

LIGHTHOUSE CRESSEX

England & Wales - Charity number 1183476

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-05-17

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: I) TO PROMOTE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH PRIMARILY THROUGH THE PROVISION OF AN ANNUAL HOLIDAY WEEK FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE AREA OF (BUT NOT EXCLUSIVE TO) HIGH WYCOMBE, WITH A COMBINATION OF PERFORMING ARTS, GAMES, TEACHING, MUSIC, HANDICRAFTS AND COMPATIBLE ACTIVITIESII) TO PROMOTE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH TO FAMILIES AND OTHER ADULTS IN THE COMMUNITY BY ACTIVITIES RELATED TO OBJECT I).

Activities: To promote the Christian faith primarily through the provision of an annual holiday week for children and young people with a combination of performing arts, games, teaching, music, handicrafts and other compatible activities.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£10,446	£9,910	-	-
2024-09-30	£13,227	£10,515	-	-
2023-09-30	£9,517	£10,433	-	-
2022-09-30	£9,044	£8,996	-	-
2021-09-30	£5,333	£7,603	-	-
2020-09-30	£12,939	£14,273	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Clare Lamb		2020-11-16
DAVID LIDIARD		2019-05-17
EDWARD PAUL CHIDGEY		2023-02-15
Jacqueline Griggs		2019-05-17
Sharon Windsor		2019-05-17

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Accounts

LIGHTHOUSE CRESSEX 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

By David Lidiard, Nov 2025

Lighthouse Cressex delivers a fun week-long summer holiday programme for children of primary school age run by local churches working together with our local community. Although we don't have a specific catchment area, we expect to draw children from our local areas of Booker and Cressex. We have been running annually since 2010 and normally use Cressex Community School as our base. However, due to electrical works at the school occurring during the summer holidays putting a corridor out of action and possibly the loss of the internet the trustees have taken the decision to switch the venue to the Christ the Servant King church (CSK) premises across the road from the school whilst works at the school are ongoing. In 2025 we welcomed around 180 children on average aged between 5 and 10+ supported by approximately 150 volunteers of whom around half were teenagers. We also held Little Lighthouse for children under 5 and their carers attracting over 100 visits. Included in the 180 children were several with special needs, most of whom were able to be fully engaged with their age groups with some additional considerations and assistance ably provided by our volunteers.

Running Lighthouse in a smaller venue always gives some scheduling headaches and concerns about there being enough room to run the activities. With some judicious adjustment to the schedule and room allocation, use of Fernie Fields for sports, the purchase of 8 marquees, a car park that seemed to be like a TARDIS that not only housed 8 marquees (one for each age group plus one for craft) and the 8 portable toilets but also had plenty of space for games at lunchtime, and finally the fact that we were blessed with dry, calm weather the venue was certainly a success and everything passed off smoothly. Having marquees in the car park required overnight security but apart from the invasion by a few curious cats there were no issues. We are very grateful for the setup and take down teams for sorting out the marquees.

This year we continued with the special event for our young 'red shirts', aka teenagers, on 2 evenings of the Lighthouse week at CSK. Here the young people were able to relax from their day time responsibilities of caring for the younger children and have fun games, a café followed by an opportunity to discuss some of the deeper questions and challenges that life throws at us. We continued to see this very well attended and showed there was a real need in the community for events for teenagers. This is a great opportunity for our red shirts to get to know one another, have a fun time and make that transition from child into adulthood. Lighthouse provides a great training ground for our teenagers to take on responsibility and start to develop those all-important adult skills.

A new venture for us in 2025 was to split the 10s and 11s into 2 groups. The 10s had the normal agenda used across Lighthouse but for the 11s we used some material from Lighthouse High Wycombe to train the 11s to become Lamplighters in the future. This instils in them a sense of responsibility as well as still partaking in the normal Lighthouse activities, so training with fun! This went very well and we shall be repeating this in 2026.

Our mainstage continued with Dr Why and his time machine, the LARDIS. This time it took us back in time to various events in the old testament to meet the people involved and find out what it was like to meet characters such as Noah, Moses and David. The atrium and main stage were decked out with themed memorabilia by our talented props team and included an upgraded LARDIS from last year. On Wednesday we had a visit from a mathematical pirate who ran some tricky quizzes for the children to get involved in. This did not go as well as planned but we will continue with finding something novel for the children to be inspired by midweek. As always, our mainstage, where

everyone is gathered together, is a lively time full of singing, dancing, games, teaching and drama. After, the children separate into their groups for sessions of sports, drama, craft and learning together. The older children (9-11) have specialized workshops to suit their age group.

Although the weather was neither too hot or too cold we did have one wet day which presented a challenge for the sports team. In the event this turned out to be a great opportunity to run a dance session in the main room area where we showed dance move videos of well known pop songs for the children to perform. This was a huge success and very popular, particularly with some of our adult helpers!

The trustees are very grateful to our sponsors. Lighthouse is run on a voluntary basis and no charge is made for the week despite the number of drinks, biscuits and cakes consumed! Lighthouse mainly relies on contributions from a number of local churches and a small number of key donors. Despite not having a council grant this year we amazingly managed to cover all of our costs with a small surplus to use on 2026. Most of all we are indebted to our volunteers who provide time, expertise and energy to make Lighthouse Cressex happen, often taking holiday or unpaid leave to volunteer during the week. Despite being exhausted at the end of the Lighthouse week it gives the trustees and volunteers great pleasure to receive thanks from the children and parents who in themselves struggle to find activities for their children during the summer school holidays.

TRUSTEES

Jacqui Griggs
Sharon Windsor
Clare Lamb
Edward Chidgey
David Lidiard

Named Trustee Posts:

Treasurer – Jacqui Griggs
Secretary – Ed Chidgey
Chair – David Lidiard

Lighthouse Cressex

Financial Report 2025

For year ended 30th September 2025

Summary

This year's Lighthouse accounts report a surplus of £536. Always encouraging to see that we've covered our costs, albeit by a small amount, and at this point I'd like to express our huge thanks to CSK church for allowing Lighthouse to use their premises free of charge – this makes a huge difference to our expenditure and has allowed us to invest in equipment again this year.

Income - £10,446

Church donations – We received continued generous support from CSK Church, Kings Church, New Life Christian Fellowship, St Mary and St George, Our Lady of Grace, and Oakridge Baptist. Total received from churches £4,440. When comparing to 2024 it needs to be remembered we received couple of special donations from the closing Avenue Methodist Church and a one-off donation from Venture Church.

Grant Funding – We didn't apply this year for the Buckinghamshire Council Community grant as we don't qualify due to having reserves adequate to cover our costs for a future year

Individual supporter donations – again we have been so blessed by individuals who have supported us (and continue to support us) so generously with a total of £1,470.

Donations through the week (including online)

Donations through the week were £2,945 (£1,200 of this through GoodHub Online).

Donations through the week showed just over a 20% increase on the previous year which is amazing. Thank you to our Chair for encouraging parents at the final mainstage to donate if they are able so that we can continue in future years.

Gift Aid

£883, three quarters of which related to our previous year claim. The claim has been prepared for the current year and amounts to just under £700.

Shop

The shop ran again this year, mostly selling t-shirts and caps; donated second hand books and games; and sweets. It had income of £588 and after deducting costs made a surplus of £267. A 50% increase on the surplus of the previous year.

The sales figure also includes £120 of income received for volunteer t-shirts.

Expenditure - £9,910

Site Costs (exc Equipment purchase/school parking hire/toilet hire) (£402)

Significantly lower than the previous year as no AV equipment was hired so this covered main stage costs and atrium decoration.

Toilet Hire (£480)

This was an increased cost this year as we hired 8 portaloos compared to 6 the previous year.

School Hire (£200)

The school hire fees this year were for parking only. The usage and benefit of this facility is to be analysed before re-hiring next year.

Equipment Purchase (£2468)

This includes the purchase of 4 more gazebos/shelters– one for sport; one for craft; one for the prayer space; and one for replacement of damaged parts/spares. There has been £500 paid from LHHW to cover some of these costs and this will show in next years accounts.

The equipment total also includes the cost for the purchase of the large tv used on main stage and the stand to go with it.

First Aid (£565)

No increase on last year (or the year before).

Insurance (£261)

Slightly lower cost this year partly due to the reduced value of the AV equipment hired in. Thanks go to Lighthouse Central for re-negotiating a good deal for us.

Admin Costs (£2121) – second largest cost

These costs include the admin fee charged by LHCentral of £5per head for each child and volunteer (325 @ £5= £1625) plus DBS costs £6/head (5 @ £6.00 = £30) – charged for numbers enrolled not necessarily the same as those who attend.

Volunteers 148/ children 177

(very similar figures to 2024 -Volunteers enrolled 143/children enrolled 169)

Also paid an annual subscription fee to LHCentral of £325

Database contribution of £113

Stationery costs of £28

Bank Charges (£69)

HSBC have now dropped their monthly charge of £5 fee per month for managing charity accounts although they still charge activity fees of 40p per cheque/40p per £100 cash.

Activities (£1106)

Include costs for the Pirate's challenge maths workshop of £780. Craft £69. Age groups £257

Shop costs (£321)

Tshirts and sweets. Books and toys were donated

T shirts/badges (£954)

This is a significant increase from last year. Double the quantity of lanyards ordered and more than double the number of red t-shirts. Plus we had the cost of the yellow t-shirts for the 11's.

Refreshments (£892)

This includes the BBQ – a very reasonable £430 – which we had to practically force him to invoice for; and it also covers refreshments during the week. Lots of biscuits purchased!

Charitable Donations

No donation given to other charities.

Gifts £71

Books given out “It’s Your Move”.

Reserves - £11073

Our reserves are very healthy and as we look ahead to Lighthouse 2026 they are adequate to cover any costs that are incurred before next year’s LH week.

So another successful year – more importantly for the children, their families and the volunteers – but needing to be backed up by secure finances. All thanks to God for His abundant provision in supplying all that we need for His Kingdom works.

Jacqui Griggs

Treasurer and Trustee

Lighthouse Cressex

24th November 2025

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

LIGHTHOUSE CRESSEX

CIO NUMBER 1183476

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2025

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	2025
Donations (Churches, Grants, Supporters)	5910
Donations (during the week)	1745
Donations (online)	1200
Gift aid tax refund	883
Sales	708

Total **£10 446**

PAYMENTS

Site - Set Up/Stage/AV	402
Hire of car park	200
Hire of toilets	480
Eqpt Purchase - Gazebos/TV Screen	2468
First Aid	565
Insurance	261
Admin	2121
Bank charges	69
Activities	1106
Shop	321
Helpers T-shirts/lanyards/badges	954
Refreshments	892
Gifts for LH children/families	71
Misc	

Total **£9 910**

Income less expenditure for current year **£536**

Balance brought forward from previous year **£10 537**

Balance carried forward to following year **£11 073**

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2025

Current Assets/Liabilities:

Cash in hand at bank	£14 758
Less unpresented cheques	£3 685

Total **£11 073**

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Switching venues at a late stage in planning gave rise to a number of challenges and some concern from our leaders as to how everything would work in a smaller place. With some judicious adjustment to the schedule and room allocation, use of Fernie Fields for sports, the purchase of 6 marquees, a car park that seemed to be like a tardis that not only housed 7 marquees and the portable toilets but also had plenty of space for games at lunchtime, and finally the fact that we were blessed with dry, calm weather the new venue was certainly a success and everything passed off smoothly. Having marquees in the car park required overnight security but apart from the invasion by a few curious cats there were no issues. We are very grateful for the setup and take down teams for sorting out the marquees.

This year we continued with the special event for our young 'red shirts', aka teenagers, on 2 evenings of the Lighthouse week at CSK. Here the young people were able to relax from their day time responsibilities of caring for the younger children and have fun games, a café followed by an opportunity to discuss some of the deeper questions and challenges that life throws at us. We continued to see this very well attended and showed there was a real need in the community for events for teenagers. This is a great opportunity for our red shirts to get to know one another, have a fun time and make that transition from child into adulthood. Lighthouse provides a great training ground for our teenagers to take on responsibility and start to develop those all-important adult skills.

This year our theme was illustrated by Dr Why and his time machine, the LARDIS. This took us back in time to various events in the life of Jesus to meet the people involved and find out what it was like to meet Jesus. The atrium and main stage were decked out with space memorabilia by our talented props team and included our very own LARDIS with flashing lights and smoke. On Wednesday we had a visit from the Sublime Slime man who ran some crazy science experiments for the children to get involved in. As always, our mainstage, where everyone is gathered together, is a lively time full of singing, dancing, games, teaching and drama. After, the children separate into their groups for sessions of sports, drama, craft and learning together. The older children (9-11) have specialized workshops to suit their age group.

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Lighthouse Cressex

Financial Report 2024

For year ended 30th September 2024

Summary

This year's Lighthouse accounts report a surplus of £2,712. £2,000 of this was due to a church donation relating to the previous year's Lighthouse. The surplus is due to increased income rather than a decrease in expenditure.

Income - £13,227

Church donations - We received continued support from CSK Church, Kings Church, The Avenue Methodist, New Life Christian Fellowship, St Mary and St George, Our Lady of Grace, Oakridge Baptist and a new church - Venture Church. £1500 received via The Avenue Methodist Church from their outgoing nursery group. Total received from churches £8,280. A significant increase from the previous year, even taking out the £2,000 relating to last year.

Grant Funding - Disappointingly we weren't awarded the £1,500 community funding from Buckinghamshire Council that we've received in previous years. The reason given was that they don't give it if we received it in the previous year. Other areas of funding were declined due to the religious content of our activities.

Individual supporter donations - again we have been so blessed by individuals who have supported us (and continue to support us) so generously with a total of £1,250.

Donations through the week (including online)

Donations through the week were £2,434 (£969 of this through GoodHub Online).

Donations through the week showed a 13% increase on the previous year.

Gift Aid

£895, the majority of which related to our 2022/23 claim. A further £618 came in at the beginning of October for the year 2023/24 - this will appear in next year's accounts.

Shop

The shop ran again this year, albeit with a smaller range of goods, with income of £368 and after deducting costs made a surplus of £176. A 75% increase on the surplus of the previous year

Expenditure - £10,515

Our expenditure costs in some areas were quite different this year due to the change of venue, although interestingly the total was almost exactly the same. Our thanks go to CSK Church for allowing Lighthouse to use their premises free of charge.

Site Costs (exc Equipment purchase/school parking hire/toilet hire) (£2,313)

Staging and AV Equipment costs of £1,472. This was less than the previous year due to no staging hire required this year. .

Main stage/other site costs £840

Toilet Hire (£360)

This was an additional cost this year

School Hire (£200)

The only school hire fees this year were for parking by parents during drop off and collection

Equipment Purchase (£2298)

A new heading due to the significance of the items. This includes the purchase of 7 gazebos - one for each age group.

First Aid (£565)

No increase on last year. We had two first aiders for the price of one which was invaluable when the sports team were taking children to Fernie Fields.

Insurance (£311)

Slightly lower cost this year due to the reduced value of the AV equipment hired in.

Admin Costs (£1990)

These costs include the admin fee charged by LHCentral of £5per head for each child and volunteer (up from £3.50) (312 @ £5= £1560) plus DBS costs £6/head (16 @ £6.00 = £96)

Volunteers 143/ children 169

(2023 figures - Volunteers enrolled 162/children enrolled 193)

Also paid an annual subscription fee to LHCentral of £315

Stationery costs of £19

Bank Charges (£80)

HSBC continue to charge £5 fee per month for managing the account plus activity charges of 40p per cheque/40p per £100 cash.

Activities (£1121)

Include costs for the Sublime workshop of £777. Craft £120. Age groups £173.
Little LH £51

Shop costs (£192)

Tshirts and sweets. Books and toys were donated

T shirts/badges (£524)

Similar total cost as previous year although cost of the uniform has increased from £4.91 to £5.17 per adult t-shirt.

Refreshments (£531)

This doesn't include the BBQ - still awaiting invoice. Covers refreshments during the week

Charitable Donations

No donation given to other charities.

Gifts £28

Books were given to those attending Little Lighthouse.

Reserves - £10,537

Our reserves are back up to 2020 levels. We consider these to be adequate as we look ahead to Lighthouse 2025 and will be sufficient to cover any costs that are incurred before next year's LH week.

All thanks to God for His abundant provision in supplying all that we need for His Kingdom works.

Jacqui Griggs

Treasurer and Trustee

Lighthouse Cressex

13th November 2024

LIGHTHOUSE CRESSEX

CIO NUMBER 1183476

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1ST OCTOBER 2023-30TH SEPTEMBER 2024

RECEIPTS

Donations (Churches, Grants, Supporters)	9530
Donations (during the week)	1465
Donations (online)	969
Gift aid tax refund	895
Sales	368

Total **£13 227**

PAYMENTS

Site Set Up/Stage/AV	2313
Hire of premises	200
Hire of toilets	360
Equipment Purchase - gazebos	2298
First Aid	565
Insurance	311
Admin	1990
Bank charges	80
Activities	1121
Shop	192
Helpers Uniform	524
Refreshments	531
Misc	30

Total **£10 515**

Income less expenditure for current year **£2 712**

Balance bought forward from previous year **£7 825**

Balance carried forward to following year **£10 537**

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Current Assets:

Cash in hand at bank **£10 537**

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By David Lidiard, Oct 2023

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Although our numbers were down a little from pre-Covid years (around 220 children) this was in line with all of the other Lighthouses being run and children's activities in general, so we were very pleased to get the level of child attendance and helpers that we saw and was an increase from last year of 160. We are very grateful to Cressex School for allowing us to use their fantastic facilities for Lighthouse and being able to work with the excellent staff.

This year we continued with the special event for our young 'red shirts', aka teenagers, on 2 evenings of the Lighthouse week at the local church across the road (CSK). Here the young people were able to relax from their day time responsibilities of caring for the younger children and have fun games, a café followed by an opportunity to discuss some of the deeper questions and challenges that life throws at us. Last year we started very small but this year we saw a significant increase in the number of teenagers attending, up by a factor of 4 and showed there was a real need in the community for events for teenagers. This is a great opportunity for our red shirts to get to know one another, have a fun time and make that transition from child into adulthood. Lighthouse provides a great training ground for our teenagers to take on responsibility and start to develop those all-important adult skills.

This year our theme was illustrated by life in a funfair and was a continuation from our circus theme last year. The atrium and main stage were decked out with funfair memorabilia by our talented props team. We had a roller coaster in the form of a trolley on a large trampoline frame and a hall of mirrors using reflective boards mounted in frames. On Wednesday we had funfair stalls for the children to try their hands at and earn sweets as prizes, strictly to be consumed at home! As always, our mainstage, where everyone is gathered together, is a lively time full of singing, dancing, games, teaching and drama. After, the children separate into their groups for sessions of sports, drama, craft and learning together. The older children (9-11) will have specialized workshops to suit their age group.

The trustees are very grateful to our sponsors. Lighthouse is run on a voluntary basis and no charge is made for the week despite the number of drinks, biscuits and cakes consumed! Lighthouse mainly relies on contributions from a small number of key donors including a grant from Buckinghamshire Council and from a number of the local churches and individuals. Lighthouse Cressex formally acknowledges the Buckinghamshire Council grant of £1,500 awarded by High Wycombe Town Committee to support this Summer Holiday Programme. Most of all we are indebted to our volunteers who provide time, expertise and energy to make Lighthouse Cressex happen often taking holiday or unpaid leave to volunteer during the week. Despite being exhausted at the end of the Lighthouse week it gives the trustees and volunteers great pleasure to receive thanks from the

children and parents who in themselves struggle to find activities for their children during the summer school holidays.

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Named Trustee Posts:

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Finance Report – presented by Treasurer

For year ended 30th September 2023

Summary

This year's Lighthouse accounts report a deficit of £916. This shortfall is due to increased costs rather than a decrease in income. Increased costs are across the board.

Income - £9,517

Church donations – We received continued support from CSK Church, Kings Church, The Avenue Methodist, New Life Christian Fellowship, and a new contributor St Mary and St George who are giving a regular monthly donation. Total received from churches £3,325.

Grant Funding – We were awarded £1,500 community funding from Buckinghamshire Council for 2023.

Individual supporter donations – again we have been so blessed by individuals who have supported us (and continue to support us) so generously with a total of £1,566

Donations through the week (including online)

Donations through the week were a combination of cash/cheque (£232); card (through a card machine kindly lent to us by CSK church) (£435); bank transfer (£250); and online (now Invest My Community) (£1228). In all totalling £2146. (A significant increase on 2022 income)

Gift Aid

£442 the majority of which related to our 2021/22 claim. A further £272 came in at the beginning of October from Online income - this will appear in next year's accounts. Plus there is another £425 to be claimed from other gift aid donations.

Shop

The shop ran again this year, albeit with a smaller range of goods, with income of £536 (£244 through the card machine) and after deducting costs made a surplus of £100

Expenditure - £10,433

Site Costs (£2,816)

Staging and AV Equipment costs of £2,193. This was £575 more than the previous year – we had a different arrangement this year and used a different supplier for part of the equipment.

Main stage/other site costs £623

School Hire (£1,750)

School hire costs of £1,750 (increase of £100 over previous year). We have been informed these costs are likely to be increased further for 2024.

First Aid (£565)

A £15 increase on last year.

Insurance (£361)

Again an increase on last year, partly due to the higher value of the equipment hired in that has to be covered on the policy.

Admin Costs (£1718)

These costs include the admin fee charged by LHCentral of £3.50 per head for each child and volunteer (355 @ £3.50 = £1,242) plus DBS costs £5/head (31 @ £5.00 = £155.00)

Volunteers 162/ children 193

(2022 figures - Volunteers enrolled 149/children enrolled 166)

Also paid a new subscription fee to LHCentral of £300

Stationery costs of £2

Bank Charges (£75)

HSBC continue to charge £5 fee per month for managing the account plus activity charges of 40p per cheque/40p per £100 cash.

Activities (£897)

Include costs for the funfair activity of £180. Craft £607. Age groups £108.

Shop costs (£435)

T shirts/badges (£587)

Almost double the cost of 2022 but last year we were able to use stock left over from previous years. Cost of the uniform has increased from £4.26 to £4.91 per adult t-shirt. (15% increase).

Refreshments (£632)

Covers the BBQ and refreshments during the week. Again we were only charged a very minimal amount for the BBQ. The increase in cost of refreshments reflects the general increase in food prices.

Charitable Donations

Trustees agreed last year to make a donation of £500 to WYFC. We did advise that this figure would appear in this year's accounts.

Misc (£98)

We organized safeguarding training for our volunteers with Urban Saints Training

Reserves - £7,825

Our reserves have reduced by £916 from 2022. A CSK Church donation was received after the end of our financial year so will be included in next year's accounts. This will increase our reserves to £9,825. We consider these to be adequate as we look ahead to Lighthouse 2024 and will be sufficient to cover any costs that are incurred before next year's LH week.

End.

LIGHTHOUSE CRESSEX

CIO NUMBER 1183476

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1ST OCTOBER 2022-30TH SEPTEMBER 2023

RECEIPTS

Donations (Churches, Grants, Supporters)	6392
Donations (during the week)	918
Donations (online)	1229
Gift aid tax refund	442
Sales	536
Total	<u>£9,517</u>

PAYMENTS

Site Set Up/Stage/AV	2815
Hire of premises	1750
First Aid	565
Insurance	361
Admin	1718
Bank charges	75
Activities	897
Shop	435
Helpers Uniform	587
Refreshments	632
Charitable donation	500
Misc	98
Total	<u>£10,433</u>

Income less expenditure for current year **£916**

Balance bought forward from previous year **£8,741**

Balance carried forward to following year **£7,825**

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2023

Current Assets:

Cash in hand at bank **£7,825**

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LIGHTHOUSE CRESSEX 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

By David Lidiard, Oct 2022

Lighthouse Cressex delivers a fun week-long summer holiday programme for children of primary school age run by local churches working together with our local community. Although we don't have a specific catchment area, we expect to draw children from our local areas of Booker and Cressex. We have been running annually since 2010 and use Cressex Community School as our base. In 2022 we welcomed around 160 children on average aged between 5 and 10+ supported by approximately 140 volunteers of whom around half were teenagers. We also held Little Lighthouse for children under 5 and their carers attracting over 120 visits. Included in the 160 children were 15 children with special needs most of whom were able to be fully engaged with their age groups with some additional considerations and assistance ably provided by our volunteers. A few children needed a special environment with one to one support where we were able to provide it.

After the Covid years of 2020 and 2021 where Lighthouse was run online and then at 2 of our local church buildings we were once again able to be back in Cressex school. Although our numbers were down a little from pre-Covid years this was in line with all of the other Lighthouses being run and children's activities in general, so we were very pleased to get the level of child attendance and helpers that we saw. We are very grateful to Cressex School for allowing us to use their fantastic facilities for Lighthouse and being able to work with the excellent staff.

A new endeavour this year was to provide a special event for our young 'red shirts' aka teenagers on 2 evenings of the Lighthouse week at the local church across the road (CSK). Here the young people were able to relax from their day time responsibilities of caring for the younger children and have fun games, a café followed by an opportunity to discuss some of the deeper questions and challenges that life throws at us. Although this started small we hope that this will be a great opportunity for our red shirts to get to know one another, have a fun time and make that transition from child into adult.

This year our theme was illustrated by life in a circus and the atrium and main stage were decked out in circus decoration by our talented props team. We had a clown car that fell apart and tight rope walking, on a bench. The highlight of the circus theme was on Wednesday when a circus performer came in for a day with all of his props and led workshops of 30 children at a time allowing them to try out a number of circus skills, the safe ones! It was a very busy day but the children had a fantastic time. As always our mainstage where everyone is gathered is a lively time full of singing, dancing, games, teaching and drama. After the children separate into their groups for sessions of sports, drama, craft and learning together. The older children (9-11) will have specialized workshops to suit their age group. At the end of the week the trustees were able to provide every child with a book to keep and as a reminder of the week.

The trustees are very grateful to our sponsors. Lighthouse is run on a voluntary basis and no charge is made for the week despite the number of drinks, biscuits and cakes consumed. Lighthouse relies on contributions from parents and a small number of key donors including a grant from Buckinghamshire Council and from a number of the local churches and individuals. Lighthouse Cressex formally acknowledges the Buckinghamshire Council grant of £1,500 awarded by High Wycombe Town Committee to support this Summer Holiday Programme. Most of all we are indebted to our volunteers who provide time, expertise and energy to make Lighthouse Cressex happen often taking holiday or unpaid leave to volunteer during the week. Despite being exhausted at the end of the Lighthouse week it gives the trustees and volunteers great pleasure to receive

thanks from the children and parents who in themselves struggle to find activities for their children during the summer school holidays.

TRUSTEES

Jacqui Griggs
Sharon Windsor
Clare Lamb
Catri Plummer
Rev Steve Whitmore
Alan Molyneux
David Lidiard

Named Trustee Posts:

Treasurer – Jacqui Griggs
Secretary – Catri Plummer
Chair – David Lidiard

Treasurer's Report:

Lighthouse Cressex

Financial Report 2022

For year ended 30th September 2022

Summary

This year's Lighthouse was back in its familiar format held at Cressex Community School. Care needs to be taken when comparing accounts from previous years – pre-Covid 2019 held at Cressex School; 2020 on-line only; 2021 held at two church venues; 2022 held at Cressex School with reduced numbers.

Our surplus for the week was £48. However, included in the income are two amounts that relate to 2021. A late community grant from Buckinghamshire Council of £1500 and an additional contribution from CSK Church of £695. These were received after the 2021 accounts were closed.

Removing these figures from our 2022 accounts would result in a deficit of £2,147. However we are expecting a donation from CSK Church of £2,000 towards the 2022 costs will be received in due course and therefore this would reduce the deficit to £147. Not far off break even.

Income - £9,044

Church donations – We received continued support from CSK, Kings Church, New Life Christian Fellowship, Our Lady of Grace and Oakridge Baptist Church. Total received from churches £1,645.

Grant Funding – We were awarded £1,500 per year community funding from Buckinghamshire Council for 2021 and 2022.

Individual supporter donations – again we have been so blessed by individuals who have supported us (and continue to support us) so generously with a total of £1,212

Donations through the week (including online)

Donations through the week were a combination of cash (£145); card (through a card machine kindly lent to us by CSK church) (£221); bank transfer (£480); and online (now Invest My Community) (£927). In all totaling £1,773.

Shop

The shop ran again this year with income of £733 (£218 through the card machine) and after deducting costs made a surplus of £214

Gift Aid

£679 includes £513 claimed from 2021 donations plus £166 claimed by InvestMyCommunity on our behalf for 2022 online donations.

Expenditure - £8,996

Site Costs (£2,443)

Staging and AV Equipment costs of £1,618. Equipment hire was reduced to a minimum (compared to 2019 costs of £2,151). There were some problems with delivery and functioning of equipment and we have been given a credit for next year of £114.

Main stage set up £498

Other site costs £327

School Hire (£1,650)

School hire costs of £1,650 (held at 2019 rates). We have been informed these costs will be increased for 2023.

First Aid (£550)

Back down to one first aider compared to two required in 2021.

Insurance (£298)

Admin Costs (£1277)

These costs include the admin fee charged by LHCentral of £3.50 per head for each child and volunteer (315 @ £3.50 = £1,102) plus DBS costs £5/head (29 @ £5.00 = £145.00)

(Volunteers enrolled 149/children enrolled 166)

(Charges in 2021 were £2.50 per volunteer/child and £3 per DBS)

Stationery costs of £30

Bank Charges (£63)

A new cost for us. HSBC now charge charities for their banking services. £5 fee per month for managing the account plus activity charges of 40p per cheque/40p per £100 cash. Charges started December 2021.

Activities (£1020)

Include costs for circus skills workshop of £649. Craft £256. Age groups £115.

Shop costs (£519)

T shirts/badges (£300)

This cost was kept to a minimum by using stock from previous years.

Refreshments (£455)

Covers the BBQ and refreshments during the week. Less than previous years due to a minimal charge for the BBQ.

Charitable Donations

Trustees have agreed to make a donation of £500 to WYFC. This will show in next year's accounts.

Gifts to children (£420)

We were able to give books for all age groups to take home.

Reserves - £8,741

Our reserves have not moved significantly from 2021. We consider these to be adequate as we look ahead to Lighthouse 2023 and will be sufficient to cover any costs that are incurred before next year's LH week.

So another very blessed Lighthouse year from a financial point of view. All thanks to God for His abundant provision in supplying all that we need for His Kingdom works.

Jacqui Griggs

Treasurer and Trustee

Lighthouse Cressex

10th November 2022

LIGHTHOUSE CRESSEX

CIO NUMBER 1183476

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1ST OCTOBER 2021-30TH SEPTEMBER 2022

RECEIPTS

Donations (Churches, Grants, Supporters)	5857
Donations (during the week)	846
Donations (online)	927
Gift aid tax refund	679
Shop sales	734
Total	<u>£9,044</u>

PAYMENTS

Site Set Up/Stage/AV	2443
School Hire	1650
Other costs	
First Aid	550
Insurance	298
Admin	1277
Bank charges	63
Activities	1020
Shop	519
Helpers T-shirts/lanyards/badges	300
Refreshments	455
Charitable donations	
Gifts for LH children/families	420
Misc	
Total	<u>£8,996</u>
Income less expenditure for current year	£48
Balance bought forward from previous year	£8,693
Balance carried forward to following year	<u>£8,741</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2022

Current Assets:

Cash in hand at bank	£9,427
less unpresented cheques	£686
Total	<u>£8,741</u>

LIGHTHOUSE CRESSEX

England & Wales - Charity number 1183476

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Lighthouse Cressex 2021 Annual Review

Lighthouse Cressex is a Christian charity that aims to support children of all backgrounds, faiths and cultures by delivering a fun week with activities such as organised sports, team games, craft sessions and sessions designed for children to explore the Christian faith but also support different areas and situations in their lives.

In 2020, due to the Covid pandemic we were unable to hold an 'in-person' Lighthouse week but were able to support Lighthouse Central with their online teaching by filming a segment for the live shows which were aired twice a day during the Lighthouse week.

The Lighthouse Cressex trustees during 2020-21 consisted of:

Clare Lamb (elected October 2020)

David Lidiard (elected chairman August 2021)

Catri Plummer

Jacqui Griggs (treasurer)

Steve Whitmore

Paula Simmons (resigned July 2021)

Sharon Windsor

Jeremy Hay (chairman, resigned September 2020)

During the year of 2020 and continuing into 2021, the Lighthouse trustees met regularly over Zoom to discuss how and if it was possible to hold an 'in-person' Lighthouse week in 2021 and after many discussions and prayer it was felt that holding an 'in-person' week was the right way forward.

Lighthouse Cressex is a great way to reach out to our immediate community and so, with restrictions lifted, it was right to be able to serve the community again. Parents are able to use Lighthouse as a childcare option for a week of the summer holidays as the day offered care from 9.45-3.00pm, five days a week and parents are not required to give any money towards the cost. A donation is suggested but it is then left with the parent to decide if and how much they would like to give.

Lighthouse Cressex operated over two church sites this year due to the need to be Covid secure. One site for our 8-11 year olds, plus our under fours, was held at Christ the Servant King church in Cressex and the second site, for our 5-7 year olds, was held at The Avenue church in Castlefield. This gave us an opportunity to work and outreach in the Castlefield area which was greatly appreciated by The Avenue congregation.

Lighthouse relies on volunteers to help with looking after the children in our care and a significant amount of the volunteers are 12-18 year olds. They are called lamplighters and this gives them a chance to take some responsibility for people younger than them, to become role models to the younger children and to give them an opportunity to help in the community for a week of the summer holidays.

Leading up to the Lighthouse week, one of the trustees, Paula Simmons, decided it was right to step down from being a trustee due to personal reasons but was able to still support us from home with prayer.

During the Lighthouse week we were able to offer the 5-9 year old children a sports programme for 35 minutes each day. The children were also given time within their lunch time to play with sports equipment and have exercise. The children had access to parachute games, footballs, obstacle races,

group games, hoopla hoops and rounders, all led by volunteers to guide and interact with the children.

The children were able to be involved with a daily craft activity that supported the Lighthouse theme. Children had access to different creative materials and were also encouraged in their own work, again supported by the volunteers.

Each day the children were given a main stage session where they could play messy team games and enjoy following along to actions of Christian worship songs. In this session children were given teaching that will support them in their lives and although Christian based, can be used for any faith or no faith at all. This teaching was then supported in the children's age group discovery sessions where they explored stories from the bible and again, how it can be applied to their lives in today's world.

The 10-11 year olds had a slightly different programme where they were able to visit the local field and play team games, enjoy an origami session led by a volunteer, hear from Paul who worked at Wycombe Homeless Connection, enjoy a professional dance session and create their own Lego animations of a bible story. The volunteers working with this age group were able to talk to the children that were moving up to secondary schools about some of the transitions that will occur and answer any questions the children had.

At Lighthouse Cressex we also offered a Little Lighthouse session which ran every morning from 10.15-12.15pm. This is for our younger members from 0-4 years old and their parents or carers. Little Lighthouse was able to offer parents and carers a safe space for young children to explore and create and the opportunity for the adults to enjoy a hot drink and to talk to one of the volunteers. A bible story and snack was given to the children and an opportunity to make a craft relating to the mornings story.

Following on from 18 months in and out of lockdown it was so important for children and young people to be given the opportunity to get together again and socialise and enjoy being together. It gave the volunteers an opportunity to come alongside people from our community, to talk with them and support them where necessary. It gave parents the opportunity to work and have a rest after home schooling children for the last few months. Many parents commented on how lovely it was to have an in-person event with the children after being in lockdowns for so long.

Looking ahead we are excited about being able to hold another Lighthouse week in 2022 and welcome back the children, young people and volunteers.

Financial review

Income of £5,333 was received during the year, primarily from local churches, individual supporters and parental donations.

Expenditure of £7,603 included the additional costs of cleaning and first aid due to the delivery of the week at 2 venues and to comply with stringent Covid safety measures.

The deficit of £2,270 was covered by reserves.

Reserves now stand at £8,693 – sufficient to cover 2022 costs that may be incurred prior to donations being received.

David Lidiard

Chair of Trustees

LIGHTHOUSE CRESSEX

CIO NUMBER 1183476

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1ST OCTOBER 2020-30TH SEPTEMBER 2021

RECEIPTS

Donations (Churches, Grants, Supporters)	3510
Donations (during the week)	574
Donations (online)	946
Gift aid tax refund (inc Virgin Giving Gift Aid)	228
Shop sales	76
Total	<u>£5,333</u>

PAYMENTS

Site Set Up/Stage/AV	2362
First Aid	1180
Insurance	274
Admin	677
Activities	509
Uniform	377
Refreshments	575
Charitable donations	1500
Books for children	115
Misc	32
Total	<u>£7,603</u>

Income less expenditure for current year **£2,270**

Balance bought forward from previous year **£10,963**

Balance carried forward to following year **£8,693**

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2021

Current Assets:

Cash in hand at bank **£11,226**
less unpresented cheques **£2,533**

Total **£8,693**

LIGHTHOUSE CRESSEX

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LIGHTHOUSE CRESSEX ANNUAL REPORT
WITH EXTRACTS TAKEN FROM AGM MEETING
HELD ON ZOOM 16th November 2020

Lighthouse Cressex delivers a fun week-long summer holiday programme for children of primary school age run by local churches working together with our local community. Although we don't have a specific catchment area, we expect to draw children from our local areas of Booker and Cressex. We have been running annually since 2010 and use Cressex Community School as our base. In 2019 we welcomed 263 children aged between 4 and 10+ supported by 223 volunteers. We also held Little Lighthouse attracting over 200 visits.

Unfortunately, due to the Coronavirus pandemic we were unable to run the physical Lighthouse in 2020 but continued to deliver activities for the children, young people and parents using digital means organised by Lighthouse Central. These were open to everyone and provided free of charge.

Pat Reading, Director of Lighthouse Central, gave the following report at our AGM.

REPORT ON LIGHTHOUSE LIVE – Pat Reading

Pat reported that 5,500 people signed into LH Live on the Monday. Throughout the week we had 17,401 individual sign-ups but we know that we had many more participants as we had many more families than individuals and some childminders had 5 children watching. So we estimate about 34,000 people through the week – we can't determine whether they attended all of it or just some sessions.

Pat thought that it was good to have professional presenters – Pete and Joanna did a good job. However, she has learned never to do live TV again – it is too stressful. They will pre-record sessions in future.

Safe Harbour (the calmer version for children who like things quieter) had 681 people signing in.

People signed up from all around the country – some areas which Pat had already been in touch with and some have given her leads as to areas that may be interested in setting up their own lighthouses in future.

As online was such a success, Pat would like to consider how we can follow-up and keep relationships going afterwards and how it could back-up and support the live lighthouses. 800 people recently logged into the Light Party online.

Today Pat had been filming with real donkeys for a Christmas show on 18th Dec at 5pm. They are also planning to do an Easter show.

LIGHTHOUSE CRESSEX FINANCIAL REPORT – Jacqui Griggs Treasurer

This has been a very different year to our normal Lighthouse year with very reduced income and expenditure items.

Overview:

Our financial position at the end of September 2020 has remained fairly similar to our position at the end of September 2019. We showed a very small deficit of £133 for the year. We are still maintaining consistent reserves .

Income:

Despite not having our usual Lighthouse week we did receive some income (£3,744)

Church donations – We received continued support from CSK Church of £1500 received before Covid19 restrictions were announced.

Grant Funding – We were unable to secure any local government community grant funding for 2020

Individual donations – We have been very blessed by individuals who have supported us so generously. £960 in total.

Parental Donations - £62 received for this year's Lighthouse direct to LHC bank/Virgin Giving. Other donations of £463 were late donations received for 2019.

Gift Aid claimed for previous year - £759

Expenditure:

Stage set up – One late expense claim of £38 from 2019

Insurance – £60 to cover meetings (was £387 in previous year)

Admin - We continued to support Lighthouse Central by paying the same admin fee as 2019. This was based on £2.50 per head for each child and volunteer (486 @ £2.50 = £1,215) plus DBS costs £63.

We made an additional contribution to Lighthouse Central of £2500 to support the delivery of Lighthouse Live.

TRUSTEES

Jay recently stood down as trustee after 14 years.

The following agreed to continue:

Paula Simmons
David Lidiard
Jacqui Griggs
Sharon Windsor
Catri Plummer

The following agreed to stand as trustees:

Steve Whitmore
Clare Lamb

Named Trustee Posts:

Treasurer – **Jacqui Griggs** (proposed by Jay Hay, seconded by Catri Plummer)

Secretary – **Catri Plummer** (proposed by Jacqui Griggs, seconded by Paula Simmons)

Chair – no-one wished to stand as chair and so will be taken as ad hoc on a meeting by meeting basis by trustee members.

PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS FOR NEXT LIGHTHOUSE

Some priorities for next year (2021):

Supporting families as a whole

Supporting children who may be suffering with problems brought on by lockdown.

Keeping in touch with the leaders and volunteers. Many were sad to miss out this year.

Supporting one another – we're all in this together.

Plan with Joy and Hope and this will lift us and everyone. Create something joyful for next year.

Consider parents' needs and whether we could give some extra help to the parents

Could we give all children a free lunch at Lighthouse next year.

We want to give the children space not to forget this year but to move on in joy and excitement – move on, move forward.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

LIGHTHOUSE CRESSEX

CIO NUMBER FROM 17TH MAY 2019 1183476

FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2020

17th May 2019-30th Sep 2020

RECEIPTS

Donations (Churches, Grants, Supporters)	7635
Donations (during the week)	2390
Donations (online)	1196
Gift aid tax refund	799
Sales	920

Total **£12,939**

PAYMENTS

Site	Set Up/Stage/AV	2759
	School Hire	1238
	Other costs	187
First Aid		525
Insurance		60
Admin		2653
Activities		250
Shop		599
Helpers T-shirts/lanyards		625
Refreshments		1279
Charitable donations		3700
Gifts for LH children/families		397
Misc		

Total **£14,273**

Income less expenditure for current year **£1,334**

Balance bought forward from previous year **£12,297**

Balance carried forward to following year **£10,963**

NOTES

1) Gift aid tax relief due for donations received up to Sep 20 £950