

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN PENRITH

England & Wales - Charity number 1201866

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2023-02-07

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF CHURCHES TOGETHER IN PENRITH IS THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION, THE RELIEF OF POVERTY AND THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION AND ANY OTHER PURPOSES, WHICH ARE CHARITABLE ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES.

Activities: The focus of the activities of Churches Together in Penrith is the advancement of the Christian religion, the relief of poverty and the advancement of education and any other purposes which are charitable according to the law of England and Wales.

Classification

- **How:** Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Religious Activities, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Cumbria

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£16,391	£14,975	-	-
2024-12-31	£4,979	£10,909	-	-
2023-12-31	£8,333	£9,554	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
REVEREND DAVID GARETH SARGENT	Chair	2022-11-07
Margaret Elizabeth Irving		2026-05-05
PETER DAVID BROOKS		2026-05-05

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CHURCHES TOGETHER IN PENRITH

Charity Number 1201866

Trustees Annual Report for the Year Ended 31st December 2025

1. Objects

The object of Churches Together in Penrith is the advancement of the Christian religion, the relief of poverty and the advancement of education and any other purposes, which are charitable according to the law of England and Wales.

2. Activities

Churches Together in Penrith (or CTiP) is an umbrella organisation supporting the church members in their activities, which includes, a Food bank, Debt Counselling and cash management, a Job Club, a charity retail shop, Lenten Lunches, the Good Friday "Walk of Witness" and a weekly tea service for the lonely and those with dementia.

CTiP directly operates a Linking Lives project aimed at helping and supporting people, who are lonely. It employs 1 part time member of staff. The project has successfully attracted grant support for its work. At the date of writing this report, it has successfully recruited 18 volunteers and has 22 active referrals. Referrals are received from a variety of agencies both NHS linked as well as local authority linked. A number are received from families. Volunteers either visit the lonely people on a weekly basis or there is a weekly telephone conversation.

Other direct activities include "A Day in the Lakes". This is a day out in the Lake District for individuals and families, who are refugees or asylum seekers awaiting a decision on their future, currently living in Newcastle, A free coach is provided together with a full day of activities and food by Ullswater lake.

In addition, CTiP provides a booklet called "Its Your Move" to all children leaving the local Primary schools, to help them with the move to Secondary school.

3. The Trustees are satisfied that all activities were carried out in accordance with the Charity's Objects and Charity law and guidance. They note the continued success of the Linking Lives project and the help provided to lonely people.

4. New Charity

As agreed, the formation of a new charity to take over the Linking Lives project was progressed during the year. Unfortunately, this took far longer than anticipated, but the Trustees are delighted to confirm that a new charity, Penrith Linking Lives, a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, was successfully registered on the 4th March 2026, reference number 1217094. Steps will now be taken to transfer the activities of the Linking Lives project to this new charity as soon as possible.

5. Financial Review

At 1st January 2025, CTiP had an overall opening balance of £5,614.84. Income in the year to 31st December 2025 was £16,390.60 with expenditure of £14,974.64 resulting in a closing balance of £7,030.80.

5. Financial Review (continued)

Included in these balances, the Linking Lives project had an opening balance of £3,238.39, income in the year of £15,000.00 and expenditure of £13,299.75 (including Household Support Grants paid out of £1,375.00 and transfers to Churches Together/Other Activities balance for administration of £125.00), resulting in a closing balance of £4,938.64. Income from the various Funders is normally paid in advance of the period of expenditure. Funders receive regular reports on how their grants have been expended in accordance with their requirements.

Other activities had an opening balance of £2,376.45. Income in the year was £1,390.60 (plus the transfer from Household Support Grants detailed above) and expenditure was £1,799.89, resulting in a closing balance of £2,092.16. The principal source of funds for all other activities is subscriptions and donations from the member churches and their congregations.

The Trustees are satisfied that there are no concerns about the viability of CTiP on an ongoing basis. There are sufficient checks in place, together with regular comprehensive reports to satisfy their responsibilities.

6. Structure, Governance and Management

CTiP is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, whose registered number is 1201866. It adopts the model constitution, as recommended by the Charity Commission.


7. Trustees

The following are the Trustees who served during the year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Resigned</u>
Rev. David G. Sargent	Chair	07/11/2022	
Mr John H. Poland	Trustee	07/11/2022	07/04/2025
Mr Duncan G. Walker	Trustee	30/09/2024	
Ms Carolyn E. Marshall	Trustee	30/09/2024	
Mrs Rosalind Niedt	Trustee	30/09/2024	
Dr. Gavin L. Young	Trustee	30/09/2024	
Mr Andrew P. Newton	Trustee	30/09/2024	03/03/2025

As agreed, the Chair's term of office ceases on the 30th April 2026 and the remaining trustees will all stand down at the AGM, when new Trustees will be appointed.

The Trustees declare that they have approved this Trustees' Annual Report, signed by the Chair on their behalf.

Signed 

Date 23rd April 2026

Name. Rev. David Gareth Sargent - Chair

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN PENRITH

Charity Number 1201866

Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025

£

£

Balance brought forward as at 1st January 2025

5614.84

Being :-

Linking Lives	1149.46	
Cumbria CF	1019.60	
Hadfield Trust	171.14	
ICC	398.19	
Penrith Charities	500.00	
Total Linking Lives**		3238.39
Churches Together in Penrith		2376.45
Balance per Bank		5614.84

Add:

INCOME

Church Subscriptions	1040.00
Good Friday collection	260.60
Donations - Day in the Lakes	90.00
Household Support Grant	3500.00
Cumbria Community Foundation	11500.00

16390.60

Less:

EXPENDITURE

Linking Lives costs	11799.75
Annual insurance	75.00
Website support	159.66
Bank charges	69.80
Retirement gifts	80.00
Day in the Lakes	1085.00
Its Your Move booklets	330.43
Household Support Grants Paid Out	1375.00

14974.64

Balance carried forward as at 31st December 2025

7030.80


Being :-

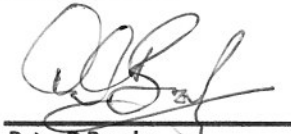
Linking Lives	1024.46	
Cumbria CF	1914.18	
Household Support Grant	2000.00	
Total : Linking Lives *		4938.64
Churches Together in Penrith **		2092.16
Balance per Bank		7030.80

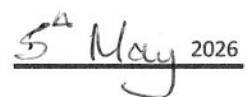
* Linking Lives: grants received are ringfenced for this purpose

** Includes amount transferred from HSG of £125 for administrative expenses

Approved by:


 Rev David Sargent
 Chairman

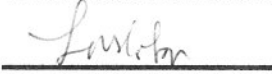

 Peter D Brooks
 Treasurer

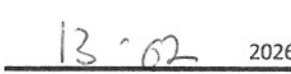

 5th May 2026

Examiners Report

I have completed my examination of the accounts and confirm that no material matters have come to my attention which give me cause to believe that in any material respect :-

1. Appropriate accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity; or
2. The accounts do not accord to those records.


 Mrs L M Morton
 6, Greystoke Park Road
 Penrith
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Linking Lives Expenditure for the year ended 31st December 2025

£

Salaries	9,903.00	
Sundries	147.33	Auditor 30.00/Hospitality 42.80/Xmas Event 74.53
Travel expenses	156.24	
DBS charges	331.56	
Postage & stationery	93.91	
Insurance	141.51	
Telephone	328.20	
LL UK Subs	400.00	2024 and 2025
New phone	260.00	
Advertising	38.00	Leaflets
	<u>11,799.75</u>	

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Churches Together in Penrith directly operates a Linking Lives project aimed at helping and supporting people, who are lonely. It employs 1 part time member of staff. The project has successfully attracted grant support for its work. At the date of writing this report, it has successfully recruited 18 volunteers and has 26 active referrals. Referrals are received from a variety of agencies both NHS linked as well as local authority linked. A number are received from families. Volunteers either visit the lonely people on a weekly basis or there is a weekly telephone conversation.

Other direct activities include "A Day in the Lakes". This is a day out in the Lake District for individuals and families, who are refugees or asylum seekers awaiting a decision on their future, who are currently living in Newcastle, A free coach is provided together with a full day of activities and food at Ullswater lake.

- 3. The Trustees are satisfied that all activities carried out are in accordance with the Charity's Objects and Charity law and guidance. They note the successful start to the Linking Lives project and the help provided to lonely people. The positive feedback from those directly involved and others, to the Linking Lives project and the Day in the Lakes is encouraging.**

4. Financial Review

At 1st January 2024, CTiP had an overall opening balance of £11,545.24. Income in the year was £4,978.90 with expenditure of £10,909.30 resulting in a closing balance of £5,614.84.

Included in these balances, the Linking Lives project had an opening balance of £8,790.96, income in the year of £4,473.00 and expenditure of £10,025.57 (including Household Support Grants paid out of £4,073.00 and transfers to Churches Together/Other Activities balance for administration of £427.00), resulting in a closing balance of £3,238.39. Income from the various Funders is normally paid in advance of the period of expenditure. Funders receive regular reports on how their grants have been expended in accordance with their requirements.

Other activities had an opening balance of £2,754.28. Income in the year was £505.90 plus the transfer from Household Support Grants detailed above and expenditure was £1,310.73, resulting in a closing balance of £2,376.45.

The principal source of funds for all other activities is subscriptions and donations from the member churches and their congregations.

The Trustees are satisfied that there are no concerns about the viability of CTIP on an ongoing basis. There are sufficient checks in place, together with regular comprehensive reports to satisfy their responsibilities.

5. Structure, Governance and Management

CTIP is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, whose registered number is 1201866. It adopts the model constitution, as recommended by the Charity Commission.

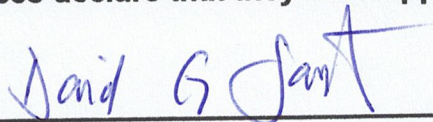
6. Trustees

The following are the Trustees who together manage CTIP.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Resigned</u>
Rev. David G. Sargent	Chair	07/11/2022	
Rev. Timothy M. Cooke	Vice Chair	07/11/2022	06/12/2024
Mr John H. Poland	Trustee	07/11/2022	
Mrs Heather E. Watson	Trustee	17/04/2023	30/12/2024
Mr Peter D. Brooks	Trustee	15/04/2024	28/11/2024
Mr Duncan G. Walker	Trustee	30/09/2024	
Mrs Carolyn E. Marshall	Trustee	30/09/2024	
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Mr Andrew P. Newton	Trustee	30/09/2024	03/03/2025

The Trustees declare that they have approved this Trustees' Annual Report.

Signed. _____



Name. Rev. David Gareth Sargent

Date 07/04/25



CHURCHES TOGETHER IN PENRITH

Charity Number 1201866

Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024

£

£

Balance brought forward as at 1st January 2024

11545.24

Being :-

Linking Lives	1149.46	
Cumbria CF	4841.50	
Hadfield Trust	1300.00	
Household Support Grant	1500.00	
Total Linking Lives**		8790.96
Churches Together in Penrith		2754.28
Balance per Bank		11545.24

Add:

INCOME

Church Subscriptions	300.00
Good Friday collection	105.90
Donation - Day in the Lakes	100.00
Household Support Grant	3000.00
Penrith Charities Grant	500.00
ICC Grant	973.00

4978.90

Less:

EXPENDITURE

Churches Together in Cumbria Subscription	120.00
Annual insurance	73.21
Website support	252.92
Linking Lives costs	5525.57
Bank charges	79.60
Day in the Lakes	785.00
Household Support Grants Paid Out	4073.00

10909.30

Balance carried forward as at 31st December 2024

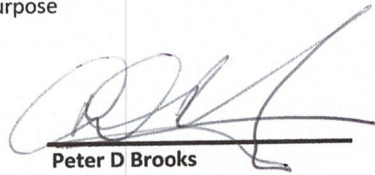
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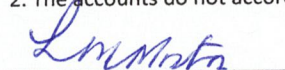
** Linking Lives: grants received are ringfenced for this purpose

Approved by:


Rev David Sargent
Chairman

Peter D Brooks
Treasurer5th March 2025**Examiners Report**

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Trustees Annual Report 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024.

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2 other direct activities are 'Its your Move' and a Day in the Lakes. 'Its your Move' is a booklet provided to every primary school child, who are preparing to move to a secondary school. The booklet explains the differences between primary and secondary schools and some of the many changes and how to ask for help. It has been well received by teachers, pupils and their families and the wider community. A day in the Lakes is a day out for individuals and families, who are refugees or asylum seekers awaiting a decision on their future, and are currently living in Newcastle, A free coach is provided together with a full day of activities and food at Lake Ullswater.

3. The Trustees are satisfied that all activities carried out are in accordance with the Charity's Objects and Charity law and guidance. They note the successful start to the Linking Lives project and the help provided to lonely people. The positive feedback from those directly involved and others, to the Linking Lives project, the booklet for primary school children and the Day in the lakes is encouraging.

4. Financial Review

At 1st January 2023 CTiP had an overall opening balance of £12,766.40. Income in the year of £8,332.93 and expenditure of £9,554.09 resulting in a closing balance of £11,545.24.

The Linking Lives project had an opening balance of £9,151.84. Income in the year was £7,641.50 and expenditure of £8,002.38 resulting in a closing balance of £8,791.96. Income from various Funders is normally paid in advance of the period.

Other activities had an opening balance of £3,614.56. Income in the year was £691.43 and expenditure of £1,551.71 resulting in a closing balance of £2,754.28. Income in a previous year was enhanced by a generous donation from the United Reform Church, which had closed.

The principal source of funds for the Linking Lives project will be grants from various Funders, who receive regular reports in accordance with their requirements.

The principal source of funds for all other activities will be subscriptions and donations from the member churches and their congregations.

The Trustees are satisfied that there are no concerns about the viability of CTiP on an ongoing basis. There are sufficient checks in place, together with regular comprehensive reports to satisfy their responsibilities.

5. Structure, Governance and Management

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6. Trustees

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Name	Office	Appointed
Rev. David Gareth Sargent	Chair	7 th November 2022
Rev. Timothy Mark Cooke	Vice Chair	7 th November 2022
Mr John Henry Poland	Trustee	7 th November 2022
Mrs Heather Elizabeth Watson	Trustee	17 th April 2023
Mr Peter David Brooks	Trustee	15 th April 2024

All of the above remain as Trustees.

The Trustees declare that they have approved this Trustees' Annual Report.

Signed. _____

Name. Rev. David Gareth Sargent

Date. _____



CHURCHES TOGETHER IN PENRITH

Accounts for the period 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023

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January 1st	Balance brought forward		12766.40
	INCOME		
	Church Subscriptions	350.00	
	Good Friday collections 2022/2023	316.43	
	Donations from others-5th Sunday	25.00	691.43
	Linking Lives		
	Cumbria CF	4841.50	
	Hadfield Trust	1300.00	
	Household Support Grant	1500.00	7641.50
			8332.93
	EXPENDITURE		
	Churches Together in Cumbria	140.00	
	Annual Insurance	73.21	
	Its Your Move' booklets	244.80	
	Website support	228.60	
	Linking Lives Project; costs	8002.38	
	Bank charges	25.10	
	Day in the Lakes	740.00	
	Donation to Nourish	100.00	
			9554.09
			9554.09
31st December	Balance carried forward		<u><u>11545.24</u></u>

** Linking Lives: grants received are ringfenced for this purpose

Linking Lives**	1149.46
Cumbria CF	4841.50
Hadfield Trust	1300.00
Household Support Grant	1500.00
Total : Living Lives **	<u>8790.96</u>
Churches Together in Penrith	<u>2,766.27</u>
Balance per Bank statement. No. 197	<u><u>11557.23</u></u>

John H. Poland
Treasurer

4th January 2024

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Subscriptions

Penrith Quaker Meeting	50.00
Penrith Methodist	50.00
Kings Church Eden	50.00
St Catherine's	50.00
The Parish of Penrith	100.00
Salvation Army	50.00
Penrith URC	0.00
Church in the Barn	0.00

350.00

Other

Asylum Seekers: Day in the Lakes	0.00
5th Sunday collection	25.00
Good Friday collections 2022/2023	316.43
Linking Lives Project	
Cumbria CF	4841.50
Hadfield Trust	1300.00
Westmorland & Furness	1500.00

7982.93

Total Income

8332.93

Churches Together in Cumbria	140.00
Annual Insurance	73.21
CTiP leaflets	0.00
Asylum Seekers: Day in the Lakes	740.00
Its your move' booklets	244.80
Website support	228.60
Bank charges	25.10
Christmas 2023	0.00
Linking Lives: costs	8002.38
Donation to Nourish	100.00

Total Expenditure

9554.09

Closing Balance 31st December 2021

Asylum Seekers: Day in the Lakes	0
Linking Lives	11161.13
Bibles for schools	0
Penrith Mission Community	0
Churches Together in Penrith	981.82
Balance per Bank Statement No 163	12142.95

Closing Balance 31st December 2022

Asylum Seekers: Day in the Lakes	0
Linking Lives	9151.84
Bibles for schools	0
Penrith Mission Community	0
Churches Together in Penrith	3614.56
Balance per Bank Statement No 185	12766.40

HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT GRANT FROM WESTMORLAND & FURNESS COUNCIL

	2023		£
Income	Nov	22nd	1,500.00

Expenditure

Balance			1,500.00
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LINKING LIVES GRANT from CUMBRIA Community Fund

	2023		£
Income			
	Nov	13th	4,841.50

Expenditure

Balance			4,841.50
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LINKING LIVES GRANT from Hadfield Trust (Rathbone Investment Manage

	2023		£
Income			
	Dec	11th	1,300.00

Expenditure

Balance			1,300.00
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CHURCHES TOGETHER IN PENRITH

LINKING LIVES-PENRITH

Actual v Budget as at 31st December 2021

	Budget	Actual
Start up fee	750	0
Laptop	750	794
Recruitment	500	415
Mobile	400	429
	<u>2400</u>	<u>1638</u>
Filing Cabinet	200	0
Files	50	0
Office cost		35
Start up costs to date	<u>2650</u>	<u>1673</u>

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LINKING LIVES-PENRITH

Accounts for the period 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023
2023

January 1st 2023 Balance b/fwd		9,151.84
Income		
Cumbria Community Fund	0.00	
Carlisle Abbeyfield Society Over 55 Community First Fund	0.00	
Cumbria County Council	0.00	0.00
Expenditure		
DBS: Thirtyone:eight	158.55	
Staff costs	6234.80	
Insurance: Methodist Insurance	141.09	
Rent	340.00	
LL UK annual charge (for 2022 & 2023)	350.00	
Office	254.51	
Comms charges	122.74	
Volunteer's Meeting & Expenses	354.99	
Bank charges	45.70	
		8002.38
Balance carried forward at 31st December 2023		<u>1149.46</u>