

Cornerstone Annual Return for the Period ending 31st December 2023

Trustees Report

Cornerstone provides in person and online counselling to residents in Hampshire, Wokingham, Bracknell Forest and Surrey. Until 10th June 2020 Cornerstone was a part of St Peter's Church, Yateley. From 10th June 2020 Cornerstone Counselling became an independent charity although the charity still operates out of the church premises and in return for a service fee receives access to counselling rooms, bookkeeping and support in arranging bookings for clients.

Whilst 2022 saw an increase in demand for our counselling services, from the middle of 2023 there was a noticeable drop in demand. The reason for this was not clear but was possibly due to high inflation and the increase in the cost of living resulting in people having less money to spend. Income from clients was down about 25% in the second half of 2023. The total number of counselling sessions was slightly down at 935 compared with 972 for 2022. There were counselling sessions for only 1 couple and this is an area where we will expand our counselling capability in the coming year. There was a relatively small demand for On-line sessions and these accounted for about 20% of the total. There were two resignations of trustees over the year but both vacancies were filled immediately, so the number of trustees has remained unchanged. The trustees continue to have confidence in the service provided by Cornerstone Counselling and will continue to build on our heritage of being closely associated with St Peter's church (Yateley). We will continue to look at ways of developing working partnerships with other groups in the area.

Financial Summary
Cornerstone Counselling
1 Jan 2023 to 31 Dec 2023

<u>Profit and Loss A/C (per Xero / Virgin statements)</u>	6m to 30/06/23	6m to 31/12/23	Full Year
Cornerstone Income			
Cornerstone - Client Income	£14,181.16	£11,056.00	£25,237.16
Cornerstone - Donations Received	£1,700.00	£1,819.30	£3,519.30
Cornerstone - Interest Receivable	£223.24	£270.77	£494.01
Total Cornerstone Income	£16,104.40	£13,146.07	£29,250.47
Cornerstone Expenses			
Cornerstone - Bank Fees	£163.69	£130.45	£294.14
Cornerstone - Counsellor Expenses	£909.71	£517.85	£1,427.56
Cornerstone – General Expenses	£48.80	£10.80	£59.60
Cornerstone – Entertainment		£399.87	£399.87
Cornerstone - Insurance	£407.30	£359.20	£766.50
Cornerstone – IT Software & Consumables	£197.59	£127.20	£324.79
Cornerstone – Miscellaneous purchases & expenses	£10.80	£0.00	£10.80
Cornerstone – Rent	£3,350.00	£3,318.40	£6,668.40
Cornerstone – Subscriptions	£35.00	£0.00	£35.00
Cornerstone – Training	£500.00	£378.00	£878.00
Cornerstone - Supervision Fees	£8,069.00	£3,940.00	£12,009.00
Cornerstone – Telephone & internet	£68.56	£82.34	£150.90
Cornerstone - Wages	£4,933.50	£4,933.50	£9,867.00
Total Cornerstone Expenses	£18,693.95	£14,197.61	£32,891.56
Net Profit	<u><u>-£2,589.55</u></u>	<u><u>-£1,051.54</u></u>	<u><u>-£3,641.09</u></u>
<u>Payments to St. Peter's Church (30% of Revenue - rounded)</u>			
Paid 12 January 2023 re. 2022 (6m to 31 December 2022) and July 2023 re 6m to 30 June 2023	£3,350.00	£3,318.40	£6,668.40
<u>Reconciliation of Bank Balances</u>			
Combined balances at 1 January / 2023	£15,172.53		
Net Profit for the period	-£2,589.55	-£1,051.54	
Combined balances at period end (Per Xero / Virgin)	£12,582.98	£11,531.44	
Combined balances at period end (Per Banks)	£12,582.98	£11,531.44	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

CORNERSTONE COUNSELLING

On accounts for the year
ended

DEC 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1189879

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Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission
under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to
undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of
applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have
come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that
disclosed below~~*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material
respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130
of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements
concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities
(Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement
that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter
considered as part of an independent examination.

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

S. Coates

Date:

28-2-2024

Name:

SUSAN COATES

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.