

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN PENRITH

Charity Number 1201866

Trustees Annual Report for the Year Ended 31st December 2024

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 among other activities, a Food bank, Debt Counselling and cash management, a Job Club, a charity retail shop and a weekly tea service for the lonely and those with dementia.

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	
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

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

Signed. _____

Name. Rev. David Gareth Sargent

Date 07/04/25



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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

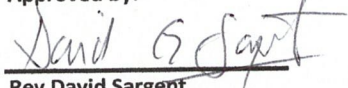
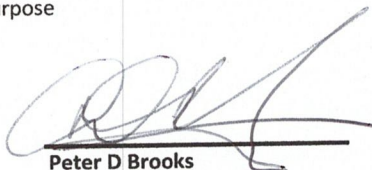
5614.84

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

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

Approved by:

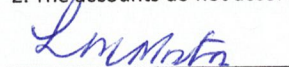
Rev David Sargent
ChairmanPeter D Brooks
Treasurer

5 March 2025

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.

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06 MARCH 2025