

LIFE DRONFIELD

England & Wales - Charity number 1176609

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2018-01-10

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

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Activities

Objects: 1. THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES OF THE PARTICIPATING DENOMINATIONS WITH THE PARISH OF DRONFIELD AND HOLMSFIELD. (A) THE CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC WORSHIP AND SACRAMENTS; (B) THE TEACHING OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH;(C) PROMOTING AND SUPPORTING THE CHRISTIAN MISSION AND EVANGELISM; (D) PASTORAL WORK (INCLUDING VISITING THE SICK AND THE BEREAVED); (E) THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES WITH A CHRISTIAN ETHOS FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY (INCLUDING, BUT NOT RESTRICTED TO, THE ELDERLY, THE YOUNG, AND OTHER GROUPS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS);2. TO PROMOTE THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE AREA OF BENEFIT WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, AGE, DISABILITY, NATIONALITY, RACE OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS, BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID INHABITANTS AND THE STATUTORY AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE-TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE SAID INHABITANTS;3. TO ESTABLISH, OR SECURE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF, A COMMUNITY CENTRE AND TO MAINTAIN AND MANAGE THE SAME (WHETHER ALONE OR IN CO-OPERATION WITH ANY STATUTORY AUTHORITY OR OTHER PERSON OR BODY) IN FURTHERANCE OF THE OBJECTS;THE CHARITY SHALL BE NON-PARTY IN POLITICS AND NON-SECTARIAN IN RELIGION. THE AREA OF BENEFIT (ÔAREA OF BENEFITÖ) SHALL BE DRONFIELD AND HOLMSFIELD AND SURROUNDING AREA.4 TO PROMOTE SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS MAY FROM TIME TO TIME BE DETERMINED

Activities: Vision: Our vision is to develop in partnership with others, inclusive and welcoming spaces for people in and around Dronfield to enjoy and use. These spaces will include facilities designed to meet the needs of? children and families, young people, the elderly and people of all ages who would like to meet and socialise.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Religious Activities, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Derbyshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£169,927	£114,663	-	-
2024-03-31	£71,844	£80,551	-	-
2023-03-31	£21,026	£64,921	-	-
2022-03-31	£49,710	£9,828	-	-
2021-03-31	£39,800	£3,196	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Richard Mattison	Chair	2024-01-01
Carmel Chaplain		2025-07-24
DAVID DALTON		2018-01-10
Dr Ross Ashley		2018-01-10
MURIEL DALTON		2018-01-10
Rev. Dr. Christopher Walton		2020-07-09
Thomas Johnson		2025-08-21

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Accounts



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Trustees' Annual Report 2024-25

Aims and Purposes

Life Dronfield CIO, Charity Number: 1176609 operates from Life Dronfield, 21-23 Church Street, Dronfield.

It is focused on opening and successfully operating a free-to-use Community Space out of its building.

Life Dronfield is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Foundation Structure) whose only voting members are its trustees

Objectives and Activities

1. The object of the CIO is to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the principles and practices of the Participating Denominations with the Parish of Dronfield and Holmesfield:-
 - (a) the celebration of public worship and sacraments;
 - (b) the teaching of the Christian faith;
 - (c) promoting and supporting the Christian mission and evangelism;
 - (d) pastoral work (including visiting the sick and the bereaved);
 - (e) the provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community (including, but not restricted to, the elderly, the young, and other groups with special needs);

2. To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the area of benefit without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, nationality, race or of political, religious or other opinions, by associating together the said inhabitants and the statutory authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants;

3. To establish, or secure the establishment of, a Community Centre and to maintain and manage the same (whether alone or in co-operation with any statutory authority or other person or body) in furtherance of the Objects;

The Charity shall be non-party in politics and non-sectarian in religion. The area of benefit (“area of benefit”) shall be Dronfield and Holmesfield and surrounding area.

4. To promote such other charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined.

During 2024-2025 Life Dronfield CIO had an income of £169,927 and an expenditure of £116,250. This leaves a surplus of £53,677 and an end of year carry forward of £144,646. This figure includes Restricted Donations with a total of £56,532.

A loan of £30,000 is repayable by 9th January 2035.

2024-25 has been a very positive year for Life Dronfield CIO. The highlights have been:

- Commencing successful monthly business networking meetings in April 2024 with over 50+ businesses attending
- Feeding over 2,500 people at Life Lunches, a weekly lunch social
- Partnering with a new church to run a weekly toddler group and a bi-weekly lunch social, both which are now thriving
- Launching a weekly play space for 0-5’s in our building
- A Time for Reflection space held over the Christmas period for those in our community
- Dronfield Hustings for North East Derbyshire local election
- ReFuel and Dad’s and Children’s monthly morning group

Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in accordance with section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011. In planning the charity’s activities for the year, and in making decisions throughout the period, the Trustees have considered how those activities contribute to the charity’s purposes and provide public benefit.

Grants Committee

Grants

We received the following grants this year:

Albert Hunt	£5,000.00	ReFuel Equipment
Marjorie Coote	£500.00	Lunches at St Philips food

ASDA	£400.00	Co-working space equipment
Ryknel	£498.42	ReFuel Costs
Benefact	£53,000.00	Phase 1 renovations
Toy Trust	£2,500.00	Play and Stay space equipment
Warm, Spaces	£1,975.00	Life Lunches Running Costs
Warm Spaces	£1,133.00	Lunch at St Philips equipment
Foundation Derbyshire	£2,500.00	Insurance and building running costs

The Community Ownership Fund of £250,000 towards Phase 1 Renovations which was promised in the previous financial year, was sadly withdrawn from us as we we're unable to complete the renovations due to bats being present in the building. This grant was never released.

Fundraising Committee

Fundraising

We attended and ran the refreshments for the Coal Aston Village Gala and made £800

We received a donation of £220 from the Townswomen's Guild

We raised £245 from our Christmas Wreath making, run in partnership with a small local business

Accelerate Athletics had a collection tin for us over the Christmas period and raised £60

Operational Committee

Ministries

Life Lunches continued to grow, with us operating 49 weeks of the year. Numbers ranged from 40-70 attendees each week. This group has developed into its own community with attendees building positive friendships and meeting up regularly outside of Life Lunches. We had numerous visitors to Life Lunches to help with sign posting to further support, including IT support from Working Wins, The Police, Fire Service, Live Life Better Derbyshire, Rykneld Homes and Derbyshire Carers.

We sent out 192 Tubs of Chocolate at Christmas to those in Dronfield and District and we sent out 136 Easter Eggs to those in Dronfield and District. These were carried out in collaboration with local community groups, supported accommodation and Nursing Homes.

Supporters, Partnerships and Collaborative Working

We continue to build relationships across our town including the NHS, Police, Rykneld Homes, Social Prescribers, Churches, other voluntary organisations and Social Care.

Marketing

We continue to send our regular newsletters, prayer letters and offering to speak at groups about Life Dronfield.

Our social media has a good following and we regularly display our activities and events on community notice boards.

Buildings Committee

Purchase

The Life Dronfield Building, 21-23 Church Street, Dronfield, Derbyshire. S18 1QB is held by The Gavin's Foundation (TGF) as custodian trustees. TGF purchased the old Parish Halls from St John's Church, Dronfield for £200,000 in June '23. The building was immediately passed to Life Dronfield to operate and run out of. A purchase option was put in place so that once all the renovations have been completed Life Dronfield has the option to purchase the Halls back from TGF at the cost of £200,000 plus interest.

The Gavins Foundation – 1169665 – The objects of TGF are to preserve and protect health and relieve financial hardship in any part of the world, or for such other charitable purposes (other than charities and charitable purposes for the benefit of animals) and for the benefit of the public, as the trustees shall in their absolute discretion think fit by making grants of money to such charities or charitable purposes.

Renovations

We continue to work with Kris Barry, Design XY as our Architect and Principal Designer. We have been working with John Cunnington of Walker Cunnington Heritage Architects to finalise all the heritage elements of the building. Communication has been poor from John Cunnington and the trustees end this year, looking at possible replacements for John

Cunnington.

Due to a bat possibly being in the building, we need to wait until May 2025 to carry out further investigations. This has meant building works have been unable to take place.

Fabric

2 external CCTV cameras were installed, following permission from planning. The Play Space was given a fresh coat of paint by some volunteers.

Financial Review

Total receipts were £169,927. Regular and one-off individual and other charity donations continue to be a major source of funding our operations. Most donations are Gift Aided and we now have buildings where the GASDS (Gift Aid Small Donation Scheme) is permitted. We had 37 individuals and 4 local churches at year end who regularly donate to Life.

The charity is actively trying to develop other funding streams including sponsorship, bidding for capital and revenue grants and the development of income generating activities based around the provision of catering services to the Dronfield community.

Deposit interest rates recovered this year. A separate deposit account has been set up to hold money to pay back our £30k Loan.

The Halls building has been occupied and the Parish Church paid a monthly fee towards the running costs of the room used as their parish Office, but we now have ongoing costs of running the whole building. Until Phase 1 of the building renovation is completed we are paying a nominal rent.

Total payments were £116,250, the major expenses being staff salaries and the associated costs of setting up and running an office, building running costs, increased advertising of the Charity, provision of new gates for the Halls and the costs of progressing the renovation plans for the Halls.

The net result for the year was a surplus of receipts over payments of £53,667, which has been taken from funds built up in previous years.

Community Operations

Monthly donations from individuals and other charities, with Gift Aid and GASDS reclaims amounted to around £21183 this year, including £4988 reclaimed from HMRC from Gift Aid and the GASDS. Fundraising events and sales brought in a further £3310. This is an increase over past years, due to increased regular donations but also the donations given under the GASDS at the Life Lunches venue.

The cost of Charitable Activities was £6087. The cost of Fundraising was £962. £972 was spent on advertising of the Charity. Governance costs of £3093 include operating insurance, membership of NCVO and website/email operation.

The Charity Manager and Charity Administrator are increasing the scope of activities we carry out. Their salaries and associated costs are covered by a grant, the first tranche received was for first year of staff costs was £42076.

Parish Hall Building Operation and Renovation Project

Building running costs were £2951, reflecting the partial use of the building for most of the year. Future running costs will increase when more activities are current and full insurance cover is provided by the landlord.

The further design, project management, survey and legal fees for the building project amounted to £33601, to get to the stage of enabling bids for the total renovation works to be obtained.

The supply of new gates using the 'Shop Front' Grant (£6,427).

A Fundraising Consultant is contracted to support bids for capital works and staff costs grants, so far costing £7134.

Restricted & Designated Funds and Loan

Restricted funds and Loan money were given in previous years for the purpose of 'enabling the purchase or lease of a suitable building', in line with the aims and objectives of the CIO.

The last of these funds has been spent on building works and surveys, studies and project management fees to enable the next phases to proceed.

This leaves three remaining Restricted funds. First is a donation of £3,063 (building up monthly) for repaying the £30,000 Loan by 1st Jan 2035. Second is £19,758 remaining for Staff Salaries and associated costs from the 'Reaching Communities' grant.

The £30,000 Loan liability is planned to be repaid by 1st Jan 2035, by 120 monthly instalments of £250. We started to receive a monthly donation of £250 in this financial year and so have been able to set up a repayment fund earlier than expected.

Reserves Policy

The Charity's policy for holding reserves was updated in Aug 2023, when activities and financial commitments had increased with the tenancy of the Halls in June and a bid for a grant to employ a Charity Manager, later extended by the employment of a Charity Administrator.

The reserves funds provide a buffer to support routine operating costs and a contingency for unforeseen circumstances. They also will build a fund to support the future increased running costs of the community spaces in Dronfield where it plans to deliver more of its

charitable and income generating activities. Designated funds support the development of Life's charitable activities and the current activities to forward the building renovation project.

Running Reserves.

3 months salaries of both Manager and Administrator	£12,000
3 months utilities costs for the Halls	£ 1,000
3 months expenses of current community ministries	£ 1,950
3 months income for Loan Repayment Fund	£ 750
10% of annual regular supporter donations	£ 1,500

Project Reserves

Building Renovations are covered by the newly created Fund mentioned in the previous section on Designated Funds.

Further Community Charitable Activities are covered by the newly created fund mentioned in the previous section on Designated Funds.

Conservation Reserves

Currently none are held.

Unforeseen Events Reserves

Currently none are held.

Accounts Examination

The accounts are subject to an Independent Examination this year as our annual income exceeds £25,000 making an Independent Examination of the accounts a legal requirement.

Trustee and Core Team members who have served from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025 are:

Trustees

Dr. Ross Ashley	
Rev Dr. Chris Walton	Secretary
Mr. David Dalton	Vice-Chair
Mrs. Muriel Dalton	
Mr. Richard Mattison	Chair
Mr. Thomas Johnson	
Mrs. Carmel Chaplain	

Core Team

Mr Barry Jex

Mr Andrew Evers (Charity Manager)

Mrs. Sheelagh Webster

Mr Chris Turk

Mrs Anna Rattigan (Charity Administrator)

Approved by Trustees on*14th Oct. 2025*.....and signed on their behalf by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Mattison', written over a horizontal line.

Mr Richard Mattison (Chairperson).



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Life Dronfield

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 March 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1176609

Set out on pages

1 and 2

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

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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

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

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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

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

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

Signed:

T Havenhand

Date:

17/10/2025

Name:

Tina Havenhand

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

FCCA

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Sheffield

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Section B

Disclosure

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

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

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Life Dronfield	No (if any) 1176609
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Receipts and payments accounts


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For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2024	To	Period end date 31/03/2025
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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					
Voluntary Receipts	32,512	128,164	-	160,676	67,964
Activities for Generating Funds	3,310	-	-	3,310	2,039
Investment Dividends/Interest	1,189	133	-	1,322	731
Receipts from Charitable Activities	4,049	-	-	4,049	1,083
Other Receipts	570	-	-	570	27
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	41,630	128,297	-	169,927	71,844
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	41,630	128,297	-	169,927	71,844
A3 Payments					
Cost of Charitable Activities	15,016	53,739	-	68,755	26,197
Fundraising Costs (Trading and Events)	962	-	-	962	714
Generating Voluntary Receipts (Donations & Grants)	1,961	-	-	1,961	11,110
Governance Costs	118	-	-	118	871
Cost of Charitable Activities: Buildings and Renovations	100	42,767	-	42,867	41,659
Investment Management Accounts	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	18,157	96,506	-	114,663	80,551
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	1,587	-	-	1,587	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,587	-	-	1,587	-
Total payments	19,744	96,506	-	116,250	80,551
Net of receipts/(payments)	21,886	31,791	-	53,677	- 8,707
A5 Transfers between funds	- 1,500	1,500	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	67,728	23,241	-	90,969	99,676
Cash funds this year end	88,114	56,532	-	144,646	90,969

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	Community Direct Plus Current Account	72,751	49,211	-
	Deposit Account	15,263	-	-
	ShawBrook Bank Account		7,321	-
	Petty Cash	100	-	-
	Total cash funds		88,114	56,532
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	-	-	-
	Office Equipment	Unrestricted	1,037	1,037
	Computer Equipment	Unrestricted	550	550
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	-	-	-
	Interest free Loan	Restricted	30,000	09 January 2035
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		RICHARD MATTISON	16.10.25	

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A loan of £30,000 is repayable by 9th January 2035.

2023-24 has been a very positive year for Life Dronfield CIO. The highlights have been:

- Taking over the running of 21-23 Church Street, Dronfield.
- Obtaining funding of £190,593 from The National Lottery Community Fund to employ staff
- Employing Andy Evers as the full time Charity Manager
- Employing Anna Rattigan as the part time Charity Administrator
- Andy Evers stepping down as chair of trustees and this role being taken up by Richard Mattison
- Obtaining a Community Ownership Fund of £250,000 towards the Phase 1 building renovations.

Grants Committee

Grants

We received the following grants this year:

National Lottery Reaching Communities Fund	£190,593	Staff Costs
Community Ownership Fund	£250,000	Phase 1 Renovations

Polly Kirk took over the leading of our grants team and works closely with FCS Associates who identify, apply and obtain grants for Life Dronfield.

Fundraising Committee

Fundraising

We attended and ran the refreshments for the Coal Aston Village Gala and made £502.
We received £1,000 in donation from The Ladies Voices choir after their winter concert.

Operational Committee

Ministries

Life Lunches continued to grow this year, with us operating 50 weeks of the year. Numbers ranged from 40-60 attendees each week. This group has developed into its own community with attendees building positive friendships and meeting up regularly outside of Life Lunches. We had numerous visitors to Life Lunches to help with sign posting to further support, including The Police, Fire Service, Derbyshire Health, Rykneld Homes and Northern Power grid.

We sent out 150 Tubs of Chocolate at Christmas to those in Dronfield and District and we sent out 370 Easter Eggs to those in Dronfield and District. These were carried out in collaboration with the local community groups and Nursing Homes.

Supporters, Partnerships and Collaborative Working

We continue to build relationships across our town including the NHS, Police, Rykneld Homes, Social Prescribers, Churches and Social Care.

Marketing

We continue to send our regular emails, monthly prayer letters and offering to speak at groups about Life Dronfield.

Buildings Committee

Purchase

The Gavin's Foundation (TGF) purchased the old Parish Halls from St John's Church, Dronfield for £200,000 in June '23. The building was immediately passed to Life Dronfield to operate and run out of. A purchase option was put in place so that once all the renovations have been completed Life Dronfield to purchase the Halls back from TGF at the cost of £200,000 plus interest.

Renovations

We continue to work with Kris Barry, Design XY as our Architect and Principal Designer. We carried out a rigorous tender process with the following three contractors. Futures Build, Briddons and Creative Build. Trustees agreed to move forward with Creative Build for the full renovations.

We are working with specialist consultants for the structural work, Heritage Work and heating and lighting work to ensure our building is as thermos efficient as possible.

We end this year with the news of £250,000 of COF funding. This means we will need to swiftly move forward with the preliminary works and instruct Creative to commence the works in the Summer of 2024.

Fabric

New gates were hung to the front of the building, offering further security to the site. We have applied for planning permission to install 2 CCTV cameras to the side of the site. The stage inside the main Hall has been removed as well as the overhanging trees outside.

Financial Review

Total receipts were £71,844. Regular and one-off individual and other charity donations continue to be a major source of funding our operations. Most donations are Gift Aided and we now have buildings where the GASDS (Gift Aid Small Donation Scheme) is permitted. We had 39 individuals and 4 local churches at year end who regularly donate to Life.

Fund raising took place at the Coal Aston Village Gala and The Ladies Voices Choir.

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The Halls building has been occupied and the Parish Church paid a monthly fee towards the running costs of the room used as their parish Office, but we now have ongoing costs of running the whole building. Until Phase 1 of the building renovation is completed we are paying a nominal rent.

Two staff are now employed under 3 year contracts with the costs covered by a NL Reaching Communities grant obtained in December 2023.

Total payments were £80,551, the major expenses being staff salaries and the associated costs of setting up and running an office, building running costs, increased advertising of the Charity, provision of new gates for the Halls and the costs of progressing the renovation plans for the Halls.

The net result for the year was a deficit of receipt over payments of £-8,707, which has been taken from funds built up in previous years.

Community Operations

Monthly donations from individuals and other charities, with Gift Aid and GASDS reclaims

amounted to around £27,000 this year, including £3,260 reclaimed from HMRC from Gift Aid and the GASDS. Fundraising events and sales brought in a further £2,040. This is an increase over past years, due to increased regular donations but also the donations given under the GASDS at the Life Lunches venue. In addition a substantial donation of £2,500 was received from a member of the public in March 2024.

The cost of Charitable Activities was £4,172. The cost of Fundraising was £714.

The running costs of the building were £3,140 and £3,600 was spent on advertising of the Charity. Governance costs of £870 include operating insurance, membership of NCVO and website/email operation.

The new Charity Manager and Charity Administrator are increasing the scope of activities we carry out. Their salaries and associated costs are covered by a grant, the first tranche received was for first 6 months of staff costs was £34,638.

Parish Hall Building Operation and Renovation Project

Building running costs were £3,141, reflecting the partial use of the building for most of the year. Future running costs will increase when more activities are current and full insurance cover is provided by the landlord.

The further design, project management, survey and legal fees for the building project amounted to £31,427, to get to the stage of enabling bids for the total renovation works to be obtained.

£10,232 was spent on completing Phase 0 together with supply of new gates using the 'Shop Front' Grant (£6,427).

A Fundraising Consultant is contracted to support bids for capital works and staff costs grants, so far costing £7,410.

Restricted & Designated Funds and Loan

Restricted funds and Loan money were given in previous years for the purpose of 'enabling the purchase or lease of a suitable building', in line with the aims and objectives of the CIO.

The last of these funds has been spent on Phase 0 building works and surveys, studies and project management fees to enable the next phases to proceed.

This leaves three remaining Restricted funds. First is a donation of £3,063 (building up monthly) for repaying the £30,000 Loan by 1st Jan 2035. Second is £19,758 remaining for Staff Salaries and associated costs from the first tranche of the 'Reaching Communities' grant. Third is the retention money of £420 for the 'Shop Front' grant to install new gates.

Funds have been Designated to cover some major costs of operating the building – namely installation of security cameras and annual insurance cover premium. Also, funds have been designated to cover the expected costs of Heritage and Conservation Consultants’ fees and a further 6 months of the specialist firm assisting in Capital Grant applications.

A fund of £10,000 has been designated for Charitable Activity expenditure to cover the costs of new ventures. Lastly, a new Building Fund has been established for costs of further consultants’ fees, pre-construction work and building costs, which at year end this stood at £26,830.

The £30,000 Loan liability is planned to be repaid by 1st Jan 2035, by 120 monthly instalments of £250. We started to receive a monthly donation of £250 in this financial year and so have been able to set up a repayment fund earlier than expected.

Reserves Policy

The Charity's policy for holding reserves was updated in Aug 2023, when activities and financial commitments had increased with the tenancy of the Halls in June and a bid for a grant to employ a Charity Manager, later extended by the employment of a Charity Administrator.

The reserves funds provide a buffer to support routine operating costs and a contingency for unforeseen circumstances. They also will build a fund to support the future increased running costs of the community spaces in Dronfield where it plans to deliver more of its charitable and income generating activities. Designated funds support the development of Life’s charitable activities and the current activities to forward the building renovation project.

Running Reserves.

3 months salaries of both Manager and Administrator	£12,000
3 months utilities costs for the Halls	£ 1,000
3 months expenses of current community ministries	£ 1,950
3 months income for Loan Repayment Fund	£ 750
10% of annual regular supporter donations	£ 1,500

Project Reserves

Building Renovations are covered by the newly created Fund mentioned in the previous section on Designated Funds.

Further Community Charitable Activities are covered by the newly created fund mentioned in the previous section on Designated Funds.

Conservation Reserves

Currently none are held.

Unforeseen Events Reserves

Currently none are held.

Accounts Examination

The accounts are subject to an Independent Examination this year as our annual income exceeds £25,000 making an Independent Examination of the accounts a legal requirement.

Administrative Information

Life Dronfield has used Dronfield Baptist Church, Stubley Lane, Dronfield as its main address as well as its postal address. This will change when the charity opens its own building.

Trustee and Core Team members who have served from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024 are:

Trustees

Dr. Ross Ashley	
Rev Dr. Chris Walton	Secretary
Mr. David Dalton	Vice-Chair
Mrs. Muriel Dalton	
Mr. Andrew Evers	Chair until Jan '24
Mr Richard Mattison	Chair from Jan '24
Mr Richard Moore-Coulson	Treasurer

Core Team

Mr Barry Jex
Mrs. Sheelagh Webster
Mr Chris Turk
Mrs Polly Kirk
Mrs Anna Rattigan



Approved by Trustees on 17/10/24 and signed on their behalf by Mr Richard Mattison (Chairperson).



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Life Dronfield	No (if any) 1176609
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 1st April 2023	To	Period end date 31st March 2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted to the nearest £	Restricted to the nearest £	Endowment to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Voluntary Receipts	24,016	43,948	0	67,964	18,235
Activities for Generating Funds	2,039	0	0	2,039	698
Investment Dividends / Interest	731	0	0	731	93
Receipts from Charitable Activities	1,083	0	0	1,083	0
Other Receipts	26	0	0	26	2,000
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	27,896	43,948	0	71,844	21,026
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see					
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	0	0	0	0	0
Total receipts	27,896	43,948	0	71,844	21,026
A3 Payments					
Cost of Charitable Activities	10,618	15,579	0	26,197	3,512
Fundraising Costs (Trading & Events)	714	0	0	714	231
Generating Voluntary Receipts (Donations & Grants)	11,110	0	0	11,110	3,675
Governance Costs	871	0	0	871	202
Cost of Charitable Activities : Buildings Renovations	10,832	30,827	0	41,659	57,301
Investment Management Costs	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	34,145	46,406	0	80,551	64,921
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see					
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	0	0	0	0	0
Total payments	34,145	46,406	0	80,551	64,921
Net of receipts/(payments)	-6,249	-2,458	0	-8,707	-43,895
A5 Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0
A6 Cash funds last year end	73,977	25,699	0	99,676	143,571
Cash funds this year end	67,728	23,241	0	90,969.00	99,676

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at Bank (Current & Instant Access)	67,628	20,179	0
	Cash in Hand & £10 Coop Vouchers	100	0	0
	Loan Repayment Fund	0	3,062	0
	Total cash funds	67,728	23,241	0
	<small>(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))</small>	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		0	0	0
		0	0	0
		0	0	0
		0	0	0
		0	0	0
		0	0	0

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0

Categories	Details	Fund to which	Amount due	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Interest free loan	Unrestricted	30,000	09 January 2035
			0	
			0	
			0	
			0	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>R. Moore-Coulson</i>	R.H. Moore-Coulson	18th September 2024



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Life Dronfield

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st March 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1176609

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 03 / 2024**.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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

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

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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

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

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

Signed: *John Plant*

Date: 19/09/2024

Name: John Plant

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

Member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA)

Address:

8 Hawkshead Avenue

Dronfield S18 8NB

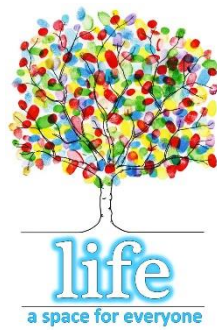
Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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

LIFE DRONFIELD

England & Wales - Charity number 1176609

Accounts



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Charity Number: 1176609

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Trustees' Annual Report 2022-23

Aims and Purposes

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Objectives and Activities

1. The object of the CIO is to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the principles and practices of the Participating Denominations with the Parish of Dronfield and Holmesfield:-
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 - (c) promoting and supporting the Christian mission and evangelism;
 - (d) pastoral work (including visiting the sick and the bereaved);
 - (e) the provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community (including, but not restricted to, the elderly, the young, and other groups with special needs);

2. To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the area of benefit without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, nationality, race or of political, religious or other opinions, by associating together the said inhabitants and the statutory authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants;

3. To establish, or secure the establishment of, a Community Centre and to maintain and manage the same (whether alone or in co-operation with any statutory authority or other person or body) in furtherance of the Objects;

The Charity shall be non-party in politics and non-sectarian in religion. The area of benefit ("area of benefit") shall be Dronfield and Holmesfield and surrounding area.

4. To promote such other charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined.

During 2022-2023 Life Dronfield CIO had an income of £21,026 and an expenditure of £64,921. This leaves a deficit of £-43,895 and an end of year carry forward of £99,676. This figure includes a Restricted Donation of £25,000 towards Phase 1 renovation costs.

The Loan of £30,000 is repayable by 9th January 2035.

2022-23 has been a very positive year for Life Dronfield CIO. The highlights have been:

- Commencing Life Lunches at Holy Spirit Church, Dronfield
- Meeting North East Derbyshire Planning Permission deadline for the commencement of works on the Parish Halls.
- Having contractors on site to replace the Rear Toilet and Kitchen block roof.
- Having two days of clearing the Parish Halls of clutter and cleaning them with over 40 people from the community coming together to achieve this.

Grants Committee

Grants

We received a Warm Spaces grant from North East District Council for £1,000 and from the Co-operative Community Fund a grant for £1,000. These were, and continue to be, spent on Life Lunches venture. We continue to work with FCS Associates who identify, apply and obtain grants for Life Dronfield.

Fundraising Committee

Fundraising

We attended and ran the refreshments for the Coal Aston Village Gala and made £387. We received £1,685 in donations from The Ladies Voices choir after their winter concert and the local Scout group.

Operational Committee

Ministries

In November having formed a positive relationship with Holy Spirit Church, Dronfield we began Life Lunches, a free lunch club and warm space. We serve refreshments including cakes, soup and bread. We have included a space for toddlers to play. This has been a huge success with numbers growing week on week and often with 30+ people attending.

We sent out 120 Tubs of Chocolate at Christmas to those in Dronfield and District and we sent out 80 Easter Eggs to those in Dronfield and District. These were both carried out in collaboration with the District Nursing Team.

Supporters, Partnerships and Collaborative Working

We continue to build relationships across our town including the NHS, Police, Rykneld Homes, Social Prescribers, Churches and Social Care.

Customer Focus

We carried out a Community Needs Questionnaire which had replies from 477 people across Dronfield and District. The replies were overly positive and shows a clear case that what Life Dronfield is offering, is needed by the community.

Marketing

We continue to send our regular emails, monthly prayer letters and offering to speak at groups about Life Dronfield.

Buildings Committee

Purchase

We have spent this year working alongside The Gavin's Foundation (TGF) who will purchase the Halls from St John's Church, Dronfield for £200,000. Life Dronfield will then lease the Halls back from TGF at a reduced price. Once all the renovations have taken place, there will be a purchase option available for Life Dronfield to purchase the Halls back from TGF at the cost of £200,000 plus interest.

We end the year with the purchase between St John's and TGF very close to being signed and an expectation that the lease and purchase option between TGF and Life Dronfield to be signed and completed in a matter of weeks.

Renovations

We continue to work with Kris Barry, Design XY as our Architect and Principle Designer. We are in the process of producing a tender package to go out to the following three contractors. Futures Build, Breddons and Creative Build. We are working with specialist consultants for the structural work, Heritage Work and heating and lighting work to ensure our building is as thermos efficient as possible.

In January we had Futures build commence work on removing and replacing the rear toilet and kitchen block roof. We obtained 3 quotes and Futures Build were the cheapest. Whilst the roof was being removed, we recognised that removing the internal walls and repointing the gable end to the main hall would be financially advantageous to do with the roof removed than completing further down the line. Therefore, we had those tasks completed as well.

Fabric

We had two community clear up days, where we filled 2 Roro Skips with clutter from the Halls. This has allowed us to have easy access to all parts of the building and highlight areas of the building which require further attention than we had previously thought of.

We are seeking three quotes for replacement gates to be built and hung at the Halls. This is a planning requirement.

Financial Review

Total receipts were £21,026. Regular and one-off individual and other charity donations were £16,522, including £2,433 reclaimed from HMRC as Gift Aid. We had 39 individual and 4 local churches who donated regularly to Life. Fund raising took place at the Coal Aston Village Gala, The Ladies Voices Choir and events run by the local Scouts group.

Total payments were £64,921, the major expenses being Phase 0 of the Parish Halls Renovation and, separately, the further design, project management, survey and legal fees for the building project.

The net result for the year was a deficit of receipt over payments of £-43,895, which has been taken from funds built up in previous years for the purpose of leasing of buying and then renovating a suitable building.

Community Operations

Monthly donations from individuals and other charities continues to be our source of regular income, which with Gift Aid reclaimed amounted to around £16,500 this year. Fundraising events and sales brought in a further £2,370. Two grants were received to support the new Life Lunches venture, one from The Co-operative Society and the other from Derbyshire County Council under their 'Warm Spaces' initiative which followed the energy price crisis arising from the Russian invasion of Ukraine. So, total income was around £21,000, which is in line with the previous two years 'normal' income. In the previous 2 years we had received specific donations relating to the planned occupancy of the Parish Halls building, which had inflated our yearly income figures by £25,000 and £20,000 respectively.

Operations Funds were spent this year to set up the new Life lunches venture with kitchen and children's area equipment, as well the continuing Christmas and Easter gift events within the Dronfield area community. Insurance cover has been maintained to cover Life Dronfield for the current level of operations, but the consultancy services of 'Stewardship' has been cancelled with the intention of changing to the NCVO as soon as our operations increase and we need additional advice.

Parish Halls Building

In order to comply with Planning Permission time limit, Trustees authorised the early expenditure of funds to repair the roof and walls structure to the rear of the Halls building. This amounted to £29,500 and has been designated Phase 0 building works.

Further design and survey work was carried out to be in the position to go for tender bids as soon as the Sale and Lease contracts were completed. This amounted to a further £27,800. The Trustees also approved the contracting of a specialist company, FCS Associates, to assist in obtaining Grants associated with the costs of renovating and staffing the Parish Halls project.

A solicitor has been engaged to deal with the legal issues of a lease for the Halls.

Restricted & Designated Funds and Loan

Some Restricted funds and Loan money associated with 'enabling the purchase or lease of a suitable building', in line with the aims and objectives of the CIO have been spent on Phase 0 building works.

This leaves a restricted donation of £25,000 for the Phase 1 building renovation works. In the designated funds is the 2.5% retention money for the completed Phase 0 works, which monies are due to be released in September 2023. There are also restricted funds from the Life Lunches grants which was unspent at the end of our financial year on 31st March 2023.

The £30,000 Loan liability is planned to be repaid by 1st Jan 2035, by 120 monthly instalments of £250 starting on 1st Jan 2025 – this amount being covered by current monthly donations of over £1,200.

Reserves Policy

The Charity's policy for holding reserves is to support the development of its charitable activities, to provide a contingency for unforeseen circumstances and to build a fund to support the future running costs of the community spaces in Dronfield where it plans to deliver its charitable and income generating activities. The charity is actively trying to develop other funding streams including sponsorship, bidding for capital and revenue grants and the development of income generating activities based around the provision of catering services to the Dronfield community.

For year 2022-2023, some of the reserve funds were required for Renovation Works, and the current operational activities and administrative or running costs were easily covered by donations from regular supporters.

Accounts Examination

The trustees have agreed to have the accounts subjected to an Independent Examination, although the income falls below the level where this is a requirement.

Administrative Information

Life Dronfield has used Dronfield Baptist Church, Stubble Lane, Dronfield as its main address as well as its postal address. This will change when the charity opens its own building.

Trustee and Core Team members who have served from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023 are:

Trustees

Dr. Ross Ashley	
Rev Dr. Chris Walton	Secretary
Mr. David Dalton	Vice Chair
Mrs. Muriel Dalton	
Mr. Andrew Evers	Chair
Mr Richard Moore-Coulson	Treasurer

Core Team

Mr Barry Jex
Mrs. Sheelagh Webster
Mr Chris Turk
Mr Richard Mattison
Mrs Polly Kirk

Approved by Trustees on 25/08/2023 and signed on their behalf by Mr Andrew Evers (Chairperson).



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Life Dronfield

No (if any)
1176609

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from 1st April 2022 To 31st March 2023

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					
Voluntary Receipts	18,235	0	0	18,235	43,179
Activities for Generating Funds	698	0	0	698	3,458
Investment Dividends / interest	93	0	0	93	22
Receipts from Charitable Activities	0	0	0	0	0
Other Receipts	0	2,000	0	2,000	3,051
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	19,026	2,000	0	21,026	49,710
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	0	0	0	0	0
Total receipts	19,026	2,000	0	21,026	49,710
A3 Payments					
Cost of Charitable Activities	2,211	1,301	0	3,512	845
Fundraising Costs (Trading & Events)	231	0	0	231	930
Generating Voluntary Receipts (Donations & Grants)	3,675	0	0	3,675	804
Governance Costs	202	0	0	202	804
Operations Building Costs	36,676	20,625	0	57,301	6,445
Investment Management Costs	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	42,995	21,926	0	64,921	9,828
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	0	0	0	0	0
Total payments	42,995	21,926	0	64,921	9,828
Net of receipts/(payments)	-23,969	-19,926	0	-43,895	39,882
A5 Transfers between funds			0	0	0
A6 Cash funds last year end	97,946	45,625	0	143,571	103,689
Cash funds this year end	73,977	25,699	0	99,676	143,571

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	Cash at Bank (Current & Instant Access)	73,924	25,179	0
	Cash in Hand & £10 Coop Vouchers	53	520	0
		0	0	0
	Total cash funds	73,977	25,699	0
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	£10 Co-operative Food Vouchers	0	0	0
		0	0	0
		0	0	0
		0	0	0
		0	0	0
		0	0	0

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Interest free loan	Unrestricted	30,000	09 January 2035
			0	
			0	
			0	
			0	

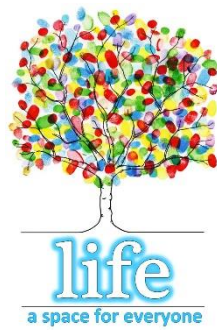
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>R. Moore-Coulson</i>	R.H.Moore-Coulson	13/10/2023

LIFE DRONFIELD

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The Charity shall be non-party in politics and non-sectarian in religion. The area of benefit ("area of benefit") shall be Dronfield and Holmsfield and surrounding area.

4. To promote such other charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined.

During 2021-2022 Life Dronfield CIO had an income of £49,710 and an expenditure of £9,828. This leaves an in year surplus of £ 39,882 and an end of year carry forward of £143,571. This figure includes a loan of £30,000 repayable by 9th January 2035.

2021-22 has been a very positive year for Life Dronfield CIO. The highlights have been:

- Meeting Matthew Gavins and his commitment to support Life Dronfield through his charity, The Gavins Foundation. This year he Gavins Foundation gave a grant for £25,000 to Life Dronfield.
- Matthew Gavins and The Gavins Foundation have offered to purchase the Halls and to then permit Life Dronfield to operate from the building.
- At the start of 2021 Life expected to lease the Hall and accordingly drew up a Lease Agreement with the Parish Church and shared this with Derby Diocese as well as through a number of public presentations.
- In January 2022 following meetings with representatives of St John's Church, Dronfield and Derby Diocese, it was made clear that it would be advantageous for both Life Dronfield and St John's Church, Dronfield to scrap the proposed lease and revert back to a purchase option, with The Gavins Foundation purchasing the Halls, for Life Dronfield to carry out its ministry.

Resource Committee

Business and Finance

We have set up and maintained appropriate accounting systems, banking arrangements and budget monitoring and reporting systems. A major review and updating of Finance Policy and Procedures is underway. We continued to use Stewardship for consultancy services. A Charity Combined Insurance Policy for Employer's and Public and Product Liabilities was taken out during this year, and included Legal Expenses and Executive Risks cover. The scope of insurance will be extended as buildings and public ministries needs develop.

Grants Committee

Grants

We received a grant from The Gavins Foundation for £25,000 toward Phase 1 renovations of the Halls. Contact has been made with FCS Associates who will support Life Dronfield to identify, apply and obtain grants for the building work once the Halls are purchased

Fundraising Committee

Fundraising

We attended and raised money at the Dronfield Christmas Fest and were able to promote and raise awareness of the charity. We had 2 people take part in a 100km sponsored walk and we sold over 200 Peak District calendars.

Operational Committee

Ministries

We sent out 180 Christmas Care Packages to those in Dronfield and District and we sent out 120 Easter Eggs to those in Dronfield and District. These were both carried out in collaboration with the District Nursing Team.

Supporters, Partnerships and Collaborative Working

We continued to build relationships with Churches across Dronfield and District. We built a relationship with The Gavins Foundation and began to explore further how they could support Life Dronfield with the purchase of the Church Halls. We carried out a round of presentations across Dronfield and District to promote the charity and look to gain more team members.

Customer Focus

We carried out a number of presentations across Dronfield to explain how we were now planning to lease the Halls from St John's.

Marketing

We ran a stall at the Dronfield Market on 3 occasions to promote the charity and encourage people to join our teams

Buildings Committee

Purchase

At the start of 2021 Life expected to lease the Hall and accordingly drew up a Lease Agreement with the Parish church. In December 2021, it became clear that St John's wished to sell the building. The Gavins Foundation has said they will purchase the Halls and allow Life Dronfield to work out of them.

Renovations

We have appointed Kris Barry from Design XY as our Architect and Principle Designer. Richard Smith from Future Build produced an in-depth cost plan.

Fabric

Life Dronfield were given unlimited access to the front office by St John's Church, Dronfield. We installed a Wi-Fi extender, made repairs to the carpet and made provision to produce refreshments in the office.

Financial Review

Total receipts were £49,710 of which £25,000 was from a single donation towards Phase 1 of the building costs. Income from Special Events raised £3,458 for general Funds and a single donation of £500 was given towards the Christmas Community Ministry project. Regular and one-off individual and other charity donations were £17,616. £3114 was reclaimed from HMRC as Gift Aid. We had 39 individual and 6 local churches who donated regularly to Life.

Total payments were £9,828. £6,445 was towards Design Fees and Project Administration Fees for Purchase or Leasing and renovation of a suitable premises for Life. Administration and Promotion of the charity expenditure was £1,607. £845 was used for Ministry projects for the local community. £930 was spent as costs involved in raising the £3,458 through Special Fundraising Events.

The net result for the year was an excess of receipt over payments of £39,882. This money will be carried over into the next financial year.

Reserves Policy

Trustees have decided that the level of Reserves maintained will continue to be held £0, zero.

This is because, at present, all available funds will be required for Renovation Works, and the current operational activities and administrative or running costs are easily covered by donations from regular supporters.

Administrative Information

Life Dronfield uses Dronfield Baptist Church, Stubley Lane, Dronfield as its main address as well as its postal address. This will change when the charity opens its own building.

Trustee and Core Team members who have served from 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022 are:

Trustees

Dr. Ross Ashley

Mr. Chris Walton Secretary

Mr. David Dalton

Mrs. Muriel Dalton

Mr. Andrew Evers Chair

Rev. Andy Gore Vice Chair

Mr Richard Moore-Coulson Treasurer

Mrs Rebecca Taylor

Core Team

Mr Barry Jex

Mrs. Sheelagh Webster

Mr Chris Turk

Approved by Trustees on 19/5/22 and signed on their behalf by Mr Andrew Evers (Chairperson).



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Life Dronfield	No (if any) 1176609
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 1st April 2021	To	Period end date 31st March 2022
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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					
Voluntary Receipts	18,179	25,000	0	43,179	37,491
Activities for Generating Funds	3,458	0	0	3,458	1,953
Investment Dividends / interest	22	0	0	22	0
Receipts from Charitable Activities	0	0	0	0	0
Other Receipts (& from Other Charities)	2,551	500	0	3,051	356
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	24,210	25,500	0	49,710	39,800
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	0	0	0	0	0
Total receipts	24,210	25,500	0	49,710	39,800
A3 Payments					
Cost of Charitable Activities	280	565	0	845	2,957
Fundraising Costs (Trading Activities)	930	0	0	930	23
Cost of generating receipts	804	0	0	804	96
Governance costs	804	0	0	804	120
Renovation Project Costs	6,445	0	0	6,445	0
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	9,263	565	0	9,828	3,196
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	0	0	0	0	0
Total payments	9,263	565	0	9,828	3,196
Net of receipts/(payments)	14,947	24,935	0	39,882	36,604
A5 Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0
A6 Cash funds last year end	82,999	20,690	0	103,689	67,085
Cash funds this year end	97,946	45,625	0	143,571	103,689

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	Cash at Bank (Current & Instant Access)	97,917	45,625	0
	Cash in Hand	29	0	0
		0	0	0
	Total cash funds	97,946	45,625	0
	<small>(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))</small>	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		0	0	0
		0	0	0
		0	0	0
		0	0	0
		0	0	0
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Interest Free Loan	To enable Phase	30,000	09 January 2035
		1 of Renovation	0	
		to proceed	0	
			0	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	<i>R. Moore-Coulson</i>	Mr R H moore-Coulson	12/09/2022	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name
Life Dronfield

On accounts for the year ended

31st March 2022 Charity no (if any) 1176609

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 03 / 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

Signed:

John Plant

Date:

4/09/2022

Name:

John Plant

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

Member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA)

Address:

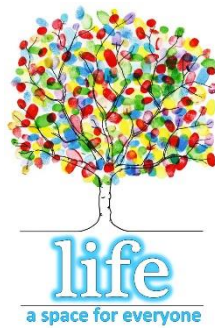
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LIFE DRONFIELD

England & Wales - Charity number 1176609

Accounts



Life Dronfield CIO
Annual Report for April 2020 – March 2021
Charity Registration Number
1176609

Trustees

The Revd A C Gore (Chair)
Mr A Evers (Vice Chair)
Rev Dr C Walton (Secretary)
Mrs J A Thompson (Treasurer)
Dr R Ashley
Mr D Dalton
Mrs M Dalton
Mrs B Taylor

Bankers

Co-Operative Bank plc , P O Box 250, Skelmersdale, WN8, 6WT

Independent Examiner

Mr John Plant 8 Hawkshead Avenue, Dronfield Woodhouse S18 8NB

Aims and Purposes

Life Dronfield CIO currently operates from Dronfield Baptist Church, 1 Stubley Lane, Dronfield, Derbyshire. S18 1PE. It is focussed on opening and successfully operating a Community Space, which we aim to run out of the current Parish Hall, Church Street, Dronfield.

Objectives and Activities

The object of the CIO is to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the principles and practices of the Participating Denominations with the Parish of Dronfield and Holmesfield:-

1. (a) the celebration of public worship and sacraments;
(b) the teaching of the Christian faith;
(c) promoting and supporting the Christian mission and evangelism;
(d) pastoral work (including visiting the sick and the bereaved);
(e) the provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community (including, but not restricted to, the elderly, the young, and other groups with special needs).
2. To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the area of benefit without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, nationality, race or of political, religious or other opinions, by associating together the said inhabitants and the statutory authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants;
3. To establish, or secure the establishment of, a Community Centre and to maintain and manage the same (whether alone or in co-operation with any statutory authority or other person or body) in furtherance of the Objects; The Charity shall be non-party in politics and non-sectarian in religion. The area of benefit ("area of benefit") shall be Dronfield and surrounding area.
4. To promote such other charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined.

Achievements and Performance

The Covid-19 pandemic has greatly impacted the Charity's activities during this last year. The Trustees have continued to meet monthly using the Zoom platform to evaluate the ongoing impact of Covid-19 and how we can fulfil our charitable objectives. We have sought to provide pastoral care and to benefit those within our town and district who have significantly impacted by the need to shield or to isolate themselves for health reasons. To help alleviate the sense of loneliness and isolation the charity distributed 106 Christmas parcels, using members of local churches and the district nurses, to those most in need. This was supplemented at Easter by the delivery of 183 eggs to those still isolated and shielding. Using the networks within the town, such as Dronfield2gether and Rotary, many within our community participated in providing the different goods needed.

The primary objective of the Charity at this current time is the purchase of the Parish Hall from which we may fulfil our objective of providing a facility with a Christian ethos for our local community. Therefore, we continue to review and update our long-term business plan to both mitigate risk as well as develop the Charity and its charitable activities in the future. We have also expanded our Trustees with the addition of Rev Dr C Walton who replaced our previous Secretary, Mr M Blackwell, and also Mrs R Taylor.

The Charity is in a sound financial position and currently holds an adequate level of reserves, the Trustees will ensure that future plans and decisions maintain this financial position and support the Charity's long-term financial viability. We will continue to promote the charity and focus on the needs of our community and are hopeful we can recruit further support from churches and our community this year and in future years.

The Charity's website is undergoing rebuilding to provide a fast and user-friendly site for those who wish to be informed, to support and to give to the work of the Charity. During this year we have sent out 3 newsletters to our supporters who currently number 124.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is managed under the following structure and each element is led by two Trustees: Finance and Business; Operational and Buildings:

Finance and Business:- This subgroup's remit is the day to day financial running of the charity with the necessary policies and procedures in place.

Operational:- This sub-group will generate policies and procedures to match the ongoing development of the charity's ministries; such as the Safeguarding policies for the planned detached youth work which did not happen this year due to the covid-19 restrictions.

Buildings:- The ongoing work with Design XY has proceeded as far as is possible at this moment in time as the charity has not yet been able to purchase the Parish Hall. A full and detailed costings and planning of the renovations to the building will be tended once the Parish Hall has been purchased.

The number of Trustees has grown with the addition of Rev Dr Chris Walton and Mrs Rebecca Taylor. However, Mr Mark Blackwell had to stand down due to commitments at work and we are grateful to Rev Dr Chris Walton for taking on being secretary to the Trustees. The work of the Trustees is now being complemented by the Life Support Team (Mrs S Webster, Mt B Jex and Mr C Turk), which sadly has been depleted by the stepping down of Mr J Plant and E Tomlinson. Their participation in the project has been much appreciated.

Financial Review

During 2020 – 2021 Life Dronfield CIO had an income of £39,800. This has been raised through the regular giving of committed supporters as well as through fund raising by a number of individuals in the Dronfield 10K, an auction in December, Christmas fun bags, a sponsored walk. We have also received two one-off donations linked to the purchase of the intended building and these are both placed as restricted

funds. Life subscribed to a financial support organisation called Stewardship to provide impartial advice and consultancy. The current balance for the Charity is now £103,000. The Trustees recognise that we are over the FSCA compensation limit of £85,000 held by the Co-Operative bank and we will be taking the necessary steps to resolve this. Mr J Plant has been appointed for this year the Independent Examiner for the Charity's accounts.

Life applied this year to the Yorkshire Baptist Association (YBA) for a loan to purchase the Parish Hall and this application was endorsed by Dronfield Baptist Church who are significant partners in the Charity and which was required for the YBA to consider the application. After due consideration the Charity was refused the loan primarily on the grounds that the Charity was not actually part of Dronfield Baptist Church. The Charity will continue to seek other avenues of financial provision.

The Charity's policy for holding reserves is to support the development of its charitable activities, to provide a contingency for unforeseen circumstances and to build a fund to support the future running costs of the community spaces in Dronfield where it plans to deliver its charitable and income generating activities. The charity is actively trying to develop other funding streams including sponsorship, bidding for capital and revenue grants and the development of income generating activities based around the provision of catering services to the Dronfield community. The Charity still has within its reserves a £30,000 loan which will be repaid over a 15 year period.



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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 1st April 2020	To	Period end date 31st March 2021
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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					
Voluntary Receipts	16,866	20,625	0	37,491	25,405
Activities for Generating Funds	1,953	0	0	1,953	599
Investment Dividends / interest		0	0	0	0
Receipts from Charitable Activities		0	0	0	0
Other Receipts	126	230	0	356	30,000
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	18,945	20,855	0	39,800	56,004
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	0	0	0	0	0
Total receipts	18,945	20,855	0	39,800	56,004
A3 Payments					
Cost of Charitable Activities	2,792	165	0	2,957	9,685
Fundraising Costs (Trading Activities)	23	0	0	23	297
Cost of generating receipts	96	0	0	96	73
Governance costs	120	0	0	120	0
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	3,031	165	0	3,196	10,055
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	0	0	0	0	0
Total payments	3,031	165	0	3,196	10,055
Net of receipts/(payments)	15,914	20,690	0	36,604	67,085
A5 Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0
A6 Cash funds last year end	67,085	0	0	67,085	0
Cash funds this year end	82,999	20,690	0	103,689	67,085

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	Cash at Bank	82,999	20,690	0
			0	0
		0	0	0
	Total cash funds	82,999	20,690	0
	<small>(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))</small>	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		0	0	0
		0	0	0
		0	0	0
		0	0	0
		0	0	0
		0	0	0

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Interest free loan	Unrestricted	30,000	09 January 2035
			0	
			0	
			0	
			0	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval