

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

Income & Expenditure Account		LHM 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	14,474.16
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	14,551.70
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	24,008.10

Represented by

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

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<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	
Cooinda	
Christchurch URC	
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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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<u>Other fundraising</u>	
Phoenix cards	
Pancake day	
PITP	
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Santa fun run	91.82

Sale of tote bags to GMS	16.80
Barn dance	
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	108.62
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