



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date 1st June 2024 Period end date 31st May 2025

Charity name: **Lionheart UK**

Charity registration number: **1183347**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Advancement of the Christian religion through the unification of Churches and Outreach including a Christian Worship Music Festival and Evangelical Activities
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	Initially an annual Christian Worship Music Festival with teaching and Outreach. A pilgrimage for refreshing, rejuvenating, advancing Christian values, and evangelism for those who are seeking. Further outreach took place with a 'Lionhearted' indoor event in October 2023. Also 2 Ministers/Leaders' Meetings took place advancing unity within the Body of Christ. In 2024 Evangelical activities extended further with a partnership with an Evangelical Training Ministry carrying out training and outreach in 6 churches across the Isle of Wight and on the streets. Many said they felt far more confident to speak about faith, God and the Bible following the training and this led to many going out on the streets where we witnessed to many people across the Isle of Wight and over 120 people saved.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public	Para 1.18	Trustees received the Charity Commission guidance on being a Trustee, what that entails and the Trustees had the opportunity to liaise with a charity specialist at the

benefit		Inauguration meeting. Very regular Trustees meetings take place and new Charity Commission information is circulated by email to keep Trustees informed.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	It was the intention and hope of Lionheart UK to invest back into the community through financial giving, support and unity. Local trades and church resources are used where possible working together as a 'family' with Christian Volunteers. Budgets and opportunities are put in place to financially support people to come to the festival who could not afford it.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>Currently the Trustees and Team are all volunteers who have contributed either financially, with time, resources and effort or all of the aforementioned.</p> <p>Many volunteers have given their time and expertise to facilitate the Outreach and Festival itself happening. Lionheart leadership and volunteers work alongside secular trades and those spiritually seeking. Work parties for preparation, build and pack down, together with ministry volunteers all pull together to make the events and Outreach successful.</p>
Other		Financial investment has been made by individuals and churches and through ticket sales, donations, legacy pledges, fundraising.

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

Excited and inspired by the July 2022 Festival and Testimonies the Lionheart Team and Trustees continued reaching out and making connections with other Christian Charities and Churches as well as individuals who expressed an interest in Christianity and those who became Christian. In November 2022 Lionheart hosted a Ministers/Leaders Tea with over 40 Christian Leaders from the Isle of Wight and Mainland discussing feedback from 2022 Festival, how Lionheart UK could serve them more, how we could work together more in the Community and how we can spread the Good News of the Gospel more. We collectively praised and worshipped and forged deeper connections, pooled skills and discussed more efficient ways forward.

Lionheart then set about preparing for the July 2023 Festival armed with the new strategies and more contacts.

Prior to the Lionheart Festival 2023, Outreach took place in various churches across the Isle of Wight via a committed partner of Lionheart, a Worship Leader from Wales leading worship and spreading the Gospel Message whilst the Team sold tickets and received donations for the July 2023 Festival.

Once again numerous volunteers were signed up to carry out the all-important 'on the ground' tasks from the supervised build of the Festival right through to the pack-down. Our Volunteers were carefully informed and managed by our Volunteer Co-Ordinator who carried out familiarisation training and H&S training via zoom meetings as well as prayer and team building meetings.

Tourism – Once again Lionheart Festival booked well over 40 band members and their cars to come over to the island all

		<p>requiring ferries and accommodation. Also, festival goers came from the mainland also requiring ferries and accommodation. People extended their stays to enjoy the Isle of Wight, visit family and friends and visit other churches and local attractions.</p> <p>With the Advancement of Religion always in mind, Lionheart Festival issued a 'Not Yet Believers Ticket' (Latterly the name changed to 'Friends of Believer Ticket') for Christians to invite their non-Christian friends and family members free of charge (apart from small admin/booking fee).</p> <p>We also continued to use secular trades working alongside Christian volunteers, thus demonstrating the power of relational evangelism as this had been so successful in 2022.</p> <p>Our Social Media campaign also stepped up. Being blessed with the advice from a Christian Social Media Consultant we put together a marketing schedule that was carried out by volunteers in other Charities thus furthering unity with Charities and Churches across the Isle of Wight and beyond.</p> <p>All was going well, even more bands and speakers were booked for Lionheart 2023. Build phase almost complete when we had a Severe Weather Warning. Our suppliers of the Staging and Marquees said they need to dismantle urgently and then our local Council also issued a warning strongly advising the cancellation of any event on our particular weekend for public safety reasons.</p> <p>So within 36 hours of the Festival</p>
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		<p>Opening we had to cancel.</p> <p>We offered all ticket holders the option of refund, transfer or donate. The cancellation costs, transferral and refunded tickets cost us dearly.</p> <p>This meant we went into our 2024 event with a financial deficit. We had refunded many tickets and paid cancellation charges to many trades and Worship Leaders and for their accommodation. Whilst we were truly blessed with some trades and Worship Leaders waiving the fees we owed them, the non-event hit us hard financially.</p> <p>We made the decision to scale back the 2024 as much as we could however the stringent infrastructure required by the local council to run even a scaled down event was costly, very costly. Together with rising trade costs, fuel costs with the knock-on effect to travel and supplies costs. The rising general costs of food and materials etc and no ploughed back finances from the previous year meant we were even more reliant on donations from individual and churches as many of our tickets sales were brought forward from the previous cancelled year therefore we had very little new inflow of finances from ticket sales.</p> <p>The rising cost in living had hit everyone hard. More people had asked for refunds and there was less surplus available from which individuals or churches to donate.</p> <p>2024 Lionheart was amazing in that we did make further partners as mentioned above. Just under 100 evangelists come over to the Isle of Wight (all requiring travel and accommodation thus being a blessing for Isle of Wight tourism) and</p>
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		<p>carried out training in 6 churches across the Island and outreach took place on the streets across the Island where 120 salvations took place and this was before Lionheart Festival even started! The event itself was a success. Others came to faith, fruitful conversations were had. Relationships with secular trades were strengthened. We received comments from secular trades that attend a mixture of festivals across the Isle of Wight and beyond saying Lionheart was the best run event they have been to. Others commented that there was something ‘very special’ about Lionheart. We received testimonies of rejuvenated faith, our prayer tent and prayer pastors and were continually busy. We changed the format of 2024 Festival to allow people to attend their own churches on Sunday morning following feedback from the ministers meeting however we also ran a small Sunday service and more intimate worship for campers and volunteers which was incredible time with God. As far as achieving our Charity purpose of “Advancement of the Christian religion through the unification of Churches and Outreach including a Christian Worship Music Festival and Evangelical Activities” the festival and complimentary activities was a huge success.</p> <p>Sadly though, Lionheart UK was left with a significant shortfall. We were financially bankrupt.</p> <p>Lionheart Lead Team and Trustees personally paid all debts to ensure no trades were left unpaid and all bills were covered as no Underwriter had come forward.</p> <p>Lionheart UK could not continue without a large injection of funds and as the Team and Trustees had already invested thousands and thousands of pounds of their own money and still no Underwriter</p>
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		coming forward for 2025 the decision had be taken to wind up the Charity.
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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>Please see above – we were so blessed and encouraged by what Lionheart Festival brought to the Island and Community and how Lionheart UK did achieve its objective of advancing religion, or as we prefer to call it, spread the Good News and unify the Body of Christ in praise and worship as we are commanded to do.</p> <p>With the visit from our partnering Worship Leader in 2023 and the large scale Evangelistic training an outreach prior to the Festival in 2024 as well as the very successful Ministers’ Tea in November 2022 and Ministers/Leaders’ Meet in October 2023 prior to the October 2023 Lionhearted indoor event we do feel we met our objectives.</p>
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>Several fundraising events were carried out, together with ticket sales and donations. With the addition of ‘Friends of Believer Tickets’. However moving Lionheart forward we do require an Underwriter or significant funding. This did not materialise so Lionheart UK is forced to close.</p>
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		N/A

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>As at 31st May 2024 we had</p> <p>£16,063.64 in the bank with no outstanding debts. As at 31st May 2025 we had</p> <p>£148.07 the bank with an outstanding loan of £15,000 and a promised legacy payment of £5,000 which is why the Charity stayed open. The £5,000 legacy payment has since been received and will be going towards the outstanding loan and the loan givers have agreed to 'write-off' the remaining loan payment. Therefore there are no outstanding debts.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Special consideration has been given for the funds raised from ticket sales in case refunds need to be made.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<p>Varies depending on ticket sales.</p> <p>By end of the 2024-25 financial period Lionheart UK had £148.07 left in the bank with an outstanding loan. The 2024 event had left a large deficit which was covered by personal giving. No bill or trade was left unpaid.</p>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Ticket sales (or lack thereof), donations (or lack thereof) and no Underwriter has jeopardised the future of the Charity.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)		Churches, individuals, other Christian Charities and Ticket Sales. We have not been able to secure any grants as yet. Also we have raised funds through
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	Para 1.47	sponsored activities and special offerings but it is not enough to carry on as a going concern.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Work in progress and evolving
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	As above: Ticket sales (or lack thereof), donations (or lack thereof) and no Underwriter could jeopardise the future of the Charity. Also, with reduced funds there is little scope to pay workers therefore we are reliant on volunteers and kind gestures.
Other		N/A

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charity Incorporated Organisation
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	Trustees are selected, interviewed by Board of Trustees and voted in. Charity Commission documentation of responsibilities of a Trustee are given. As a Christian Charity then it is preferred that Trustees are practising the Christian Faith

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	Trustees are selected, interviewed by Board of Trustees and voted in. Charity Commission documentation of responsibilities of a Trustee are given. Lionheart UK has policies in place including Financial Controls, Delegation of Authority and procedures, Data Protection, Safeguarding, Volunteer Policy
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Lionheart UK has a Board of Trustees and a Core Project Team that meet on a monthly basis Other volunteers have 'stepped up' to work in a practical capacity when required
Relationship with any related		

parties	Para 1.51	N/A
Other		N/A

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Lionheart UK
Other name the charity uses	Lionheart Festival
Registered charity number	1183347
Charity's principal address	14 St Michaels Road St Helens Ryde Isle of Wight PO33 1YJ

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Keith Joyce	Resigning Chair	Up to Sept 2024	
2	Sheila Bates	Resigning Trustee	Up to Sept 2024	
3	Robin Whillier	Resigning Trustee	Up to Sept 2024	
4	Paul Meredith	Deceased Trustee	Up to Sept 2024	
5	Stuart Brenchley	Trustee		
6	Paul Cowdery	Trustee		
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8	Wynelle Cowdery	Treasurer		
9	Philip Dixon	Trustee		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
	N/A	

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
	N/A	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

Joseph Shurmer – Director, Laura Woodfield – Operations

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Other optional information

N/A

Declarations

Signature(s)	Keith Joyce	Sheila Bates	Philip Dixon	Stuart Brenchley
Full name(s)	Keith Joyce	Sheila Bates	Philip Dixon	Stuart Brenchley
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	Resigned Chair of Trustees	Resigned Trustee	Trustee	Trustee
19/1/2026				

LIONHEART UK - REGISTERED CHARITY 118337

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE: 1 June 2024 to 31st May 2025

As at May 31st 2024

£16,063.64

Closing May 31st 2025

IN			OUT	
Date	Detail	Amount	Date	Detail
June to May	Ticket Income	7406.15		Bank Fees
	Bank Interest	12.37		Travel Costs
	Regular Monthly Giving	180.00		Infrastrucutre & Supplies
	Donations	8863.45		Band Payments
				Expenses & Blessings
	Sub Total:	16461.97		Website Domain Costs
	Loan	15074.34		
	TOTALS:	£31,536.31		

Opening balance	16063.64	
Income	16461.97	
Loan	15074.34	
	<u>£47,599.95</u>	Money left in bank

TOTALS: **£174,734.49**

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£95,051.83

		Outgoings			
Loan	One-off Donations	Bank Fee Fee	Travel Costs	Infrastructure and Supplies	Band Payment
5000.00	4100.00	5.00	71.00	126.00	800.00
5000.00	100.00	5.00	71.00	300.00	1425.00
18.85	500.00	5.00	71.00	12.00	951.30
55.49	400.00	5.00	71.00	56.00	1400.00
	281.00	5.00	71.00	200.00	1000.00
5000.00	47.00	5.00	71.00	700.00	1242.50
	30.00	5.00	71.00	601.00	
	474.45	5.00	71.00	2000.50	
	100.00	5.00	71.00	216.00	
	100.00	5.00	71.00	32.00	
	65.00	5.00		750.83	
	75.00	5.00	71.00	6500.00	
	60.00		71.00	1470.00	
	200.00			1100.00	
	50.00			540.00	
	1000.00			2500.00	
	100.00			500.00	
	1.00			6144.60	
	80.00			312.53	
	100.00			142.00	
	1000.00			4000.00	
				18.85	
				55.49	
				1072.08	
				1574.06	
				300.00	
				600.00	
				60.00	
				5120.00	
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				2000.00	
				5000.00	

15074.34	8863.45	60.00	852.00	38883.94	6818.80

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