



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st January 2023 Period start date 1st January 2023
Period end date 31st December 2023

Charity name: Farmers' Christian Postal Service

Charity registration number: 251982

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To promote and encourage the Christian faith among farmers and farm workers, particularly those in remote areas• To publish and disseminate without charge suitable literature for this purpose.• To do such other charitable acts or things which shall be conducive to the the aforesaid objects.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Attendance at agricultural and other shows. Distributing free New Testaments and other Christian literature
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees ensure that their activities are for public benefit: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• By having available free literature on subjects such as suffering, grieving, anxiety and dementia.• New Testaments distributed have a helps section giving Scriptures on over fifty topics such as fear, anger, bullying, loneliness etc.• Literature is available from other farming welfare organisations to which people can be referred.• Overall, in engaging with visitors to our stand we seek to meet their social and spiritual needs.• Based on comments received, a quarterly magazine – The Christian Friend – is much appreciated.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The website is visited by thousands each year and via which requests are received for free Bibles and literature.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The charity has no paid staff. Along with the Trustees there are many volunteers across the country who give of their time and expertise. We are very grateful for all this help which enables so much to be achieved.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Forty-six agricultural and other shows attended.</p> <p>Literature distributed:</p> <p>Over 17,000 Farmers' New Testaments</p> <p>27,000 plus Gospel leaflets and Scripture text cards</p> <p>5,500 Children's activity packs</p> <p>9,000 Jesus said: "I am the Good Shepherd" wristbands.</p> <p>100s of free books, booklets etc.</p> <p>1,500 Copies of the Christian Friend magazine.</p> <p>100s of Gospel and other conversations.</p> <p>1,000s of visits to the FCL Website.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Most satisfactory and confirms the growing support for the activities of the Charity.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	It is the policy of the Trustees to ensure that the charity has adequate reserves to enable it to meet its on-going commitments in regard to general charitable activities. Generally the Trustees require as reserves a minimum of 12 months expenditure foreseen to meet any contractual costs. The policy is reviewed annually.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£24,500
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Donations from individuals, churches and trusts.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	No investments
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	None
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust Deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Personal recommendation of existing trustees.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Farmers Christian Postal Service
Other name the charity uses	Farming Christian Link (FCL)
Registered charity number	251982

Charity's principal address	5 Old Rectory Court 61 Wood Street Barnet EN5 4BL

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	Mr David Shillitoe	Chairman		Existing trustees
2	Mr Jonathan Jeffs	Vice-Chairman		Existing trustees
3	Mr Bernard Hicks	Secretary		Existing trustees
4	Mrs Anne Pennington	Treasurer		Existing trustees
5	Mr Phillip Pennington			Existing trustees
6	Mrs Pearl Jeffs			Existing trustees
7	Mr Matthew Fawcett		From 6 th June 2023	Existing trustees
8	Mrs Rosie Fawcett		From 6 th June 2023	Existing trustees
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
None		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
None		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

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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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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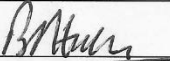
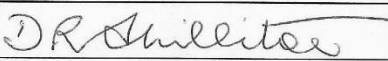
Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	BERNARD THOMAS HICKS	DAVID RICKMAN SHILLITO
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	SECRETARY	CHAIR
Date	23/9/24	

FARMERS CHRISTIAN POSTAL SERVICE**(Farming Christian Link)***Hole House Farm Cottage Marple Road, Chisworth Glossop SK13 5DH**Tel : 07885 568126**e-mail : phillanne.pennington@gmail.com***Statement of Receipts and Payments for the period ended****31 December 2023**

	2022	2023
<u>Income</u>		
Brought Forward	10,254.06	7,193.39
Donations	14,253.33	23,501.67
Stewardship Donation from Trust		5,000.00
Bequest	1,000.00	515.75
HMRC Gift Aid Refund	-	948.46
Agric. Show Refunds	136.00	
Grant (Deo Gloria Trust)		9,500.00
	<hr/> 25,643.39	<hr/> 46,659.27
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Postage Costs	1,336.60	1,821.71
Printing and Stationery	1,405.39	1,654.77
Literature/Books/Cals		
Website/Equip Maintenance	128.37	411.10
Hire of Show Stands	9,046.37	12,411.61
Equipment for Stands	38.90	
Literature, wristbands etc for Shows	3,684.09	4,051.65
Miscellaneous Show Expenses		356.98
Insurance	644.25	688.32
Sundry/Advertising	232.25	167.17
Tracts Printing		
Tract Distribution		
Farmers Market		
Deo Gloria Trust Grant (for equip) *	1,933.78	564.27
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CARRIED FORWARD		
Bank Account at Year End	7,193.39	24,531.69
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NOTES: *Deo Gloria Trust £3k grant - at the end of 2023 £2,509.80 has been spent on new kits.*Deo Gloria Trust £7,500 in 2023 for running costs (not itemised, in general spend)
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Example 4.2: examiner's unqualified report (for a non-company charity preparing receipts and payments accounts) with a gross income of £250,000 or less in the relevant financial year

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the Farmer's Christian Postal Service.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Farmer's Christian Postal Service (FCPS) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the FCPS you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination of The Statement of Receipts and Payments. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed:



Name: Jonathon Fewster BSc, PhD, MIMechE.

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Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Fewster'.

Name: Jonathon Fewster BSc, PhD, MIMechE.