



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 Nov 2023 **Period start date**
To 31 Oct 2024 **Period end date**

Charity name: The LIFE Community

Charity registration number: 1178447

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The LIFE Community is affiliated to the South West Baptist Association Charity Registration 1124938</p> <p>The LIFE Community up until 20 September 2023 has managed Pippins Community Centre.</p> <p>Pippins CIO is now a charity in her own right Charity Registration 1204863 therefore with effect from the 2023/24 financial year The LIFE Community and Pippins CIO will file separate accounts.</p>

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The LIFE Community continues to be a faithful and prayerful presence at Pippins Community Centre. We are small in number yet big in heart and are part of the undergirding of centre life at Pippins in prayer – we take this role very seriously and a number of us ‘dwell’ at Pippins through the week. We continue to enjoy our monthly rhythm which includes, creative worship gatherings, LIFE Groups and First Friday Feasts a creative gathering for young families.</p> <p>We continue to cook together, eat together, pray together and discover God together. We have enjoyed using the Discover Bible App for our gatherings and been challenged by 3/3rds method of Looking Back, Looking Up and Looking Forwards... it has been a simple yet powerful way for us to grow as Disciples and moved us on from ‘what’ to think, to ‘how’ to think and to notice more what God is up to in our midst.</p> <p>We have strong links and partnership working with our local denominational church families and local Clergy. We have a joint Open The Book Team with Axminster URC who have enjoyed a new growing relationship with Axminster Primary Academy. We have also enjoyed our joint Youth Discipleship Group with Kilmington Baptist Church.</p> <p>We have really enjoyed transitioning all of our outdoor space this year into a large Community Garden. This has been a fantastic season for centre life and we are hugely grateful for the Stronger Together grant that we received in order for our Community Garden Team to carry out the work and for many of our Pippins User Groups to enjoy our beautiful outdoor space. We are looking forward to the summer months when we can meet around our fire pit once again.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees have regard for this guidance.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
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Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The LIFE Community currently doesn't allocate any grants
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	The LIFE Community currently doesn't allocate any social investment
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Some of our people who 'belong' to The LIFE Community regularly give to the life and work of our community with time and resources
Other		-

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>We have had another wonderful year as The LIFE Community (TLC) and continue to be that faithful and prayer presence at Pippins Community Centre. We feel that our prayers are part of a whole hosts of prayers prayed that undergird the beautiful work at the centre.</p> <p>Pippins continues to be a safe place for many and it's amazing that we are all a part of that.</p> <p>We are enjoying the Discover app and a 3/3rds method of Bible study whereby we spend time looking back, looking up and looking forwards. We feel encouraged to 'notice' more and more what God is up to in the places that we each dwell.</p> <p>We continue to enjoy hosting our young families for First Friday Feast and it has been a real joy to see young lives grow in the creative ways that they each pray.</p> <p>We have a joint Open The Book Team with our friends from the United Reform Church that regularly visit Axminster Primary Academy which is brilliant. The Head Teacher tells us that the children love it!</p> <p>Our cooking together and eating together and discovering our faith in Jesus together continues to forge deep friendships here which are very precious.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>The achievements set out above are in line with our aspirations from last year</p>
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Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	We were delighted to receive addition donation support from the South West Baptist Association to support a stipend and this has enable the mission to cover its costs for the year.
	Para 1.41	-
Investment performance against objectives		All funds are held in a current bank account as there are no funds available for investment.
Other		-

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	This is the 1 st year in which the charity has operated solely as a church. At the beginning of the year, when Pippins commenced operating as it's own charity, we transferred its own funds of £3,846 to it. These are reported as donations made. The church has a small membership which donates to the charity on a monthly basis. Other donations and grants were received from a local Baptist church and the South West Baptist Association. We also receive a contribution from the new Pippins charity towards the stipend paid to our minister. The other operational costs are very low. For this year we are very grateful for all the support we have received which enabled the charity to generate a surplus for the year (excluding the donations to Pippins of £977. This has enabled us to build our reserves to be in line with the reserves policy with £5,575 held in the charity bank account.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The annual expenditure of the charity is around £30,000 pa with most payments equally spread monthly. Therefore we aim to cap our reserves at £5,000. At the year end unrestricted reserves were £4,711 which are in line with the policy
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Unrestricted reserves were £4,711
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The future of the mission is dependent in the receipt of donations from a local Baptist Church and the SWBA

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	We are supported by Home Mission and for the last two years the South West Baptist Association's Axe Valley Fund for which we are hugely grateful.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	As set out above this is not applicable

A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Funding is often very tight and we continue to rely on grants.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The Core Team will nominate to the community and we vote either at a gathering or at our Church Meeting equivalent which is our Community Dinner.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	We are a small team of 4. New trustees would have been members of the church for a significant period and they "walk alongside" in regular activity for a required period of time.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The charity is a church with two accredited Baptist ministers who are trustees and is a member of the Baptist Union. Regular support is received by a minister of a local Baptist church and technical and legal support is provided by the South West Baptist Association which supports churches in the Westcountry.

Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	None are related
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The LIFE Community
Other name the charity uses	-
Registered charity number	1178447
Charity's principal address	Pippins Community Centre Lyme Road Axminster Devon EX13 5AZ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Rev Kay d'Albertanson	Core Team, Trustee and Minister		
2	Elizabeth Paice	Core Team and Trustee		
3	Simon d'Albertanson	Core Team and Trustee		
4	Helen Larkin	Trustee	From 1 Sept 2024	
5	Thierry Ndi Mallet	Trustee	From 1 April 2025	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Rev Kay d'Albertanson

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Elizabeth Ann Paice	Kay d'Albertanson
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Core Team and Trustee	Core Team, Trustee and Minister

Date	Feb 2025
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The LIFE Community

Nov 23- Oct 24

	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24
Expenditure								
Food	4.50	16.08	13.30	10.10	19.20	12.00	0.00	0.00
Travel & Car Parking	59.55		0.00				0.00	0.00
Room Hire	150.00	150.00	112.50		168.75			362.50
Insurance	200.00							
Stipend to WEBA payroll	1,620.80	3,241.60	1,620.80			1,622.30		
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Pension	79.10	79.10	79.10	79.10	79.10	94.29	94.29	94.29
Placement student petrol					25.00			
SWBA HM contribution					678.00			
Baptist Union Subs					316.75			
Stipend ajustment						574.98		
Minister retreat								120.00
Ministers mobile phone								
Pippins community garden grant								
Spiritual Direction	30.00		30.00			30.00		
Post Office						59.28		
CCLI CLA Church licence						52.00		
Exeter Scrapstore								
Sub Total	£2,143.95	£3,486.78	£3,476.50	£89.20	£1,286.80	£2,444.85	£94.29	£576.79

Income

Giving	£410.00	£410.00	£410.00	£410.00	£410.00	£410.00	£420.00	£370.00
Giving hall hire					£37.50	£37.50	£37.50	£37.50
Tesco Error	£20.00							

BCK Gift	£312.00	£312.00	£312.00	£312.00	£312.00	£312.00	£312.00	£312.00
SWBA home mission	£416.67	£416.67	£416.67	£416.67	£416.67	£416.67	£416.67	£416.67
Centre Director	£1,333.90			£2,055.45		£694.25	£694.25	£793.61
Hope Baptist church mentoring			£9.50					
Stipend Grant Axe Valley Fund						£5,700.00		
Meninadanca						£50.00		
SWBA community garden grant								£1,000.00
Bank interest								
CCLI refund								
Total	£2,492.57	£1,138.67	£1,148.17	£3,194.12	£1,176.17	£7,620.42	£1,880.42	£2,929.78
Profit/Loss	£348.62	-£2,348.11	-£2,328.33	£3,104.92	-£110.63	£5,175.57	£1,786.13	£2,352.99
Bank balance b/f	£4,595.05	£4,943.67	£2,595.56	£267.23	£3,372.15	£3,261.52	£8,437.09	£10,223.22
Add receipts	£2,492.57	£1,138.67	£1,148.17	£3,194.12	£1,176.17	£7,620.42	£1,880.42	£2,929.78
less payments	-£2,143.95	-£3,486.78	-£3,476.50	-£89.20	-£1,286.80	-£2,444.85	-£94.29	-£576.79
Bank balance c/f	£4,943.67	£2,595.56	£267.23	£3,372.15	£3,261.52	£8,437.09	£10,223.22	£12,576.21

Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Total
0.00	0.00	4.40	40.40	£119.98
7.60	0.00	4.50	0.00	£71.65
525.00	162.50	162.50	162.50	£1,956.25
				£200.00
5,491.74	1,830.58	1,830.58		£17,258.40
1,830.58			1,830.58	£5,281.96
94.29	94.29	94.29	94.29	£1,055.53
				£25.00
				£678.00
				£316.75
				£574.98
				£120.00
12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	£48.00
1,000.00				£1,000.00
30.00		30.00		£150.00
				£59.28
				£52.00
				£0.00
£8,991.21	£2,099.37	£2,138.27	£2,139.77	£28,967.78

£370.00	£370.00	£370.00	£370.00	£4,730.00
£97.50	£37.50	£37.50	£37.50	£360.00
				£20.00

£312.00	£312.00	£312.00	£312.00	£3,744.00
£416.67	£416.67	£416.67	£416.67	£5,000.04
£1,037.47	£890.09	£890.09	£890.09	£9,279.20
				£9.50
				£5,700.00
				£50.00
				£1,000.00
				£0.00
	£52.00			£52.00
£2,233.64	£2,078.26	£2,026.26	£2,026.26	£29,944.74
-£6,757.57	-£21.11	-£112.01	-£113.51	£976.96
£12,576.21	£5,818.64	£5,797.53	£5,685.52	
£2,233.64	£2,078.26	£2,026.26	£2,026.26	
-£8,991.21	-£2,099.37	-£2,138.27	-£2,139.77	
£5,818.64	£5,797.53	£5,685.52	£5,572.01	



CHARITY COMMISSION
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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
The Life Community

On accounts for the year
ended

31st October 2024

Charity no
(if any) 1178447

Set out on pages

1-9 of the Trustees Report and 1 to 2 of the Receipts and Payments
accounts.

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all 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:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130
of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements
concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities
(Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement
that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter
considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection
with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in
order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Roger Carne

Date:

8/7/25

Name:

Roger Carne

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

F.C.A

Address:

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Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.