Lubbesthorpe Christians Together

Charitable Incorporated Organisation **1201805**

Annual Report 24 - 25

Aims and Purposes

Lubbesthorpe Christians Together (LCT) is situated within the Community of Lubbesthorpe, on the western fringes of Leicester. New Lubbesthorpe is a new town which is being developed and grown over the last ten years, on former mixed stock and arable farmland where no community existed before. The development continues to grow and is planned to be in build until 2040.

Lubbesthorpe Christians Together was formed as a specific CIO in order to advance the Christian religion for the benefit of the whole community.

The Community Minister and the Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit relating to advancement of religion, and, in line with our aims, have worked to encourage and enable a variety of groups to reflect the wide diversity of Christians, spiritual seekers and people of the many other faiths living together within our community. These groups support our faith in our community by:

Providing regular opportunities for worship, bible study, discussion, prayer and teaching for all ages.

Nurturing and grow Christian disciples equipping them for mission and social action in Lubbesthorpe community and the surrounding area.

Engaging with the wider Christian church locally, regionally, nationally and internationally.

Providing opportunities for people from diverse backgrounds to explore the Christian faith.

Outreach work in the community as an outworking of the Christian faith.

To fully support the development of this work, It was agreed for us to continue the employment of a Part Time Community Minister to work with the community and trustees to have some oversight of LCT and its outworking of its development.

Volunteers are an essential resource in carrying out the community and faith work. This year we have had 8 volunteers who regularly give their time to activities pastoral work in the community and gatherings.

Meeting our Aims

Opportunities for Worship & Prayer

Opportunities have taken the form of hosting a weekly, morning in person at The Hub and on line prayer meeting. ‘Mossy Church’ aimed at Families meets monthly on a Sunday encouraging outdoor exploration of nature and creation, supported with biblical story telling. There are also Monthly prayer and Bible Study groups.

The main way where LCT engages with and welcomes the whole community is through celebration of major seasonal Christian Festivals including Christmas and Easter through inclusive events open to everybody including people of all faiths and none.

Leading the annual Remembrance Day Service for the local community / Parish Council.

Nurturing and Growing

Pastoral support is offered to members of the community who are ill, struggle with their mental health or experiencing life’s challenges.

LCT has encouraged our individual members by supporting their work in local schools, supporting the faith curriculum and taking assemblies and some work within Prisons.

Engaging with the wider Church

Throughout the year, teaching and learning opportunities has been provided for students and other Ministers of Religion, who are undertaking learning and development in new church plants and pioneering ministries.

Providing Opportunities for our diverse community to explore the Christian Faith

We have maintained a regular interfaith dialogue (currently representatives of 5 different faiths and several different expressions or denominations within those faiths) Pastoral support for people of all faiths and none.

Outreach Work

Undertaking House Blessings for people who move into the new houses.

Delivering Easter and Christmas Services for the whole community.

Administrative Information

Although some activities and the main operating centre are based in 'The Hub', the gatherings of LCT are dispersed across the community in peoples houses, the outdoor space, or are held remotely via on-line meetings.

The Hub is situated on the main street of the development, next to the new Primary School and adjacent to planned small retail units and health centre, due to open in 2025. Its correspondence address is:

Lubbesthorpe Christians Together, The Hub, Tay Road,
Lubbesthorpe, LE19 4BF.

Lubbesthorpe Christians Together (LCT) is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (a "CIO"), constituted in February 2023 and registered with the Charity Commission – charity number 1201805.

The accounting and reporting year for LCT is 1st April to 31st March.

The Leadership team met throughout the period 2024-25, comprising the following people:-

Ex Officio members / Sole paid employee:

Reverend Susan Steer, Community Minister, Lubbesthorpe

Trustees:

Mr David Steer	- Acting Chair	
Mrs Gemma Waddington	- Safeguarding Lead	
Rev. Karl Relton	- Treasurer	from 29/10/24
Mr Michael Steere	- Secretary	
Mr Steve Price	- Treasurer	until 29/10/24

Accounts

The Receipts and Payments accounts for the year ending March 31st 2025 are as follows:

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	3,313	-	-	3,313	1,552
Grants	8,035	-	-	8,035	9,149
Gift Aid	928	-	-	928	106
Events	30	-	-	30	280
Bank Interest	145	-	-	145	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total*(Gross income for AR)*	12,451	-	-	12,451	11,087
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	12,451	-	-	12,451	11,087
A3 Payments					
Paid Ministry	5,948	-	-	5,948	5,976
Ministry Expenses	1,227	-	-	1,227	675
Charity Costs	371	-	-	371	329
External Giving	131	-	-	131	-
Conferences Training	230	-	-	230	674
Other	100	-	-	100	38
		-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	8,007	-	-	8,007	7,692
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	8,007	-	-	8,007	7,692
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,443	-	-	4,443	3,395
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	3,395	-	-	3,395	-
Cash funds this year end	7,839	-	-	7,839	3,395

The Statement of assets and liabilities as of 31st March 2025 is as follows:

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	**Unity Bank**	7,839	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	7,839	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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 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
	K A Relton	Karl Relton	7th April 2025

During the accounting year 24-25 receipts of £12,451 (up from £11,087 in 23-24) exceeded payments of £8,007 (£7,692 in 23-24), enabling an increased surplus of cash funds of £7,839 (versus £3,395 at end of previous period). This surplus arose from the second and final grant payment of £8,035 from Churches Together in Leicestershire that was given as seed money to enable Christian community to form in Lubbesthorpe.

Going forward (into year 25-26) no further grant payments are due or have been applied for – instead the existing surplus plus ongoing donations will be used to cover payments

The largest payment category is 'Paid Ministry', which reflects stipend payments for the part-time paid ministry. There are sufficient funds to cover operations for the year 25-26 without any change to the approach or paid ministry hours being required at this stage.

No payments other than out-of-pocket expenses were paid to any trustee during the year.

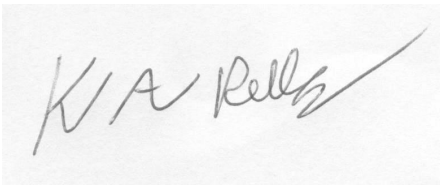
Risk and Serious Incidents

There were no serious incidents to report during the period. There were no events or incidents during the reporting period that caused an impact to the charity.

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:

Signature: 

Full name: Rev. Karl Relton

Position: Treasurer

Date: 6th January 2026