



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From Jan 2023
Period end date

Period start date To Dec 2023

Charity name: Churches Together in All Lincolnshire

Charity registration number: 1173828

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The objects of the CIO are the advancement of the Christian religion, the relief of poverty and any other purposes which are charitable according to the law of England and Wales.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>In particular, Churches Together in Lincolnshire seeks to further these objects by :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. encouraging and enabling Churches in the county to grow together in trust and mutual acceptance through shared worship, prayer, learning, service and evangelism with each church sharing with others the treasures of its tradition;b. encouraging and stimulating throughout the county a deeper commitment to Christian unity;c. promoting and co-ordinating ecumenical strategies at all levelsd. acting as a sponsoring body for Local Ecumenical Partnerships, ensuring the provision of appropriate ongoing advice and support, equitable financial assessment and proper periodic review;e. encouraging full and early ecumenical consultation so that the churches may use resources (including buildings and the deployment of personnel) with sensitivity and in the interests of good stewardship;f. providing a meeting point for Christian leaders and representatives within the county;g. keeping the churches informed about ecumenical initiatives both inside and outside the county, liaising with the national ecumenical bodies;

		<p>and in all these ways, providing a focused Christian reference point for local government and other secular bodies with whom Churches Together in Lincolnshire will seek to work in the interests of the well-being of the people of Lincolnshire</p> <p>Examples of this are by encouraging and enabling church bodies in Lincolnshire to act together; for example : providing training course, conferences on relevant subjects, times of prayer and discussion, etc. We also act as a voice for the churches to the wider community, in particular public bodies - working with Lincolnshire County Council to promote road safety. We organise the annual Road Victims Memorial Service, Working with LCC, District Councils & other organisations such as Lincolnshire Resilience Forum to resource Critical Emergencies via the CTAL Emergency Faith Responders, and also helping with situations such as Refugee, Migrants and other situations churches can be of key support with.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees are conscious of their responsibility at all times to act in accordance with the advice issued by The Charity Commission relating to public benefit considerations.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	We are not a Grant Making organisation.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	We wish to record our thanks to all those who Volunteer their time, be it the Emergency Faith Responders, Trustee's or the many others in Churches that work with us and who have assisted Churches Together in All Lincolnshire to fulfil its work during the period covered by this report.
Other		

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Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>During 2023 Churches Together in All Lincolnshire undertook work and support in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting and resourcing Churches Together Groups, Local and Unity Networks & Initiatives. • The Cost of Living Crisis, including representation on the Local Government Task Force. • Asylum Seekers, Good Neighbours, and Churches Alliance representation. • The Lincolnshire Prayer Map. • The Ukraine, Afghan and Migrant Situations, including local church and county level representation. • Recruitment and training for the Emergency Faith Responders, and work with Lincolnshire Resilience Forum. • Pioneer, Fresh Expressions & Mission Enabler Strategy Sessions. • Road Traffic Victims Memorial Service and other county prayer and worship services. <p>For 2024 we will be continuing our work across the County, and Looking forward CTAL will:</p> <p>Continue to put on the events and do the work as listed above.</p> <p>Further resource and build up links between us and the local Churches Together or unity groups in the county so that we can better serve, resource and develop local ecumenical partnerships and those involved in them.</p> <p>Continue to support churches working in new areas, including with new housing builds, working together to develop and resource them. Encouraging ecumenical multi-church working even if by producing one friendly and helpful guide to churches and services.</p> <p>Continue to work with and represent the ecumenical working of churches to the civic and secular organisations, building engagement for local churches in communities and at county wide, or national engagements.</p> <p>Continue working with Lincolnshire Faith and Environment Group(s), Good Neighbours, or Places of Welcome Projects and looking forward to these works which can very much be ecumenical and community centred in a positive biblical way too.</p>

		<p>With our Pioneering and Fresh Expression focus and the new Lincolnshire Mission Enabler Strategy Sessions, there is work with rural and coastal communities as we face more churches closing, or areas with more dispersed ministers and the burden this may place on them - ecumenical working and partnership and a focus on resourcing hybrid or lay ministry may yet be a place we can be well placed to help guide, broker, enable and assist through a few different mediums and being placed to help where there may be a need.</p> <p>Importantly for us though, is the awareness that we are here to help you and with that in mind we would appreciate and welcome your guidance and suggestions as to what it is you would most appreciate us to focus on to really help and support your own works... and we would like to remind you that we are here at any time to help in any way we can, so please do not hesitate to make that contact with us or share our details on.</p> <p>We hope that you will feel that this summary reflects a useful contribution and that you will feel that CTAL represents good value for the county. We know that all our member-denominations have many things to do with their limited resources and we are appreciative of your kind contributions, and hope that our work helps support and bolster your own works.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	CTAL's finances continue to be in good order. All commitments were met during the year. Accounts spent were, to a high degree, close to the amounts anticipated in our Budget. Funds are held in Current and Deposit accounts.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Trustees have established a policy on our Reserves, intending that we should keep money in hand to the equivalent of nine-months' normal expenditure. This is a necessary provision for us to be able to continue our work in the event of income being less than expected or if anticipated income is delayed.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Our Reserves are presently slightly in excess of the policy level, due to the reduced expenditure but this is being corrected. Because of our reserves and noting the ongoing serious financial impact to our member denominations, the Trustees had reduced subscriptions by 25% in 2021 and held this again in 2023.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	We are very grateful indeed to our member-denominations for meeting subscriptions for 2023. Subscriptions from our member-denominations accounted for 100% of income for our General Fund, which pays for the activities described above.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The Trustees have developed a register of the major risks to which CTAL might be exposed. They consider the nature of the risk, together with its likelihood and potential impact, and develop means of mitigation as required. This policy is reviewed periodically.

		<p>Cost of Living financial constraints has exacerbated and brought to the fore a number of problems for our Denominations, churches and the community at large which may have an effect on subscriptions commitments amongst other work undertaken in partnership. Identifying these and finding ways that we as Churches Together in All Lincolnshire can assist and help to minister ecumenically into them will continue to be a priority task for 2024.</p> <p>We are optimistic that CTAL's future lies in more effective service of our member denominations.</p>
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<p>CTAL is managed by a Board of Trustees, one appointed by each of our 8 member-denominations. They are charged with the responsibility of ensuring that CTAL conducts its activities within the law, and in accord with good governance practice, and pursues the objectives as set out in the Constitution, and using its resources efficiently.</p> <p>Trustees are replaced from time to time, following the procedure of the Constitution and following safer recruitment processes.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	New Trustees on appointment are given a copy of the Constitution and latest annual accounts and gradually introduced to our significant activities. Copies of <i>The Good Trustee Guide</i> are also available as required.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the	Para 1.51	We aim to hold at least two meetings per year for CTAL Presidents, who are the denominational leaders in Lincolnshire. They meet to discuss the broader context of

charity works		<p>ecumenism in the county. Trustees seek the view of the Presidents throughout the year as necessary.</p> <p>The Trustees are responsible for setting policies and priorities for CTAL and delegate day-to-day management to the Mission Enabler as Administrator. The Trustees receive full reports from the Mission Enabler as Administrator at their quarterly meetings, and as needed at other times.</p>
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	CTAL is a member of Churches Together in England, and we benefit from the periodic publications and advice of this national body reflecting developing national experience and best-practice.
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Churches Together in All Lincolnshire
Other name the charity uses	CTAL
Registered charity number	1173828
Charity's principal address	CTAL is a member of Churches Together in England, and we benefit from the periodic publications and advice of this national body reflecting developing national experience and best-practice.

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Mrs Michelle A Arthurton			East Midland Baptist Association
2	Rt Rev.Dr. David Court			Church of England Diocese of Lincoln
3	Fr Eddy Jarsoz	Chairperson		Roman Catholic Diocese of Nottingham
4	Rev Cecil White	Treasurer	June 2023	East Midlands Synod of United Reformed Church
5	Anne Wood			Lincolnshire Area Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)
6	Rev. Jonas Eyles			Groundlevel
7	Capt Wendy Brown		Jan-June 2023	East Midlands Division of the Salvation Army
8	Rev Mark Sherman		Jan-June 2023	Lincolnshire District, the Methodist Church
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Bank	CAF Bank	25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, ME19 4JQ

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Melanie Carroll – Mission Enabler

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Canon Edward Jarosz	Rev. Cecil White
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairperson	
Date	17/09/2024	

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ALL LINCOLNSHIRE

On accounts for the year
ended

31 DECEMBER 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1173828

Set out on pages

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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 Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent
examiner's statement

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

Independent
examiner's statement

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:



Date:

18/4/2024

Name:

CRAIG THORNTON

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

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March 2012

Address:

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.



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Churches Together in All Lincolnshire

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Jan-23

To

Dec-23

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Subscriptions	11,415	-	-	11,415	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	11,415	-	-	11,415	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	20,911	-	-	20,911	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	20,911	-	-	20,911	-
Total receipts	32,326	-	-	32,326	-
A3 Payments					
Staff Cost	10,828	-	-	10,828	-
Office Costs	1,295	-	-	1,295	-
Governance and banking Costs	919	-	-	919	-
Project Costs	410	-	-	410	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	13,452	-	-	13,452	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	13,452	-	-	13,452	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	18,874	-	-	18,874	-
A5 Transfers between funds					
	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	11,332	-	-	11,332	-
Cash funds this year end	30,206	-	-	30,206	-

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Deposit account	2,226	-	-
	Current Account	27,980	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	30,206	-	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	