



Formerly Lighthouse Thame & Villages

Report and Accounts

1st October 2022 – 30th September 2023

Impact Thame

Report of the Trustees

12 months ending 30th September 2023

Reference and administrative details

Impact Thame (formerly Lighthouse Thame & 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 on 8th August 2018 and amended on 16 May 2023 and on 29 Sep 2023.

Charity registration number 1179483

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

Trustees

Susan Margaret Civval
Catherine Enticknap
Rev Patrick Joel Harris
Mark Powys-Smith (appointed 7th July 2023)
Rev Anthony George Taylor (resigned on 30th June 2023)
Ruth Anne Wallace (resigned on 22nd September 2023)

Governance

The Trustees oversee the charity and normally meet every two months with extra meetings if needed.

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 Impact Thame, 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

To promote the Christian faith to children, young people and families in the area of Thame and its surrounding villages in particular but not exclusively by a combination of teaching, performing arts, music, physical activities and crafts in a way which promotes 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 continued to be a considerable amount of behind-the-scenes activity during the past year.

During the early part of 2023 we consulted widely over changing our Charity name from “Lighthouse Thame and Villages” and agreed on “Impact Thame”. We have established a new logo and fresh website, and our bookings site (for both children and team) has had more work to refine and personalise the system.

We planned to run our three-day Holiday Club, *KickStart* during the first week of the summer holidays and had secured part of Lord Williams’s Lower School. Sadly, not enough team came forward to help and there was not enough administrative support. Rather than cancel the event altogether we ran The Big Church Family Fun Day on one of the days. Our aim was to launch Impact Thame and ignite interest and commitment for running events in the future. The event was well supported by 240 people of all ages, from across the town and its churches who all had a fun, enjoyable family time together. A good number of new people there signed up to be on team at our next event and we launched the publicity for the Lighten Up Party there.

On 31st October Impact Thame ran our first Lighten Up Party since before Covid, in St Mary’s Church Thame. Twenty-five helpers from across the town and surrounding villages came together to put on a very successful event for one hundred children, and many of their parents stayed to enjoy the evening.

We continue to make plans for our Holiday Club *KickStart* and hope this might finally be able to take place in the summer of 2024.

Financial review

Impact Thame started to become active again during the year, following the Covid-induced break in activities. Consequently, income and expenditure were much higher than in the previous year. Trustees used the accumulated funds to change the name, refresh the brand and as seed money to support the creation of new events. There was a resulting deficit of £1,282 (2022: £1,187).

Total income, arising from gifts, grants and bank interest, amounted to £959 (2022: £51).

There was total expenditure of £2,241 (2022: £1,238), including £938 running the Big Church Family Fun Day and £720 on the design of the new logo.

At 30th September 2023 the General Fund stood at £24,498 (2022: £25,780), which will be used to fund activities planned for 2023/24.

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
17th November 2023

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from 1st October 2022 To 30th September 2023

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	£ 411	£ -	£ -	£ 411	£ 35
Grants	£ 315	£ -	£ -	£ 315	£ -
Bank interest	£ 233	£ -	£ -	£ 233	£ 16
	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	£ 959	£ -	£ -	£ 959	£ 51
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Sub total	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Total receipts	£ 959	£ -	£ -	£ 959	£ 51
A3 Payments					
Activities	£ 1,176	£ -	£ -	£ 1,176	£ -
Administration and support	£ 193	£ -	£ -	£ 193	£ 238
Grants	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 1,000
Advertising and Promotion	£ 872	£ -	£ -	£ 872	£ -
	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Sub total	£ 2,241	£ -	£ -	£ 2,241	£ 1,238
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Sub total	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Total payments	£ 2,241	£ -	£ -	£ 2,241	£ 1,238
Net of receipts/(payments)	-£ 1,282	£ -	£ -	-£ 1,282	-£ 1,187
A5 Transfers between funds	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
A6 Cash funds last year end	£ 25,780	£ -	£ -	£ 25,780	£ 26,967
Cash funds this year end	£ 24,498	£ -	£ -	£ 24,498	£ 25,780

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	£ 4,491	£ -	£ -
	CCLA Deposit Fund	£ 20,007	£ -	£ -
		£ -	£ -	£ -
	Total cash funds	£ 24,498	£ -	£ -
	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval
		S M Civval		

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Impact Thame

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Impact Thame (the Charity) for the 12 months ended 30 September 2023.

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

21st November 2023