

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.

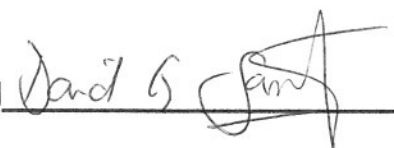
7. Trustees

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

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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


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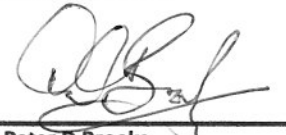
Linking Lives	1024.46	
Cumbria CF	1914.18	
Household Support Grant	2000.00	
Total : Linking Lives *		4938.64
Churches Together in Penrith **		2092.16
Balance per Bank		7030.80

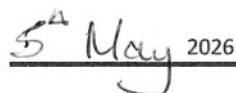
* Linking Lives: grants received are ringfenced for this purpose

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

Approved by:

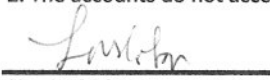

 Rev David Sargent
 Chairman


 Peter D Brooks
 Treasurer


 5 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.


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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>	