



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 16 Dec 2020 Period start date To 31 Mar 2022 Period end date Charity

name: Alive UK

Charity registration number: 1192806

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Church activities Emergency Aid
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Community church Community Cafe & Foodbank Partnering with local schools Afghan Project Compassion Project
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees understanding the importance of providing public benefit. This is demonstrated in 3 above.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Alive UK exists on the committed team of trustees and volunteers. All volunteers receive adequate training
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		and where necessary are DBS checked. Application forms are used and where appropriate references are requested. The church activities and the charitable activities of the charity are all carried out by a group of volunteers who give their time and their skills to work in a range of areas to serve and love people. This is putting God's love into action . There are more than 30 volunteers serving in different roles within the charity.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Alive UK is foundationally a church. The church is led by Jo and Phil Thorne who have been Senior Pastors over the course of City Church Norwich and now Alive UK (Alive Church), carrying the responsibility of the running of the church. Assisting them is a team of leaders supporting the vision and the outworking of it. SUNDAY SERVICES During 2020-2021 weekly services were still being conducted online due to the Covid pandemic lockdown. A small number of the team gathered safely together to deliver an online service from the well equipped studio. The studio was purposefully built at the beginning of the pandemic by converting the main auditorium of the church building into a studio costing around £5000. From there services were delivered as well as daily worship and prayer sets, a weekly chat show and daily children's bedtime stories with all of these seeing high engagement levels. (This online facility has continued to be part of our online presence). In September 2021 the church returned to in-person services. From this point services have remained in-person on a weekly basis. Being able to return to in person services was so good after such a long time not being able to meet together. While some remained shielding, many returned to in-person services. There were 45 people on the membership during this time. CONNECT GROUPS During this season, groups of people were meeting online through Zoom on a fortnightly basis. Most groups were in the evening and one was in the daytime. This was a chance for people to be in touch and check in on each other while there were still various mixing and social-distancing rules. Alongside this we had regular prayer and worship evenings on Zoom. However at the beginning of 2022 this moved to meeting in-person fortnightly to spend time together, have fun and encourage one another in our faith. This has included bible studies, games evenings, prayer times, trips to the beach and other social activities.
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		LADIES & MENS MEETS We place importance on relationships and in addition to the connect group we run we hold regular men's and ladies events three or four times a year. These events will be different and are great occasions to get together and invite friends too. Examples include coffee, cake and craft morning, snooker nights and Christmas wreath making. The OTHER GROUPS A group that has been running in this time when we came back to in-person services has been our Scalextric group. This has met on a monthly basis with on average 10 people at a time to have fun together while playing on a large set of Scalextric! CHRISTMAS Christmas is a key time for the church to be connecting with the community and sharing about the birth of Jesus. A community Candlelit Christmas service was held one afternoon with worship and drama in a relaxed cafe manner. This was attended by over 100 people.
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		EMERGENCY AID ACTIVITIES - FOODBANK & COMMUNITY CAFE During the pandemic this was unable to be open however we were in contact with those who were in need and helped provide and deliver safely 200+ meals a week. For many, this help and regular contact was a lifeline, not only because of food provided, but also easing mental health and loneliness. Alive UK continues this much needed lifeline. Foodbank and Community Cafe reopened in January 2022. The cafe is open to all and a full cooked English breakfast is available at a heavily subsidised price. This is able to be done due to the number of donations that are received from supermarkets through food sharing schemes. The Foodbank operates at the same time and a free breakfast is available to people coming in with a Foodbank voucher. During this time hundreds of boxes of food were given out. The charity is registered with various supermarkets and food outlets for collections of food which are given out to those through the different activities of the charity. WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CHANTRY PLACE We have been working with Chantry Place (formerly known as Chapelfield Mall) during this period to collect food to be used in food parcels and at our Community Cafe/Foodbank. A secure box is available in a small shop outlet where people can donate foods such as tins and dried foods. Alive has benefitted with both the city centre exposure as well as food provision for those needing emergency aid. We are grateful to the partnership working with Chantry Place to help provide to those in need in the city of Norwich.
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		CLOTHING APPEAL In August 2021 we worked with Chantry Place to utilise a large empty unit to be converted into a shop for families fleeing from Afghanistan. Many donations of clothing for children and adults and toys were provided and the shop was soon full. Individuals and families could attend by appointment, often with a professional, and look round the shop and choose what they wanted. The idea behind this was to respect those coming in and create an experience that many people have when entering a shop. The shop was open for 18 weeks and in this time over 50 families were provided with clothes. The public appeal was a massive success in providing several tons of clothing and other items. It was decided that we would work with New Routes, a local adult refugee organisation, because our aim is to provide emergency aid rather than the ongoing responsibilities of a shop. In December we jointly interviewed for a shop manager who was then employed by New Routes. In January 2022 we handed the shop onto New Routes to manage the project going forward. LOCAL SCHOOLS Alive UK also worked with 2 local schools with Christmas presents and food. There is a very good two-way relationship between the church and the schools, fostering good relationships with many of the parents.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Building a studio to go online during lockdowns. Providing emergency aid to families, refugees and through Foodbank. Reestablishing our presence in the community and with local authorities.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Most fundraising is through the generous donations of Alive UK members. The County Council awarded £10,000

		for our Afghan Project and the City Council awarded £940 to help with our community facilities.
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Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The Trustees are pleased that with all the donations coming in despite the lockdowns, there has been enough income to manage both the activities of the CIO and the necessary expenditure. The hope is that with budgets going forward there will be increased donations and grants to further the aims of the charity. £10,000 grant is for the Afghan project given at the end of the financial year. Pastoral expenses and use of a mobile largely cover the mileage (.45p) involved in collecting supermarket food donations. The pastors serve the organisation and church in a voluntary capacity and these expenses go towards some of their costs. Alive House, which is owned by City Church, and is solely used by Alive UK, has an agreement with the City Church trustees to 'rent' the facility purely on a maintenance package - reflected in the Building Maintenance expense. Is is also the case with City Gates Centre, Cowgate, Norwich, NR3 1SZ. This is also solely used by Alive UK on a purely maintenance package as agreed with the Wensum Trust. This keeps the rental costs very low and enables budgets to be spent in line with the main objectives of Alive UK. The Virgin Media internet costs are across both facilities and provide for good upload speeds for live streaming. The Video, Audio and Lighting budget was primarily needed to equip the studio for live streaming. Alive UK continues to support Compassion. We support children's basic needs and education in a church project in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, continuing what City Church established. Worship resources this year were largely focused on building a Roland Electric drum set, which is being paid for monthly. This has been an essential piece of kit enabling us to control and balance the sound, particularly for live streaming. As with City Church, Alive UK remains a part of the Ground Level Network, a
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		network of 80 churches in the UK and abroad, providing support, training, accountability and best practice.
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Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	As a new CIO, we are currently in the process of developing reserves, initially to cover a 3 month period, working up to a 6 month period.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	NIL
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	We are working towards this goal. Currently we have use of a building (belonging to City Church) and only have to maintain the property. There is no usage contract. Our liabilities are with the utilities bills.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Funds come mainly through the generous giving of its trustees and members.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust Deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are selected and elected on their standing, experience and qualification to enhance the management of the CIO by the trustees in post.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Alive UK
Other name the charity uses	Alive Church
Registered charity number	1192806

Charity's principal address	Alive House Nelson Street Norwich NR2 4DR

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Johanna Thorne	Chair	16/12/2020 to date	
Matthew Whiffin		16/12/2020 to date	
Jonathan Thorne		16/12/2020 to date	
Chris Nicholas		16/12/2020 to 29/1/2023	
Paul Dowrick		16/12/2020 to 29/1/2023	

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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
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Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser

Name Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) Full name(s)

	
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Johanna Thorne	Matthew Whiffin
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**Position (eg
Secretary, Chair, etc) Date**

Chair	
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31/1/2023



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Alive UK

1192806

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period
from

16/12/2020

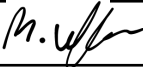
To

31/03/2022

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts				
Donations	4,351	-	-	4,351
Tithes	30,990	-	-	30,990
Offerings	1,771	-	-	1,771
Community Cafe	66	-	-	66
Grants	945	10,000	-	10,945
Afghan Project	1,330	-	-	1,330
Scalxetrics	13	-	-	13
Refunds	156	-	-	156
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	39,622	10,000	-	49,622
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-
Total receipts	39,622	10,000	- 0	49,622
A3 Payments				
Buildings, Maintenance & Equipment	8,546			8,546
Gas/Electricity	8,309			8,309
Water Rates	105			105
Admin	746			746
Answer Insurance	4,703	-	-	4,703
Pastors Expenses	3,701			3,701
Virgin Media Internet	3,168	-	-	3,168
Design, Advertising & Printing	1,034	-	-	1,034
Compassion Project	840	-	-	840
Christian Copyright licenses	284	-	-	284
Afghan Project	220			220
Mobile for Pastors	194	-	-	194
Worship Resources	1,839	-	-	1,839
Audio, Video & Lighting	3,379	-	-	3,379
Van Hire	189			189
Catering	64			64
Furnishings	110			110
Bank Fees	66			66
Ground Level Network	60			60
Sub total	37,557	-	-	37,557
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
	- 0	- 0	- 0	
	- 0	- 0	- 0	
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	
Total payments	37,557	- 0	- 0	37,557
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,065	10,000	-	12,065
A5 Transfers between funds	- 0	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	- 0	-	-	-

Cash funds this year end		2,065	10,000	-	12,065
Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period					
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds		
		to nearest £	to nearest £		
B1 Cash funds		2,065	10,000		
		-	-		
		-	-		
	Total cash funds	2,065	10,000		
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK		
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds		
		to nearest £	to nearest £		
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-		
		-	-		
		-	-		
		-	-		
		-	-		
		-	-		
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)		
B3 Investment assets			-		
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)		
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-		
			-		
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)		
B5 Liabilities	Accountancy Fees	660	-		
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name
Johanna Thorne		Johanna Thorne
Matthew Whiffin		Matthew Whiffin

Date of approval
31 January 2023
31 January 2023

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Alive UK

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees For the Year Ended 31 March 2022



Independent examiners report to the Trustees of Alive UK

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for Alive UK ("the charity") for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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 2011 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not comply with these records

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Ferris', enclosed within a circular scribble.

Michelle Ferris BSC (Hons) FCA DChA

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Date: 14/03/23