

# VESSELS OF COMPASSION UK

England & Wales · Charity number 1205444

## Details

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**Other names** VOC UK

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2023-10-26

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 3.1 FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, AND AS AN EXPRESSION OF CHRISTIAN FAITH, TO RELIEVE THE NEEDS OF THOSE WHO ARE SUFFERING BEREAVEMENT OR LOSS BY PROVIDING INFORMATION THROUGH PRESENTATIONS, SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS ON THE GRIEF AND HEALING JOURNEY AND BY PROVIDING PASTORAL AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT TO EASE THE PAIN OF BEREAVEMENT OR LOSS.

**Activities:** we provide Presentations, Seminars, Workshops, to relieve the needs of people experiencing bereavement and loss. we also provide One-to-one pastoral care/listening, by our Bereavement Support team.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Throughout England

## Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|--------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-03-31 | £5,945 | £3,215      | -      | -         |

## Trustees

| Name                          | Role  | Appointed  |
|-------------------------------|-------|------------|
| <b>Stephanie Aigbe-Joseph</b> | Chair | 2025-10-04 |
| Janet Bokowiec                |       | 2023-10-26 |
| Magnus Gwatidzo               |       | 2023-10-26 |
| Otionamuria Efih              |       | 2023-10-26 |
| Selame Negussie Taye          |       | 2026-03-26 |
| Theresa Davies                |       | 2023-10-26 |

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

|                   |    |                 |      |    |    |    |      |
|-------------------|----|-----------------|------|----|----|----|------|
| Period start date |    | Period end date |      |    |    |    |      |
| From              | 01 | 10              | 2023 | To | 30 | 09 | 2024 |

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

**VESSELS OF COMPASSION UK**

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1205444

Charity's principal address

|                               |         |
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| UNIT 43 EVANS BUSINESS CENTRE |         |
| BURLEY HILL TRADING ESTATE    |         |
| LEEDS                         |         |
| Postcode                      | LS4 2PU |

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

|    | Trustee name     | Office (if any) | Dates acted if not for whole year | Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any) |
|----|------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| 1  | OTIONAMURIA EFIH | CHAIR           |                                   |   |
| 2  | MAGNUS GWATIDZO  | TRUSTEE         |                                   |   |
| 3  | THERESA DAVIES   | TRUSTEE         |                                   |   |
| 4  | JANET BOKOWIEC   | TRUSTEE         |                                   |   |
| 5  |                  |                 |                                   |   |
| 6  |                  |                 |                                   |   |
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| 8  |                  |                 |                                   |   |
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| 17 |                  |                 |                                   |   |
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| 19 |                  |                 |                                   |   |
| 20 |                  |                 |                                   |   |

### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

| Name | Dates acted if not for whole year |
|------|-----------------------------------|
|      |                                   |

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**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

| Type of adviser | Name | Address |
|-----------------|------|---------|
|                 |      |         |
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**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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**Section B Structure, governance and management**

**Description of the charity's trusts**

|   |                  |
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| Type of governing document<br>(eg. trust deed, constitution)        | CIO CONSTITUTION |
| How the charity is constituted<br>(eg. trust, association, company) | CIO TRUST        |
| Trustee selection methods<br>(eg. appointed by, elected by)         | APPOINTMENT      |

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

**Section C Objectives and activities**

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, AND AS AN EXPRESSION OF CHRISTIAN FAITH, TO RELIEVE THE NEEDS OF THOSE WHO ARE SUFFERING BEREAVEMENT OR LOSS BY PROVIDING INFORMATION THROUGH PRESENTATIONS, SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS ON THE GRIEF AND HEALING JOURNEY AND BY PROVIDING PASTORAL AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT TO EASE THE PAIN OF BEREAVEMENT OR LOSS.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

Summary of activities  
We visit churches, schools, community centres to: Provide Presentations, Seminars, Workshops around issues of Bereavement Provide One to one pastoral care/listening, by Bereavement Support team Organise retreats for spiritual and emotional wellbeing  
Sign posting and referral to related organisations Network with Churches, Schools and related organisations to provide some/all of the above activities.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

#### RISK MANAGEMENT

Trustees have assessed all the major risks to which the charity maybe exposed to, in particular those related to operations and finances of the charity, and are satisfied that policies and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to such risks.

The following policies are in place to balance benefits against any detriment or harm:

- Quality Policy,
  - Conflict of Interest Policy
  - Equality & Diversity Policy,
- Complaint procedure

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

'VESSELS OF COMPASSION UK' was approved by The Charity Commission as Charitable Incorporated Organization (CIO) - FOUNDATION registered 26 October 2023.

Our achievements in the last 12 months include a conference held on 07/09/24 of about 80 to 100 people where we gathered to talk, discuss and celebrate activities of Bereavement Awareness Presentation to groups and home visits. In the last 12 months, we carried out 5 Group presentations with an estimate of 183 people as direct recipients with feedback of very satisfied of over 65% on information of how to navigate grief in the grief/loss journey. We find the feedback quite satisfactory and helpful as this provides room for improvement on the content of our material going forward.

We also carried out 2 home visits to provide emotional and social support. This is how we create safe space for the bereaved to talk about their feelings and memories, especially those who are not yet ready for group support.

Furthermore, at the conference held on 07/09/24. We launched a Care Package Campaign of Food/hygiene essentials for university students who have experienced bereavement in the last 12 months. This initiative came about by the experience of 2 young persons who have witnessed firsthand that the provision of a Care Package will provide some form of Comfort and relief especially in between Maintenance loans when going through grief/loss.

Other activities in the last 12 months include:

A new website - 03/24

New bank account - 04/24

A Young Person joined our Strategic Team – 05/24

An Away day for the Strategic Team – 07/24

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

In the last year our main sources of funds are donations from supporters and fund-raising events. Trustees have decided to explore various means of fund-raising such as making grant applications to Funding bodies.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Our main sources of funds are donations from supporters and fund-raising events. Trustees have decided as follow:

. to explore various means of fund-raising such as making grant applications to Funding bodies.

. Developing good record-keeping and reporting practice.

. Trustees must accept ultimate responsibility for directing the affairs of the charity, and ensuring:

. that it is solvent, well-run, and delivering the charitable outcomes for the benefit of the public for which it has been set up.

. Ensure that the charity complies with charity law, and with the requirements of the Charity Commission as regulator; in particular ensure that the charity prepares Trustees Annual Reports on what it has achieved and Annual Returns and Accounts - as required by law.

. Use charitable funds and assets reasonably, and only in furtherance of the charity's objects.

. Avoid undertaking activities that might place the charity's endowment, funds, assets or reputation at undue risk.

## Section F

## Other optional information

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**Section G Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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| <b>Signature(s)</b>                        |                  |                 |
| <b>Full name(s)</b>                        | OTIONAMURIA EFIH | MAGNUS GWATIDZO |
| <b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b> | Chair            | Treasurer       |
| <b>Date</b>                                | 02/10/2024       |                 |



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

|   |                        |
|---|------------------------|
| Charity Name<br><b>VESSELS OF COMPASSION UK</b> | No (if any)<br>1205444 |
|---|------------------------|

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| <b>Receipts and payments accounts</b> |                                |           |                               |  |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|--|
| <b>For the period from</b>            | Period start date<br>1/10/2023 | <b>To</b> | Period end date<br>30/09/2024 |  |

**Section A Receipts and payments**

|   | Unrestricted funds<br>to the nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to the nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to the nearest £ | Total funds<br>to the nearest £ | Last year<br>to the nearest £ |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>A1 Receipts</b>                                    |  |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
| DONATIONS   | 5,945                                  | -                                    | -                                   | 5,945                           | -                             |
|   | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
|   | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
|   | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
|   | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
|   | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
|   | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>                | 5,945                                  | -                                    | -                                   | 5,945                           | -                             |
| <b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>    |  |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
|   | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
|   | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Total receipts</b>                                 | 5,945                                  | -                                    | -                                   | 5,945                           | -                             |
| <b>A3 Payments</b>                                    |  |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
| COST OF ACTIVITIES                                    | 603                                    | -                                    | -                                   | 603                             | -                             |
| CONSULTANCY FEES                                      | 380                                    | -                                    | -                                   | 380                             | -                             |
| OFFICE RENT   | 1,794                                  | -                                    | -                                   | 1,794                           | -                             |
| WEBSITE   | 264                                    | -                                    | -                                   | 264                             | -                             |
| SUBSCRIPTION  | 174                                    | -                                    | -                                   | 174                             | -                             |
|   | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
|   | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
|   | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | 3,215                                  | -                                    | -                                   | 3,215                           | -                             |
| <b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b> |  |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
|   | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
|   | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Total payments</b>                                 | 3,215                                  | -                                    | -                                   | 3,215                           | -                             |
| <b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>                     | 2,730                                  | -                                    | -                                   | 2,730                           | -                             |
| <b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>                     | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| <b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>                    | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Cash funds this year end</b>                       | 2,730                                  | -                                    | -                                   | 2,730                           | -                             |

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories           | Details                 | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to nearest £ |
|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>B1 Cash funds</b> |                         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                      |                         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                      |                         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                      | <b>Total cash funds</b> | -                                  | -                                | -                               |

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

|                 |    |    |
|-----------------|----|----|
| Agreement Error | OK | OK |
|-----------------|----|----|

| Categories                      | Details | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to nearest £ |
|---------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>B2 Other monetary assets</b> |         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                                 |         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                                 |         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                                 |         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                                 |         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                                 |         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |

| Categories                  | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| <b>B3 Investment assets</b> |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|                             |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|                             |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|                             |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|                             |         |                             | -               | -                        |

| Categories  | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|---|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| <b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b> |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|   |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|   |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|   |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|   |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|   |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|   |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|   |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|   |         |                             | -               | -                        |

| Categories            | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
|-----------------------|---------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| <b>B5 Liabilities</b> |         |                                 | -                     |                     |
|                       |         |                                 | -                     |                     |
|                       |         |                                 | -                     |                     |
|                       |         |                                 | -                     |                     |
|                       |         |                                 | -                     |                     |

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

| Signature | Print Name | Date of approval |
|-----------|------------|------------------|
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