

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

from 01/10/22 to 30/9/23

Charity name: CLIFF VILLAGES CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

A Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Charity registration number: 1196541

The Cliff Villages Christian Fellowship was established as a new Charity in 2021 to be an independent group concentrating on sharing the Christian Faith with people from Navenby and the villages in the surrounding area.

Objects of the Cliff Villages Christian Fellowship

To advance the Christian religion in Navenby and surrounding areas for the benefit of the public through the holding of worship and prayer meetings, religious education, Christian fellowship opportunities and pastoral activities and support of the charitable needs of the community as a practical expression of the Christian faith.

Advance the Christian religion for the benefit of the public

We have continued to feel our way forward and have fulfilled our objects through the various means defined in our constitution.

We have given copies of the 'Hope for Christmas' and 'Hope at Easter' magazines to parents of Storykeepers and Baby & Toddler group, and Real Easter Eggs & Christmas Angels, each of which comes with a booklet retelling the Christmas/Easter stories, to the Storykeepers children.

Before Christmas 2022 we offered a red candle to people, with a Christmas message attached, and made some available for people to take in the entrance hall of the Methodist Church.

We have also acquired copies of 'Try Praying' and offered them during the year to people we know whom we felt would benefit from them.

Worship and Prayer meetings

Regular Sunday worship meetings including the opportunity for prayer and sharing our faith.

We also hold a regular online meeting "Connections" where we share participants experiences, concerns and prayers.

Religious Education

Our worship meetings include religious education by default. We have also offered the opportunity for others to join in Bible Study examining the events leading to Christmas and

Easter in meetings at the relevant times of year. These were shared with other local churches and attended by members of various churches.

Storykeepers Club

We provide leadership for a monthly club for primary school children. We play games, engage in craft activities, and watch and discuss videos which always include Bible stories. This provides an opportunity to share Christian values with the children. Numbers have increased over the past year with more younger children attending, so attendance averages around 10-12. Six of these children are now in Y6, so we are praying for guidance as to how we could provide continuity for them when they move to secondary school in September 2024

Christian fellowship opportunities

Fellowship comes as part of the conversations we have before and after meetings and in the sharing of hopes and experiences during them.

Pastoral Activities

Have included visiting of those experiencing continuing illness and the housebound throughout the year as we have been made aware of those who could benefit from some support.

Support of the Charitable Needs of the Community as a practical expression of the Christian faith.

Through our website we have encouraged the support of the Lincoln Food Bank and the Nomad Centre for homeless people.

We worked with other Christian Groups in the immediate area to develop the possibilities for a Warm Space to be provided to help those struggling with increased fuel bills and general increases in the cost of living. The warm space operated from the Hall of Navenby Methodist Church throughout the winter months. Attendance wasn't high, but those who did come along benefitted from an opportunity to chat over refreshments. Games and use of the Internet were made available, but participants seemed to be happier sharing in conversation.

We have provided leadership and staff input to the Baby and Toddler Group which meets each week during term time. These sessions are designed for parents and carers with their babies and toddlers up to the age when they start attending a nursery or school. The sessions are free to the users and allow both children and adults to interact with others. Sessions have been very well attended throughout the year, with an increasing number of grandparent child carers coming along. A simple craft is available each week for those old enough, and we end each session with singing, with the children playing musical instruments. The musical part starts with a simple worship song, followed by nursery rhymes.

General Contributions to Fulfilling our Objects.

Although listed under specific objects most of our activities also make an intrinsic contribution to our other objects

Publicity

We maintain a website cvcf.org.uk to provide information about our operations and have placed regular adverts in the local village magazines. Both methods have produced interest and engagement.

Ecumenical Work and Relations

Our activities and meetings are open to all and where appropriate we have liaised/worked with Navenby Methodist and Graffoe Parish Churches located locally and people who attend more distant churches but are interested in working with us.

Finance

We do not charge for any of our activities nor actively seek contributions since we intend that they should be enjoyed and available to all irrespective of the ability to pay. Financial income for the charity has entirely consisted of unsolicited donations.

The accounts have been prepared on a simple income and expenditure basis in the form required by the Charity commission.

Total income for this year of operation was £6,963, which is below the thresholds requiring independent examination or audit, however we have decided to seek an independent examination. Total expenditure has been £2,387 leaving a net balance of £4,296 to be added to the amount carried forward from last year of £4,296 creating total funds of £8,872, which is held in Cooperative Bank Charities Accounts.

A further £1,286 will be reclaimed from HMRC for Gift Aided donations during this year..

Reserves Policy

We intend to reserve the balance available at the end of this accounting period to ensure funding for costs and projects in future years. The economic conditions indicate that we are likely to encounter considerable increases in expenditure because of the present rate of inflation.

Trustees

Stuart Eric MacFarlane BSc MBA First Trustee and Chair Appointed 30/9/21 for 6 years

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William Albert Russell Appointed 27/4/22 for 5 years


Ruth Elizabeth MacFarlane BA BSc First Trustee Appointed 30/9/21 for 5 years

Kathryn Elizabeth MacFarlane BSc First Trustee Appointed 30/9/21 for 7 years

Receipts and payments accounts

	For the period from	01/10/2022	To	30/09/2023	
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	5,830	-	-	5,830	6,486
Gift Aid Refund	1,133	-	-	1,133	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	6,963	-	-	6,963	6,486
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	6,963	-	-	6,963	6,486
A3 Payments					
Equipment	416	-	-	416	741
Insurance	194	-	-	194	210
Licences	608	-	-	608	519
Premises	652	-	-	652	410
Promotion	93	-	-	93	20
Safeguarding	243	-	-	243	289
Warm Space	145	-	-	145	-
Young People	36	-	-	36	-
Sub total	2,387	-	-	2,387	2,190
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,387	-	-	2,387	2,190
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,576	-	-	4,576	4,296
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	4,296	-	-	4,296	-
Cash funds this year end	8,872	-	-	8,872	4,296

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	Coop Bank Current Account	1,872	-	-
	Coop Bank Deposit Account	7,000	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	8,872	-	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details		Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details		Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Musical Equipment		714	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details		Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			Stuart MacFarlane	20/10/2023

Cliff Villages Christian Fellowship

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30 September 2023.

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust'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 Act.

The charity's gross income was less than £25,000 and therefore an independent examination is not required by law. However, you have requested me to carry out an examination on a voluntary basis. I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which I consider attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Jeremy A D Mumby FCA

16/02/2024

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