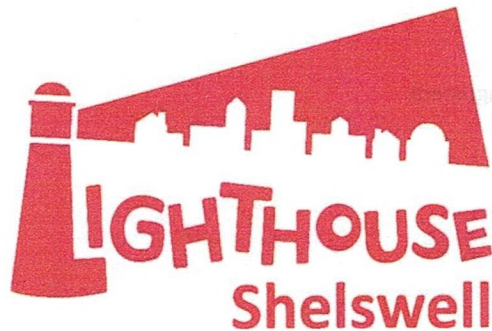




REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025 FOR LIGHTHOUSE SHELLOW

Registered charity in England & Wales with registration no: 1187651

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Registered address:

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Trustees:

Rev Alice Goodall - Chair (until 10th August 2025)
Veronica Barnes - Treasurer
Flora Skinner
Helen Willis
Gemma Maybank
Michael Green – from 5th August 2025

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025

Section 1: Structure, Governance & Management**Governing document**

Lighthouse Shelswell was registered as a foundation CIO on 29 January 2020, charity number 1187651. The members of the charity are its trustees and membership cannot be transferred to anyone else. Therefore, only the trustees are able to vote on any matter relating to the charity.

Appointment of trustees

As set out in the CIO Foundation Document, trustees are appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. The chair of trustees is nominated by the trustees and may at any point revoke such appointment. When considering the appointment of trustees, the board has regard to the requirement for any specialist skills needed for the effective administration of the charity.

Trustee induction

As a small charity new trustees are well aware of our objectives and the work we undertake. As such, the induction of new trustees is minimal. New trustees receive a copy of the current version of the Foundation Document, a copy of the most recent Trustees' Annual Report and statement of accounts, and the Charity Commission's 'Charity Trustee Welcome Pack' and 'The essential trustee: what you need to know, what you need to do (CC3)' guide.

Organisation

The board of trustees, which can have up to eight members, administers the charity, with responsibilities for different areas. The board meets at least three times a year, in accordance with the Foundation Document.

A management committee, members of which are approved by the trustees at an annual meeting, is appointed by the trustees to manage the organisation of the Lighthouse Shelswell event.

All trustees, and members of committees, give their time voluntarily and received no benefits from the charity.

Section 2: Objective & Activities

Lighthouse Shelswell has been set up to:

- promote the Christian faith primarily in children and young people by initiating and supporting the organisation of non-residential Christian holiday clubs, which are free of charge with all costs met from voluntary donations, fundraising events, grants and sponsorship.
- To do this in conjunction with Christian churches in their locality through the work of all denominations wishing to participate.

In shaping our objectives for the year and planning our activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

Lighthouse Shelswell provides a free children's holiday club which is open to all irrespective of beliefs. It provides a great week of fun activities and teaching and strengthens relationships in the community with several churches working together.

Public benefit to children and young people

Our activities benefit children and young people by telling them about mainstream Christianity ecumenically, not from the perspective of a single denomination; and providing them with a safe, fun environment for activities such as craft, sport, drama and games. It also gives them an experience of being in a Christian environment.

Public benefit to their parents

Our activities provide safe, well run Christian events, which are open to children of all faiths and none. These facilities are provided free of charge.

Public benefit to teenagers

Our activities allow teenagers to develop their caring skills for younger children under the supervision of adults, allowing them to gain experience, and through helping to facilitate Christian teaching, they are able to further their understanding of Christianity.

Section 3: Achievements & Performance

Chairman's Report for 2025

1. The Lighthouse Trustees met four times via Zoom, together with others involved in the management committee, in the months leading up to the holiday week. In addition, everyone attended a volunteers training session held on Sunday 16th July 2025 and two representatives met with the head of Finmere school for an orientation session on 13th July.
2. We were delighted when Michael Green took on the administration for Lighthouse Shelswell.
3. Lighthouse Shelswell was held from Monday 28th July – Friday 1st August 2025 at Finmere Church of England Primary School.
4. The event was attended by 62 children in all: sixteen 5 year olds, fifteen 6 – 7 year olds, sixteen 7 – 8 year olds and fifteen 9 - 10 plus year olds.
5. The week was planned and facilitated by an excellent team of volunteers, 14 adults and 14 teenagers. We were pleased to welcome some new volunteers onto the team, including two from the Cherwell Benefice who were exploring the possibility of establishing Lighthouse in their Benefice.
6. Everyone met together for Main Stage at the start and finish of the day. Otherwise activities were offered within the four age groups.
7. We largely follow the structure offered by Lighthouse Central, which seemed to work well. The material provided by Lighthouse Central for 'Make Space for Jesus' was agreed to be excellent.
8. Informal feedback from the week was very positive, most children and volunteers saying that they would want to come again the following year.
9. Once again, children who had just finished year 6 were invited to be fireflies. They helped out with some activities with the younger children.
10. This year, for the first time, in addition to using videos of the Lighthouse songs, we had live music on a few occasions, comprising piano and electric guitar.
11. Next year's Lighthouse will run from Monday 27th to Friday 31st August 2026.

Section 4: Financial Review

Opening balance at 25 November 2024	£4,104.04
Total payments	£2,883.57
Total receipts	£1,714.92
Adjustment	£0
Current balance	£2,932.39

Principal Funding Sources

The principal funding source for the Trust are donations from the beneficiaries of the Trust. Donations from individuals, trusts and the local deanery will also be sources of funding.

The Outgoing Chair

The Trustees thanked the outgoing Chair, the Revd Alice Goodall, for starting this event in Shelswell and running it for five years up to her retirement as Rector of the Shelswell Benefice. Her dedication, skills, and the impact of her leadership on the organisation's mission, while providing guidance and making tough decisions, was instrumental in helping the charity to achieve its goals. We are grateful for her commitment and willingness to give so much of her time. She has worked tirelessly to ensure that the children and volunteers taking part thoroughly enjoyed the experience. She will be greatly missed.

Section 5: Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved this trustees' report.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:



Full name: MICHAEL GREEN

Position: RV Chair

Date: 24th November 2025

Section 6: Financial Review

Opening balance 31 November 2024	£4,194.04
Total payments	£2,323.57
Total receipts	£2,714.92
Adjustment	£0
Current balance	£4,831.53