

Penn Christian Centre

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Foundation CIO

Charity number 1202339

Registered address

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Penn

Wolverhampton

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Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st December 2024

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Trustees Annual Report

Penn Christian Centre began in 1985 as a church plant utilising free of charge the property held by the Cleveland Hall Trust.

On 16th March 2023 it was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and the assets held by the church fellowship were transferred into it.

During the report year the land and building held as the only asset of the Cleveland Hall Trust were transferred free of charge to the CIO.

All fees and legal costs were born by the CIO and the Trust terminated.

During the year the Trustees of Penn Christian Centre (CIO) convened four meetings to enable it to achieve it's purpose in accordance with the stated charitable objects fulfilled by:-

Providing a facility in Wolverhampton open for public benefit to promote the Christian faith, through a **Sunday service of Word and Worship**, with age appropriate Bible teaching for children, teens and adults.

The service is available on Zoom for those unable to attend. The adult Bible teaching is available for free download from the pennchristiancentre.org.uk website.

The average number attending grew during the year as we welcomed new people into 'the family' and said farewell to others.

The Centre was used for **Dandelions - stay & play group** provided free of charge each Friday during term time and open to the community.

Costs are covered by the CIO, any voluntary donations given are used for the benefit of the group, and we are grateful to the volunteers from the fellowship giving their time and energy!

Numbers fluctuate as children move on to nursery but the popularity of the group spreads widely and new children are frequent, At times the group is at capacity.

During the year other events were organised including a Light Party for children instead of Halloween. Ladies message and meal events, and monthly church fellowship meals, as well as a community bonfire and BBQ.

All are provided without charge and available for public benefit though some are restricted by nature of the event, or capacity.

In the surrounding area we provide regular monthly support to several full time Christian workers who go into our local schools to take monthly assemblies and or RE classes for year 5 & 6 based on 'A walk through the Bible'.

As required we provide funding to supply the accompanying books.

A number of volunteers from the fellowship are involved in open air preaching in the city centre, others are engaged in going into schools for assemblies, Bible distribution and reading support.

Some facilitate home bible studies with both individuals and groups, others provide one - 2- one support in a variety of situations. Several care homes are visited conducting services and craft sessions.

All Trustees and volunteers requiring them have an enhanced DBS. During the year a review of the Child Protection Policy was undertaken and enacted including a visual check of all DBS certificates and the compilation of a DBS register.

Beyond our local area we have given a number of grants through the year to the city foodbank, indigenous Christian workers, churches and Christian charities in a number of countries. All are engaged as we are in advancing the Christian faith through evangelism, church planting and bible based teaching, supporting education, child and health care and relief of poverty.

During the year it was decided to delay and review plans for any extensions to the centre and instead facilitate a rolling programme of maintenance and upgrade to the existing facilities. A work group of volunteers has so far redecorated and re-carpeted the Kingdom Kids zone and the office. Work has been completed to eliminate damp in the front wall of the building including, inserting a DPC, repointing, re-plastering and redecorating all the toilets.

Governance

The trustees of the CIO act to ensure the correct functioning of the charity, working closely with the leadership team of the church who are responsible for the spiritual direction and well being of the members of the fellowship.

All are members of the fellowship, committed to uphold the statement of faith and demonstrate it in word and deed.

During the year a trustee resigned and left the fellowship. Gratitude was expressed for years of faithful service and every blessing sought as he moved on.

A new trustee has been accepted by all and will join in 2025.

Trustees and responsibilities at year end are:-

David Jewkes (chair)

Sanjay Patla (treasurer)

Jasvinder Nahar (Secretary)

Kanta Malhan

Andrew James Rice (also on leadership team)

John Hamilton Beckett (also on leadership team) stood down as trustee and chair during the year and was re-elected as a trustee for a three year period.

Finance

The CIO does not fund raise: most income comes from either within the fellowship or from past members, in addition to several churches and individuals who want to be involved in one of the projects we provide grants to.

Most income is received gift aided via Stewardship bank transfer with additional bank transfers from other sources. Cash comes via the giving box in the foyer.

During the year a legacy was received from a past member and apportioned in the same way as all undesignated income.

Undesignated income is split 60% into the general fund, 10% into the building & Maintenance fund, with 10% going into each of the Local Mission, Kingdom and Relief Funds. Designated funds are used in accordance with donors instructions.

Grants are made taking due care to see funds arrive safely, and do not endanger the recipients in countries where Christians face harassment and persecution. Follow up ensures they are used for the purposes consistent with the instructions given so as to conform to the charitable objects and constitution of the CIO.

No trustee receives any remuneration.

All funds are used consistent with our charitable objects

Independent Examiner:

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Approval:

A Copy of the report was presented and discussed at the Trustees meeting on the 15th April 2025. A copy was approved and signed on their behalf by:



Mr David Jewkes (Chair)



~~Mrs Jasvinder Nahar (Secretary)~~

ANDREW RICE . 15/7/2025
SECRETARY.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Penn Christian Centre

No (if any)
1202339

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01-Jan-24

To

Period end date
31-Dec-24

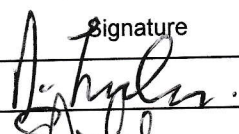

Section A Receipts and payments

	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					
Income via Gift Aid	15,184	11,769	-	26,953	19,683
Cash via church box	2,867	-	-	2,867	5,519
Specific gifts	10,543	-	-	10,543	10,904
Interest	1,634	-	-	1,634	1,002
Other income-Legacy	13,436	-	-	13,436	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	43,664	11,769	-	55,433	37,108
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	43,664	11,769	-	55,433	37,108
A3 Payments					
Church costs	7,962	-	-	7,962	10,932
Gifts Out	13,161	8,916	-	22,077	28,458
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	21,123	8,916	-	30,039	39,390
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	21,123	8,916	-	30,039	39,390
Net of receipts/(payments)	22,541	2,853	-	25,394	- 2,282
A5 Transfers between funds	- 2,000	2,000	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	106,651	20,448	-	127,099	-
Cash funds this year end	127,192	25,301	-	152,493	- 2,282

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 in hand	647	-	-
	Virgin Bank accounts	126,545	25,301	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	127,192	25,301	-
B2 Other monetary assets				
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Nil		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Church building included at cost-Nil		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Nil		-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	David Jewkes	02/06/2025
	Sanjay Patla	02/06/2025



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Penn Christian Centre

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1202339

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

02/06/2025

Name:

Surrinder Kalirai

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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