



Princes Risborough Lighthouse 2021 Chair's Report

Lighthouse aims 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 in 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 us in a lifelong journey with Jesus.

Key roles for this year:

Chair	Vicky Bant
Vice-Chair	Eleya Kibble
Secretary	Elaine Hassall
Treasurer	Linda Belsham
Safeguarding Officer	N/A

Overview

Princes Risborough Lighthouse has been on a journey over the past few years. Over previous years, Little Lighthouse and the 4-5s age group have been growing by the largest margin each year. In 2019 we had 492 children register and 167 volunteers. The following year we could not run Princes Risborough Lighthouse due to the COVID19 pandemic.

After being unable to run a Lighthouse in 2020, an endeavour was made to run for 2021. All meetings were run virtually via Zoom to start preparation. However, after challenges with the pandemic, venue leasing and volunteer registration, we decided not to run in June 2021. Fundraising ceased and the normal donations which we would have received from the Churches also ceased. Instead, a singular day event was put on in July 2021 in a similar format to our Lighthouse week sessions. Attendees had a great response to the event.

Working with Lighthouse Central, we supported their filming for short holiday sessions at key points in the year. We also assisted them in working towards a 'virtual Lighthouse' during the week 26 - 30th July as we did in 2020. Short sessions were posted online each day on the theme and teaching of HOPE, full of songs, actions, messy games, drama, crafts, stories, and prayer! There were also uploaded resources and activities available for the children to complete at home. Positive feedback was received for both the holiday celebrations and the Lighthouse week.

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. The day event in the park was financed by donations from a couple of churches and donations from volunteers. We were also able to support Lighthouse Central

with their administration costs. Our Reserves have been maintained and I will be ensuring that going into 2022, Princes Risborough Lighthouse will proceed in the best interests of our charity and in line with COVID restrictions.

Overall

Although the pandemic has created challenges for Lighthouse Princes Risborough, there is an immense positivity among the committee and supporters for Lighthouse to go ahead in 2022. It was a delight to give back to the community with our singular event, reminding those involved of why we love Lighthouse. I passionately believe in the positive impact Lighthouse has on the helpers, the children, and their parents. The continuation of a Virtual Lighthouse has reached families that do not have a local Lighthouse and the children that could not join Lighthouse Princes Risborough. I would like to thank every volunteer and supporter for their faithful dedication. A special thank you to those who volunteered at Lighthouse Central to make Virtual Lighthouse a success. I look forward to the coming year.

Eleyna

Vice-chair 2021

(Financial review by Linda Belsham, Treasurer)

	2020	2021
Balance from Previous Year	962.16	1,202.32
Support from churches	0.00	1,750.00
Parent Donations	310.00	0.00
Other Donations	2,720.00	861.50 (includes donated fees)
Gift Aid	3,298.11	193.86
Quiz Sheets	544.00	0.00
Quiz Night	0.00	0.00
Xmas Fayre	575.55	0.00
Church Collections	337.90	0.00
Grants	600.00	1,000.00 Tesco
Sales (net)	132.50	0.00
Other Income	90.00	24.00
Café Income	0.00	0.00
Basket Collection	0.00	0.00
Total Income	9,570.22	5,031.68
Expenditure:		
Tents & Toilets	450.00	180.00
Electrics, PA, Music	0.00	2,255.98
Other Site Costs	0.00	265.20
Insurance	60.40	254.98
Newsletters and promotion	0.00	0.00
First Aid	0.00	0.00
Admin	2,857.50	675.99
Activities:		
Craft	0.00	0.00
Mainstage	0.00	76.52
Sport	0.00	0.00
Drumming	0.00	0.00
Little Lighthouse	0.00	0.00
Materials/Printing	0.00	0.00
Evenings	0.00	0.00
Cont. Fund	5,000.00	0.00
Total Expenditure	8,367.90	3,708.67
Final Balance at	1,202.32	1,323.01
Annual Income less Expenditure	240.16	120.69

Contingency /Reserve Account	Balance at	32,357.04	From current account
	Interest	123.94	
		0.00	
	Balance at	32,480.98	

Assets @ 30.9.2021	1,323.01
	32,480.98
Total Assets @ 30.9.2021	33,803.99

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.

N. C. KELLEHER

14/2/2022