

Churches Together in Haddenham
Monday 11 November 2024
In the Rosary Room at the Church of the Good Shepherd
(incorporating the Annual General Meeting for Lighthouse and CTiH)
at 6.50 pm for 7.00 pm

Lighthouse AGM

Present: Rev Cassa Messervy (Chair), Rev Jonny Fillis, Rev Mike Bissett, Ann Wallace, Keith Wallace, Marjorie Johnston, Janet Morgan, Ann Wallace, Keith Wallace, Lucy Brighthouse, Val Walker, Mary Miller, Alison Fulford, Alex Reading, Cassie Childs, Dianne Brackley, Colin Brackley, Jacquie Harland.

Apologies: Loraine Milmer, Jennie Marriner-Kyle, Rev Heegon Moon, Dr Philippa Blowfield, Katherine Whitney, Father Leszek.

1. Opening Prayer:

Rev Cassa Messervy opened the meeting with prayer;

2. Welcome and Apologies:

Rev CM welcomed everyone to the first Lighthouse AGM and apologies were received from those who were unable to attend;

3. Chair's Report:

This was the second year of Lighthouse Haddenham and what a fantastic year it was! The first 'thank you' goes to God, who poured out His Spirit on this event and made it such a special way of witnessing the Gospel in Haddenham. With 180 children registered and a high of 150 children on site, we can say that this event had a significant appeal and impact in our local area.

Management Team: Lighthouse Trustees – Cassa Messervy (Chair), Dianne Brackley (Vice Chair) Jonny Fillis, Loraine Milmer, Naomi Foreman-Peck, Cassie Childs (Officer - co-Treasurer) and Alex Reading (Officer – co-Treasurer), Val Walker (Safeguarding officer), Colin Brackley (Site Manager) The Trustees and Officers get the next big 'thank you' for their willingness to step out in faith and ability to hold the vision for this amazing event. We have an able team with a range of skills which came together beautifully over the week. Part of the structure of Lighthouse Haddenham is the support of Lighthouse Central, so ably led by Pat Reading and her team. They have enabled so much of the organisation of this event to run smoothly.

Volunteers: We had over 100 volunteers signed up to help in various ways across the week. They gave up their time to ensure that the children had a great time and the wonderful thing about that, is that they had a great time too! We are incredibly thankful for the cheerfulness, grace and dedication of all our volunteers. Without their willingness to get stuck in, Lighthouse would not happen! It was wonderful to see the range of ages of our volunteers, from 12 to 86! They are all stars! A massive 'thank you'!

Teaching, Activities, Main Stage: Our teaching theme this year had an Olympic flavour with many fun activities and games based on the Olympics. Each day we thought about Bible stories about Peter (the rock) who was willing to 'Change', 'listen', 'trust', 'forgive' and 'believe'. Our Age Group Teachers, Age Group Leaders and Main Stage crew used the resources provided with creativity and flare; the children learned a lot across the week. Our Craft team was superb, creating some wonderful craft activities for the children. The Sport team was also outstanding, creating fun activities for the children from a 'blank canvas'.

Finances: The accounts are available and show a reasonable balance at the end of the year. We are very grateful for the support of organisations like the Haddenham Beer Festival and Aylesbury Deanery and all the churches in Haddenham that have given generous grants. Similarly, we received many donations during the week from the parents of the children attending and generous one-off donations from individuals, for which we are very thankful and without which we would not be able to run such a good event.

Fruits and Next Year: One of the fruits of Lighthouse this year has been two new Churches Together in Haddenham initiatives: a fortnightly club for KS2 (7 -11 yrs) children and a Youth Club called 'Ignite' (11-18 yrs), which is running three times a half term.

Given the success of this year, Lighthouse Haddenham will run again in 2025 from Monday 18th of August to Friday 22nd August.

Cassa Messervy (Chair of Trustees)

The Treasurers reported that the funds stand at just under half-way towards next year's costs. It was questioned as to whether parents should pay a donation at the time of registering as funds came in slowly to start with and then gradually increased. It was found that sometimes people weren't able to contribute by the end of July and some didn't pay until the end of August. It was reported that there have been some large donations from other sources which may or may not continue. One member of the committee reported that last year when her finances were not so good, she was so grateful to be able to send the children. It was agreed that there should always be provision for children whose parents may not be able to make a donation. Feb – Sept 2023 KW held £6,300 and ended the year with £506 in the bank. The cost per child works out at £42 per child and £11 per child was received. In 2024 £16,000+, 17% from organisations, 28% from individuals. The year ended with a balance of £5,140. MJ thanked the Trustees and the team; their hard work was much appreciated. Thanks to Lucy Brighthouse, who has a contact at the local Gym, they are holding a Charity fund-raising day and some of the proceeds will be donated to Lighthouse.

5. General Feedback:

Dianne Brackley was pleased to report that during the whole of the time (29 years) that she has lived in Haddenham, all the churches have worked together under the banner of CTiH and she had noticed that so many who weren't regular churchgoers also wanted to be a part of Lighthouse. Some of the folk who were invited to come and see what was happening, were astonished at the professional quality of the teaching; she expressed gratitude at God's provision. Lucy Brackley felt that it was a very positive experience and that a child who had been away on holiday at the time and heard all about it afterwards from friends, felt that he had missed out. All of the children from the different churches quickly made friends and as a result there has been the formation of 'The Dangerous Club' and 'Ignite' and all those attending have good fun. After Lighthouse 2022 a homegroup 'The Big Question Tea' was formed for smaller children and is led by Tom and Vanessa E in their home. AW reflected on how valuable it had been to be able to pray with the teenagers before their exams.

6. Appointment of Trustees:

All of the Trustees are happy to stand again and the Treasurers are willing to continue in that role. The meeting unanimously appointed the Chair, Vice Chair, Trustees and Treasurers. Val Walker was proposed as Safeguarding Officer by Rev CM and seconded by Colin Brackley.

Trustees Annual Report

Financial Review

In the year to 30 September 2024 Lighthouse Haddenham's income totalled £16,634. 72% donations from organisations and 28% donations from individuals. This is an increase of 144% on FY2023. Expenditure totalled £11,971, an increase of 90% on FY2023, with 68% spend on direct costs, including hire of tents and large equipment and 32% on overheads, including subscriptions, insurance etc. Increased spend on resources, e.g. crafts, was popular with the children and a number of higher value items were purchased for use in future years.

Lighthouse Haddenham ended the year with £5,140 in the bank.

With 180 registered children at Lighthouse Haddenham 2024, the running cost per child averaged £67.

The average donation received per child was £25.

The financial health of Lighthouse Haddenham is reasonable, but Lighthouse Haddenham 2025 will rely on the generosity of donors in the coming months.

Signed: CM (Chair)

Date: 11/11/24



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Lighthouse Haddenham

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/10/2023

To

30/09/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	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	16,633	-	-	16,633	6,806
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	16,633	-	-	16,633	6,806
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	16,633	-	-	16,633	6,806
A3 Payments					
Site Expenses	5,928	-	-	5,928	3,968
Resources	2,235	-	-	2,235	456
Subscriptions	3,563	-	-	3,563	150
Insurance	178	-	-	178	127
Advertising/Marketing	-	-	-	-	703
Sundries	-	-	-	-	896
Bank Charges	68	-	-	68	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	11,971	-	-	11,971	6,300
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	11,971	-	-	11,971	6,300
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,662	-	-	4,662	506
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	506	-	-	506	-
Cash funds this year end	5,168	-	-	5,168	506

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash funds at year end	5,140	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	5,140	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Accurals	28	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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 asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	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	
	C Messervy (Signed above)	Cassa Messervy	11/11/2024	

4. Treasurers Report:

Balance Sheet Lighthouse Haddenham As at 30 September 2024

	£	£
Capital Assets		
Net Book Value	£0	
Current Assets	5,168	
Accruals	28	
Bank Account: Business Current Account	5,140	
Bank Account: Square Control Account	0	
/ess Current Liabilities		0
Net Current Assets	£5,168	
Total Assets	£5,168	
Owner's Equity		
Retained Profit		5,168
Total Owner's Equity		£5,168

Profit & Loss
Lighthouse Haddenham
Accounting Year 2023/24

	Debit	Credit
Turnover		16,633
Individual Donors		4,587
Organisation Donors		12,047
less Cost of Sales	7,378	
Materials	2,235	
Equipment Hire	4,424	
Subcontractor Costs	720	
Gross Profit		9,255
less Administration Expenses	4,593	
Rent	784	
Subscriptions	3,563	
Bank/Finance Charges	68	
Insurance	178	
Operating Profit		£4,662
less Drawings		£0
less Profit & Loss journal entries		£0
Retained Profit this period:		£5,168
Retained Profit brought forward:		£0
Distributable Reserves / Retained Profit carried forward:		£5,168