

# THE SHEPHERDS LAW TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1204236

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2023-08-07

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, BY PROMOTING THE ONGOING USE OF THE BUILDINGS AT SHEPHERDS LAW IN NORTHUMBERLAND BY A CONTEMPLATIVE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OF MONASTIC AND LAY PEOPLE, MAINTAINING THE BUILDINGS AT SHEPHERDS LAW TO BE USED FOR RELIGIOUS PRACTICE, PROVIDING A PLACE OF WORSHIP, AND EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ABOUT MONASTIC LIFE.

**Activities:** Maintaining the monastic round of life at Shepherds Law. Making this life available for any people to come and experience, including retreats, group visits and stays, and other activities for young and old.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Northumberland

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-04-05		£0	£0	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Dr Stephen George Platten</b>	Chair	2023-04-17
Brother Alf Micael Christoffer Carlstrom SSF		2023-04-17
Dr DAVID CHRISTOPHER GILL		2023-04-17
FATHER George Guiver		2023-04-17
John McMorrough Carr-Ellison		2023-04-17
Michael Richard Palmer		2025-08-29
Paul Charles Michael Coleman		2024-07-08
Rev Jane Barbara Hedges		2023-04-17
Sr Anita Catherine Smith OHP		2023-04-17

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# Accounts

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## **Trustees' report August 2023 - April 2024**

The Trustees first met on 17 April 2023.

The Trust received registration as a CIO on 7 August 2023.

The Trustees had by then met twice.

Application was made to Lloyds' Bank in September 2023 to open a bank account

Despite our best efforts, the account was not finally opened until 10 July 2024.

Therefore for the period of this Annual Return there was **no account, no income and no expenditure.**

Between 7 August 2023 and 5 April 2024 the Trustees met 3 times.

A flier was produced to enable dissemination of information.

A working group was set up to plan for the future, and had produced a vision and strategy document. It also co-ordinated volunteers, and to date had organised such work as deep cleaning, clearing the grounds, cutting hedges, cleaning the chapel, and a regular inspection of the buildings to check for problems.

Expert opinion was gained on the refurbishment needs of the buildings, and on necessary compliance.

Wood-burning stoves were removed from the sleeping accommodation.

£100,000 had been promised, an architect engaged, and a builder identified, for building the link between the accommodation and the church.

A safeguarding policy was commissioned, with the assistance of a firm called "Thirty One Eight".

A donations policy was agreed.

Work for production of the following policies was put in hand: Health & Safety, Employment,

Data protection, Conflict of interest.

We were not yet ready to host staying guests, as the buildings were not yet able to provide suitable accommodation.

Regular worship was reintroduced in December 2023 with an Evening service on the second Sunday of each month attended by several local people.

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**ANNUAL ACCOUNTS**

**There are no accounts, as in the period of the Return the Charity did not yet have a bank account, and therefore no funds, no income and no expenditure.**