

Trustees Annual Report 2020

Windmill started 2020 with many plans that had to be dropped or highly adapted because of the Covid 19 pandemic. It has been a different year in many ways but also one that has stretched us to explore new technology and new and innovative ways of continuing our missionary aims to be loving outward to our local community, faithful in worship and to share the love of Jesus. Suddenly our social media presence and updating our webpage became more important.

During the national lockdowns, we provided worship via a Youtube film of our members playing songs, reading the Bible, praying and giving talks. A weekly newsletter and a weekly zoom meeting kept adults connected. Some people who are vulnerable or living on their own were regularly visited when the guidance allowed. After the lockdown, we began to gather again outside in the grounds of the local Anglican Church before returning to Zoom for the winter months. A particular highlight was our 'No Room on the Zoom' Christmas play which was shared on Youtube.

Windmill families and their children are an important part of our *Everyone is Welcome* approach. We began the year with an all age drumming workshop followed by sessions of drama for our young people. During the lockdowns, we discovered that our young people did not respond well to Youtube or zoom opportunities so instead we sent gifts and activities over the summer holiday period and involved as many young people as possible in our Christmas play and service. We cannot wait to re-start our in-person children's work.

We adapted our community activities at Christmas and Easter to be Covid safe; joining with the local Primary school to run an advent and nativity window trail in December 2020, which was popular with families and well worth doing. A Christmas card from all three churches in Bottesford was sent to the whole parish giving details of how they could safely connect at Christmas with local churches.

All relevant policies and procedures were reviewed and the trustees continued to meet via email meetings or zoom meetings. One trustee particularly struggled with this format and the stress of lockdown and resigned. Early in the year one of our trustees resigned as he had planned but the core membership has remained stable and robust. We have truly valued the support of the Leadership and Pioneer teams at the Diocese of Leicester. Giving has continued but because of reduction in costs we have been able to give generously to a number of charitable causes.

It was recognised early on that although we were in the same Covid storm, we were definitely not all in the same boat. Some people's burdens during this time increased almost to breaking point, while others suffered difficulty adapting to changes and restrictions but managed well. Loneliness and isolation issues became very obvious and we learnt that the need to connect person to person as much as possible was far more important than 'watching' a worship Service. Sharing the walk and encouraging each other in prayer and just being at the end of the phone, messenger or on a zoom has been a valuable part of our outreach during this unprecedented time. We ended the year very tired but hopeful as Windmill had continued to grow during Lockdown and was still highly valued.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Windmill Missional Community

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December 2020

**Charity no
(if any)**

1178473

Set out on pages

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(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 **31/12/2020**

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with 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 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:

Date: 13/9/21

Name:

Paul Stothard FCA

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

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Windmill Missional Community

Yearly Balance Totals 2020

Balance c/f		1,451.25
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Income

HMRC	566.29
Grants	0.00
Cheque Donations	0.00
Cash Donations	266.20
BACs Donations	549.08
PGS Donations	3010.70

Total Income	4,392.27	5,843.52
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Expenditure

Purchases	£0.00
Payments to Diocese	£250.00
Hardship Fund	£70.00
Insurance	£211.70
Print, postage and Stationery	£65.00
Donations	£850.00
Assets/Equipment/Resources	£162.04
Advertising	£175.40
Training/Away Days	£0.00
Website	£115.20
Children's Activities	£232.60
Food	£63.24
Accountancy Fees	£0.00
Travel Expenses	£120.00
Rent	£610.00
Gifts	£1,264.58

Total Expenditure	£4,189.76
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Balance	1,653.76
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Liability	13.24
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