



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 Apr 2023 Period start date To 31 Mar 2024 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 Toy Appeal 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 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 50 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 Christian 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 (inc. Alive Church), carrying the responsibility of the running of the church. Assisting them is a team of volunteer leaders and trustees supporting the vision and the outworking of it. SUNDAY SERVICES Alive Church has continued to run in-person services every Sunday. The church has continued to be engaging for the community and new members have been added this year. CONNECT GROUPS In-person groups continue to meet fortnightly, there has been new members added. Members are able to spend time together, talk, have fun and encourage one another in their faith. This has included bible studies, games evenings, prayer times, trips to the beach, quizzes 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 are creative and different and are great occasions to get together and invite friends too. Examples include coffee, cake & craft mornings, snooker nights, scalextrics and Christmas wreath making.

OTHER GROUPS

A group that has been running in this time 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! This has encouraged people to invite friends and a number of invitees have continued to attend.

CHRISTMAS

Christmas is a key time for the church to be connecting with the community and sharing about the birth of Jesus. Over the whole month of December, the church had an outsider lit area with a Father Christmas set and a Nativity set which was seen by hundreds of external visitors with many having their pictures taken on the sleigh. 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. On Christmas Eve, many families came to see Father Christmas, Mrs Christmas and their Elves and the children received gifts free of charge, Mince pies, hot chocolate and mulled wine were served inside. Hundreds of people attended.

EMERGENCY AID ACTIVITIES -

FOODBANK & COMMUNITY CAFE

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 is open to all and a full cooked English breakfast is available at a heavily subsidised price of £3. 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 Chantry Place as well as in another church 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 Tesco, Macro, Chantry Place, Norwich and Foodbank to help provide to those in need in the city of Norwich, as well as Eternity Church, Norwich.

		TOY APPEAL We worked with Chantry Place in December to collect new toys and wrapping paper to distribute to families who otherwise would not be able to provide presents for their children. Over a 1000 gifts were received and over 300 families helped through Community Cafe and the local schools.. 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. One of the schools allows the church to use their car park free of charge. Alive Church hosted over 1000 children and parents from the schools in a number of school Christmas performances.
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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 of our 'presence' in the city, the shopping Mall, local newspapers and our presence in the community through the Cafe and Foodbank, the schools and with local authorities. The church growing with new members.
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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 £1550 for warm spaces & to help with community facilities, providing funds for running hot water. Cafe Direct awarding £5000 for community engagement.
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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, 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. £1550 grant is for the 'Warm Spaces' project given at the beginning of winter and £5000 is for community engagement. 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. It 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 church 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. Worship resources this year continue to be largely focused on worship song backing tracts. Alive UK remains a part of the Ground Level Network, a 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 leaders, 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

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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)

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Full Position:

Chair of Trustees

Name(s):

Johanna Thorne

Date: 10/9/2024

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JThorne', written in a cursive style.

Alive UK

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees For the Year Ended 31 March 2024



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 2024.

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.

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Date: 22 January 2024



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01/04/2023

To

Period end date
31/03/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	-	-	-	-	200
Tithes	33,653	-	-	33,653	21,433
Offerings	3,481	-	-	3,481	2,841
Community Café	4,170	-	-	4,170	3,739
Christmas Fayre	-	-	-	-	553
Grants	5,000	958	-	5,958	2,000
Scalxetrics	-	-	-	-	19
Rent	5,200	-	-	5,200	1,200
Refunds	33	-	-	33	249
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	51,537	958	-	52,495	32,234
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	51,537	958	-	52,495	32,234
A3 Payments					
Buildings, Maintenance & Equipment	1,452	958	-	2,410	7,948
Gas/Electricity	10,188	-	-	10,188	5,568
Water Rates	317	-	-	317	881
Admin	1,953	-	-	1,953	-
Ansvar Insurance	4,498	-	-	4,498	3,895
Pastors Expenses	2,147	-	-	2,147	7,418
Virgin Media Internet	2,300	-	-	2,300	2,351
Design, Advertising & Printing	2,227	-	-	2,227	923
Compassion Project	672	-	-	672	672
Afghan Project	-	-	-	-	6,960
Mobile for Pastors	252	-	-	252	216
Worship Resources	1,719	-	-	1,719	3,173
Church, Children & Youth resources	1,033	-	-	1,033	-
Visiting Speakers	381	-	-	381	-
Christmas & Easter	1,811	-	-	1,811	-
Audio, Video & Lighting	-	-	-	-	423
Kitchen & Catering	558	-	-	558	188
Bank Fees	94	-	-	94	67
Ground Level Network & Training	659	-	-	659	-
Community Café	16	-	-	16	-
Warmth Project	-	-	-	-	300
Sub total	32,277	958	-	33,235	40,983
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	32,277	958	-	33,235	40,983
Net of receipts/(payments)	19,260	-	-	19,260	- 8,749
A5 Transfers between funds			-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	3,296		-	3,296	12,065
Cash funds this year end	22,556	-	-	22,556	3,316

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	22,536	-	-
	Community Café cash float	20	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	22,556	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Independent examiners fees	Unrestricted	600	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Johanna Thorne	19/11/25
	Matthew Whiffin	19/11/2025