

Registered Charity Number: 1203270

Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements of the Year Ended 30<sup>th</sup>  
November 2023  
for  
Somerset Christian Camps

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# Report of the Trustees

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 November 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

## OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

### Objectives and aims

The objectives of the charity are:

- 1) To advance the Christian faith, in particular among children and young people in the United Kingdom, through promoting and running either alone or with other similar Christian organisations residential holidays at which the Christian faith is presented and biblical teaching given.
- 2) The relief of financial hardship among children and young people in the United Kingdom through the provision of residential holidays at a significantly reduced or zero cost.

### Significant activities

All camps ran as normal in 2023 and were in demand. The camps ran across or two weeks in August, with both weeks incorporating a Kids Camp, Youth Camp and Work Crew. We remain indebted to the huge number of volunteers who help to set up, maintain and take down site. There were training events prior to each week of Camp focussing on safeguarding so that each volunteer at camp was able to attend some form of training either in person or virtually. Our safeguarding leads are also equipped to a higher level of safeguarding training. The website including online booking portal continues to evolve and reduce the administrative burden in a number of areas.

### Public benefit

As part of the spiritual teaching at the camps, the young people are encouraged to lead morally upright lives and to have a proactive social conscience. SCC continues to offer reduced cost or zero cost places at Camp, administered by our Trustees. The SCC leadership team engages with those who contact us for support, and we accurately ascertain the level of support we offer.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Principal funding sources**

The principal funding income of the trust is from the fees paid by camp attendees and gifts from the leaders. We are also in receipt of gifts from local churches and from time to time gifts from other Christian Trusts and Legacies.

### **Investment policy and objectives**

Given the above, the trust has no long-term trend requiring action by the Trustees.

### **Nominated/Designated funds and Reserves policy**

SCC has no nominated funds or reserves policy and does not consider that the charity is in a strong enough financial position to maintain a set level of reserves at this point.

## **FUTURE PLANS**

The introduction of Youth Camp for 2023, and therefore a significant increase in the number of children and young people attending, necessitated the purchase of additional tents to accommodate the increased numbers of children (see accounts below). No further large capital purchases are anticipated in the coming years.

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Governing document**

The camps began in 1990 under the name of Counties' Summer Camp. A new leadership team took over the running of the Camps in 2008, and changed the name to Somerset Christian Camps. Somerset Christian Camps became a charity in 2023 and adopted a new constitution at that time, which remains the governing document.

### **Organisational structure**

Trustees have the ultimate responsibility for the Trust and meet formally at least twice a year. Detailed administration is undertaken by the Somerset Christian Camps Leadership Team, which all Trustees are currently part of. All matters of recruitment, catering, safeguarding, equipment, transport and activities are organised through the Leadership Team, sharing in best practice and resource within the oversight and policies created and updated by the trustees.

## REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

### Registered Charity number

1203270

### Principal address

Hope Cottage, Church Street

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### Trustees

Dominic Heath-Coleman

Rebecca Heath-Coleman (resigned 15.09.24)

Mark Wood

Rebecca Wood

Thomas McKenzie (resigned 15.09.24)

Megan Lambert

Jeremy Handscomb

Claire Handscomb

### Independent Examiner

Stephen Morton

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on **15 September 2024** and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Heath-Coleman', with a long, wavy horizontal line extending from the end.

Dominic Heath-Coleman – Chair of Trustees

# Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Somerset Christian Camps

 CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES		Independent examiner's report on the accounts	
Section A Independent Examiner's Report			
Report to the trustees	Charity Name Somerset Christian Camps		
On accounts for the year ended	30/11/23	Charity no (if any)	1203270
Set out on pages	[blank box with text: (number to include the page numbers of additional sheets)]		
	I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/11/23.		
Responsibilities and basis of report	<p>As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").</p> <p>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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.</p>		
Independent examiner's statement	<p>[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.</p> <p>I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or</li><li>• the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or</li><li>• the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.</li></ul> <p>I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.</p> <p>* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.</p>		
Signed:			Date: 13/9/2024
Name:	Stephen Morton		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body	Association of Chartered Certified Accountants		

(if any):

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## Section B

### Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



## Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 30 November 2023

	£	£	2022
<b>Income</b>			
Summer Camp	34,691		-
Less: Expenditure	-18,509		-
		16,182	
Tuck Shop	955		-
Less: Expenditure	- 1,202		-
		- 247	
Winter Retreat	1,490		-
Less: Expenditure	- 1,697		-
		- 207	
Clothing	117		-
Less: Expenditure	- 2,049		-
		- 1,932	
Donations		7,647	-
Miscellaneous		2,428	-
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>23,871</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Transport		3,400	-
Course Fees		95	-
Materials - Craft		941	-
Food & Cleaning Consumables		6,594	-
Buying in services, climbing tower and inflatables etc		5,101	-
Gifts		73	-
Insurance and License		788	-
DBS Checks		677	-
Prizes		101	-
Publicity and Website		169	-
Repairs		357	-
Stationery and Postage		68	-

Weekend Food	443	-
Trophies	92	-
Youth Camp Co-ordinator	484	-
Sports Consumables	653	-
Miscellaneous	2,578	-
Depreciation	1,347	-
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>23,961</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Surplus (Deficit) for the year</b>	<b>- 90</b>	<b>-</b>

## Balance Sheet as at 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023

	£	£	2022	2022
Fixed Assets (note 1)		4,040		
Current Assets				
Bank Current Account	24,308		-	
		24,308		-
Less: Current Liabilities		-		-
<b>Total</b>		<b>28,348</b>		<b>-</b>
Represented By:-				
Accumulated Fund brought forward		28,438		28,438
Profit / (Loss) for the year		- 90		-
<b>Accumulated Fund carried forward</b>		<b>28,348</b>		<b>28,438</b>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 15 September 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



Dominic Heath-Coleman – Chair of Trustees

## Note to the Accounts

1) Schedule of fixed assets					
	As @ 30.11.22	Additions	Disposals	Depreciation	As @ 30.11.23
	£	£	£	£	£
Camping - Tents	-	5,387	-	1,347	4,040
	-	5,387	-	1,347	4,040

Depreciation has been calculated by the reducing balance method so that the cost of assets is written off over their expected useful lives. The depreciation rates applied are as follows;

Camping - Tents	25%
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Where the written down value would be less than £100, the asset has been written down in full.