



Report and Accounts

1st October 2021 – 30th September 2022

Lighthouse Thame And Villages

Report of the Trustees

12 months ending 30th September 2022

Reference and administrative details

Lighthouse Thame and Villages is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation whose only voting members are its charity trustees. It is governed by its Constitution which was adopted on registration of the CIO on 8th August 2018

Charity registration number 1179483

Principal office Black Horse Cottage, Manor Road,
Towersey, THAME, OX9 3QR

Trustees

Susan Margaret Civval
Catherine Enticknap
Rev Philip Neil Groves (*3rd May 2022*)
Rev Patrick Joel Harris
Rev Anthony George Taylor
Ruth Anne Wallace

Governance

The Trustees oversee the charity and normally meet quarterly with extra meetings if needed. There is a Leadership Team, appointed by the Trustees, who meet separately to deliver the event. The chair of the Leadership Team is ex officio of the Trustees and able to report to meetings.

New trustees are recruited by direct invitation from the existing trustees and are identified either by trustees or by referral. In extending invitations to individuals, account is taken of the skills, present and required, and to provide appropriate representation from churches in the area. The chair of trustees is nominated by the trustees of the CIO and may at any point revoke such appointment.

Induction of trustees includes provision of information on the requirements of being a charity trustee as well as the governing documents and relevant guidelines from the Charity Commission. They are encouraged to reflect on the role of the charity and talk to those already involved, especially among the other Trustees and the Leadership Team.

Having mostly had personal contact with Lighthouse, new trustees are often well aware of our objectives and the work we undertake. As such, the induction of new trustees is minimal. Trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate external events where this will facilitate the undertaking of their role.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purpose

We promote the Christian faith primarily through the provision of a non-residential holiday club in the area of Thame and its surrounding villages with activities in a combination of teaching, performing arts, music, physical activities and crafts in a way which advances understanding of the Christian faith and encourages churches to work together to promote unity.

Public Benefit

The trustees have complied with the duty in section 4 of the 2006 Act to have due regard to guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission, including the specific guidance on advancement of religion, in all their decisions.

Achievements and performance

There has been a good deal of behind-the-scenes activity during the past year. Since coming out of Covid we have decided to hold smaller events, and for the sake of carbon emissions, to be ones which don't need to be centred on the use of marquees. We spent the early months of 2022 trying to secure a location to run Lighthouse, but as many of the schools in Thame have long-standing relationships with external holiday providers, we found our options very limited. Lord Williams Lower School seemed to be a possibility, but then the offer was withdrawn in May due to building works, so we were unable to run Lighthouse in 2022.

Following our consultation with church leaders in 2021, one of our action points was to consider making the holiday smaller as it had become so large as to be unmanageable and leaders were becoming hard to find for such a demanding event. So, the decision was taken to rebrand it. During 2022 we consulted with key people in Thame with the outcome that the Lighthouse Holiday Club is now to be known as *KickStart*. Whilst retaining all our original objectives and activities, our pilot *KickStart* in July 2023 will be a smaller event (up to 150 children) and will run for three mornings instead of five full days.

During 2022 we have created a *KickStart* website, a bookings site for children and team, and have designed artwork for the logo. Initial conversations with Lord Williams's Lower School are very positive for securing the site and we are hoping to run in July 2023.

Financial review

As a result of not securing a site, from a financial perspective, the charity continued to be almost dormant for the year. There was limited income of gifts and bank interest of £51.

The trustees cut all expenditure where possible with the bare minimum of expenditure to cover necessary maintenance costs. A grant of £1,000 was made to Lighthouse Princes Risborough to help with their first event post-Covid.

At 30th September 2022 the General Fund stood at £25,780 (2020: £26,967), which will be used to fund activities planned for summer 2023.

Reserves policy

The charity aims to apply income directly to its charitable purposes, whilst retaining sufficient available reserves to cover immediate operating expenses. The trustees consider it appropriate to carry reserves equivalent to eight to ten months' operating expenditure.

Factors considered include the need to cover fluctuations in gift income and critical expenditure requirements to set up and prepare for annual events. The funds give the trustees scope to commit expenditure in advance of the voluntary income that those events generate.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved this trustees' report.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Susan M Civval, Trustee

16th November 2022

Lighthouse Thame and Villages

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from 1st October 2021 To 30th September 2022

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Gifts and donations	£ 35	£ -	£ -	£ 35	£ -
Gift Aid	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 3,537
Bank interest	£ 16	£ -	£ -	£ 16	£ 2
Miscellaneous receipts	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Transfer from Lighthouse 98	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	£ 51	£ -	£ -	£ 51	£ 3,538
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Sub total	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Total receipts	£ 51	£ -	£ -	£ 51	£ 3,538
A3 Payments					
Activities	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Administration and support	£ 238	£ -	£ -	£ 238	£ 291
Grants	£ 1,000	£ -	£ -	£ 1,000	£ -
	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Sub total	£ 1,238	£ -	£ -	£ 1,238	£ 291
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Sub total	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Total payments	£ 1,238	£ -	£ -	£ 1,238	£ 291
Net of receipts/(payments)	-£ 1,187	£ -	£ -	-£ 1,187	£ 3,247
A5 Transfers between funds	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
A6 Cash funds last year end	£ 26,967	£ -	£ -	£ 26,967	£ 23,720
Cash funds this year end	£ 25,780	£ -	£ -	£ 25,780	£ 26,967

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Accounts	£ 25,780	£ -	£ -
		£ -	£ -	£ -
		£ -	£ -	£ -
	Total cash funds	£ 25,780	£ -	£ -
	Signature		Print Name	Date of approval
			S M Civval	

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Lighthouse Thame and Villages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Lighthouse Thame and Villages (the Charity) for the 12 months ended 30 September 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Charity, 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 Charity'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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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:

Gordon M Taylor ACMA Retired
1, Cheshire Road, THAME, OX9 3LQ

Xxth November 2022