

WOODCROFT CHRISTIAN CENTRE

ANNUAL REPORT AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR YEAR ENDED  
31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024

Registered Charity Number 237401

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Annual Report for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

### 1. Reference and Administration Details

Woodcroft Christian Centre, Woodcroft Lane, Woodcroft, Chepstow, Monmouthshire, NP16 7PZ. Is registered with the Charity Commissions (reg.no.237401) and constituted by a deed of Trust dated 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1890.

The charity trustees are:

Chairman:	Mr K. Bounds.
Other Members:	Mr L Weller
	Mr A H Samuel
	Mr M W Townsend
	Mr. P Bellingham

Nature and period of appointment: Appointment at the invitation of other trustees and no fixed period of time.

No remuneration or expenses have been paid to charity trustees during the year

The Management Committee is responsible for the management and organisation of the centre and reports to the trustees on an annual basis.

The members are: Chairman: Mr James Marshall Re-elected 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
 Treasurer: Mr M W Townsend Re-elected 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
 Secretary: Dr Roz Bounds Re-elected 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Other members:	Keith Bounds	Les Weller
	Lily Hall	James Townsend
	Richard Nicholas	Tom Allen
	Josh Bounds	Nikki Allen
	Jo Thrower	Resigned 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2024

Nature and Period of appointments: Invitation by committee must be raised and agreed at 2 consecutive meetings prior to invitation. No fixed term for members. Chairman serves for 1 year, Treasurer 2 years and Secretary 3 years. Any of the officers can stand for re-election. No remuneration or expenses have been paid to committee members during the year.

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)

## Other main Agents:

Bankers:	Barclays Bank UK P.L.C 121 Queen Street Cardiff CF10 2BJ
	National Westminster Bank P.L.C. 21 Eastgate Street Gloucester GL1 1NH
Solicitors:	Everett, Tomlin, Lloyd and Pratt 19-20 Gold Tops Newport NP20 4PH
Honorary Auditor:	Christopher Wathen 31 Birchwood Road Woolaston Gloucestershire GL15 6PE
Manager of Centre:	Mr. Gareth Birt Sunnydene Woodcroft, Chepstow, Mon NP16 7PZ

The charity employs a full-time manager together with a part-time assistant and part-time house keepers, with Student Workers providing part –time help, assisting with housekeeping and ground maintenance as and when required. A considerable amount of voluntary help is also utilised at the centre.

## **2. Objectives and Review of Activities:**

Woodcroft Christian Centre's aim is to encourage the commitment of people's lives to the Lord Jesus Christ and spiritual development in individuals of all ages, families, churches and groups, through the provision of Woodcroft Christian Centre, its leisure facilities and grounds. We aim to keep the cost of staying at Woodcroft Christian Centre as low as practically possible thus enabling those who may otherwise not afford the opportunity to experience a retreat and to be influenced by the Gospel.

The Trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on Public Benefit and also the guidance on "The Advancement of Religion for Public Benefit" published in December 2008, in assessing which activities it undertakes.

We intend to provide benefit by:

- Provision of property for group retreats.
- Providing good ethical and moral codes through following the teaching of Jesus.
- Contributing to people's good mental and physical health by offering retreats in a Christian atmosphere.
- Providing opportunities for worship.
- Contributing to spiritual well-being and development.
- Contributing to the spiritual and moral education of young people.

People can come to Woodcroft Christian Centre where they will be welcomed to a Christian atmosphere and encouraged in their spiritual development. It is hoped that the wider public will also benefit through people returning to their communities keen to practice Jesus' teaching to love their neighbour as themselves.

The objects of the charity are achieved as follows:

- Christian groups are encouraged to use the site for fellowship and fun in a relaxed Christian atmosphere and to take time to seek spiritual development.
- Members of the surrounding community are invited to use the facilities as part of a number of local ministries and events which are run for their benefit, along with having access to areas of the grounds for contemplation and reflection.

The Charity carries out a number of activities with a view of achieving these objectives.

These include:

- Luncheon Club for over 50's run in partnership with the local Parish Church Catering for between 40 -50 each month.
- Our annual Bonfire Night and Firework event for the local community was held on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024, a great evening was held with approx. 700 joining us from across the community again.

**Residentially** Bookings continue to grow/return to that of previous years and groups rebuild and confidence in going away is resumed. Over the course of the year, we welcomed a total of 46 groups, made up of 1530 people and accounting for 125 nights usage. The duration of stay included 1 day stay, 6 weeks, 7 midweek, 31 weekends and 1 one night.

This year we welcomed a couple of old groups back from pre covid, a few new groups, the new groups from 2023 returning and of course the regular bookings who come year on year, some of whom have been coming for 40 plus years.

The Charity is committed to fulfilling its charitable purpose to further the Christian faith. It is expected that a Christian group will subscribe to the basis of faith published by the Evangelical Alliance. The Charity does not accept bookings for use of its facilities from groups seeking to promote or actively support a faith which is non-Christian, or an ideology, morality or life-style incompatible with its Christian purpose.

**3. Financial Review**

The financial statement for the year end 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 can be found on page 7 of this report and shows a slight Deficit of £83.38.

The income from group lettings has increased on 2023 as we continue to rebuilding bookings following the impact of Covid 19.

A couple of large expenses this year have included the replacement of the ride on lawn mower and new Bi fold Patio doors in both the dining room and leaders chalets, as with the rest of the country the increase cost of living had also had an impact with increased cost across the board.

Improvement to site continues to be made striving as always to keep the cost down where ever possible.

Deposits for future bookings continue to be allocated as 'Restricted Funds' as subject to our flexible Covid-19 Guarantee and refundable.

Reserves are still held in Unrestricted funds which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments, this is to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time.

**4. Plans for the future:**

Following on from feedback and discussions with Groups using the Centre the Management team are currently looking into the feasibility of building a shower block to increase the number of washrooms available for groups, which has been highlighted as one of the areas that could benefit from some improvement.

We will continue to work tirelessly to make Woodcroft Christian Centre the special place it is and will be for so many people.

Approved by the Trustees on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025

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Mr K.Bounds  
Chairman

To The Trustees of Woodcroft Christian Centre.

Dear Sirs,

I am reporting on the accounts of Woodcroft Christian Centre (registered charity number: 237401) for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024, which are set out on the following pages and show a deficit for the year of £83.38 (Eighty Three Pounds and Thirty Eight Pence).

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner.

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities 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.

Name: Christopher Wathen ACIB.

DATE: 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025



Address: 31 Birchwood Road, Woolaston, Gloucestershire GL15 6PE



**WOODCROFT CHRISTIAN CENTRE****Statement of Accounts 2024**

<b>Income</b>		<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	Groups, Lettings	83890.36	73143.99	68783.65
	Gifts	9965.00	10373.48	13051.98
	Bonfire Night	2528.30	1940.05	2007.68
	Gift Aid	1994.65	1750.32	3845.71
	Grants	200.00	500.00	2778.00
	Interest & Dividends	846.96	762.55	428.96
	Change in investment Capital	-133.41	392.24	-1359.53
	Other		0.00	385.00
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>99291.86</b>	<b>88862.63</b>	<b>89921.45</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
	Management salaries	40270.58	37268.06	34184.32
	Tax & Nest	9332.73	8396.13	7581.10
	Cleaning / Maintenance labour	4678.45	5062.27	3336.25
	Furniture & Equipment	5331.86	955.05	2200.80
	Maintenance Woodcroft	18128.48	10431.49	12874.06
	Sunnydene	90.61	352.28	63.00
	Administration			
	materials & postage	148.39	134.22	107.64
	Telephone TV Internet	1458.27	1285.58	1401.21
	mileage	333.45	431.60	415.80
	Insurance	3919.26	3802.74	3297.04
	Council Tax	2412.87	2383.97	2536.56
	Heating Lighting & Water	11336.68	14411.11	13774.37
	Catering supplies	75.40	249.73	69.70
	Bonfire Night	1242.08	1172.79	1138.60
	CCI	247.00	235.00	235.00
	CCLI	163.00	152.00	145.00
	First Aid Training			528.00
	Fire Safety Training			474.00
	Food Hygiene Training		405.00	
	VAT Advice-ORG			900.00
	4Front Theatre			949.40
	Miscellaneous	206.09	235.25	675.30
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>99375.20</b>	<b>87364.27</b>	<b>86887.15</b>
	Balance brought forward	74713.06	73214.70	70180.40
	Surplus/deficit for the Year	-83.38	1498.36	-2065.70
	Balance Carried Forward	74629.68	74713.06	73214.70
	Refundable Deposit monies received	8209.48	6900	5100.00
	Working Balance Carried Forward	66420.20	67813.06	68114.70
	Represented by			
	Current A/C General fund Nat West	28542.35	25851.08	23209.15
	Barclays	17597.56	20499.94	22283.67
	M&G Charifund	2959.49	2884.33	2953.74
	Charibond	7321.01	7588.34	7348.83
	Kingdom Bank Deposit Account	15550.85	15289.67	15041.75
	COIF Investment	2658.42	2599.7	2377.56
	<b>Total</b>	<b>74629.68</b>	<b>74713.06</b>	<b>73214.70</b>