

Lighthouse Hazlemere 2022 Chairman's Report

Richard Peters

Lighthouse Hazlemere 2022 was my first and last Lighthouse as Chairman. I joined the trustees as treasurer after Lighthouse 2019 to address financial problems and stepped in as an interim Chairman in 2022 so that Carole O'Brien could stand down in confidence that Lighthouse could continue without her.

Carole was passionate about Lighthouse because she loved children, young people and even grownups! She wanted everyone to know what Jesus had done for her so that they, too, could experience God's love. Lighthouse was just one of the ways she shared her faith. She was an amazing example to us all, and we miss her. Enabling Carole to be at Lighthouse 2022 in a role appropriate to her health at that time was a privilege.

I want to thank everyone who worked so hard to make Lighthouse Hazlemere 2022 happen, in particular, the trustees and the management team who did so much in the run-up to the event.

Lighthouse could not run without volunteers, and in 2022, 91 people signed up to help. This enabled us to accept 278 children from 521 applications. The average daily attendance was 247 children. There were 9 children with places who did not attend at all.

In recent years Lighthouse has planted many new sites locally. Each new Lighthouse has meant that Lighthouse Hazlemere is serving a smaller catchment of both children and volunteers. We need to be grateful that Lighthouse Hazlemere has become smaller but better focused on the local community it serves. If we had kept the "big" Lighthouse model, the total number of children who enjoy Lighthouse would now be smaller.

In 2021, as we emerged from COVID we experimented with reducing the number of marquees to one and using more of the school buildings. In 2022 we didn't hire any marquees, although we did purchase some gala tents so that we could locate the shop and refreshments outside. Using school buildings saves a lot of time and effort for the site team. It also makes Lighthouse financially sustainable; post-pandemic marquee costs shot up, so nearly all Lighthouses are now following us in using school buildings.

I have now stood down as Chairman, treasurer, and trustee to focus again on Lighthouse Central and database development. But am excited by the vision of the current trustees which I believe will ensure Lighthouse Hazlemere will continue with a new focus and into a new chapter. I have been involved in Lighthouse Hazlemere since it started in 2000, so you will not get rid of me! I will continue to support you where I can, and look forward to seeing you at Lighthouse Hazlemere 2023.

God bless.

Richard

LIGHTHOUSE HAZLEMERE CHARITY NUMBER 1178562

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31st December 2022**

	2019	2020	2021	2022
EXPENDITURE				
Activities	185.88	0.00	1,100.23	389.07
Teaching/mainstage	844.93	0.00	0.00	222.31
Tents/staging	19926.35	0.00	3,718.12	2,745.85
School Hire/site	2339.98	0.00	1,650.00	1,753.23
Electrics	3270	0.00	0.00	0.00
Refreshments (including BBQ's)	348.22	0.00	67.26	227.13
Admin/Lighthouse Central	3603.77	5,454.50	6,617.77	2,314.00
Insurance	700.98	60.40	297.52	459.46
Fresh	790	0.00	0.00	300.00
American Team	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Shop	3675.44	0.00	0.00	649.39
Helpers T Shirts	912.6	0.00	631.79	254.34
Lanyards	240	0.00	0.00	360.00
First Aid	1000	0.00	0.00	117.64
Literature	0	0.00	0.00	177.64
Storage	0	361.95	997.61	1,042.69
Total	37,838	5,876.85	15,080.30	11,012.75
INCOME				
Donations from churches	8540.12	6,900.00	3,300.00	1,200.00
Donations – Gift Aided	8415	4,540.00	475.00	2,960.00
Donations – non gift aided	2799.09	5,458.75	4,885.68	1,201.95
Donations – GASDS	828.53	55.00	0.00	0.00
Donations – Online	1813.92	1,093.53	5,898.49	5,103.21
Gift Aid Tax refund	5690.27	0.00	0.00	1,258.25
Miscellaneous gifts	1000	0.00	50.00	0.00
Fresh	606.69	0.00	0.00	0.00
American Team	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Shop	2710.12	0.00	0.00	1,215.79
T Shirts	97.5	0.00	145.90	0.00
Lanyards	412	0.00	0.00	69.46
Hoodies and Polos	342	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	33255.24	18,047.28	14,755.07	13,008.66
Income – expenditure	-4582.91	12,170.43	-325.23	1,995.91
Balance brought forward from previous year	10095.73	5,512.82	17,683.25	17,358.02
Balance carried forward to next year	5512.82	17,683.25	17,358.02	19,353.93