

THE CHRISTADELPHIAN SUPPORT NETWORK
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 30 September 2024



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Charity number 1197175

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For the period ended
30th September 2024

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Annual Report of the Managing Committee

Charity Name

The Christadelphian Support Network UK

Charity number: 1197175

Managing Committee – Trustees

Jean Baillie

Colin Briley – Finance

Karen Cox

Phil Cox

Gordon Dawes – Chair & Co-ordinator

Roy Dean

Gill Holden

Hilary Knight

Dr Anna Whittaker

Details of roles and responsibilities are provided on page 14

Managing Committee - Members

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Annual report

The Trustees of the Christadelphian Support Network UK, present the annual report of the Charity for the year ended 30 September 2024.

Structure and Governance

The Charity was incorporated on 16 December 2021 under Charity number 1197175, replacing an existing charity of the same name registered under number 1089965. The Trustees are legally accountable for the assets of the Charity.

The Trustees unanimously agreed to accept the transfer all activities, assets and liabilities of the predecessor charity to the new charity with effect from 1 October 2022. The old Charity now acts as agent for the new Charitable Incorporated Organisation in any residual matters until such time as it is formally closed. Formal closure is scheduled for 2025.

The Trustees and committee members meet as a Managing Committee seven times a year. Sub-committees are formed as necessary to undertake specific tasks on behalf of the Managing Committee.

The Managing Committee has reviewed and revised the roles and responsibilities of trustees in relation to the Charity, and established skills and competencies in relation to the requirements of the Charity and current Charity Commission guidance.

The skills and suitability of applicants for trustee roles and committee member roles are assessed against the anticipated strategic needs of the Charity going forward, a skills matrix and an interview with two of the trustees. Vacancies are always advertised by appropriate channels through the UK Christadelphian community to maximise experience and encourage diversity. Prospective trustees and members of the Managing Committee are encouraged to attend at least two meetings as observers, before formal commitments are made by both the individual and the Charity.

The trustees and committee members give their time voluntarily and, other than reimbursement of approved out of pocket expenses, receive no remuneration or other benefits from their role.

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Objectives and Activities

In planning our activities for the year, we keep in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The focus of our activities remains:

'The support of individuals, members of our church community and their families, who are experiencing problems'. In a phrase 'helping the hurting'.

CSN:

- encourages awareness of issues affecting individuals and our community
- supports activities and events to foster understanding, kindness, and mutual support in our community

We provide support to all who approach us, irrespective of being in our church community, their wider families and the public. In accordance with the Equality Act 2010 we support each of the nine protected characteristics, and help anyone approaching us regardless of personal background, or circumstances. We believe this philosophy of openness to all, enriches everyone through the sharing of skills, attitudes, and life experiences.

In more detail, the Charity continues to provide:

- a confidential and caring 'Helpline' service, via phone or email, for anyone with a difficult personal problem. This offers at least a listening ear and provides for skilled support where necessary and available
- a 'Prayerline' encouraging prayer for and with each other via a matrix of confidential helpers
- for the spiritual wellbeing of church members and their wider families and friends who are facing life's difficulties
- specialist advice for church elders, youth leaders and pastoral care teams in the Christadelphian community, who may not have access to such areas of expertise
- a centre of expertise supporting the Safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, and encouraging the development of best practice in each of our autonomous churches and related organisations throughout the UK
- a programme of events and activities to educate on issues and difficulties faced by church members and their families, to raise awareness and encourage compassionate care and mutual support in our community

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- a comprehensive website and resources library covering many pastoral care issues
- individual support for those experiencing, and the carers of those experiencing, long term illness or disability by linking members who seek and/or offer support and practical help
- Other practical and spiritual needs as they may arise

During this financial year the Charity carried out the following specific activities:

- Provided the annual update and Safeguarding training for nominated Designated Safeguarding Leads from across our church network (November)
- Provided training for our 'first line' telephone support contacts (February)
- Ran an Anxiety Awareness Day (April)
- Supported a fellowship weekend at Holland House (April)
- Led a Praise and Fellowship event (September), which showcased CSN activities to a wider audience

In addition, the Charity continued to provide safeguarding oversight to the UK Christadelphian community, providing guidance on specific cases referred to it from churches, in addition to the training noted above. A revised Safeguarding template has been published and the Charity will continue to encourage safeguarding best practice and compliance in each autonomous church where it applies. As a matter of principle all CSN trustees carry UK DBS clearance.

Our telephone and email Helpline and Prayerline saw continued activity throughout the period. We thank our member volunteers who manage and share the Helpline and Prayerline rota, providing support for those in need. We also thank ALL our volunteers for their valuable contribution of time, energy, expertise and feedback – without which we would not have been able to achieve so much.

Our full publications range is now available via electronic download, and we are pleased to see this is now the primary means of distribution. A revised Drug Abuse booklet is in course of production, and other titles are being considered.

During the year the Charity agreed, on the advice of the sub-committee responsible, not to run a 'Sisters' Day' event in future, as its purpose has been met and superseded by other events and social media connections in our church community. It also gave notice that it would not subsidise the annual 'Holland House' fellowship weekend after April 2024. These changes will allow us to concentrate on other areas

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of need via new Awareness Days, and regional distribution of earlier well supported topics.

Achievements and performance

During the period to 30 September 2024 the trustees have continued to comply with the Objects of the Charity. The trustees regularly give time to the strategic direction of the Charity, the risks we face and review of its standards and processes used to deliver our mission and the changing needs of our community.

Appropriate training and supervision is in place for those who support the national telephone Helpline and Prayerline. Work continued to simplify our database, IT processes and distribution lists to ensure GDPR compliance.

The Constitution of CSN, as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), embraces a significant membership – all those who contribute to our work, plus some additional experience of former trustees - to whom the current trustees of the Charity are responsible.

Trustees are now appointed for four-year terms, and are limited to three consecutive terms, with up to one quarter of the trustees retiring annually. This is in line with Charity Commission best practice and balances both continuity of experience and refreshment with new skills and perspectives. It also ensures greater transparency and accountability in the governance of the Charity going forward.

Safeguarding is proving to be a key and core component of CSN's work for the Christadelphian community. The Safeguarding subcommittee (up to six members, with various levels of policy, education and operational experience) is now working well to develop suitable DSL training, and policy, and provide additional expertise to the trustees. One member of the team sits on the Management committee of CSN, alongside the Safeguarding trustee, to increase our focus on this significant risk area. A significantly improved and extended training event is planned for November 2024.

Under the new Constitution, any individual baptised into the Christadelphian community and supportive of the objects and values of the Charity may become a Member of the Charity, on acceptance by the trustees of an membership form detailing their relevant skills and experience. Details of how to become a Member have been posted on the Charity's website.

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Financial Review

In the year ended 30 September 2024 the Charity received income of £19,441 and incurred expenditure of £13,862 resulting in a surplus for the year of £5,924. (2023: £ 54)

On 1 October 2022, the Charity was gifted net assets of £57,182 from its predecessor Charity.

As at 30 September 2024 the Charity held net assets of £63,160 (2023: £57,236) represented by bank balances.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustee's report set out above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

Gordon Dawes
CSN Chair & Co-ordinator

Date 7 June 2025

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Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above Charity ('the Charity') for the year ended 30 September 2024, which are set out on pages 10 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity's Trustees 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 Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all of the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiners statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives 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 attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Neil Sutcliffe FCA
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Date 7 June 2025

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Income and Expenditure
Account

		2023		2024
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Resources from Generated Funds				
Ecclesial donations	12,315		10,142	
Other Donations	1,636		1,385	
Bank Interest received	303		512	
		14,254		12,039
Resources from Charitable Activities				
Fellowship weekend fees:				
- Shallowford House,	2,612		-	
- Holland House,	3,695		6,385	
Books, and CD sales	-		-	
Awareness Days & Seminar collections	-		-	
Sundries	19		1,017	
		6,326		7,402
Total income		20,580		19,441

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Resources used – Charitable Activities

		2023		2024
	£	£	£	£
Fellowship weekend expenses:				
- Shallowford House,	5,328		-	
- Holland House,	7,640		5,240	
Event expenses	360		720	
Training day expenses	351		525	
Publications	2,554		-	
Printing, postage, and stationery	352		252	
Telephone Helpline	922		1,030	
Digital and website	1,725		1,148	
Insurance	776		1,474	
Committee & member expenses	206		2,304	
Accounting software	180		195	
Sundry expenses	132		629	
		20,526		13,517
Surplus for the year		54		5,924

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Balance sheet

	2023 £	2024 £
Current Assets		
Cash	-	-
Bank deposit account	36,476	50,035
Bank current accounts	20,760	11,983
	57,236	62,018
Prepayments and Deposits	-	1,142
	57,236	63,160
Current liabilities		
Amounts due within one year	-	-
Net assets	57,236	63,160
Accumulated Funds		
Opening Balance	-	57,236
Gift from predecessor Charity	57,182	-
Surplus for the year	54	5,924
Closing Balance	57,236	63,160

These Financial statements were approved
on 7 June 2025

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Gordon Dawes
Chair

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Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

Income

Voluntary income and donations are accounted for as received by the Charity. Tax reclaims on donations are included in the period in which they are recovered.

Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accrual's basis.

Accumulated Funds

The Charity's reserves constitute unrestricted funds that are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the objects of the Charity. Such funds may be held to finance both working capital and capital investment.

It is the policy of the Charity to maintain a reserve of at least one year's net expenditure with a target of two year's net expenditure. Net expenditure is defined as total expenditure less that related to a specific item of discretionary expenditure, e.g., fellowship weekend income. At 30 September 2024, accumulated unrestricted funds were the equivalent of 4.7 (2023 2.8) times total expenditure and 10.4 (2023 4.1) times net expenditure.

Assets

All expenditure on equipment costing less than £500 is written off in the year of purchase.

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Managing Committee	Predecessor Charity Trustee Appointed	Trustee Appointed	Trustee Retirement /Re-election due	Area
Jean Baillie*	n/a	2022	2026	Strategy
Colin Briley*	2015	2022	2025	Finance
Karen Cox*	2015	2022	2025	Educational support
Phil Cox*	2015	2022	2025	IT and GDPR
Gordon Dawes*	2018	2022	2026	Co-ordinator & Chair
Julia Dean				Design & communications.
Roy Dean*	2015	2022	2026	Praise & Fellowship, Fellowship weekend
Gill Holden*	2019	2023	2027	Safeguarding
Alison Jones				Project support
Hilary Knight*	2015	2022	2026	Helpline & Prayerline Fellowship weekends
Anna Whittaker*	2021	2022	2025	Healthcare support & Publications

Trustee *

Name	Predecessor Charity Appointed	Appointed	Re-election due	Area
Neil Sutcliffe	2021	2022	2027	Honorary Auditor