



Princes Risborough Lighthouse 2020 Chair's Report

The aim of Lighthouse is to provide an opportunity for children, young people and adults to learn more about God's amazing love for us and understand the difference Jesus can make to our lives. Year on year we aim to grow, to reach out to more children, young people and adults and to invite them to join with us in a lifelong journey with Jesus.

Key roles for this year:

Chair	Vicky Bant
Vice Chair	Elyna Kibble
Secretary	Elaine Hassall
Treasurer	Linda Belsham
Safe Guarding Officer	Rev Pat Kerr

Overview

Princes Risborough Lighthouse continues to grow year on year with Little Lighthouse and the 4-5s age group growing by the largest margin each year. In 2019 we had 492 children register and 167 of volunteers.

With the pressures of the COVID pandemic, a decision was taken in April 2020 not to run Princes Risborough Lighthouse. All meetings were run virtually via Zoom and fundraising ceased. The normal donations which we would have received from the Churches also ceased.

Working with Lighthouse Central, we assisted them in working towards a 'virtual Lighthouse' during the week 27 – 31 Jul. The theme and teaching was Hidden Heroes and the day started at 10am with an hour-long LIVE show full of songs, actions, messy games, drama, craft, stories, and prayer! Once the LIVE show had finished there were various activities available to watch throughout the day and a craft activity for the children to complete at home. At 4pm Lighthouse Central went LIVE again with more music and games. Positive feedback was received into Lighthouse Central.

Finance

As a result of cancelling Lighthouse, our financial level of support was dramatically reduced but not to the point that it would bring about insolvency. Indeed, we donated £1000 towards Virtual Lighthouse and parents donated directly to Lighthouse Central. Our Reserves have been maintained and I will be ensuring that going into 2021, Princes Risborough Lighthouse will proceed in the best interests of our charity and in line with COVID restrictions. I am aware of the need to look to create a plan for 2021 and ensure that any decision taken does not have a detrimental effect on the overall outcome.

Overall

Lighthouse is a week that really does make a difference in so many people's lives, helpers and children alike. As the Chair, I believe that the Virtual Lighthouse helped to reach out to those children who would have been able to attend Princes Risborough Lighthouse and to others across the UK. Virtual Lighthouse reached out to so many families that Lighthouse Central are planning to run such sessions throughout the year. I would like to thank every volunteer and supporter for their dedication to Lighthouse especially those who assisted Lighthouse Central in ensuring that the Virtual Lighthouse was such a success.

Vicky Bant

Chair 2020

Lighthouse Princes Risborough

Final Account 30.09.2020

	2019	2020
Balance from Previous Year	1,797.60	962.16
Support from churches	5,800.00	0.00
Parent Donations	11,492.25	310.00 ✓
Other Donations	4,983.20	2,720.00 (includes donated fees)
Gift Aid	3,846.74	3,298.11 ✓
Quiz Sheets	620.20	544.00 ✓
Quiz Night	1,116.00	0.00
Xmas Fayre	884.80	575.55 ✓
Tesco Collection	0.00	0.00
Church Collections	315.12	337.90 ✓
Grants	3,440.00	600.00 ✓
Sales (Net)	-103.61	132.50 (from 2019 chocolate/cards)
On-line Shopping	199.90	90.00 ✓
Café Profit	1,470.00	0.00
Other	224.75	0.00
Total Income	36,086.95	9,570.22
Expenditure:		
Tents & Toilets	18,987.97	450.00 ✓ Tent Deposit
Electrics, PA, Music	7,657.60	0.00
Other Site Costs	807.59	0.00
Insurance	538.13	60.40 ✓
Newsletters and promotion	163.91	0.00
First Aid	750.00	0.00
Admin	1,343.54	2,857.50 ✓ LH Central & £180 virgin giving set up
Activities:		
Craft	388.20	0.00
Mainstage	458.19	0.00
Sport	5.99	0.00
Drumming	375.00	0.00
Little Lighthouse	9.72	0.00
Materials/Printing	1,088.51	0.00
Evenings	537.57	0.00
Cont. Fund	0.00	5,000.00 ✓
Total Expenditure	35,124.79	8,367.90 ✓
Final Balance at 31.7.2020	962.16	1,202.32
Annual Income less Expenditure	-835.44	240.16

Contingency /Reserve Account	Balance at 01/10/2019	27,099.88 ✓	From current account
	Interest	257.16	
	Balance at 30/09/2020	32,357.04	

Assets @ 30.9.2020	Current Account	1,202.32
Total Assets @ 30.9.2020	Reserve Account	32,357.04
		33,559.36

I have tested the accounts with the records kept, with the bank statements and the vouchers for the year and find them, and the balances, to be in accordance with these accounts.

Nicola Kelleher
 Signed Independent Examiner
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 Date