

THE CHURCH LAND TRUST

The Church Land Trust (TCLT) (Charity number 1193793) presents its annual report for the period ended 31st March 2024.

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, as well as databases of funding sources and organisations working in this field. 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.
- TCLT will engage with other organisations who will actively commission construction projects for public benefit in this sector such as Registered Providers and Community Benefit Societies.

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

In the early part of the year TCLT's databases were significantly expanded in terms of range and depth, creating a valuable resource of information which we believe can be applied usefully for churches and other relevant bodies. We were able to pay for the services of an occasional employee to accelerate this endeavour. Lack of financial resources later in the year meant that this activity was curtailed.

TCLT has continued to develop its strategic vision of how its intellectual property might best be leveraged. TCLT opened discussions with an emerging Community Benefit Society which hopes to develop projects on church land to house those in need of accommodation in the social rented sector.

Lack of finance, and time on the part of the key trustees meant that we did not make the hoped-for advances in terms of social media exploitation.

FINANCES

TCLT's sole source of income during the year was from Gift Aid reclamations. This sum and more was spent on our occasional employee in the development of our databases. At the end of the period the Charity's bank account was in credit to the tune of £124.55.

FUTURE PLANS

- The trustees recognise that TCLT needs to establish a more secure financial basis in order to fulfil its mission.
- TCLT is actively investigating ways in which the charity might generate revenue for use of its intellectual property.
- In particular TCLT will continue its negotiations with the emerging Community Benefit Society (referenced above). This society will be actively involved in developments of building projects for church communities. The model for this process involves TCLT being remunerated for use of its intellectual property.
- While we believe that the depth and quality of our databases has achieved a critical mass, we will continue to look for opportunities to enhance them.
- Fund-raise for our operating costs – targeting specific individuals and organisations who have expressed support of what we plan to do.
- 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

4/1/2023

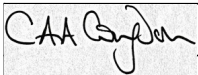
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Section A Receipts and payments

	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					
Gift Aid reclaim	4,858	-	-	4,858	-
		-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	4,858	-	-	4,858	6,632
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	4,858	-	-	4,858	6,632
A3 Payments					
Researcher's pay	5,754	-	-	5,754	-
		-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	5,754	-	-	5,754	5,611
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	5,754	-	-	5,754	5,611
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 896	-	-	- 896	1,021
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	125	-	-	125	1,021

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	125	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	125	-	-
	(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	1/10/2025