

reNEw NE Report

April 2024 – March 2025

This year has been initially one of consolidation and then a plan to develop and grow by piloting some new ways of working.

We continue to be partners in a schools project called Lifepath based at Brinkburn Priory in Northumberland. Over 500 children attended during the week considering the stories of the Northern Saints and their faith in God whilst helping children to consider their own Lifepath. One of the founders is a member of the core team and we have an agreement in place to pay her for the time during the year on a self-employed basis.

Our very first young leaders weekend took place in July and included a pilgrimage to Holy Island and supporting a Sea Sunday Festival at Spittal near Berwick upon Tweed. The Northern Synod of the United Reformed Church supported that weekend covering the cost from their grant to us.

We again ran three successful residential holidays and much of our activity revolved around raising the funds, recruiting and preparing the team of volunteers and doing the essential planning and preparation such events require. These events were

- reNEw 1: 8-12 year olds, Sunday 18 August – Wednesday 21 August
- reNEw 2: 12-16 year olds, Sunday 11 August to Wednesday 14 August
- reNEw Family Camp: Friday 23 August – Monday 27 August

As always many of those who come are from disadvantaged backgrounds so significant fundraising took place to cover the costs – this is clearly indicated in the accounts. A high proportion of our annual expenditure (around 30%) is associated with these events and around 30% is generated by fees. The rest is covered by fundraising, grant applications and volunteer donations from those who serve on teams.

There is a regular weekly online gathering to support volunteers that takes place on Sunday evenings with face to face meetings once a month.

In September we began a new venture employing a young man on our Equip programme for ten hours a week at Real Living Wage. He supports regular work in Ashington and Wylam on our behalf and both groups make a contribution to the funds. We cover the cost of associated expenses and provide supervision, support and training through the self-employment of one of the founders.

Our work with supporting Ukrainian refugees continued with a regular Wednesday night Bible Study and some of those attended our summer residentials

We have begun to explore what the future might look like by developing the links with those who attend our summer events so that they have a year-round focus. This involved organising an advent event and sending resources to engage with the major festivals at Christmas and Easter.

We again hosted a thank you celebration around Christmas time to thank the volunteers and supporters who have been with us on this journey.

In 2025 we will repeat our summer programme and continue to look at ways of raising funds to employ people to develop the work.

For some time there has been a need to recruit new trustees and this year we have been successful in doing so and feel in a strong position moving forward.

Receipts & Payments Account

For the period ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds (£)	Restricted funds (£)	Total funds (£)
		Period to Monday, March 31, 2025	Period to Monday, March 31, 2025	Period to Monday, March 31, 2025
Receipts				
Donations regular		5,070.00		5,070.00
Donations to summer camps		6,000.00		6,000.00
Fundraising		3,591.17		3,591.17
Summer Fees		7,660.00		7,660.00
Volunteer donations		5,550.00		5,550.00
Development Grant		4,000.00		4,000.00
Payment for work done to support youth work		200.00		200.00
Total income		32,071.17	-	32,071.17
Payments				
Young Leaders Training		805.84		805.84
Summer residential costs		20,245.60	-	20,245.60
Payment to Olena Yurchenko for work done		2,250.00	-	2,250.00
Equipment for residential activities		1,182.84	-	1,182.84
Christmas Gathering		877.93	-	877.93
Community Development		1,735.40		1,735.40
Northumbria Payroll Company (Will Hoy)		2,325.95		2,325.95
Will Hoy reimbursed expenses		392.40		392.40
General Running Costs		1,260.52		1,260.52
Total expenditure		31,076.48	-	-
Surplus/(Deficit) of income over expenditure		994.69	0.00	994.69

Notes: Large donations were received for use at Summer residentials included in the donations above

1. Mothers Union £1,000

2. URC Northern Synod £5,000

A development grant was given by St Hildas Trust in Autumn 2024 of £4000

Statement of Assets & Liabilities

As at 31 March 2023

	£	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds
	£	£	£
Bank balance as at 31 March 2024	10,917.77	9,676.97	1,240.80
As at 31 March 2024			
	£	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds
	£	£	£
Bank balance as at 31 March 2025	11,912.46	10,671.66	1,240.80

Liabilities

Prior to the formation of the charity, finance was contributed effectively as an interest free loan to the organisation. In the next financial year this will need to be repaid

The outstanding figure was £106.63 which is included in these unrestricted funds.