

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	<u>£12,939</u>
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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	<u>£14,273</u>
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Income less expenditure for current year	<u>£1,334</u>
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Balance bought forward from previous year	<u>£12,297</u>
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Balance carried forward to following year	<u>£10,963</u>
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NOTES

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