



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st May 2024 To 30th April 2025

Charity name: Welcome Network CIO

Charity registration number: 1197685

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To advance the Christian faith in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit, for the benefit of the public by supporting and encouraging churches, other Christian religious societies and institutions and individuals to reach their communities effectively with the gospel of Jesus Christ through the holding of prayer meetings, online seminars, meetings and teachings, worship, lectures, public celebration of religious festivals, producing and/or distributing literature on the Christian faith to enlighten others about the Christian Religion, evangelism, healing outreaches, all in accordance with the statements of belief appearing in the schedule attached to the constitution of the charity.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The setting up and continuance of networks, online or otherwise for the furtherance of the objects. The creation of community projects which fit the furtherance of the objects.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. https://www.gov.uk/guidance/public-benefit-rules-for-charities

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.

Para 1.20

WELCOME NETWORK CIO ANNUAL REPORT for year ending 30th April 2025

Welcome Network CIO is supporting and encouraging the charitable work of Christians as individuals and members of churches across Northumberland, Tyneside and beyond through our ministries which include Selah Ministries in other parts of the UK. This is done through the hosting of online and in-person network gatherings on a regular basis.

Participants hear and share good practice in how they might effectively engage with and benefit their communities through the proclamation of the gospel, and the improvement to spiritual, emotional and mental wellbeing that this can bring. The participants themselves may feel isolated, for example in small rural communities, and our online and in person gatherings benefit their wellbeing as they have the opportunity to relate with others similarly placed.

Welcome Network CIO provides teaching to churches and other organisations throughout the UK on how they can better welcome and include people from different cultural backgrounds in their activities, and how to present the gospel to the communities in culturally relevant ways. Teaching workshops were held online during the year.

Welcome Network CIO oversees a village chaplaincy team in Shilbottle which has and gives public benefit through the voluntary work of two ordained chaplains. They are involved in supporting the elderly and other vulnerable people in the community through pastoral visits and their presence at community activities. They work alongside the local council in enhancing the community life of the village through social and religious events, and encouraging charitable activity such as the knitting of clothing items for a clothes bank. Welcome Network CIO oversees a community notice board and prayer box in the village.

		<p>Welcome Network CIO hosts weekly online and in person Christian services including Selah Church which mets in Hertfordshire. Gatherings include Sundays services as well as for mid week bible study, prayer meetings, worship events and the proclamation of the gospel. The general public have full access to these services and have benefited spiritually, emotionally and mentally from being involved.</p>
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>Welcome Network CIO following its incorporation on 26th January 2022 opened a bank account on 22nd July 2022.</p> <p>A second bank account was opened on 1st Feb 2024 under the name Selah. The total end of year cash funds are £11,121.07. These funds are expected to be utilised in the next financial year for the rental of promises for Selah Gatherings.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>Reserves will be held if the basic overheads exceed £2,400.00</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<p>Nil</p>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	<p>Our annual basic overheads are currently minimal, and do not currently exceed £2,400. They are for insurance, domain renewal, Safeguarding services, subscriptions and the ICO fee.</p>
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	<p>N/A</p>

Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A
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Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		A Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated organisation whose only voting members are its charity trustees
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are appointed by the voting membership which consists solely of the existing trustees.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Welcome Network CIO
Other names the charity	Selah Church & Selah Ministries
Registered charity number	1197685
Charity's principal address	29 Grange Road, Shilbottle, Alnwick England NE66 2XN

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Revd Robert Alan Bain			
2	Revd Mary Monica Cecilia Bain			
3	Mr Christen John Forster			
4	Mr Graham Ashley Wakeman	Chairperson	7 th February 2024	
5	Mrs Joanna Marie Wakeman		7 th February 2024	
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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Date



Caption

Table 1

Fiscal Year 2024-25			Selah	Bob & Mary WN	Total		
			1/5/24 - 30/4/25				
			Actual				
		Bank & Cash					
	1200	22141965 Account	0.00	0.00	0.00		
	1210	22141973 Account BMM	0.00	0.00	0.00		
			0.00				
		Income Sources					
	4000	Grants unrestricted	0.00	0.00	0.00		
	4005	Grants restricted	0.00	0.00	0.00		
	4010	Mission unrestricted	10,690.50	9,596.71	20,287.21		
	4015	Mission restricted	0.00	0.00	0.00		
	4020	Projects & Events unrestricted	0.00	0.00	0.00		
	4025	Projects & Events restricted	0.00	0.00	0.00		
	4030	Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00		
	4035		0.00	0.00	0.00		
			10,690.50	9,596.71	20,287.21		
		Expenses					
	6000	Projects & Events unrestricted	455.16	864.27	1,319.43		
	6005	Project & Events restricted	0.00	0.00	0.00		
	6010	Mission unrestricted	0.00	9,783.00	9,783.00		
	6015	Mission restricted	0.00	0.00	0.00		
	6020	Giving to Ministries and Ministry individuals unrestricted	200.00	84.12	284.12		
	6025	Giving to Ministries and Ministry individuals restricted	0.00	0.00	0.00		
	6030	Subscriptions	0.00	730.60	730.60		
	6035	0	0.00	0.00	0.00		
	6040	Leaders Days and Conferences	0.00	0.00	0.00		
	6045	0	0.00	0.00	0.00		
	6050	Office expenses	0.00	47.00	47.00		
	6055	0	0.00	0.00	0.00		
	6060	Internet	0.00	0.00	0.00		
	6065	Safeguarding	186.30	0.00	186.30		
	6070	Accounting	0.00	0.00	0.00		
	6075	Bank charges	0.00	0.00	0.00		
	6080	Insurance	0.00	171.47	171.47		
	6085	Legal work	0.00	0.00	0.00		
			841.46	11,680.46	12,521.92		