

THE CHURCH LAND TRUST

The Church Land Trust (TCLT) (Charity number 1193793) presents its annual report for the period ended 31st March 2023.

TCLT is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered with the Charity Commission on 12th March 2021 and operates under its Governing Document dated 9th March 2021.

OUR MISSION

TCLT aims to help Christian Churches use their land and property to further their mission and provide benefit for their congregations and their local communities. It is common for churches to sell assets to meet short-term needs. TCLT aims to help explore more creative solutions allowing them to retain their asset base for long-term benefit and to achieve a sustainable income flow.

OUR OBJECTIVES

- Provide consultancy and mentoring to churches seeking to upgrade their property assets. The aim is to benefit the church itself and the local community and to contribute towards the alleviation of the current housing crisis.
- Build a database of churches which have successfully enhanced their building facilities to the benefit of the church itself and the local community. This would be available to all on payment of a modest subscription (this subscription to be used to contribute to TCLT's costs, not to generate a profit for TCLT). While much of this information is publicly available, we do not believe that there is any single place where it can be easily found. The absence of an accessible source of all or most of the relevant information has been an obstacle to the effective financing and development of church assets for the benefit of the community.
- The aim is to establish TCLT as the pre-eminent destination for relevant data for the benefit of churches seeking to develop their assets and organisations in a position to assist them.
- Seek opportunities for church property to be creatively used to provide affordable housing.
- Work with relevant stakeholders – eg dioceses, parishes, local authorities, housing charities and various related agencies – acting as an interface between these parties to provide relevant information and advice.
- Provide specific advice on finding potential donors, how to secure funding, and development advice.

Three of TCLT's founding trustees have decades of experience in the property industry (two as architects and one as a quantity surveyor). Their expertise will be central in driving the development of TCLT's activities.

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

TCLT remains a very young charity, and much of the year was spent establishing the infrastructure to allow it to carry out its mission. After many months of delay and obstruction, we were finally successful in opening a bank account, which greatly broadened the Charity's operational and financial options. Some early donations were received and the Charity registered for Gift Aid with HMRC. The TCLT website was also established during the year and it is now up and running. The website contains details of our mission and how we can help churches maximise the value of their property portfolio over the longer term while providing social benefit to the local community. It further provides a collection of case studies of relevant projects undertaken by particular churches.

TCLT was able to pay for the services of an occasional employee to accelerate the development of its databases. These represent the key value added provided by the Charity. These divide essentially into two categories. The first is a database of actual examples of churches which have embarked on creative projects to develop and modernise their property assets, while retaining ownership of them and enhancing facilities for both the church members and the local community. The second is a database of grant-making trusts whose activities focus substantially on church and/or housing matters.

The trustees have also continued to take advantage of contacts in the property, church and charity worlds to build awareness of our mission.

FINANCES

TCLT's bank account was opened in July 2023. The first deposits represented compensation from Lloyds Bank for their substandard performance in the opening of the account. Other positive flows came from individuals' donations and Gift Aid claims on such donations. Notable outflows were represented by the cost of setting up the TCT website and sums paid to two individuals for work undertaken in developing TCLT's databases. At the end of the period under review there was a modest balance of £1021 in the account.

FUTURE PLANS

- Establish full capability to carry out our mission to be the pre-eminent repository of information for churches seeking to develop their property assets without losing control of them, thus securing their long-term financial future while also maximising their social impact.
- Continue to develop our databases of historic projects, grant-making trusts and other relevant information.
- Fund-raise for our operating costs – targeting specific individuals and organisations who have expressed support of what we plan to do.
- Market our capabilities via social media and other targeted media channels as appropriate to generate awareness of our capabilities and activities.
- Extend our range of contacts in all relevant stakeholders, notably churches, dioceses, housing-focused charities, local authorities, property professionals and potentially academia.
- Provide mentoring services to churches which recognise the potential of their property assets while lacking the professional knowledge of how to exploit them.

TRUSTEES

The trustees of the charity are as follows:

Mr MJR Potter (Chair)	Appointed 12 March 2021
Ms SA Dorkings	Appointed 12 April 2021
Mr JMB Eddison	Appointed 12 March 2021
Mr SJ Jacklin	Appointed 12 March 2021
Mr CAA Congdon	Appointed 12 March 2021

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

3/31/2022

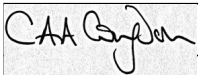
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Section A Receipts and payments

	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 from individuals	6,000	-	-	6,000	-
Compensation from Lloyds Bank	632	-	-	632	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	6,632	-	-	6,632	N/A
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	6,632	-	-	6,632	#VALUE!
A3 Payments					
Website design	3,336	-	-	3,336	-
Researcher's pay	2,275	-	-	2,275	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	5,611	-	-	5,611	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	5,611	-	-	5,611	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,021	-	-	1,021	#VALUE!
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	1,021	-	-	1,021	#VALUE!

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	Cash at bank	1,021	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	1,021	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	None	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	None		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	None		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	None		-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			C A A Congdon	1/11/2024