



Life Dronfield CIO
Charity Number: 1176609

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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 'R. Mattison', with a horizontal line underneath.

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:

Tina Havenhand

Date:

17/10/2025

Name:

Tina Havenhand

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

FCCA

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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.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Life Dronfield

No (if any)
1176609

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

Period start date
01/04/2024


To

Period end date
31/03/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
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	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)
	Office Equipment	Unrestricted	1,037	1,037
	Computer Equipment	Unrestricted	550	550
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	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