

Sheffield Vineyard

Report and Accounts
30 April 2024

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Sheffield Vineyard
LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	80 Brincliffe Edge Road Sheffield S11 9BW
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	Constitution dated 19 January 2022
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1197569
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	Dr Alexander Leslie Griffin Dr Karen Alison Griffin Georgina Emma Lambert Anne Marie Button (Resigned 23/11/23) John Phillip Lea-Wilson Rachel Higgins (Appointed 23/11/23) Eleanor Kaye (Appointed 23/11/23)
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Sarah Crispin ACA Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the period ended 30 April 2024

Objects of the charity

The charity, which is a church, is governed by a constitution and is constituted as a charitable incorporated organisation. The charity's principal objects, as set out in its governing document, are "To advance the Christian religion for the public benefit in accordance with the Statement of Faith in such parts of the United Kingdom and the world through:

- The organisation and provision of Christian worship;
- The provision of such facilities and services as are appropriate for the Church, to enable it to fulfil its mission to the members of the Church, visitors to the Church and the local community and the wider community;
- The provision of facilities for Christian training and service;
- The support and provision of Christian evangelism and outreach;
- The provision of assistance to the wider Christian church in its ministries.

Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements

A description of who we are and what we want to do

We want our city to be full of people who are full of life. We are a growing group of people who love worshipping God in creative and relevant ways, and we want to actively impact the people of Sheffield with bucket loads of compassion and generosity.

Our vision statement

God has called us to establish a vibrant, biblically-based, regional Vineyard church rooted in Sheffield, which will, in the power of the Holy Spirit, worship God and communicate the gospel of Jesus in creative and relevant ways. We will make, train and equip disciples to be effective in extending God's kingdom and to show generosity and kindness towards the least, the lonely and the lost.

Our virtues

- All-encompassing worshippers. Our highest priority is to worship God because we believe that above all else, God is to be glorified. In song, and in every area of our lives, we give praise and honour to God.
- Wholehearted disciples. To be a disciple of Jesus is to journey towards becoming more like Him. We want discipleship to captivate every part of us, all the time, wherever we are.
- Authentic family. Jesus invites, gathers, accepts, embraces and welcomes everyone. We are rising to the challenge of being known as a church family by the way we love, serve, help and respect one another.
- Kingdom carriers. We carry the authority of the King and move in the power the Holy Spirit with faith and expectancy (and without being weird) to bring healing and faith in Him.
- Extravagantly generous & kind. God loves the least, the lonely and the lost. We want to actively impact the people of Sheffield, and beyond, with bucket loads of generosity and kindness.

A review of last year (May 2023- April 2024)

- We have appointed two new trustees (Ellie Kaye – safeguarding; Rachael Higgins – Risk). Our thanks go to Anne Button who has stepped down from the Trustee board having ably assisted us through the formation of the CIO. Our thanks go to Dr Karen Griffin, who has handed over safeguarding responsibility, but remains a Trustee.
- We have appointed a Safeguarding Lead – Dr David Bishop and a Safeguarding Deputy – Dr Sarah Wilson. We have introduced a new safeguarding concern reporting system.
- We created a new prayer ministry and a new evangelism ministry.
- Our foodbank has expanded. We distribute around 45 food parcels each week serving around 150 people with a week's worth of food. We also provide financial advice to people in financial difficulty who attend the foodbank.
- We expanded our Meals' project based in Shirecliffe; we provide cooked meals for people in need.
- We celebrated the church's 11th Birthday in October
- We had 8 baptisms, 3 dedications and 5 marriages

Our plan for the year ahead (May 2024 – April 2025)

Generally, our plan for the year ahead will be guided by our constant vision and virtues (see above).

Specifically, our aims for the coming year include:

- We aim to introduce a mentorship system to serve our youth and young adults.
- We aim to further assist our young adults, including by having our first young adults weekend away
- We aim to continue to grow our children's ministry, including by having our first children's holiday club in the summer.
- We aim to continue to grow our foodbank and are considering other ways to further assist the vulnerable, especially in light of the recent escalation in the cost of living.
- We aim to continue to grow our Meals ministry.
- We hope to purchase or rent a property.
- We will prepare to plant additional SV church communities in Sheffield.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Financial review

Sheffield Vineyard CIO was registered with the Charity Commission on 19 January 2022 but until the end of July 2023 our activities continued to be included in the Wharfedale Vineyard Christian Fellowship accounts (registered charity number 1071353).

During the year income from donations increased to £77,777. In addition we were able to claim gift aid on donations including donations from our previous financial year. Expenditure increased to £81,111.

As a result, cash held by the charity at the end of April 2024 is £59,963 of which £58,384 is unrestricted.

Reserves policy

The trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £18,500 (which equates to about 3 months of unrestricted expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end, the charity held unrestricted cash of £58,384. The charity is holding funds for the purpose of purchasing or leasing a building from which we can operate, and which will further enable us to pursue our aims and objective. We review our reserves each time we meet as a Trustee board, which is five times a year (Feb, April, June, Sept, Nov.)

Governance

Responsibility for setting policy and for making operating decisions rest with the trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the charity. Responsibility for the day-to-day operation of the charity has been delegated to a staff team led by Alex and Karen Griffin. New trustees are recruited and appointed by the existing trustees, by a majority vote. New trustees are appointed when appropriate. Suitable candidates, who are generally selected from within the church membership, are considered based on their skills, experience, and sympathy with the aims of the church. New trustees have the opportunity of reviewing appropriate documents, including the accounts, as part of their induction process.

Organisational structure

The day to day running of the church is delegated to the employed staff. The staff are led by Alex and Karen Griffin. The church also has a leadership group, which sets the vision of the church and considers ways to ensure the vision is met. The leadership team is led by Alex and Karen Griffin.

The leadership team comprises:

Alex and Karen Griffin
Rob and Sarah Swain
John and Rosie Lea-Wilson
Matthew Richens

We have 3 members of staff:

Alex Griffin 2 days per week
Ilse Irving 2.5 days per week
Matthew Richens 3 days per week

Relationships with other charities and related parties

Sheffield Vineyard is affiliated to Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland (VCUK&I) Charity no: 1099748. VCUK&I was formed with the purpose of joining together churches that hold common values and practices. It gives oversight to the pastors of Vineyard churches and facilitates church planting. It helps, serves, and strengthens the churches by leading, training, resourcing, administering and providing pastoral support to senior pastors. Sheffield Vineyard uses the name 'Vineyard' under license from VCUK&I.

Sheffield Vineyard gives 5% of its income to support the work of VCUK&I. This is part of the license agreement with VCUK&I and is in harmony with the charity's objectives

Risk statement

The charity is exposed to various risks - be they operational, financial or reputational. The trustees review the charity's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks.

Responsibilities of trustees

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Gelambert
Gelambert (Nov 1, 2024 08:41 GMT)

Georgina Lambert

Date: Nov 1, 2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF

Sheffield Vineyard

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Sheffield Vineyard ('the charity') for the period ended 30 April 2024 on pages 6 to 9 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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


Sarah Crispin (Nov 7, 2024 10:21 GMT)

Sarah Crispin ACA
Stewardship
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Date: Nov 7, 2024

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	2024	2023
		General Funds	Designated Funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
Income receipts						
Donations		76,763	-	1,014	77,777	48,836
Gift aid receipts		17,091	-	-	17,091	-
Trf from Wharfedale		3,000	-	-	3,000	35,000
Total receipts		96,854	-	1,014	97,868	83,836
Payments						
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	70,183	-	1,913	72,096	36,668
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	9,016	-	-	9,016	3,962
Total payments		79,198	-	1,913	81,111	40,630
Net of receipts / (payments) before		17,656	-	(899)	16,757	43,206
Transfers between funds	5	(1,440)	840	600	-	-
Net movement in funds		16,216	840	(299)	16,757	43,206
Cash funds as at last year end		40,488	840	1,879	43,206	-
Cash funds at this year end	A	56,704	1,680	1,579	59,963	43,206

The notes on pages 8 - 9 form part of these accounts.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted funds	2024	2023
		General funds	Designated funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
A Cash funds						
Cash at bank with immediate access		56,704	1,680	1,579	59,963	43,206
		<u>56,704</u>	<u>1,680</u>	<u>1,579</u>	<u>59,963</u>	<u>43,206</u>
B Other monetary assets						
Gift aid due to charity		4,491	-	74	4,565	6,683
Rent paid in advance		-	-	-	-	850
Other debtors		-	-	-	-	3,000
		<u>4,491</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>4,565</u>	<u>10,533</u>
C Assets retained for charity's own use						
					Current value	
					£	
Music and PA equipment					8,000	
Computers and IT					704	
					<u>8,704</u>	
D Guarantees and secured debts						

The charity has not given any guarantees and has not provided its assets as security for any liabilities.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

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 Gelambert (Nov 1, 2024 08:41 GMT)
 Georgina Lambert
 Date: Nov 1, 2024

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>				
	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly					
Employment costs (see note 4)	49,924	-	-	49,924	24,923
Sunday ministry expenses	7,434	-	-	7,434	2,862
Youth and children's work	731	-	-	731	321
Events	1,146	-	-	1,146	1,862
Facilities	2,346	-	-	2,346	1,628
Licences & Subscriptions	2,535	-	-	2,535	1,177
Training & equipping	3,089	-	-	3,089	1,322
Missions	-	-	1,913	1,913	738
Admin	2,977	-	-	2,977	1,836
	<u>70,183</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,913</u>	<u>72,096</u>	<u>36,668</u>

All costs incurred by Sheffield Vineyard before July 2023 including staff employment costs were paid by The Wharfedale Vineyard Christian Fellowship on behalf of the charity and are therefore not included in the total costs shown above.

3 Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others

Grants for:					
Vineyard Churches	UK Mission	4,040	-	-	4,040
S6 Foodbank	Relief of poverty	1,657	-	-	1,657
University Christian Unions	UK Mission	2,100	-	-	2,100
Other small grants to organisations		449	-	-	449
Grants to individuals		770	-	-	770
		<u>9,016</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,962</u>

4 Transactions with related parties

Alex Griffin served as a church leader and was paid £18,479 directly by the Charity for serving in that capacity, not for serving as trustee; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

5 Movement of funds

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
General funds	40,488	96,854	(79,198)	(1,440)	56,704
Designated funds					
Sabbatical Saving Fund	840	-	-	840	1,680
	<u>840</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>840</u>	<u>1,680</u>
Restricted funds					
French Partnership Fund	1,879	1,014	(1,913)	600	1,579
	<u>1,879</u>	<u>1,014</u>	<u>(1,913)</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>1,579</u>
Total funds	<u>43,206</u>	<u>97,868</u>	<u>(81,111)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>59,963</u>

The French Partnership Fund is to enable the plans of the Vineyard UK/France Partnership, namely, to plant and develop Vineyard churches in France. Our senior pastors lead the partnership. Sheffield Vineyard financially contributes to the partnership, alongside other Vineyard churches in the UK.

The Sabbatical Saving Fund is to enable the Senior Pastors to take a sabbatical every seven years. The sabbatical will typically last around 12 weeks and involves attending conferences and other churches. It also affords them some time to rest.