

WOODCROFT CHRISTIAN CENTRE

ANNUAL REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER 2025

Registered Charity Number 237401

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Annual Report for the year ending 31st December 2025

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 23rd August 1890.

The charity trustees are:

Chairman: Mr K. Bounds.
 Other Members: Mr L Weller
 Mr A H Samuel – Retired 31st December 2025
 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 23rd March 2025
 Treasurer: Mr M W Townsend Re-elected 24th March 2024
 Secretary: Dr Roz Bounds Re-elected 24th March 2024

Other members: Keith Bounds	Les Weller
Lily Hall	James Townsend
Tom Allen	Josh Bounds
Nikki Allen	
Liz Llewellyn Appointed 26 th January 2025	
Richard Nicholas Retired 18 th May 2025	

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 5th November 2025, a great evening was held with approx. 785 joining us from across the community again.

Residentially Bookings continue to grow/return to that of previous years as groups rebuild. Over the course of the year, we welcomed a total of 50 groups, made up of 1781 people and accounting for 150 nights usage. The duration of stay included 2 day stays, 6 weeks, 7 midweeks, 36 weekends and 1 one night.

Again we have seen a large number of returning groups, alongside a good number of new groups starting to come through.

Our group demographic is broad with Methodist, Baptist, Evangelical, Anglican, Pentecostal and free church all represented, likewise we have Fijian, Korean, German, Chinese, Czech and Brazilian Churches to name but a few all using the centre.

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 31st December 2025 can be found on page 7 of this report and shows a surplus of £10060.85.

The income from group lettings has increased on 2024 this is partly due to the increase in rates but we are also seeing an increase in the sizes of groups staying in line with the observation nationally that there is a hunger amongst 'Gen Z' (13-28 year olds) to join the church.

There hasn't been a lot of capital expenditure this year as we take stock and continue to consider large projects including the possibility of a shower block as mentioned in last years report and replacing windows elsewhere in site.

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

Deposits for future bookings remain 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:

We Continue to work through the feasibility of building a shower block to increase the number of washrooms available for groups, with plans now drawn and awaiting final costings.

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 Tuesday 26th May 2026

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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 31st December 2025, which are set out on the following pages and show a Surplus for the year of £10,060.85 (Ten Thousand and Sixty Pounds and Eighty-Five 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: 25th March 2026



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

WOODCROFT CHRISTIAN CENTRE
Statement of Accounts 2025

Income	2025	2024	2023
Groups, Lettings	96449.45	83890.36	73143.99
Gifts	10820.96	9965.00	10373.48
Tuck Shop			
Bonfire Night	2825.99	2528.30	1940.05
Gift Aid	0.00	1994.65	1750.32
Grants		200	500.00
Investment Dividends	697.62	846.96	762.55
Deposit Account Interest	385.55		
Change in investment Capital	1061.97	-133.41	392.24
Tutshill PTA (4Front Donation)	685.00		
Other	0.00		0.00
Total Income	112926.54	99291.86	88862.63
Expenditure			
Management salaries	43419.57	40270.58	37268.06
Tax & Nest	10456.48	9332.73	8396.13
Cleaning / Maintenance labour	5977.92	4678.45	5062.27
Furniture & Equipment	2712.79	5331.86	955.05
Maintenance Woodcroft	12071.46	18128.48	10431.49
Centre Lounge			
Sunnydene	0.00	90.61	352.28
Administration			
materials & postage	231.49	148.39	134.22
Telephone TV Internet	1397.06	1458.27	1285.58
mileage	330.30	333.45	431.60
Insurance	4012.78	3919.26	3802.74
Council Tax	2803.76	2412.87	2383.97
Heating Lighting & Water	14953.83	11336.68	14411.11
Catering supplies	172.09	75.40	249.73
Bonfire Night	1459.66	1242.08	1172.79
Christian Resident (CCI)	247.00	247.00	235.00
CCLI	170.00	163.00	152.00
First Aid Training	564.00		
Fire Safety Training	540.00		
Food Hygiene Training			405.00
4Front Theatre	685		
Miscellaneous	660.50	206.09	235.25
Total Expenditure	102865.69	99375.20	87364.27
Balance brought forward	74629.72	74713.06	73214.70
Surplus/deficit for the Year	10060.85	-83.38	1498.36
Balance Carried Forward	84690.57	74629.72	74713.06
Refundable Deposit monies received	7800	8209.48	6900
Working balance carried forward	76890.57	66420.20	67813.06
Represented by			
Current A/C			
General fund			
Nat West	16721.42	28542.35	25851.08
Barclays	23582.67	17597.56	20499.94
Centre lounge fund			
M&G			
Charifund	11469.76	2959.52	2884.33
Charibond	Discontinued	7321.02	7588.34
Kingdom Bank Deposit Account	30385.55	15550.85	15289.67
COIF Investment	2531.17	2658.42	2599.70
Total	84690.57	74629.72	74713.06