



TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT – FY 2023

CHARITY NUMBER: 1184259

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Change Management

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Charity Details

Charity Name: Freedom Vineyard Dartford

Registration Number: 1184259

Registered Address: 19 Carrington Road
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Trustees: David Anthony Bridge (Chair)
Sarah Creek
Glen Geoffrey Blow
Michael Lopez

Banking: Co-operative Bank

Independent Examiner: J R Caladine FCCA CTA FCIE,
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Charity Management

The charity is managed in line with our constitution which was formed as a CIO on the 4th July 2019.

The strategic direction for the charity is set by the Lead Pastors (two of whom were also the Trustees at the close of the financial year).

David Bridge (Chair of the Trustees) has the specific responsibility to act as treasurer. Amanda Blow (Lead Pastor) remains the Safeguarding Lead for the charity.

The trustees meet quarterly to review charity performance, operations, risk and finances.

At this stage in the charity's life, the trustees shall recruit new or additional trustees from within the membership of the Freedom Vineyard Dartford church community wherever possible. The trustees shall prayerfully consider future trustee(s), with a view based on:

- Their commitment to the life of the charity,
- skills/professional qualification and/or experience that can aid the charity,
- their character & temperament, and
- if two equally suitable candidates are in consideration for a single post, then the appointment that will increase overall trustee diversity will be strongly considered.

All trustees undergo enhanced DBS checks before appointment and annually thereafter.

Activities, Objectives & Achievements

The fiscal year ending 31st March 2023 was a positive year for the charity and church, gaining momentum as life returned to normal after the global pandemic.

We built upon our concept of the “Scattered Sunday” – which aims to bring blessing and joy to those outside the church family, by intentionally doing thoughtful acts of kindness. We established a litter picking group to improve the environment in East Dartford, along with our existing Art Group and Walking Group that provided people with an environment to be creative or to enjoy walks in the Kent countryside within a friendly group setting.

During this year, we were delighted to partner with Dartford Borough Council to offer free Wellbeing courses for the community. Based in the Temple Hill area of Dartford, in order to make it accessible for a large community based there, we ran two courses created by Kintsugi Hope – a nationally recognised mental wellbeing charity, widely used by social prescribers. The course was piloted within the church, with most members undertaking the course and benefiting from it, before we discussed this with our local council; who were very supportive. The courses were advertised locally and we had attendees from the local area who did not have connection with Freedom Vineyard prior to their attendance.

The feedback received from the courses was very encouraging; one member decided to deal address addiction issues and is now several months into a detox and rehabilitation treatment at time of writing. For other course members, even leaving the house felt like a significant challenge, and the course helped them regain some confidence, find new friends and receive practical tools for dealing with issues such as anxiety, depression, loss and anger amongst others.

Another highlight was taking our young people to Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland’s annual youth festival: Dreaming the Impossible (known as DTI). 10 young people attended the festival held at the Staffordshire show ground. Our young people greatly enjoyed the week away and were encouraged in their faith.

Following on from DTI, we launched Youth Socials to provide a space for our young people to keep connected and to enable them to invite their friends, to expand the group and provide increased connection.

In response to new people joining the church, two new small groups were also added during the year, providing practical discipleship and support.

The church continued to hold open meetings in the evening on first and third Sunday of each month for worship, teaching, social connection and prayer; within our space in Crown House.

We also ran an Alpha Course during the year to help people understand the Christian faith and to provide a place for questions to be raised and discussed. We held a successful away day at Otford Manor centre as part of this course.

In line with our intention to develop and equip leaders, we welcome one of our member onto the Teaching team for our Gathered Sundays. Ben had not taught in church before and he is naturally gifted and developing well.

We give a proportion of our income away to a local and an international charity each quarter. This year we continued to give to Dartford Foodbank, due to the increased demand following the pandemic; and also to a Christian leadership development charity named Innovista. We repeated our “Beer and Carols Night” at the Malt Shovel pub in Dartford during December. The event was successful, however attendance was down due to heavy snow during the afternoon.

Public Benefit: The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities Freedom Vineyard should undertake.

Financial Report

Receipts and payments for the year ended 31 March 2023

| | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Total funds | Last year |
|---|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ |
| A1 Receipts | | | | |
| Voluntary donations | 23,320 | | 23,320 | 22,962 |
| Refunds on cancelled and returned items | | | | 511 |
| Other income | 678 | | 678 | 20 |
| Grant income | | 1,030 | 1,030 | |
| | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 23,998 | 1,030 | 25,028 | 23,493 |
| A3 Payments | | | | |
| Meeting room rent | 2,262 | - | 2,262 | 960 |
| Resources for smallgroups, kids and youth | 2,647 | - | 2,647 | 1,743 |
| Outreach and hospitality | 1,552 | 677 | 2,229 | 1,631 |
| Postage, stationary and software | 1,354 | - | 1,354 | 1,615 |
| Training and conferences incl. travel | 5,899 | - | 5,899 | 3,598 |
| Governance, insurance and licences | 550 | - | 550 | 1,842 |
| Bookkeeping | 1,030 | | 1,030 | |
| Gifts - small items | - | - | - | 246 |
| Gift - Vineyard Ukraine | - | - | - | 2,360 |
| Gift - Vincentian Diaspora and Friends | - | - | - | 558 |
| Gift - Mercy Outreach UK | - | - | - | 1,205 |
| Gifts - Innovista | 1,200 | - | 1,200 | - |
| Gift - Dartford Foodbank | 3,450 | - | 3,450 | 1,170 |
| Gift - Vineyard UK | 2,000 | - | 2,000 | - |
| Gifts - Hardship relief | - | - | - | 498 |
| Gifts - Kintsugi Hope | 240 | | 240 | |
| Promotional | 440 | - | 440 | - |
| Equipment | 39 | - | 39 | 340 |
| Other expenditure | 212 | - | 212 | 108 |
| | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | 22,875 | 677 | 23,552 | 17,874 |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table) | | | | |
| Laptop | 460 | - | 460 | 1,048 |
| | - | - | - | |
| Sub total | 460 | - | 460 | 1,048 |
| Total payments | 23,335 | 677 | 24,012 | 18,922 |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | 663 | 353 | 1,016 | 4,571 |
| Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - |
| Cash funds last year end | 19,764 | - | 19,764 | 15,193 |

| | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------|------------|---------------|---------------|
| Cash funds this year end | 20,427 | 353 | 20,780 | 19,764 |
|---------------------------------|---------------|------------|---------------|---------------|

Statement of assets and liabilities at 31 March 2023

| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ |
|--|----------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| Cash funds | Co-operative Bank | 20,411 | 353 |
| | Petty Cash | 16 | - |
| | | - | - |
| | Total cash funds | 20,427 | 353 |
| | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) |
| Assets retained for the charity's own use | Initial PA setup (2019/20) | Unrestricted | 1,767 |
| | Video Projector (2021/22) | Unrestricted | 1,048 |
| | Laptop (2022/23) | Unrestricted | 460 |
| | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) |
| Liabilities | Independent Examiner's fee | Unrestricted | 540 |

Reserves

The unrestricted reserves of Freedom Vineyard are £20,427. The Trustees consider that the monies held at Bank are sufficient to cover the short-term needs of organisation.

Funds Held as a Custodian Trustee

There are no funds held as a Custodian Trustee.

Notes to the Financial Statements

Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared as a Receipts and Payments account in accordance with section 133 of the Charities act 2011.

Funds

Unrestricted Funds represent monies received that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for applications on the general purposes of Freedom Vineyard.

The Restricted Fund represents a grant for a mental wellbeing course.

Signed  (Trustee)

Date 17th January 2024



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

4/1/2022

To

3/31/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

| | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Endowment funds | Total funds | Last year |
|---|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
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| A1 Receipts | | | | | |
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| Refunds on cancelled and returned items | - | - | - | - | 511 |
| Other income | 678 | - | - | 678 | 20 |
| Grant income | - | 1,030 | - | 1,030 | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 23,998 | 1,030 | - | 25,028 | 23,493 |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table). | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 23,998 | 1,030 | - | 25,028 | 23,493 |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| Meeting room rent | 2,262 | - | - | 2,262 | 960 |
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| Governance, insurance and licences | 550 | - | - | 550 | 1,842 |
| Bookkeeping | 1,030 | - | - | 1,030 | - |
| Gifts - small items | - | - | - | - | 246 |
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| Promotional | 440 | - | - | 440 | - |
| Equipment | 39 | - | - | 39 | 340 |
| Other expenditure | 212 | - | - | 212 | 108 |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | 22,875 | 677 | - | 23,552 | 17,874 |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table) | | | | | |
| Laptop | 460 | - | - | 460 | 1,048 |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | 460 | - | - | 460 | 1,048 |
| Total payments | 23,335 | 677 | - | 24,012 | 18,922 |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | 663 | 353 | - | 1,016 | 4,571 |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 19,764 | - | - | 19,764 | 15,193 |

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| Cash funds this year end | 20,427 | 353 | - | 20,780 | 19,764 |
|--------------------------|--------|-----|---|--------|--------|

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

| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|---------------|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| B1 Cash funds | Co-operative Bank | 20,411 | 353 | - |
| | Petty Cash | 16 | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | Total cash funds | 20,427 | 353 | - |
| | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | OK | OK | OK |

| | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|--------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| B2 Other monetary assets | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |

| | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|----------------------|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| B3 Investment assets | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |

| | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|--|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | Initial PA setup (2019/20) | Unrestricted | 1,767 | - |
| | Video Projector (2021/22) | Unrestricted | 1,048 | - |
| | Laptop (2022/23) | Unrestricted | 460 | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |

| | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
|----------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| B5 Liabilities | Independent Examiner's fee | Unrestricted | 540 | |
| | | | - | |
| | | | - | |
| | | | - | |
| | | | - | |

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

| Signature | Print Name | Date of approval |
|-----------|------------|------------------|
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Independent Examiner's Report

Freedom Vineyard Dartford

Independent Examiner's Report To the Trustees of Freedom Vineyard Dartford

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Freedom Vineyard Dartford for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 17 January 2024