



TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT – FY 2024

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: Michael Lopez (Chair)
Sarah Creek
Glen Geoffrey Blow

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 Senior Pastors (with Glen Blow also being a trustee at the close of the financial year).

The current chair of Trustees is Michael Lopez, with Glen Blow undertaking the treasurer role on a temporary basis. Sarah Creek is the current Safeguarding Lead and Safeguarding trustee.

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

Financial year 2023-2024 saw some significant changes and expansion of Freedom Vineyard's reach and activities.

Firstly we planned for a transition of leadership from the four founding leaders to a leadership team, with Glen & Amanda Blow being the point leaders for the church. This is due to Dave & Suzanne Bridge's plans to move out of the area to support their parents in Q4 2024. A leadership team was recruited following a year long leaders' training course led by Dave & Suzanne. The leadership team gives more scope for scaling the church and charity's activities, with better governance and a bigger pool of skills.

The wellbeing group launched in the previous year continued throughout the year, with successful courses being run in a new venue, to reduce the significant costs of using council facilities. We also solely funded these wellbeing groups and had extremely positive feedback from members of the group, the vast majority of whom have no connection to any church. In addition, we are still in contact with many of the group members and continue to provide ad-hoc support and encouragement to them.

Freedom Vineyard donated resources to a number of charities in the year including an equipment donation to the local community centre, financial and human resources help to the Dartford food bank and support for an international charity developing church and community development leaders throughout Eurasia.

The charity invested in leadership development by supporting one of our members on a low income to attend the Vineyard College, a 1 year in person vocational leadership training course providing input on a wide range of leadership topics.

We launched further groups to create space for building friendships and providing supportive spaces for both members of the church and those in the community with no connection to any church. A monthly Lego and board games group was launched on a Sunday aimed at families to come and enjoy a safe, fun environment. In addition, a monthly social group was set up that met in the evenings and started meeting at a local pub. Both groups were well attended.

The summer saw us take a group of 12 young people to Vineyard's annual summer youth festival – Dreaming the Impossible. This was a highlight of the year where our youth were able to join over 3500 other young people from around the country for Christian worship & discipleship, plus a host of fun activities throughout the day and evening.

The church came together to support a member who was seriously ill in hospital following complications from an elective procedure. The member was visited daily and the family supported through an extremely difficult time for them.

We also launched a monthly worship and prayer meeting for the church which was well attended and had a very positive dynamic.

We rounded out the calendar year by providing a free Christmas party for the community held at the local cricket club where we had over 90 people attend. We had a fantastic celebration, with games and fun activities for all ages.

Financial Report

Receipts and payments for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts				
Voluntary donations	25,067	-	25,067	23,320
Other income	1,563	-	1,563	678
Grant income	70	-	70	1,030
	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	26,700	-	26,700	25,028
A3 Payments				
Meeting room rent	2,195	-	2,195	2,262
Resources for smallgroups, kids and youth	1,932	-	1,932	2,647
Outreach and hospitality	3,357	-	3,357	2,229
Postage, stationery and software	1,293	-	1,293	1,354
Training and conferences incl. travel	4,164	353	4,517	5,899
Governance, insurance and licences	494	-	494	550
Bookkeeping	960	-	960	1,030
Gifts - small items	133	-	133	-
Gift - Vineyard UK Dreaming the Impossible	750	-	750	-
Gifts - Innovista	2,500	-	2,500	-
Gift - Dartford Foodbank	1,200	-	1,200	-
Gift - Vineyard UK	200	-	200	1,200
Gifts - Hardship relief	320	-	320	3,450
Gifts - Kintsugi Hope	240	-	240	2,000
Promotional	654	-	654	-
Equipment	37	-	37	240
Other expenditure	122	-	122	440
Independent Examiner	540	-	540	39
	-	-	-	212
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	21,091	353	21,444	23,552
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
Laptop	299	-	299	460
Sub total	299	-	299	460
Total payments	21,390	353	21,743	24,012
Net of receipts/(payments)	5,310	353	4,957	1,016
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	20,427	-	20,780	19,764
Cash funds this year end	25,737	353	25,737	20,780

Statement of assets and liabilities at 31 March 2023

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
Cash funds	Co-operative Bank	25,737	-
	Petty Cash	-	-
		-	-
	Total cash funds	25,737	-
Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
	Initial PA setup (2019/20)	Unrestricted	1,767
	Video Projector (2021/22)	Unrestricted	1,048
	Laptop (2022/23)	Unrestricted	460
	Event Shelter (2023/24)	Unrestricted	299
Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
	Independent Examiner's fee	Unrestricted	720

Reserves

The unrestricted reserves of Freedom Vineyard are £25,737. 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.

Signed  (Trustee)

Date 15th January 2025

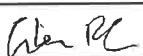
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Governance, insurance and licences	494	-	494	550
VCUK fees	200	-	200	1,030
Bookkeeping	960	-	960	-
Independent examination	540	-	540	-
Gifts - small items	133	-	133	-
Gift - Vineyard UK for DTI	750	-	750	-
Gifts - Innovista	2,500	-	2,500	1,200
Gift - New Avenues	1,200	-	1,200	3,450
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Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
	Independent Examiner's fee	Unrestricted	600

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

Signature	Print Name
	Glen Blow

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 2024.

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:

20 December 2024