

# Guisborough Christian Centre

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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**Guisborough Christian Centre**  
**Legal and Administrative Details**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2023**

Correspondence Address	14 Hovingham Drive Guisborough TS14 6GD
Charity Registration Number	702049
Trustees responsible for managing the Charity	Nicola Boswell Miller Dr Peter Henry Lavelle Janet Turner Carolyn Stevenson Marshall Gordon Robert Henderson Paul Anthony Wedgwood Peter William Warren
Bank	HSBC UK
Independent Examiner	Leanne Ladds FMAAT AATQB 196 Woodhouse Road Guisborough TS14 6LP

**Guisborough Christian Centre**  
**Receipts and Payments Account**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2023**

	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Donations	2,385.20	3,064.00
Donations as Gift Aid payments	14,470.00	12,810.00
Gift Aid	10,039.48	4,363.19
Christmas Card Donations - Restricted	74.46	160.00
Ukraine Support Refund	0.17	-
Chaloner Donation	-	50.00
GEC Share of market stall costs	540.55	-
Bank Interest Received	388.25	4.20
Total Income	<u>27,898.11</u>	<u>20,451.39</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Grants paid	11,920.00	14,050.00
Grants paid - Restricted	160.00	-
Hall Hire	6,417.00	6,240.00
Market Stall	180.00	160.00
Memberships and subscriptions	240.00	100.00
Books	386.72	-
Christian Copyright Licensing	227.00	391.83
Refreshments	221.82	635.36
Stationary and software	385.16	209.50
Right Now Media Subscription	325.00	275.00
Sunday School	60.00	74.97
Website	273.60	-
Internet	78.00	197.56
DBS	66.00	-
Bibles	-	49.50
Utilities	-	100.00
Bank charges	87.16	116.59
Payroll	10,306.29	9,797.69
Indemnity Insurance	413.35	546.05
Capital Expenditure	389.31	610.49
Total Expenditure	<u>32,136.41</u>	<u>33,554.54</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	- 4,238.30	- 13,103.15
Cash funds as at last year end	39,353.76	52,456.91
<b>Cash funds as at this year end</b>	<u><u>35,115.46</u></u>	<u><u>39,353.76</u></u>

**Guisborough Christian Centre**  
**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2023**

	<b>Total 2023 £</b>	<b>Total 2022 £</b>
<b>Cash Funds</b>		
Current Account	6,836.20	36,462.75
Deposit Account	28,279.25	2,891.01
	<u>35,115.45</u>	<u>39,353.76</u>
<b>Of which;</b>		
General Funds	35,040.99	39,193.76
Restricted Funds	74.46	160.00
	<u>35,115.45</u>	<u>39,353.76</u>
 <b>Assets retained for charities own use</b>	 <b>Value 2023 £</b>	
PC Projector (NEC)	1,000.00	
PC Laptop	150.00	
Keyboard	1,000.00	
Phone	54.99	
Gazebo & Panel Display	555.50	
Printer	259.95	
Panel Banners	129.36	
	<u>3,149.80</u>	

**Guisborough Christian Centre**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2023**

**Accounting Policies**

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.



## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Guisborough Christian Centre**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Guisborough Christian Centre, also known as Guisborough Christian Fellowship, for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are attached to this report.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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.

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 a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. 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 the 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'L Ladds'.

Leanne Ladds FMAAT AATQB  
L Ladds Bookkeeping & Accountancy

19 November 2024

## **Trustees Annual Report for the period 1 January to 31 December 2023**

Charity Name: Guisborough Christian Centre

Also known as: Guisborough Christian Fellowship

Registered Charity Number: 702049

Charity Address: 4, Hill Close, Skelton-in-Cleveland, Saltburn-by-the-Sea, TS12 2NE

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted (if not whole year)	
C S Marshall			Appointed by Trustees
G R Henderson			Appointed by Trustees
P H Lavelle	Secretary		Appointed by Trustees
N B Miller	Chairman		Appointed by Trustees
J Turner			Appointed by Trustees
P W Warren	Treasurer		Appointed by Trustees
P A Wedgewood			Appointed by Trustees

### **Section C 1**

#### **1.The Advancement of the Christian Religion**

The operation of a Christian Church that is open to the public, whether of faith or those seeking to explore the meaning of Christianity.

Sunday Worship service typically consists of worship songs, prayers, teaching and sharing of communion, as well as an opportunity for sharing encouragement and fellowship.

Sermons are recorded and made publicly available on the church YouTube site.

The Sunday school operated in parallel to the main Sunday worship service, offering age-appropriate teaching and guidance, as well as craft activities and games. It is staffed by regular volunteers from within the congregation and makes use of various commercially available Christian teaching materials.

#### **2. The relief of persons in need, hardship or distress**

Guisborough Christian Centre works to relieve hardship or suffering either directly or through partnership with other charities, both locally and abroad.

Funds are made available from reserves to offer emergency financial support to individuals as the need arises and in response to ongoing relief work, natural disasters and emergency situations.

In exceptional circumstances money will be raised through specific appeals to the Sunday congregation.

#### **3. The advancement of education**

Guisborough Christian centre provides publicly available Christian teaching through sermons on Sunday mornings which are then made available to the public via the church YouTube channel.

The Sunday School provides age-appropriate teaching and guidance to the young.

The regular house group provides opportunity for more detailed Bible study as well as providing one of several mechanisms for pastoral care.

#### **4. Provision or assistance in the provision of recreational facilities in the interests of social welfare.**

In addition to the Sunday School, Guisborough Christian Centre works in partnership with similar charities in the local area to provide public community support in the form of activities such as Youth Clubs, Friendship groups for the elderly, food bank etc. This is through financial support, representation on the management of these charities, and supporting individuals to give practical assistance.

A monthly men's breakfast, a fortnightly women's coffee meet, and a monthly craft session are held to which non members of the church are also invited.

Coffee and refreshments are provided before and after the Sunday worship service and at various activities during the year. The costs of these are wholly borne by the Trust and no charge is levied.

### **D Achievements and Performance**

#### ***The advancement of Christian Religion***

In 2023 services were held every Sunday of the year at Laurence Jackson School. Most of the sermons were recorded and uploaded to the church YouTube channel. A house group, known as a 'Life Group', was held on Tuesday evenings.

The church played an active part in the Guisborough Churches Together organisation, helping to deliver service information leaflets before Christmas to all homes in the town, and helping to deliver inter-church services for important Christian festivals such as during Lent, and an outdoor service at the market cross at Whitsun. A flag is placed outside on Sunday mornings so that other users of Laurence Jackson school are aware of the church's presence in the building.

On a national level the church subscribes to and supports the Evangelical Alliance, a national charity which provides vocal representation on a wide range of spiritual and community issues affecting the life of the nation.

#### ***The relief of persons in need, hardship or distress***

Throughout the year the church donated money to the following:

- \*Guisborough Bridge Association

- \*University and Colleges Christian Fellowship

- \*Mission Aviation Fellowship

- \*Tearfund and Operation Mobilisation – Turkish Earthquake

- \*Friends of Potter's village

Community Gifts

- \*The Open Well, South Bank



\* denotes Charities registered with the UK Charity Commission

On a practical level, members of the congregation gave their time to support the monthly Market Stall, in conjunction with Guisborough Evangelical Church. This provides compassionate listening, conversation and prayer. Gifts are also distributed at certain times of year such as Easter and Christmas. A Harvest event was organised at Sunnyfield House providing free coffee and refreshments to the public.

### ***The advancement of education***

Sunday teaching sermons, Sunday school and House group activities are described above.

### ***Provision or assistance in the provision of recreational facilities in the interests of social welfare***

As described above.

## **E Financial Review**

Reserves are held by the Trustees for the following purposes:

1. To buffer the Trust Fund against fluctuations in donations.
2. To ensure security of a venue for Sunday worship and Sunday School.
3. Sufficient funds to honour longer term commitments (see below), and to guarantee provision of any necessary funds to honour statutory obligations to employees, in the event of their posts becoming redundant.

The principal source of funding for Guisborough Christian Centre is voluntary donations from members of the congregation. There is no obligation for members of the congregation (either 'regulars' or 'visitors') to make donations. An offering box is available on a Sunday morning on a side-table, but it is not referred to during the course of the morning and no request for funding is made publicly during the service. In addition, Guisborough Christian Centre does not offer any form of guidance or suggestion as to an appropriate level of giving.

Guisborough Christian Fellowship participates in the Gift Aid scheme for the recovery of tax on eligible donations. Whilst many in the congregation choose to participate in this scheme it is operated on an entirely voluntary basis

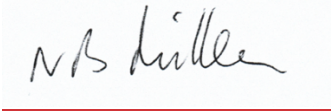
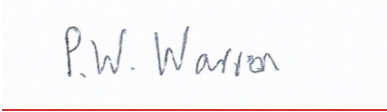
On occasions, in response to a specific need, an appeal will be made to the congregation, This mechanism is reserved exclusively for a response to an international disaster or emergency. When this happens the funds are collected and accounted for separately as restricted funds. These donations are completely voluntary.

The Trustees avoid long-term, formal commitments of support to limit future liabilities. Where the trustees have given regular support to an organisation year on year, however, they have agreed that 12 months' notice of cessation of future giving would be offered, wherever possible.

**Declaration:**

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees’ report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity’s Trustees

Signature		
Full name	Dr Nicola B Miller	Peter William Warren
Position	Chairman	Trustee
Date	06/11/2024	06/11/2024