

The annual report of



Freedom Church Waddington

For the year ending 31st December 2023

A Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered in England and Wales, no. 1190778

Registered address:

Hall Cottage, Hill Top, Waddington, Lincoln, LN5 9RL

Trustees:

Mr Jon Pape

Mr John Thorneycroft

Mr Efstratios Tsagaris, known as Gary Tsagaris

Structure, governance and management

Freedom Church Waddington is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered as a charity on 7th August 2020. The charity was established with a constitution whose only voting members are its charity trustees. In the event of the charity being wound up the trustees have no liability to settle its debts and liabilities.

Under the requirements of the Constitution, except for the initial trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the trustees. There shall be a minimum of three and a maximum of twelve trustees. Any person retiring as a trustee is eligible for reappointment. The trustees met three times during 2023.

The trustees are responsible for ensuring all legal requirements of the charity are met. The strategic and spiritual direction and pastoral oversight of Freedom Church Waddington is the responsibility of the church leaders.

During the year the church was led on a day-to-day basis by Jon Pape, who was assisted by a broader team of Jenne Pape and Richard & Charlotte Thorneycroft. Jon & Jenne Pape are also supported by the leadership of Gateway Church Northumberland (registered charity no. 1164586). The leaders of Freedom Church Waddington submit to apostolic oversight from Regions Beyond UK (registered charity no. 1152827).

The church has no employees, with all trustees, leaders and people within the church giving their time voluntarily to serve our community.

Objectives and activities

Our purpose is to be a church family in Waddington which especially welcomes the RAF Community and wants to see lives changed as people choose to follow Jesus.

This is defined in our CIO constitution as:

To advance the Christian religion for the benefit of the public, in particular but not exclusively through the holding of prayer meetings, religious education, public celebration of religious festivals, producing and/or distributing literature on the Christian faith to enlighten others about the Christian religion, providing pastoral care and carrying out outreach work in the community.

Freedom Church Waddington seeks to fulfil our purpose through the following activities:

- Gathering together
- Mission
- Discipleship
- Pastoral Care

We hope that as we carry out these activities we move closer to fulfilling our vision which is to see people flourishing because they have found belonging and fulfilment in Jesus.

When planning our activities for the year, the leadership and trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and performance

Gathering together – Freedom Church Waddington met in Waddington Village Hall each Sunday morning to worship together. This took the form of singing, praying, reading the Bible and teaching one another. Teaching was given in an age-appropriate way, with adults listening to a prepared sermon and children enjoying their own activities. Church members also gather during the week in life groups, where they have fellowship with one another, study the bible, and pray together.



Gathering at Waddington Village Hall

Mission – In September we celebrated the first harvest of fruit and vegetables from the Community Growing Garden project with RAF Waddington. The aim of the garden is to support military families, especially those where a member is deployed abroad, reducing isolation and loneliness, and encouraging community cohesion between military and church families. At least seven families living at RAF Waddington were involved, and we look forward to further growth of the project.



The grand opening of the community garden

We were also really excited to send a group of young people to NewDay youth camp again. All of them were inspired, challenged and encouraged in their faith, and the impact on the young people was evident in their enthusiasm for getting more involved in the life and work of the church, as well as in growing maturity in their personal faith.

Discipleship – Freedom Church Waddington provided discipleship through our mid-week life groups. We were also delighted to welcome Steve & Jo Whittington from Christ Church Birmingham, who joined us for a weekend of teaching and encouragement in January.

Pastoral care – Freedom Church Waddington provided pastoral care to people within the church through our mid-week life group and encouraging people to support one another. Additionally, one pastoral gift was made to a family in the church community, whose needs became known to us.

Training – Freedom Church Waddington sent Richard & Charlotte Thorneycroft on the Equip leadership training course, where they are receiving teaching and encouragement. Additionally, three members of the church received safeguarding training from thirtyone:eight (registered charity no. 1004490)

Administration – Freedom Church Waddington's expenditure under this heading includes insurance, licenses to publish song lyrics that are under copyright, membership of the Evangelical Alliance (registered charity no. 212325), website costs, and safeguarding costs (membership of thirtyone:eight and DBS checks).

Gifts to other ministries – Freedom Church Waddington makes a monthly donation of £100 to Regions Beyond UK.

Financial review

During the year Freedom Church Waddington received unrestricted funds of £22,684, which was made up of £19,264 in regular giving, £2,092 of ad hoc giving and £1,328 of Gift Aid. Our expenditure reduced slightly to £10,628, yet receipts exceeded payments by £12,056. When this is combined with the £28,913 brought forward from the previous year, the balance carried forward on 31st December 2023 was £40,969.

Freedom Church Waddington does not yet have a reserves policy.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Charity Commission's guidance CC15d, and was approved by the trustees on 14 October 2024.



Jon Pape, 14 October 2024

JSThorneycroft



John Thorneycroft, 14 October 2024

Efstratios Tsagaris, 14 October 2024



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01-Jan-23

To

31-Dec-23

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations - Regular giving	19,264	-	-	19,264	14,094
Donations - Ad hoc giving	2,092	-	-	2,092	1,252
Gift Aid	1,328	-	-	1,328	3,721
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	22,684	-	-	22,684	19,067
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Nil	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	22,684	-	-	22,684	19,067
A3 Payments					
Gathering together	3,395	-	-	3,395	2,521
Mission	2,613	-	-	2,613	4,183
Discipleship	729	-	-	729	326
Pastoral care	880	-	-	880	750
Training	572	-	-	572	362
Administration	1,239	-	-	1,239	1,064
Gifts to other ministries	1,200	-	-	1,200	2,200
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	10,628	-	-	10,628	11,406
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Nil	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	10,628	-	-	10,628	11,406
Net of receipts/(payments)	12,056	-	-	12,056	7,661
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	28,913	-	-	28,913	21,252
Cash funds this year end	40,969	-	-	40,969	28,913

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	Bank current account	40,969	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	40,969	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
	Nil	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Nil		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Nil		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Nil		-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	JSThorneycroft	John Thorneycroft	14-Oct-24	
	EF	Efstratios Tsagaris	14-Oct-24	