar College in cooperation with staff.
- Members of the church continue to serve with Pembrey & Burry Port Community Shop.
- Completing teaching series on Spiritual Disciplines, 1 Peter, Story of the Bible, Money and an Advent Series.
- We have now managed to recover some degree of community and spontaneity since COVID.
- The teaching team has begun to develop.

As a church, we have continued to work with Burry Port Council to help meet the physical and spiritual needs of the community. Examples of this are our assistance at the Pembrey & Burry Port Community Shop, providing a Nativity Scene in the Memorial Garden and leading with the outdoor carols.

Plans for Future Periods

The church is committed to a programme of development through a mixture of online and face-to-face activities. During 2023 the church will:

- Continue to hold worship services each week.
- Continue to hold Sunday activities for the children attending.
- Run at least three house groups, two weekly and one fortnightly.
- Continue holding regular Christian Union meetings in the local high school.
- Restart the after-school club in the local primary school.
- Aspire to initiate other projects to bless the local area, both alone and in cooperation with other churches.
- Work with Burry Port Council in promoting such activities as are agreed.
- Aspire to support, foster and develop links with those engaged in Christian work abroad in a wide variety of contexts and locations.
- Continue to employ somebody part-time as a youth and community worker.
- Develop and expand the leadership team.
- Develop and expand ministries, including the teaching ministry.
- Develop a planning process for the following year starting in the summer.
- Strengthen the structure and community of the church.
- Strengthen the church as a disciple-making body.
- Strengthen relations with other churches in the area.
- Explore different networks to in the area.
- Plan and hold an AGM

As a church charity based in Carmarthenshire we are committed to this part of Wales, but we are also keen to understand our place in God's Kingdom worldwide. We are careful then, not to limit our interests and support to just our local area.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The church is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), incorporated at the Charity Commission (England and Wales) on 17th March 2017. The CIO's governing document is its 'Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation whose only voting members are its Charity Trustees' established under the Charitable Incorporated Organisation's (General) Regulations 2012.

Recruitment and Appointment of the Board of Trustees

The first trustees of the church are the subscribers to the constitution and their terms of office are set out in the governing document. Future trustees are appointed for an initial term of three years by existing trustees and must subscribe and adhere to, in belief and lifestyle, the Statement of Faith (Appendix A). Care is taken to ensure that the board of trustees has the appropriate skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

Induction and Training of Trustees

New trustees, if they do not already participate in the activities of the church, are introduced to the work of the church by the existing trustees and leadership team. Trustees are kept informed through regular internal reports (including financial reports) and are strongly encouraged to participate in the activities of the church. On appointment trustees are informed of their obligations in law as a trustee of a charity and are encouraged to acquaint themselves with the publications and guidance available from the Charity Commission.

Organisational Structure

The trustees hold at least four meetings each calendar year and oversee finances, the present work and the future development of the charity. At these meetings the trustees make full and proper regard to the Spiritual Leadership of the church provided always that they shall not act outside their powers as conferred by the constitution or by general law.

Structure, Governance and Management (Continued)

Risk Management

The trustees recognise that they have overall responsibility for ensuring that they implement an appropriate system for the management of risks, whether financial or otherwise, to which the charity may be exposed. For this reason, the trustees have charged the leadership team with the task of ensuring that internal controls and the exposure to risk is reviewed on a regular basis. Risk reviews are conducted regularly, and the trustees consider that there are no major risks to the charity's continued operations in the foreseeable future.

Financial Review

Net outgoing resources for the period amounted to £147 (2021: £2,345 incoming). Total funds held at the end of the period were £38,400 (2021: £38,547) of which £345 (2021: £145) were held as restricted funds and £38,055 (2021: £38,402) were held as unrestricted funds. The trustees have also set aside £9,397 (2021: £7,483) of the unrestricted funds for designated purposes (see note 8).

Reserves Policy

The trustees consider a sum equivalent to three months expenditure to be sufficient to hold in reserve. Based on this policy a reserve of £6,073 (2021: £4,860) would be required. The current level of reserves, not including funds set aside by the trustees for designated purposes, is £27,508 (2021: £30,031).

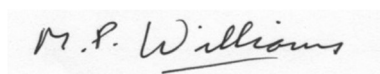
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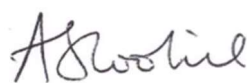
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Approved by the trustees on 7th May 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



Malcolm P Williams
Trustee



Alan J Tootill
Trustee

Statement of Financial Activities For the Period 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

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Income from:					
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Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	3	24,293	290	24,583	19,441
Total expenditure		<u>24,293</u>	<u>290</u>	<u>24,583</u>	<u>19,441</u>
Net movement in funds		(347)	200	(147)	2,345
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		38,402	145	38,547	36,202
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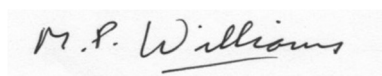
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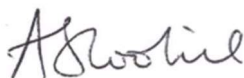
Balance Sheet at 31 December 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	5	1,150	888
Total fixed assets		<u>1,150</u>	<u>888</u>
Current assets			
Lloyds Bank current account		39,107	37,495
Debtors	6	<u>-</u>	<u>896</u>
		39,107	38,391
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>(1,857)</u>	<u>(732)</u>
Net current assets		<u>37,250</u>	<u>37,659</u>
Net assets	10	<u><u>38,400</u></u>	<u><u>38,547</u></u>
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1.4 Pension costs

The charity does not operate its own scheme. Contributions are made to a group personal pension scheme provided by NEST. The amount charged to the Statement of Financial Activities represents the contributions payable to such schemes in respect of the accounting period and amounted to £187 (2021: £Nil).

1.6 Fixed assets and depreciation

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Regular giving	7,428	-	7,428	7,975
Sunday offerings	4,910	200	5,110	2,807
Ad-hoc donations	11,608	290	11,898	9,358
HMRC Covid-19 JRS Grant	-	-	-	1,646
	<u>23,946</u>	<u>490</u>	<u>24,436</u>	<u>21,786</u>

3 Cost of charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
Salaries	13,951	-	13,951	11,844
Venue costs	2,002	-	2,002	1,450
Equipment depreciation	342	-	342	224
Equipment purchase	151	-	151	-
Hospitality	242	-	242	315
Administration and governance	2,143	-	2,143	2,178
Insurance	362	-	362	400
Publicity	-	-	-	433
Resources	976	-	976	267
Youth work	189	-	189	51
Ministry	659	-	659	721
Services & housegroups	-	-	-	120
Safeguarding	166	-	166	267
Other costs	167	-	167	70
Grants – Outreach	745	-	745	200
Grants – Social	2,198	-	2,198	901
Grants to other charities	-	290	290	-
	<u>24,293</u>	<u>290</u>	<u>24,583</u>	<u>19,441</u>

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4 Staff numbers and cost

Employment costs

	2022	2021 £
Wages and salaries	13,764	11,844
Social security costs	-	-
Employers pension contributions	187	-
	<u>13,951</u>	<u>11,844</u>

Two part-time staff were paid a total of £13,951 (2021: £11,844). This included employer pension contributions of £187 (2021: £Nil).

The full-time equivalent number of staff during the year was 0.67 (2021: 0.69).

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The total employment benefits, including employer pension contributions, of the key management personnel of the charity were £1,283 (2021: £3,294).

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5 Fixed assets - Tangible

	2022 Equipment £	2021 Equipment £
Cost		
At 1 January	1,112	-
Additions	604	1,112
At 31 December	<u>1,716</u>	<u>1,112</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 January	224	-
Charge for the year	342	224
At 31 December	<u>566</u>	<u>224</u>
Net Book Value		
At 31 December	<u>1,150</u>	<u>888</u>

6 Debtors

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £	2021 Total Funds £
Prepayments	-	-	-	362
Sundry debtors	-	-	-	534
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>896</u>

7 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £	2021 Total Funds £
Trade creditors – Bookkeeping	120	-	120	120
Accruals – Venue costs	-	-	-	50
Accruals – Bookkeeping	370	-	370	370
Accruals – Payroll processing	48	-	48	192
Salaries outstanding	1,019	-	1,019	-
Sundry creditors	300	-	300	-
	<u>1,857</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,857</u>	<u>732</u>

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8 Unrestricted funds

	Balance at 31 Dec 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Dec 2022 £
General funds	30,919	23,861	(21,350)	(4,772)	28,658
Designated funds – Outreach	4,106	-	(745)	2,386	5,747
Designated funds – Social	3,377	85	(2,198)	2,386	3,650
Designated funds	7,483	85	(2,943)	4,772	9,397
	38,402	23,946	(24,293)	-	38,055

Outreach fund

A fund established to support efforts to communicate the message of Jesus Christ to those who are currently outside the Kingdom of God, in the United Kingdom and beyond.

Social fund

A fund established to support efforts to meet the practical needs of those outside the Kingdom of God, in the United Kingdom and beyond.

9 Restricted funds

	Balance at 31 Dec 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Dec 2022 £
Syria fund	145	-	-	-	145
Ukraine refugee fund	-	490	(290)	-	200
	145	490	(290)	-	345

Syria fund

A fund established to help meet the needs of Syrian refugees currently in the United Kingdom, particularly those in the immediate vicinity of Burry Port and Llanelli.

Ukraine refugee fund

A fund established to help meet the needs of Ukrainian refugees currently in the United Kingdom, particularly those in the immediate vicinity of Burry Port and Llanelli.

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10 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Fund balances at 31 December 2022 as represented by:			
Tangible Assets	1,150	-	1,150
Current assets	38,762	345	39,107
Current liabilities	(1,857)	-	(1,857)
	<u>38,055</u>	<u>345</u>	<u>38,400</u>

11 Taxation

As a charity, Lighthouse Community Church is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

12 Related parties

In the opinion of the trustees the charity does not have any related parties.

13 Controlling parties

In the opinion of the trustees there is no single ultimate controlling party of the charity.

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**Statement of Financial Activities
For the period 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	21,786	-	21,786
Total income	<u>21,786</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,786</u>
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	19,441	-	19,441
Total expenditure	<u>19,441</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,441</u>
Net movement in funds	2,345	-	2,345
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward	36,057	145	36,202
Total funds carried forward	<u><u>38,402</u></u>	<u><u>145</u></u>	<u><u>38,547</u></u>

Appendix A

Statement of Faith

We believe in...

1. The one true God who lives eternally in three persons—the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
2. The love, grace and sovereignty of God in creating, sustaining, ruling, redeeming and judging the world.
3. The divine inspiration and supreme authority of the Old and New Testament Scriptures, which are the written Word of God—fully trustworthy for faith and conduct.
4. The dignity of all people, made male and female in God's image to love, be holy and care for creation, yet corrupted by sin, which incurs divine wrath and judgement.
5. The incarnation of God's eternal Son, the Lord Jesus Christ—born of the virgin Mary; truly divine and truly human, yet without sin.
6. The atoning sacrifice of Christ on the cross: dying in our place, paying the price of sin and defeating evil, so reconciling us with God.
7. The bodily resurrection of Christ, the first fruits of our resurrection; his ascension to the Father, and his reign and mediation as the only Saviour of the world.
8. The justification of sinners solely by the grace of God through faith in Christ.
9. The ministry of God the Holy Spirit, who leads us to repentance, unites us with Christ through new birth, empowers our discipleship and enables our witness.
10. The Church, the body of Christ both local and universal, the priesthood of all believers—given life by the Spirit and endowed with the Spirit's gifts to worship God and proclaim the gospel, promoting justice and love.
11. The personal and visible return of Jesus Christ to fulfil the purposes of God, who will raise all people to judgement, bring eternal life to the redeemed and eternal condemnation to the lost, and establish a new heaven and new earth.

Accounts

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Legal and Administrative Information

Charity Name:	Lighthouse Community Church Carmarthen Bay
Working Name:	Lighthouse Community Church
Charity Number:	1172124
Charity address:	57 Pencoed Road Burry Port Carmarthenshire SA16 0PN
Trustees:	Mr Alan J Tootill Mr Ivan Stewart Mr Malcolm P Williams Mr William G Pettiford (Appointed 21 st March 2022)
Leadership Team	Mr Malcolm P Williams Mr Andrew A James Mrs Hollie Kemeny
Bankers:	Lloyds Bank plc 21 Stepney Street Llanelli Carmarthenshire SA15 3YD

Report of the Trustees For the Period 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the period 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021. The trustees who served during the period and up to the date of this report are set out on page 2.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

Objectives and Activities

The object of the charity is, for the public benefit, the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Faith (Appendix A) in such ways as the charity trustees may from time to time decide.

The charity's activities include:

- Discipling the church and the wider community,
- Serving practically in the wider community,
- Holding weekly religious worship services,
- Prayer meetings,
- Bible study groups,
- Sunday activities for children,
- Supporting the 'Christian Union' at a local school for staff and pupils to learn about the Christian faith.

The trustees, along with the leadership team, have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charitable aims and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Achievements and Performance

The church seeks to be a family of God in Burry Port, modelling Christian community and demonstrating God's acceptance of and committed transforming love for all people, especially the poor and the weak. Activities that took place during the second half of the year included:

- Religious worship services held weekly online via Zoom, and from June 13th at the Memorial Hall, Burry Port.
- Sunday activities held for the children, whenever there were children in attendance.
- Two house groups held each week and one fortnightly for the purposes of Bible study and mutual support.
- Christian Union meetings held regularly from the beginning of September in Glan-y-Mor School and Sir Gar College in cooperation with staff.
- Serving with the CBSA Food Forward project.
- Completing a teaching series on Spiritual Disciplines, Story of the Bible, etc.

Up until June, the activities of the church were radically curtailed by COVID restrictions, but we continued our regular Sunday meetings and house groups via Zoom. We were also able to maintain some activities for children via Zoom, but these were rather sporadic. As a church, we have also sought to work with Burry Port Council to help meet the physical and spiritual needs of the community that COVID has thrown up. Two examples of this are our assistance at the Food Forward shop and putting on the Christmas Carol Service.

Plans for Future Periods

The church is committed to a programme of building back better, as the COVID restrictions are lifted, through a mixture of online and face-to-face activities. During 2022 the church will:

- Continue to hold worship services each week.
- Continue to hold Sunday activities for the children attending.
- Run at least three house groups, two weekly and one fortnightly.
- Continue holding regular Christian Union meetings in the local high school and college.
- Restart the after-school club in the local primary school.
- Seek to initiate other projects to bless the local area, both alone and in cooperation with other churches.
- Work with Burry Port Council in promoting such activities as are agreed.
- Seek to support, foster and develop links with those engaged in Christian work abroad in a wide variety of contexts and locations.
- Continue to employ somebody part-time as a youth and community worker.
- Develop and expand the leadership team.
- Develop and expand ministries, including the teaching ministry
- Develop a planning process for the following year starting in the summer.
- Strengthen the structure of the church.
- Strengthen the church as a disciple-making body.

As a church charity based in Carmarthenshire we are committed to this part of Wales, but we are also keen to understand our place in God's Kingdom worldwide. We are careful then, not to limit our interests and support to just our local area.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The church is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), incorporated at the Charity Commission (England and Wales) on 17th March 2017. The CIO's governing document is its 'Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation whose only voting members are its Charity Trustees' established under the Charitable Incorporated Organisation's (General) Regulations 2012.

Recruitment and Appointment of the Board of Trustees

The first trustees of the church are the subscribers to the constitution and their terms of office are set out in the governing document. Future trustees are appointed for an initial term of three years by existing trustees and must subscribe and adhere to, in belief and lifestyle, the Statement of Faith (Appendix A). Care is taken to ensure that the board of trustees has the appropriate skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

Induction and Training of Trustees

New trustees, if they do not already participate in the activities of the church, are introduced to the work of the church by the existing trustees and leadership team. Trustees are kept informed through regular internal reports (including financial reports) and are strongly encouraged to participate in the activities of the church. On appointment trustees are informed of their obligations in law as a trustee of a charity and are encouraged to acquaint themselves with the publications and guidance available from the Charity Commission.

Organisational Structure

The trustees hold at least four meetings each calendar year and oversee finances, the present work and the future development of the charity. At these meetings the trustees make full and proper regard to the Spiritual Leadership of the church provided always that they shall not act outside their powers as conferred by the constitution or by general law.

Structure, Governance and Management (Continued)

Risk Management

The trustees recognise that they have overall responsibility for ensuring that they implement an appropriate system for the management of risks, whether financial or otherwise, to which the charity may be exposed. For this reason, the trustees have charged the leadership team with the task of ensuring that internal controls and the exposure to risk is reviewed on a regular basis. Risk reviews are conducted regularly, and the trustees consider that there are no major risks to the charity's continued operations in the foreseeable future.

Financial Review

Net incoming resources for the period amounted to £2,345 (2020: £5,896). Total funds held at the end of the period were £38,547 (2020: £36,202) of which £145 (2020: £145) were held as restricted funds and £38,402 (2020: £36,057) were held as unrestricted funds. The trustees have also set aside £7,483 (2020: £4,556) of the unrestricted funds for designated purposes (see note 8).

Reserves Policy

The trustees consider a sum equivalent to three months expenditure to be sufficient to hold in reserve. Based on this policy a reserve of £4,860 (2020: £2,876) would be required. The current level of reserves, not including funds set aside by the trustees for designated purposes, is £30,031 (2020: £31,501).

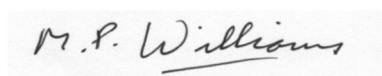
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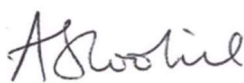
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Approved by the trustees on 2nd May 2022 and signed on their behalf by:



Malcolm P Williams
Trustee



Alan J Tootill
Trustee

Statement of Financial Activities
For the Period 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	21,786	-	21,786	17,400
Total income		<u>21,786</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,786</u>	<u>17,400</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	3	19,441	-	19,441	11,504
Total expenditure		<u>19,441</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,441</u>	<u>11,504</u>
Net movement in funds		2,345	-	2,345	5,896
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		36,057	145	36,202	30,306
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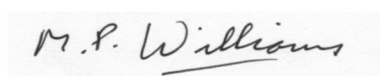
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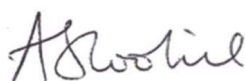
Balance Sheet at 31 December 2021

	Notes	£	2021	£	£	2020	£
Fixed assets							
Tangible assets	5			888			-
Total fixed assets				<u>888</u>		<u></u>	<u>-</u>
Current assets							
Lloyds Bank current account			37,495		37,994		
Debtors	6		896		230		
			<u>38,391</u>		<u>38,224</u>		
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	7		(732)		(2,022)		
Net current assets				<u>37,659</u>		<u>36,202</u>	
Net assets	10			<u>38,547</u>		<u>36,202</u>	
Represented by:							
Unrestricted funds	8			38,402		36,057	
Restricted funds	9			145		145	
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Regular giving	7,975	-	7,975	10,920
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Ad-hoc donations	9,358	-	9,358	4,176
HMRC Covid-19 JRS Grant	1,646	-	1,646	474
	<u>21,786</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,786</u>	<u>17,400</u>

3 Cost of charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
Salaries	11,844	-	11,844	4,159
Venue costs	1,450	-	1,450	985
Equipment Depreciation	224	-	224	-
Hospitality	315	-	315	44
Administration and governance	2,178	-	2,178	2,133
Insurance	400	-	400	444
Publicity	433	-	433	-
Resources	267	-	267	118
Youth work	51	-	51	298
Ministry	721	-	721	684
Services & housegroups	120	-	120	-
Safeguarding	267	-	267	129
Other costs	70	-	70	10
Grants – Social	901	-	901	1,250
Grants – Outreach	200	-	200	1,250
	<u>19,441</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,441</u>	<u>11,504</u>

4 Staff numbers and cost

Two part-time staff were paid a total of £11,844 (2020: £4,159). The full-time equivalent number of staff during the year was 0.69 (2020: 0.23). The total employment benefits, including employer pension contributions, of the key management personnel of the charity was £3,294 (2020: £3,479).

No staff member was paid more than £60,000 during this accounting period.

No trustee received any remuneration or payment of expenses during the year.

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5 Fixed assets - Tangible

	2021 Equipment £	2020 Equipment £
Cost		
At 1 January	-	-
Additions	1,112	-
At 31 December	<u>1,112</u>	<u>-</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 January	-	-
Charge for the year	224	-
At 31 December	<u>224</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Book Value		
At 31 December	<u>888</u>	<u>-</u>

6 Debtors

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total Funds £	2020 Total Funds £
Prepayments	362	-	362	-
HMRC Covid-19 JRS Grant	-	-	-	230
Sundry debtors	534	-	534	-
	<u>896</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>896</u>	<u>230</u>

7 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total Funds £	2020 Total Funds £
Trade Creditors – Bookkeeping	120	-	120	480
Accruals – Venue costs	50	-	50	-
Accruals – Bookkeeping	370	-	370	360
Accruals – Payroll processing	192	-	192	144
Salaries Outstanding	-	-	-	902
HMRC PAYE Tax and National Insurance	-	-	-	136
	<u>732</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>732</u>	<u>2,022</u>

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8 Unrestricted funds

	Balance at 31 Dec 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Dec 2021 £
General funds	31,501	21,786	(18,340)	(4,028)	30,919
Designated funds – Outreach	2,292	-	(200)	2,014	4,106
Designated funds – Social	2,264	-	(901)	2,014	3,377
Designated funds	4,556	-	(1,101)	4,028	7,483
	36,057	21,786	(19,441)	-	38,402

Outreach fund

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Social fund

A fund established to support efforts to meet the practical needs of those outside the Kingdom of God, in the United Kingdom and beyond.

9 Restricted funds

	Balance at 31 Dec 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Dec 2021 £
Syria fund	145	-	-	-	145
	145	-	-	-	145

Syria fund

A fund established to help meet the needs of Syrian refugees currently in the United Kingdom, particularly those in the immediate vicinity of Burry Port and Llanelli.

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10 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Fund balances at 31 December 2021 as represented by:			
Tangible Assets	888	-	888
Current assets	38246	145	38,391
Current liabilities	(732)	-	(732)
	38,402	145	38,547

11 Taxation

As a charity, Lighthouse Community Church is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

12 Related parties

In the opinion of the trustees the charity does not have any related parties.

13 Controlling parties

In the opinion of the trustees there is no single ultimate controlling party of the charity.

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Statement of Financial Activities
For the period 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2020 Total £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	17,400	-	17,400
Total income	17,400	-	17,400
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	11,504	-	11,504
Total expenditure	11,504	-	11,504
Net movement in funds	5,896	-	5,896
 Reconciliation of funds			
Funds transferred from association	30,161	145	30,306
Total funds carried forward	36,057	145	36,202

Appendix A

Statement of Faith

We believe in...

1. The one true God who lives eternally in three persons—the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
2. The love, grace and sovereignty of God in creating, sustaining, ruling, redeeming and judging the world.
3. The divine inspiration and supreme authority of the Old and New Testament Scriptures, which are the written Word of God—fully trustworthy for faith and conduct.
4. The dignity of all people, made male and female in God's image to love, be holy and care for creation, yet corrupted by sin, which incurs divine wrath and judgement.
5. The incarnation of God's eternal Son, the Lord Jesus Christ—born of the virgin Mary; truly divine and truly human, yet without sin.
6. The atoning sacrifice of Christ on the cross: dying in our place, paying the price of sin and defeating evil, so reconciling us with God.
7. The bodily resurrection of Christ, the first fruits of our resurrection; his ascension to the Father, and his reign and mediation as the only Saviour of the world.
8. The justification of sinners solely by the grace of God through faith in Christ.
9. The ministry of God the Holy Spirit, who leads us to repentance, unites us with Christ through new birth, empowers our discipleship and enables our witness.
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11. The personal and visible return of Jesus Christ to fulfil the purposes of God, who will raise all people to judgement, bring eternal life to the redeemed and eternal condemnation to the lost, and establish a new heaven and new earth.

Accounts

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Legal and Administrative Information

Charity Name:	Lighthouse Community Church Carmarthen Bay		
Working Name:	Lighthouse Community Church		
Charity Number:	1172124		
Charity address:	57 Pencoed Road Burry Port Carmarthenshire SA16 0PN		
Trustees:	Mr Alan J Tootill Mr Ivan Stewart Mr Malcolm P Williams		
Leadership Team	Mr Malcolm P Williams Mr Andrew A James Mrs Cheryl Tootill Mrs Hollie Kemeny	(Resigned October 2020) (Appointed February 2020)	
Bankers:	Lloyds Bank plc 21 Stepney Street Llanelli Carmarthenshire SA15 3YD		

Report of the Trustees

For the Period 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the period 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020. The trustees who served during the period and up to the date of this report are set out on page 2.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

Objectives and Activities

The object of the charity is, for the public benefit, the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Faith (Appendix A) in such ways as the charity Trustees may from time to time decide.

The charity's activities include:

- weekly religious worship services,
- prayer meetings,
- bible study groups,
- Sunday activities for children,
- supporting the 'Christian Union' at a local school for staff and pupils to learn about the Christian faith,
- a 'book and information' stall at a car boot sale in Burry Port to spread the Word of God. The books are second hand donated goods.

The trustees, along with the leadership team, have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charitable aims and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Achievements and Performance

The church seeks to be a family of God in Burry Port, modelling Christian community and demonstrating God's acceptance of and committed transforming love for all people, especially the poor and the weak. Activities that took place during the first quarter of the year included:

- Religious worship services were held weekly at Glan-y-Mor School, Burry Port.
- Sunday activities were held for the children, whenever there were children in attendance.
- Two house groups were held each week and one fortnightly for the purposes of Bible study and mutual support.
- Christian Union meetings have been held regularly on Mondays in Glan-y-Mor School in cooperation with one of the teachers.
- An after-school club has been held weekly in Burry Port Community Primary School.
- The church employed a part-time youth and community worker.
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From the middle of March, the activities of the church were radically curtailed by COVID restrictions. We have been able to continue our regular Sunday meetings and weekly housegroups via Zoom. We have also been able to maintain some activities for children via Zoom but these have been rather sporadic. As a church, we have also sought to work with Burry Port Council to help meet the physical and spiritual needs of the community that COVID has exposed. One example of this is producing a Christmas video on behalf of the churches of Burry Port sharing the Christmas message along with some Christmas cheer.

Plans for Future Periods

The church is committed to a programme of building back better, as and when the COVID restrictions are lifted, through a mixture of online and face-to-face activities. During 2021 the church will:

- Continue to hold worship services each week.
- Continue to hold Sunday activities for the children attending.
- Run at least three house groups, two weekly and one fortnightly.
- Restart regular Christian Union meetings in the local high school.
- Restart the after-school club in the local primary school.
- Seek to initiate other projects to bless the local area, both alone and in cooperation with other churches.
- Work with Burry Port Council in promoting such activities as are agreed.
- Continue to support, foster and develop links with those engaged in Christian work abroad in a wide variety of contexts and locations.

As a church charity based in Carmarthenshire we are committed to this part of Wales, but we are also keen to understand our place in God's Kingdom worldwide. We are careful then, not to limit our interests and support to just our local area.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The church is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), incorporated at the Charity Commission (England and Wales) on 17th March 2017. The CIO's governing document is its 'Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation whose only voting members are its Charity Trustees' established under the Charitable Incorporated Organisation's (General) Regulations 2012.

Recruitment and Appointment of the Board of Trustees

The first trustees of the church are the subscribers to the constitution and their terms of office are set out in the governing document. Future trustees are appointed for an initial term of three years by existing trustees and must subscribe and adhere to, in belief and lifestyle, the Statement of Faith (Appendix A). Care is taken to ensure that the board of trustees has the appropriate skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

Induction and Training of Trustees

New trustees, if they do not already participate in the activities of the church, are introduced to the work of the church by the existing trustees and leadership team. Trustees are kept informed through regular internal reports (including financial reports) and are strongly encouraged to participate in the activities of the church. On appointment trustees are informed of their obligations in law as a trustee of a charity and are encouraged to acquaint themselves with the publications and guidance available from the Charity Commission.

Organisational Structure

The trustees hold at least four meetings each calendar year and oversee finances, the present work and the future development of the charity. At these meetings the trustees make full and proper regard to the Spiritual Leadership of the church provided always that they shall not act outside their powers as conferred by the constitution or by general law.

Structure, Governance and Management (Continued)

Risk Management

The trustees recognise that they have overall responsibility for ensuring that they implement an appropriate system for the management of risks, whether financial or otherwise, to which the charity may be exposed. For this reason, the trustees have charged the leadership team with the task of ensuring that internal controls and the exposure to risk is reviewed on a regular basis. Risk reviews are conducted regularly, and the trustees consider that there are no major risks to the charity's continued operations in the foreseeable future.

Financial Review

Net incoming resources for the period amounted to £5,896 (2019: £3,596). Total funds held at the end of the period were £36,202 (2019: £30,306) of which £145 (2019: £145) were held as restricted funds and £36,057 (2019: £30,161) were held as unrestricted funds. The trustees have also set aside £4,556 (2019: £3,671) of the unrestricted funds for designated purposes (see note 7).

Reserves Policy

The trustees consider a sum equivalent to three months expenditure to be sufficient to hold in reserve. Based on this policy a reserve of £2,876 (2019: £3,076) would be required. The current level of reserve, not including funds set aside by the trustees for designated purposes, is £31,501 (2019: £26,490).

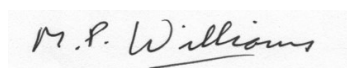
Responsibilities of the Trustees

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements the trustees are required to:

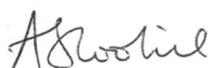
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees on 11th April 2021 and signed on their behalf by:



Malcolm P Williams
Trustee



Alan J Tootill
Trustee

Statement of Financial Activities
For the Period 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	17,400	-	17,400	15,899
Total income		<u>17,400</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,400</u>	<u>15,899</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	3	11,504	-	11,504	12,303
Total expenditure		<u>11,504</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,504</u>	<u>12,303</u>
Net movement in funds		5,896	-	5,896	3,596
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		30,161	145	30,306	26,710
Total funds carried forward	7,8	<u><u>36,057</u></u>	<u><u>145</u></u>	<u><u>36,202</u></u>	<u><u>30,306</u></u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year and therefore a separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been prepared.

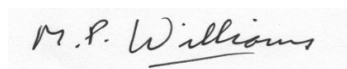
All the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

The notes on pages 8 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

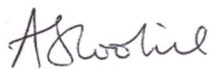
Balance Sheet at 31 December 2020

	Notes	£	2020	£	£	2019	£
Current assets							
Lloyds Bank current account			37,994			32,326	
Sundry debtors	5		230			-	
			38,224			32,326	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	6		(2,022)			(2,020)	
Net current assets				36,202			30,306
Net assets	9			36,202			30,306
Represented by:							
Unrestricted funds	7			36,057			30,161
Restricted funds	8			145			145
Total funds				36,202			30,306

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on 11th April 2021 and signed on their behalf by:



Malcolm P Williams
Trustee



Alan J Tootill
Trustee

Notes to the Accounts for the period 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

1. Church information

Lighthouse Community Church is a Christian church which has been regularly meeting publicly on Sundays in the Youth Centre, Glan-y-mor School, Heol Elfed, Burry Port, Carmarthenshire SA16 0AL, although this is currently under review due to Covid restrictions. The registered church office address is 57 Pencoed Road, Burry Port, Carmarthenshire SA16 0PN.

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 (FRS102) (effective January 2015) – (Charities SORP (FRS102)).

Lighthouse Community Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

The trustees continue to pursue strategies to increase the number of grants and donations needed to fund the work, and hence these accounts have been prepared on a Going Concern basis.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling (£) and rounded to the nearest pound.

1.2 Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Donations are accounted for gross when received. The charity utilises the services of Stewardship Services (UKET) Ltd for administering Gift-Aid receipts, who recover the tax on relevant donations and transfer the gross amount, less a small administration charge, to the charity in the form of a grant.

1.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

1.4 Fund accounting

Unrestricted general funds - these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charity's objectives, at the discretion of the trustees.

Unrestricted designated funds – these are funds that have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes.

Restricted funds - these are funds that can only be used for restricted purposes within the governing document of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for specific purposes.

1.5 Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in the statement of financial activities.

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2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
Regular giving	10,920	-	10,920	8,680
Sunday offerings	1,830	-	1,830	5,059
Ad-hoc donations	4,176	-	4,176	2,160
HMRC Covid-19 JRS Grant	474	-	474	-
	<u>17,400</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,400</u>	<u>15,899</u>

3 Cost of charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
Salaries	4,159	-	4,159	-
Venue costs	985	-	985	4,440
Hospitality	44	-	44	298
Administration and governance	2,133	-	2,133	1,822
Insurance	444	-	444	444
Resources	118	-	118	162
Youth work	298	-	298	367
Ministry	684	-	684	569
Services & housegroups	-	-	-	120
Safeguarding	129	-	129	181
Other costs	10	-	10	400
Grants – Social	1,250	-	1,250	2,000
Grants – Outreach	1,250	-	1,250	1,500
	<u>11,504</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,504</u>	<u>12,303</u>

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4 Staff numbers and cost

Two part-time staff were appointed during 2020 and were paid a total of £4,159 (2019: £Nil). The full-time equivalent number of staff during the year was 0.23 (2019: Nil). The total employment benefits, including employer pension contributions, of the key management personnel of the charity was £3,479 (2019: £Nil).

No staff member was paid more than £60,000 during this accounting period.

No trustee received any remuneration or payment of expenses during the year.

5 Debtors

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2020 Total Funds £	2019 Total Funds £
HMRC Covid-19 JRS Grant	230	-	230	-
	<u>230</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>230</u>	<u>-</u>

6 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2019 Total Funds £	2018 Total Funds £
Trade Creditors – Bookkeeping	480	-	480	120
Accruals – Venue costs	-	-	-	1,540
Accruals – Bookkeeping	360	-	360	360
Accruals – Payroll processing	144	-	144	-
Salaries Outstanding	902	-	902	-
HMRC PAYE Tax and National Insurance	136	-	136	-
	<u>2,022</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,022</u>	<u>2,020</u>

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7 Unrestricted funds

	Balance at 31 Dec 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Dec 2020 £
General funds	26,490	17,400	(9,004)	(3,385)	31,501
Designated funds – Outreach	1,849	-	(1,250)	1,693	2,292
Designated funds – Social	1,822	-	(1,250)	1,692	2,264
Designated funds	3,671	-	(2,500)	3,385	4,556
	30,161	17,400	(11,504)	-	36,057

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Mrs Cheryl Tootill is a member of the leadership team of the church and is the wife of Alan Tootill, a member of the board of trustees. Care is taken to ensure that Cheryl does not have undue influence over the decisions made by the board of trustees.

12 Controlling parties

In the opinion of the trustees there is no single ultimate controlling party of the charity.

Statement of Financial Activities
For the period 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2018 Total £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	15,899	-	15,899
Total income	15,899	-	15,899
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	12,303	-	12,303
Total expenditure	12,303	-	12,303
Net movement in funds	3,596	-	3,596
 Reconciliation of funds			
Funds transferred from association	26,565	145	26,710
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