

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date
From 01 May 2022 To 30 April 2023
Period end date

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Churches Together in Stafford & District

Other names charity is known by Love Stafford

Registered charity number (if any) 1200830

Charity's principal address Stafford Baptist Church

Bailey Street

Stafford

Postcode

ST17 4BG

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	John Marshall	Chair		
2	Mark Datson	Treasurer		
3	Danielle Leigh			
4	Stephen Harrison			
5	David Clark			
6	Samantha Phillips			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

By a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the Charity Trustees (Constitution document paragraph 11.1)

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

- Policies - In the setting up of the Charity the Safeguarding policy was adopted May 2022 and Sam Phillips appointed as the designated safeguarding lead
- This year we had 2 chairs of Trustees – one to be a church facing chair and one to be a community facing chair. This has worked well allowing each chair to focus specifically on that aspect of the charity's aims.
- We are continually seeking more Trustees and a wider representative from all the churches in and around Stafford.
- Relationships with local churches and organisations are very positive and enable good interchurch engagement and working together.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The object of the CIO is the advancement of the Christian faith in particular (but without limitation) by providing worship, prayer and Christian teaching.

The aim of Love Stafford is to create a unity partnership between churches and Christian organisations that will add value to the wider community of Stafford and the area around it. Love Stafford creates the opportunity for church leaders to meet monthly for prayer and networking.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Main activities undertaken:

Monthly Prayer meetings attended by local church leaders and Christian organisations.

Organisation of events to support the aim of Love Stafford ie

- Christmas events
- Week of Unity and prayer.
- Easter Events

There is also a strategic role that the current Community Chair of Love Stafford has in working with the Borough Council to ensure that the work of churches within the borough is understood and used effectively. This has been particularly helpful around co-ordinating and linking foodbanks and the provision of warm spaces this year. It also helps churches understand where they can contribute effectively and purposefully in our local communities when The Borough council has identified gaps in provision that could be filled by the local church.

The trustees of the CIO have complied with their duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance when exercising their powers and duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Monthly prayer meetings for Church Leaders and local organization leads – for prayer and information sharing

Resonate band - a multicultural worship experience.

The major energy has gone into organizing the Passion Play – Easter 23

- Approx 2400 people saw the play in Stafford Town centre through 4 separate performances
- Community Theatre was brought into Stafford Town centre
- A community cast was created from across all the churches and local people with invitations to join being sent to local schools, colleges and theatre groups,
- £37,500 was raised through individual gifts, church giving and grants received.
- 13 churches were actively involved in the play – one of the biggest united events in a long time.
- Stafford Borough Council was very supportive of the events bringing people into the town centre and the performances were attended by many local councillors.
- There were a number of interchurch prayer events leading up to the performances.
- There have been a number of church events and courses delivered in the local church communities as a result of the passion play.
- This will also have increased the number of people able to receive support from local churches in Stafford.
- We have been able to share experiences with the Saltmine Theatre Company who performed the Passion Play and other interested church Communities who would like to replicate our achievements in Stafford.

The impact of the Passion Play has been significant for Stafford and for Stafford Churches.

Section E**Financial review**

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

n/a

Details of any funds materially in deficit

n/a

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The principal sources of funds in this period has been from grant-making bodies/trusts, from local churches and individual donations.

95% of total expenditure was for the organisation of the Passion Play in Stafford town, delivered by the Saltmine Theatre company.

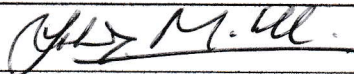
This expenditure has directly supported the key objective of the charity which is to provide opportunities for Christian worship and teaching.

Section F**Other optional information****Section G****Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

John Marshall

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

20.10.23



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

To

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					
Grants from Trusts/Companies/Charities for Passion Play	-	20,500	-	20,500	-
Gifts from churches for Passion Play	-	10,395	-	10,395	-
Gifts from individuals for Passion Play	-	6,475	-	6,475	-
General donation - individuals	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
HMRC Gift Aid rebate	-	60	-	60	-
Cash from Crematorium services	35	-	-	35	578
Cash from Passion Play collection	-	255	-	255	-
Interest from Business bank account	21	-	-	21	1
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	1,056	37,685	-	38,741	579
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,056	37,685	-	38,741	579
A3 Payments					
Charity Registration	960	-	-	960	300
Website maintenance	34	-	-	34	67
Public Liability Insurance	329	-	-	329	249
The Saltmine Trust - Passion Play	-	26,891	-	26,891	-
PA Tech for Passion Play	-	6,295	-	6,295	-
Other Passion Play costs	-	1,698	-	1,698	-
Evangelism Training trainer gift	300	-	-	300	-
Other event costs	435	-	-	435	604
Sub total	2,058	34,884	-	36,941	1,221
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,058	34,884	-	36,941	1,221
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,001	2,801	-	1,800	- 641
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	7,285	4,000	-	11,285	-
Cash funds this year end	6,284	6,801	-	13,085	641

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

B1 Cash funds

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
Treasurer's account	1,749	2,801	-
Business account	4,535	4,000	-
Petty Cash	-	-	-
Total cash funds	6,284	6,801	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

B2 Other monetary assets

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

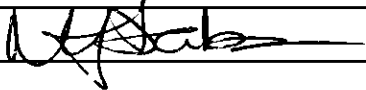
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	MARK J. DATSON	12/06/23



Report to the trustees/
members of

Churches Together in Stafford & District

On accounts for the year
ended

30th April 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1200830

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **30/04/2023**.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

K Squires

Date:

17 Aug 2023

Name:

KIM SQUIRES

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Address:

52, HANDSACRE COURT
CANON LANE
RUGELEY. WS15 1PQ

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.