

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

from 01/10/23 to 30/9/24

Charity name: CLIFF VILLAGES CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

A Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Charity registration number: 1196541

The Cliff Villages Christian Fellowship was established 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, pastoral activities and support for 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.

Between Easter and Pentecost we held a series of open meetings based upon the Alive! material published by Hope Together. These explored the implications of the resurrection for the present time. Zines providing the background to these meetings were distributed in Navenby and the surrounding villages with an open invitation to participate.

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 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, watch and discuss videos, which always include Bible stories. This provides an opportunity to share Christian values with the children. We have involved some of the older children who are no longer in the appropriate age range to help to run these sessions, enabling them to take leadership in some of the activities. This has been a positive initiative.

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 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 considered the possibility of establishing a Youth Group for those young people who had passed through the Storykeepers group but had moved on to secondary school. Our survey of activities in the area revealed that a Youth Café had recently been introduced by the Parish Council. We judged that it would be preferable to support that rather than develop our own group. Consequently, some of our members are now helping the Parish Council initiative.

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 adult carers to interact with others. Numbers fell dramatically when another group opened on the same morning in a neighbouring village, but are slowly building up again. A simple craft activity is available each week 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 objectives, 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 and social media. These 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 £7,321, which is below the thresholds requiring independent examination or audit; however, we have decided to seek an independent examination. Total expenditure has been £2,319 leaving a net balance of £5,002 to be added to the amount carried forward from last year of £8,872 creating total funds of £13,874, which is held in Cooperative Bank Charities Accounts.

A further £1,295 will be reclaimed from HMRC for Gift Aided donations during the next financial year.

Reserves Policy

We intend to reserve the balance available at the end of this accounting period to ensure funding for costs and future projects.

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		01/10/2023	To	30/09/2024	
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	5,900	-	-	5,900	5,830
Interest	132		-	132	-
Gift Aid Refund	1,289	-	-	1,289	1,133
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	7,321	-	-	7,321	6,963
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	7,321	-	-	7,321	6,963
A3 Payments					
Equipment	-	-	-	-	416
Insurance	201	-	-	201	194
Licences	531	-	-	531	608
Premises	627	-	-	627	652
Promotion	451	-	-	451	93
Safeguarding	200	-	-	200	243
Warm Space	-	-	-	-	145
Young People	309	-	-	309	36
Sub total	2,319	-	-	2,319	2,387
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,319	-	-	2,319	2,387
Net of receipts/(payments)	5,002	-	-	5,002	4,576
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	8,872	-	-	8,872	4,296
Cash funds this year end	13,874	-	-	13,874	8,872

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period					
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	
B1 Cash funds		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	
	Coop Bank Current Account	2,743	-	-	
	Coop Bank Deposit Account	11,132	-	-	
		-	-	-	
	Total cash funds	13,874	-	-	
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK	
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	
		-	-	-	
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	
			-	-	
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	
	Musical Equipment	Unrestricted	714	-	
			-	-	
		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)	
B5 Liabilities			-		
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 2024.

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

02/01/2025

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