

LIGHTHOUSE MARLOW

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Details

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH PRIMARILY THROUGH THE PROVISION OF AN ANNUAL HOLIDAY WEEK FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE AREA OF MARLOW, WITH ACTIVITIES IN A COMBINATION OF PERFORMING ARTS, TEACHING, MUSIC, AND HANDICRAFTS DELIVERED IN WAYS WHICH ADVANCE UNDERSTANDING OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH AND ITS VALUES

Activities: A Bible-themed, one week summer holiday activity week is held during the school summer holidays each year. The activities carried out during the week include stage entertainment, bible-based talks and activities, craft activities, sports and games

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Buckinghamshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£13,769	£16,244	-	-
2024-09-30	£12,792	£11,777	-	-
2023-09-30	£18,670	£18,713	-	-
2022-09-30	£17,917	£16,617	-	-
2021-09-30	£14,474	£14,552	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Sophie Earnshaw	Chair	2024-01-08
Alison Rosemary Rae		2025-04-22
Colette Murphy		2025-10-22
Hilary Hunt		2025-10-22
Kim Walker		2026-01-14
Mary Clare Sturdy		2025-04-22
Patricia Reading		2026-01-14

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Lighthouse 2025 – the 20th year of Lighthouse Marlow



At the start of 2025, although there was strong support for Lighthouse Marlow to continue, with the end of the term of office for the previous Chair of Trustees, a new structure was required to make it happen. The dilemma was resolved by the creation of an Operations team, comprising experienced Lighthouse volunteers each responsible for one aspect of Lighthouse: Site, Registration, Activities, Age Groups and Welfare, and Communication. A trustee is also a member of the Operations Team and the group was kept on track by an excellent facilitator.

Through monthly meetings from October to July, Lighthouse was planned and run as a Team effort.

Site

Following a very successful first year at St Peter's School in 2024, Lighthouse Marlow was held at the same venue this year. Once again, the headteacher, leadership team and caretaker at St Peter's were very welcoming and went out of their way to support us in running the Lighthouse week in their school and the school grounds.

The use of four large marquees, as well as the school buildings, enabled us to provide excellent spaces for all the Lighthouse activities. We once again appreciated the generosity of the Round Table for the loan of three of their marquees which provided a prayer tent and both storage space and a 'home' for the sports team. Our total costs for running Lighthouse was just under £12,700, against income of £13,770. However we have also invested in a new, larger storage shed in the grounds of St Peter's School. The cost of this, including construction of a concrete base, was £3557.

Activities

The Lighthouse theme this year was 'Make Space for Jesus' and each day the story of the day was introduced using short dramas of space travel and astronauts during Mainstage. The daily stories were based on the book of Daniel, and children and volunteers were shown how much Daniel loves God and wants to do the right things and how God works through Daniel to do amazing things, so even the kings of Babylon have to admit Daniel's God is the Greatest!

The memory verse was taken from Proverbs 3: 5-6

*Trust God from the bottom of your heart;
don't try to figure out everything on your own.
Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go;
he's the one who will keep you on track.*



During craft, drama and discovery sessions, children continued exploring the story of Daniel and the theme 'Make Space for Jesus'. Rev'd Sami Watts met with the volunteers leading the discovery sessions to share wisdom and ideas using the excellent teaching materials provided by Lighthouse Central. The children learnt the memory verse with actions during Drama.

The craft team was again very grateful for the generous donations of craft materials from the community and the helping hands with preparations from people across different churches. Via the collection points run in All Saints Church and the Ark Cafe boxes full of useful recyclables as well as pens, glue and other useful things came together. The children from Creche to Trinity House enjoyed taking the Christian message and confidence in their creative abilities home in self made rockets, candle holders, magic wallets and more.

Each age group had the chance to run around and have a lot of fun in their sports sessions and these activities are designed for full participation and to encourage teamwork and fairplay. In all areas of Lighthouse the teenagers are encouraged to lead parts of the sessions, helping them to grow in confidence and hopefully, one day, become leaders themselves.

Three more essentials for the Lighthouse week were our First Aid team looking after the children's physical wellbeing, our 'Lifeboat' supporting the children's general wellbeing and our prayer team underpinning the week with prayer and offering prayer support for the volunteers.

Registration

Lighthouse was staffed by 222 volunteers, of whom 69, almost ⅓, were aged 12-15. A few older teenagers took on leadership roles, supported by other members of their age group team. We limited the number of children attending to ensure that we did not over-stretch our volunteers, we also increased our support for them. Emily Clarke provided full support for the under-18 volunteers, from initial face to face training to ensure they understood their role, to on-site support and additional training for those who had just completed year 7 at school and who were volunteering for the first time and also by helping to organise and run monthly social sessions throughout the year. New adult volunteers are supported by their team leaders following pre-Lighthouse training sessions. This proved to be a successful strategy and led to overwhelmingly positive feedback from team leaders.

Lighthouse was once again oversubscribed, and 31 children were not successful in getting a place. Most of these did not live in Marlow or attend Marlow schools. In the end 260 children attended during the Lighthouse week (248 in 2024). Of these, 164 had registered by the end of the first week of children's registration being open and 111 had a parent or carer helping at Lighthouse.

Communications

This year we had a dedicated resource to focus on all communications from Lighthouse Marlow to cover emails, local school & business interaction as well as social media. With this increased focus it allowed us to communicate important information more frequently and across more platforms. A detailed and scheduled plan was developed at the beginning of 2025 for our communications to cover pre-, during- and post-Lighthouse. This included broadcasting key dates, fundraising events, social events, promoting volunteering, sharing information about different roles as well as providing insights into the Lighthouse week on a daily basis so parents can get a glimpse into the programme of events. We also introduced a Lighthouse Marlow TikTok channel in 2025 to appeal to our younger Lamplighter audience.

Feedback was sought from team leaders, other volunteers and parents. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive; suggestions for improvement will be considered by the Operations Team.

Age Groups and Welfare

Liz Ball headed up the Age Group Leaders. Of the 260 children who attended, we had 16 children in Creche and 4s, 3 Lighthouses in ages 5 (30 children) and 6 (36 children) and 4 Lighthouses (48 children) each in ages 7, 8s and 9s and 40 children in Trinity House. Each age group was resourced with an Age Group Leader, Age Group Teacher, and for each Lighthouse in an Age Group- a Lighthouse Keeper and three Lamplighters. We had a good range of Lighthouse Keepers, from those with lots of experience to those taking on the role for the first time. We also had a good range of Lamplighters from 12 to 17. Age Groups were based in a classroom, mostly cleared of tables, and decorated with bunting and the children's creative work through the week. Feedback was that strong collaboration and teamwork, mentoring and morale was in evidence through the week.

Sophie Earnshaw is Designated Safeguarding Lead for Lighthouse Marlow and Emma Howarth is Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead. During the week there was a safeguarding incident involving an adult volunteer and 5 children attending Lighthouse. The incident was reported to the LADO (Local Authority Designated Officer) by the Safeguarding Lead and Deputy Safeguarding Lead, who followed the LH Safeguarding policy and the volunteer was instructed to not return to the Lighthouse site whilst the investigation was completed. Both the LADO and police praised LH Marlow for its systems of DBS checking, reference checking, Safeguarding training and policy.

Trustees

In April 2025 the terms of office of several trustees also came to an end and the need for new trustees was critical. Rebecca Steele joined as Treasurer and three new trustees joined the trustee Board, Alison Rae, Clare Sturdy and Deborah Southam. Their role is to ensure that the Lighthouse Marlow Charity delivers on its objectives and manages finances sensibly. We had some turnover in Trustees in September and October with Rebecca and Deborah leaving and four more joining, these included Hilary Hunt, an experienced Trustee who had had a year out, Pat Reading who has been Director of Lighthouse Central, Colette Murphy responsible for Admin in the Operations Team and Kim Walker who was a member of the Trinity House Team this year. The team are now drawn from several different Churches in Marlow.

Unfortunately with Rebecca's departure we desperately NEED a new Treasurer. Relative to other charities this is not an arduous task with activity focussed around the summer holiday activity week. We appeal to anyone with money management skills to email us at marlow@lighthousecentral.org to chat through what is entailed.

Recognition of local support

Lighthouse would not be possible without the support of our wonderful local community and we wanted to recognise some of the support we received this year.

Thanks are due to Graham Everitt of Chives café who allows Lighthouse to use their building free of charge for Lighthouse events during the year.

Many thanks are due to the two volunteers, Adam Baskott and Mike Skingle, who built the shed on a wet Sunday in July. The Town Council is thanked for its donation towards the cost of the shed.

To the various venues who allowed us to host social evenings during the Lighthouse week, one on site at St Peter's and the other in the Methodist Church hall – both were very successful and helped the young volunteers develop the friendships made at Lighthouse.

Thank you to the Marlow Methodist Church for hosting a Soup & Pancake lunch, Sharon Gunn and the Marlow Donkey for running quiz nights in July, and all those from the Marlow ArtXtra group for their fundraising efforts, all proceeds helped to fund activities at Lighthouse.

And finally, our thanks are due to our many volunteers and to the parents, churches, church members and organisations who have supported us financially, through volunteering and/or in kind this year.

Lighthouse 2026 will take place at St Peter's School from 3rd-7th August – please put the date in your diaries now!

Lighthouse Operations Team

Claire Andrews, Liz Ball, Sophie Earnshaw, Rachel Hearnshaw, Sarah Jones, Sandra Lutz-Brown, Colette Murphy

Financial report year ending 30th September 2025

MARLOW LIGHTHOUSE ACCOUNTS

Financial year 1st October to 30th September

Income & Expenditure Account

	LHM 2025 £ BUDGET	LHM 2025 £ ACTUAL	LHM 2025 £ Variance
Gift Aid donations	5,500.00	4,935.00	(565.00)
Gift Aid tax rebate	1,375.00	1,240.00	(135.00)
Donations from churches	2,000.00	1,400.00	(600.00)
Corporate donations	600.00	1,890.00	1,290.00
Other donations from individuals	1,000.00	1,706.00	706.00
T shirt sales	1,000.00	942.50	(57.50)
Other fundraising	2,000.00	1,655.58	(344.42)
Tea tent plus cafe	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total income	13,475.00	13,769.08	294.08
Marquee hire/hall hire	3,784.00	3,783.78	(0.22)
Insurance	460.00	336.77	(123.23)
Lighthouse Central and DBS	3,200.00	4,190.00	990.00
Contribution to HT or St Peters	3,000.00	2,500.00	(500.00)
Stationery & printing for teaching/TH	150.00	43.35	(106.65)
T Shirts	800.00	618.02	(181.98)
Mainstage expenses	300.00	400.04	100.04
Site expenses	1,000.00	3,952.68	2,952.68
Craft	120.00	46.47	(73.53)
Misc expenses	200.00	333.01	133.01
Sports equip	50.00	39.95	(10.05)
Teen event	150.00	0.00	(150.00)
Creche/Little LH/4s	50.00	0.00	(50.00)
Expenses from prior years not claimed	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total expenditure	13,264.00	16,244.07	2,980.07
Reversal of prior year accrual for storage	0.00	0.00	0.00
SURPLUS FOR YEAR	211.00	(2,474.99)	(2,685.99)

Income

- **We have received +£294 income vs budget**
- This has been driven by corporate donations (detailed below) and non giftable donations.
- Donations from local Churches is down vs budget (detailed below).
- Fundraising is down vs budget.
- Notes:
 - o Income slightly lower than previously shared due to some items still being estimated. Items included all correct and reconciled.

- o Income is slightly higher than previous years as I have recorded excluding Goodhub fees which have then been recorded in “misc expenses”. Previous Treasurer just put the Net amount into income therefore showing a lower income but no associated cost.
- o Roughly I would estimate if we had 200 children at the event only 44% of parents contributed financially.
- Detailed Church and Corporate donations below.
 - o Shanley have agreed to donate £1500 which will be received in March 2026 and therefore is not included below.
 - o Note: I would not share this beyond immediate Trustees and core Operations Team due to GDPR

Donations from churches

Baptist	100.00
All Saints	700.00
Marlow Methodist	600.00
	1,400.00

Donations from corporates

Masons	300.00
Marlow Town Council	500.00
Friends of CTM Cooida	90.00
Chiltern Molecular	1,000.00
Shanly Foundation	0.00
	1,890.00

Expenditure

- **Expenditure is £2980 above budget.**
- Shed has been a significant overspend as agreed at £3557.
- Contribution to Lighthouse Database was a significant overspend as agreed. £850.
- Misc expenditure higher due to including Goodhub fees as noted in income section above. Excluding this miscellaneous expenses claimed by the team totaled £110 and therefore under budget.
- Costs inline with budget - marque hire.
- Costs under budget - Contribution to St Peters (£500), stationary and printing (£107), craft (£74), sports (£10), teen event (£150) and creche (£50).
- Costs over budget - mainstage expenditure (£100).

Net position

Net loss for 2024/25 of £2475 vs expected surplus of £211.

Expected loss after Shed cost and contribution to Lighthouse Database £4196. Therefore vs expectations our position is better than expected largely due to cost savings detailed above.

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Lighthouse 2024 – report for Churches Together in Marlow

The biggest challenge for Lighthouse Marlow this year was the change in venue, from Holy Trinity School to St Peter's School. A new venue had been sought following our experience last year of trying to run a safe Lighthouse week on the same site as a commercial holiday club. The Head and leadership team at St Peter's were very welcoming and went out of their way to support us in running the Lighthouse week in their school and the school grounds.



One major impact of being allowed to use the school premises was that fewer marquees were required and we did not have to rent toilets (as we had done in the last few years at Holy Trinity). This reduced our costs substantially. In 2023 our total expenditure was £18,713; this year our total expenditure is estimated to be £11,777. The hire of marquees was still a major expense, but their cost decreased from £11,480 in 2023 to just £3,636 this year. Whilst Holy Trinity made no rental charge for our use of their field, we do, of course, have to pay a hire charge to St Peter's.

The theme this year was Jesus Rocks and, just like a stick of rock, the children were encouraged to 'let his name run through your life'. Each day the story and activities were linked to a Bible story. These were all focused on Peter ('the rock'). Each day the story was linked to a key word – Monday was 'Change', Tuesday 'Listen', Wednesday 'Trust', Thursday 'Forgive' and Friday 'Believe'. The children also learned a memory verse across the week based on Psalm 31:

I love you, Lord. You are my strength.
The Lord is my rock, my protection, my Saviour.
My God is my rock.
I can run to him for safety.
He is my shield and my saving strength, my high tower.



Lighthouse was staffed by 214 volunteers, 69 of whom were aged 12-17. Due to a shortage of adult volunteers a number of older teenagers took on leadership roles, supported by other members of their age group team. However, we decided to reduce the number of children attending to ensure that, on the new site, we did not over-stretch our volunteers as they also coped with the new surroundings. This proved to be a successful strategy and led to overwhelmingly positive feedback from team leaders. It did, however, have one negative impact. We were unable to accept all the teenagers who wished to help due to their impact on our adult: child ratio and also because we were not able to identify appropriate roles for them to do.

Lighthouse was once again oversubscribed, and 74 children were not offered places. Most of these did not live in Marlow or attend Marlow schools. Others were withdrawn by parents because a sibling had not been offered a place or the family's plans had changed. In the end 248 children attended during the Lighthouse week. Of these, 194 had registered in the first week of children's registration being open and 128 had a parent or carer helping at Lighthouse. Feedback from adult volunteers indicates that with this smaller number the children were more involved and engaged with activities and their age group helpers were able to get to know them better.



As might be expected, a lot of the feedback received focused on the new venue. Use of the school hall as the venue for 'Mainstage' was generally welcomed, though it was noted that the size of the hall does limit the number of children to around the number we had this year. The use of school classrooms as age group team spaces and venues for their teaching activities was very popular. The general atmosphere on site was calm and purposeful. This was probably partly due to the reduced number of children on site, but it is felt that the use of indoor space, and particularly the classrooms, also contributed to this. Smaller numbers, and quiet areas in classrooms developed by age group leaders, meant that 'time out' space, which we call the Lifeboat, was calmer and better used. The First Aid team also saw fewer children with complaints such as headaches and 'sore stomachs' which might be brought on by stress.

The positive attitude displayed by our teenage volunteers continues to improve. This can in part be attributed to the gradual raising of our expectations of their behaviour, but also to the training that the youngest (Year 7) volunteers receive covering aspects such as team working. This year these sessions were led by Emily Clark, youth worker for ASM, and she also took on the role of maintaining

contact with all the teenage helpers during the week. The monthly 'get together' sessions at Chives Cafe throughout the year that she and Cat Sweet have held for teenage helpers, and those interested in becoming a young Lighthouse volunteer, have also had a positive impact.

Whilst we are starting to plan for Lighthouse to be held the week beginning 4 August 2025, it is currently still unclear who will be taking over as Chair when I step down next April. We are also still looking for a new treasurer and more trustees to lead the Lighthouse Marlow charity. It is essential that we recruit more trustees as our constitution requires us to have at least four trustees. Unless more are recruited, by May 2025 we will have only two. We would also like to have as many Marlow Churches as possible represented on the Trustee Board. For those churches that are not represented, we will be seeking 'church champions' who will receive copies of minutes and other information to help keep their church members in touch with Lighthouse.

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Sarah Jones, Chair of Trustees



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Financial year 1st October to 30th September

	LHM 2024	LHM 2024	LHM 2023
Income & Expenditure Account			
	£		
	BUDGET		
Gift Aid donations	7,500.00	5,484.04	7,164.18
Gift Aid tax rebate	1,875.00	1,370.28	1,676.27
donations from churches	2,000.00	2,065.00	1,100.00
corporate donations	4,000.00	583.00	3,475.00
other donations from individuals	1,300.00	942.70	1,269.28
T shirt sales	1,000.00	982.15	1,004.50
other fundraising	1,000.00	1,365.00	2,933.67
tea tent plus cafe		0.00	46.90
total income	<u>18,675.00</u>	<u>12,792.17</u>	<u>18,669.80</u>
marquee hire/hall hire	8,000.00	3,636.36	11,479.86
insurance	475.00	452.64	457.74
Lighthouse Central and DBS	2,550.00	3,477.00	3,008.50
Contribution to HT or St Peters	500.00	2,250.00	500.00
stationery & printing for teaching/TH	350.00	0.00	0.00
T Shirts	750.00	357.44	1,324.01
mainstage expenses	450.00	269.42	0.00
site expenses	485.00	890.35	1,755.53
craft	100.00	111.92	62.03
misc expenses	63.00	43.10	79.68
sports equip	0.00	172.55	0.00
teen event	100.00	25.99	45.89
Creche/Little LH/4s	0.00	90.00	0.00
Expenses from prior years not claimed			
total expenditure	<u>13,823.00</u>	<u>11,776.77</u>	<u>18,713.24</u>
Reversal of prior year accrual for storage			1,500.00
SURPLUS FOR YEAR	4,852.00	1,015.40	1,456.56

Balance Sheet

	2024	2023
	£	£
Statement of reserves		
reserves b/fwd	26,764.29	25,307.73
Capital transfer		
surplus for year	1,015.40	1,456.56
reserves c/fwd	<u>27,779.69</u>	<u>26,764.29</u>
Represented by		
balance per bank statement	27,774.65	31,530.43
add uncleared bankings	5.04	138.32
less unrepresented cheques		-4,904.46
less prior year unrepresented cheques		
cash book balance	<u>27,779.69</u>	<u>26,764.29</u>

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Lighthouse 2023 - Annual Report

Lighthouse was once again held in the grounds of Holy Trinity School.

The theme this year was 'My God is the King of Me' with each day focusing on a different Biblical story; David and Goliath, Daniel in the lion's den, Jonah and the whale, Mary Magdalene meets the risen Jesus and the Great Commission. These were linked by the Rend Collective song 'King of Me' which was used in Mainstage worship sessions during the week. The children also learned a memory verse from Joshua 1 verse 9 'Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go'.



Lighthouse was once again oversubscribed, with 439 children seeking places. Of these we were able to offer places to 353 children. Priority was given to children whose parent/carer was a volunteer, those who live in Marlow and those who attend a Marlow school. At the time places were allocated all children who had applied and who live in Marlow were able to be given a place. Subsequently a further 13 children living in Marlow applied and were not able to be included. In the end 38 children were not able to attend, the remainder had their places cancelled by their parents. Sadly, some parents do not advise us that their children are not able to attend, or that they would only be there for a couple of days. If we had been aware of this, then other children could have been given places.

Lighthouse was staffed by 239 volunteers, 91 of whom were aged 12-17. Due to a shortage of adult volunteers a number of older teenagers helped in areas which are normally covered by adults. We were pleased that they rose to the challenge and made great contributions to the Trinity House, 4s, creche, special needs, Tech, drama and sports teams. Four 17-year-olds took on the role of Lighthouse Keeper where they took responsibility for a group of up to 13 children, aided by at least two younger teenagers.

We are collecting feedback from parents and volunteers. To date all feedback is extremely positive, with some parents specifically commenting about the Christian messages as well as the fun the children had throughout the week.



Some useful feedback has been received regarding ideas for improving interaction with parents of children attending which may also increase their donations. Sadly, there seems to be a common belief that, because we don't want to exclude any child on the basis of cost, parents who could afford to pay also do not need to make a donation. We currently believe that there will be a small shortfall in income compared to our costs, however this deficit would have been much worse had a number of fundraising events and activities not been run during the year and some substantial donations received. One unbudgeted for item was portable toilets which had to be hired as the school was unwilling to allow Lighthouse children to use the school toilets that they have previously used.

During the year Cat Sweet and Emily Clark have run monthly 'get together' sessions at Chives Cafe for teenage helpers, and those interested in becoming a young Lighthouse volunteer. It is hoped that these will continue and grow in popularity. During the week teenage volunteers enjoyed an evening where they could meet together, relax and eat pizza, this was hosted by the Methodist Church. Feedback indicates that some adult volunteers would also appreciate the opportunity to meet outside of the Lighthouse week.



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T Shirts	1,324.01
mainstage expenses	0.00
site expenses	1,755.53
craft	62.03
misc expenses	79.68
tea tent	0.00
teen event	45.89
Creche/Little LH/4s	0.00
Expenses from prior years not claimed	
total expenditure	<u>18,713.24</u>
Reversal of prior year storage costs	1,500.00
SURPLUS FOR YEAR	1,456.56

Balance Sheet	2023
	£
Statement of reserves	
reserves b/fwd	25,307.73
Capital transfer	
surplus for year	1,456.56
reserves c/fwd	<u>26,764.29</u>

Represented by

balance per bank statement	31,530.43
add uncleared bankings	138.32
less unpresented cheques	-4,904.46
less prior year unpresented cheques	
less accrual	
cash book balance	<u>26,764.29</u>

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Lighthouse Marlow 2022 - Chairman's report

Feedback

Take aways

This year Lighthouse Marlow ran from 1 – 5 August. The weather was good (dry and not too hot!) and all teams contributed to giving the children a fantastic week of activities and learning about events in the Bible.

The theme this year was 'The Greatest Story Ever Told', with each day focusing on a different event from the Bible— Adam and Eve, Jesus' birth, Jesus calms the storm, the crucifixion and resurrection and the Holy Spirit coming to the disciples.

Every day all children took part in sport, craft and drama activities in their age groups, with everyone together for 'Mainstage' at the start and end of the day for worship, introduction to the story for the day and games. Lighthouse always includes a lot of fun for the children and this year the messy games in the afternoon Mainstage session were even messier than usual, and those helpers who lost in the games and were 'gunked' really regretted it!

Following two years of restrictions caused by the Covid pandemic the Trustees hoped that Lighthouse 2022 would attract a lot of new volunteers which, with regular volunteers, would enable us to take up to 350 children aged 5-11. The reality was that it proved difficult to attract sufficient volunteers, leading to a smaller Lighthouse than had been planned.

Many of the changes which had been implemented in 2021 were agreed to be successful and were incorporated into the planning for 2022. These included a tent for each age group, no large sports tent or mainstage tent, staggered arrival and pick up times for children, and on-line training for previous adult volunteers.

Fifty of our volunteers had not helped at Lighthouse before, 27 adults and 23 teenagers; others had volunteered at other Lighthouse holiday weeks, but this was their first time at Marlow. We had a total of 239 volunteers, 151 aged 18 or over and 88 aged between 12 and 17. Many of the adults helped for only part of the time, most of the young helpers helped all week. Three of our volunteers were Ukrainian.

A total of 450 applications were made for children to attend. Priority was given to children living in Marlow or attending Marlow schools; applications from the parents of Ukrainian children were also prioritised. Of these 450 applications 333 were offered places at Lighthouse Marlow and 24 applications were declined as Lighthouse was full. The remaining 93 applications were cancelled by their parents, some at the very last minute, meaning that it was often not possible to re-allocate the place as parents had already made other arrangements for their children. 21 Ukrainian children were offered places; of these 15 attended Lighthouse.

Although parents are not allowed to enter the site for safeguarding reasons, our Mainstage sessions are live streamed on Facebook, this gives parents an opportunity to see what goes on at Lighthouse. This enables parents to feel involved in what their children are doing.

Feedback from volunteers and parents was, as always, overwhelmingly positive. Lighthouse is valued by many parents for its caring, inclusive nature and in this environment children thrive. The following extract is from one parent's feedback:

“Of all the things I love about Lighthouse Marlow- the ethos, the fun, the positivity of the volunteers, the music, being able to watch main stage on Facebook (love this feature btw) - my over-riding love is how it turns my anxious, clingy daughter into a happy, independent spirit within a matter of days. Lighthouse has reminded both of us that her confidence and happiness is not that far away and just needs the right environment to flourish. It is the week she looks forward to the most out of all the holidays and what you all do is wonderful”

Thanks are due to our many volunteers and to the parents, churches, church members and organisations who have supported us financially, through volunteering and/or in kind this year. We were pleased to obtain substantial grants and donations from the South West Chilterns Community Board, Marlow Town Council, the Shanly Foundation and from the company of a Lighthouse volunteer. We also received donations from the Round Table, Marlow Thames Rotary Club and Marlow Bridge Lodge.

Sarah Jones

Lighthouse Chairman

January 2023

MARLOW LIGHTHOUSE ACCOUNTS

Income & Expenditure Account	LHM 2022	LHM 2022
	£	
	BUDGET 330 kids 224 help	TO DATE
Gift Aid donations	9,000.00	5,869.22
Gift Aid tax rebate	2,250.00	1,579.06
donations from churches	2,000.00	1,350.00
corporate donations	2,000.00	5,804.54
other donations from individuals	2,000.00	1,179.50
T shirt sales	750.00	1,263.98
other fundraising	1,000.00	842.50
tea tent plus cafe		27.80
	total income	
	19,000.00	17,916.60
marquee hire	10,000.00	9,396.46
insurance	475.00	439.03
Lighthouse Central and DBS	2,489.00	2,672.50
Contribution to HT or LHC	500.00	600.00
stationery & printing for teaching/TH	300.00	124.83
T Shirts	750.00	1,027.26
mainstage expenses	1,500.00	0.00
site expenses	500.00	2,223.00
craft	250.00	111.78
misc expenses	200.00	9.99
tea tent	0.00	0.00
teen event	200.00	0.00
Creche/Little LH/4s	0.00	12.12
Expenses from prior years not claimed		
	total expenditure	
	17,164.00	16,616.97
SURPLUS FOR YEAR	1,836.00	1,299.63

Balance Sheet**2022**

£

Statement of reserves

reserves b/fwd	24,008.10
Capital transfer	
surplus for year	1,299.63
reserves c/fwd	25,307.73

Represented by

balance per bank statement	26,807.73
add uncleared bankings	0.00
less unpresented cheques	-1,500.00
less prior year unpresented cheques	
less accrual	
cash book balance	<u>25,307.73</u>

SHOULD BE 0

0.00

Donations from churches ACTUAL

CTM	
Christchurch URC	250
St Marys Marlow Bottom	
St Peters	
All Saints	
Baptist	100
All Saints Bells	250
MB Methodist	150
Methodist	500
River church	
DCC All Saints	
Cooinda	100
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	1,350.00
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Donations from corporates

Bucks CC	
MTC	1000
Masons	300
Brand Events	
Got this Entertainment	
S&G legal services Rachels charity	
Marlow Thames Rotary Clu	454.54
Waitrose	
Co-op	
David	
Tower Garage	
Marlow FM	
Round Table	550
Chiltern Molecular	1000
Shanly Foundation	1000
Community Fund	1500
Chives	
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	5804.54
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Other fundraising

Phoenix cards	
Pancake day	560
PITP	
PITP	

Santa fun run	
Sale of tote bags to GMS	
Sale of paintings	282.50
Barn dance	
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	842.50
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LIGHTHOUSE MARLOW

England & Wales - Charity number 1178062

Accounts

Marlow Lighthouse 2021

The Trustees took the decision in January 2021 to plan for a safe, live event in August 2021. A questionnaire found only half the usual volunteers were likely to participate so planning continued for a smaller event.

The site plan for Holy Trinity school was dramatically changed. Instead of an expensive 'Mainstage' marquee, age group tents, where activities took place in 'bubbles', were grouped amphitheatre-style so everyone could watch from their tent. Sports activities were held in an outdoor area and, to reduce mixing between groups, lunch times were staggered. Children arrived and were collected at designated times at one of the two entrances.

A safeguarding Covid-19 policy was adopted: lateral flow tests for all volunteers, regular handwashing and hand sanitising and a well-ventilated helper refreshment area. Volunteer training sessions were online except for the under 18s who attended a live, socially distanced session.

The high level of detailed planning paid off as the week ran smoothly. Under the theme of Hope, each day Bible stories of the teaching sessions were reinforced in Mainstage, craft, and drama activities. 66% of the 214 children age 5-11 who came had no church connection. Over 100 adults and 72 under 18s volunteered.

The success of Lighthouse was measured by comments received during the week, feedback from parents and online volunteer surveys. Comments were overwhelmingly positive with many parents applauding us for going ahead and providing a safe environment for their children. Inevitably some aspects of Lighthouse were missed but some new aspects will be retained.

In the end we only made a small loss of £77. We would like to thank all the parents that donated, together with Churches Together Marlow, The Baptist Church, The Methodist Church, Marlow Bottom Methodist Church, Marlow Town Council, Coop, Tower Garage, Chives and Marlow FM for their generous donations. We would also like to thank all our volunteer team leaders who helped keep our costs down with their tight budgetary control.

Planning and preparing for Lighthouse is a major task which relied this year on a significant time and resource commitment from a small number of individuals. The Trustees would like to thank all who contributed, the volunteers for their time and enthusiasm, those who made large financial donations and the smaller donations of consumables (biscuits, hand gel, toilet rolls). The Trustees hope and pray that for Lighthouse to be sustainable more people will come forward prepared to take responsibility for specific areas.

MARLOW LIGHTHOUSE ACCOUNTS

	LHM
Income & Expenditure Account	2021
	TO DATE
Gift Aid donations	6,485.34
Gift Aid tax rebate	1,640.47
donations from churches	1,400.00
corporate donations	2,696.73
other donations from individuals	1,412.00
T shirt sales	731.00
other fundraising	108.62
tea tent plus cafe	0.00
total income	<u>14,474.16</u>
marquee hire	8,431.30
insurance	300.32
Lighthouse Central and DBS	1,390.50
Contribution to HT	500.00
stationery & printing for teaching/TH	716.59
T Shirts	477.40
mainstage expenses	16.60
site expenses	2,283.72
craft	181.85
misc expenses	0.00
tea tent	3.42
teen event	250.00
Creche/Little LH/4s	0.00
Expenses from prior years not claimed	
total expenditure	<u>14,551.70</u>
SURPLUS FOR YEAR	(77.54)

Balance Sheet**2021**

£

Statement of reserves

reserves b/fwd	24,085.64
Capital transfer	
surplus for year	(77.54)
reserves c/fwd	<u>24,008.10</u>

Represented by

balance per bank statement	25,710.53
add uncleared bankings	461.40
less unpresented cheques	-2,163.83
less accrual	
cash book balance	<u>24,008.10</u>

SHOULD BE 0

0.00

<u>Donations from churches</u>	ACTUAL
CTM	500.00
Christchurch URC	
St Marys Marlow Bottom	
St Peters	
All Saints	
Baptist	100.00
All Saints Bells	
MB Methodist	300.00
Methodist	500.00
River church	
DCC All Saints	
Coinda	
Christchurch URC	
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	1,400.00
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<u>Donations from corporates</u>	
Bucks CC	
MTC	500.00
Masons	
Brand Events	
Got this Entertainment	
S&G legal services Rachels charity	
Marlow Thames Rotary Club	
Waitrose	
Co-op	1,722.73
David	
Tower Garage	100.00
Marlow FM	150.00
Chives	224.00
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	2,696.73
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<u>Other fundraising</u>	
Phoenix cards	
Pancake day	
PITP	
PITP	
Santa fun run	91.82

Sale of tote bags to GMS

16.80

Barn dance

108.62
