

Trustees Annual Report for the period 1 January to 31 December 2024

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	Chair	Resigned December	Appointed by Trustees
J Turner			Appointed by Trustees
P W Warren	Treasurer		Appointed by Trustees
P A Wedgewood			Appointed by Trustees
V Brennan		From December	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 2024 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 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

- *Friends of Potter's village

Festival Teesside, a large outreach event staged in Stewarts Park, Middlesbrough

* 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.

An Alpha Course was run in conjunction with Guisborough Evangelical Church, well attended by people from outside the church.

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

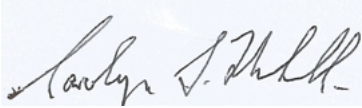
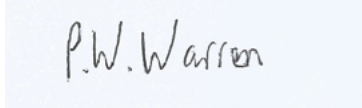
On occasions, in response to a specific need, an appeal will be made to the congregation, This mechanism is reserved exclusively for a response to a national or international disaster or emergency. When this happens the funds are collected and accounted for separately as restricted funds. These donations 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	Carolyn Stevenson Marshall	Peter William Warren
Position	Chair	Trustee
Date	02/03/2025	02/03/2025

Guisborough Christian Centre

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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GUISBOROUGH
TS14 6LP

Guisborough Christian Centre
Legal and Administrative Details
For the year ended 31 December 2024

Correspondence Address	14 Hovingham Drive Guisborough TS14 6GD
Charity Registration Number	702049
Trustees responsible for managing the Charity	Valerie Brennan 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

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Receipts and Payments Account
For the year ended 31 December 2024

	Total 2024	Total 2023
Income		
Donations	2,407.34	2,385.20
Donations as Gift Aid payments	17,160.00	14,470.00
Gift Aid	7,173.75	10,039.48
Christmas Card Donations - Restricted	107.15	74.46
Ukraine Support Refund	-	0.17
GEC Share of market stall costs	781.99	540.55
Bank Interest Received	512.54	388.25
Total Income	<u>28,142.77</u>	<u>27,898.11</u>
Expenditure		
Grants paid	8,022.12	11,920.00
Grants paid - Restricted	181.61	160.00
Hall Hire	6,340.00	6,417.00
Market Stall	180.00	180.00
Memberships and subscriptions	400.00	240.00
Books	318.09	386.72
Christian Copyright Licensing	237.00	227.00
Refreshments	287.30	221.82
Flowers	93.98	-
Stationary and software	139.58	206.48
Zoom	265.03	178.68
Right Now Media Subscription	400.00	325.00
Sunday School	75.00	60.00
Alpha Course	287.10	-
Street Church Gifts	580.74	-
Website	239.94	273.60
Telephone	102.00	78.00
DBS	-	66.00
Accountancy Charges	490.00	-
Bank charges	95.30	87.16
Payroll	10,929.18	10,306.29
Indemnity Insurance	413.35	413.35
Capital Expenditure	462.57	389.31
Total Expenditure	<u>30,539.89</u>	<u>32,136.41</u>
Net movement in funds	- 2,397.12	- 4,238.30
Cash funds as at last year end	35,115.46	39,353.76
Cash funds as at this year end	<u><u>32,718.34</u></u>	<u><u>35,115.46</u></u>

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities
For the year ended 31 December 2024

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Cash Funds		
Current Account	4,926.54	6,836.20
Deposit Account	27,791.79	28,279.25
	<u>32,718.33</u>	<u>35,115.45</u>
Of which;		
General Funds	32,718.33	35,040.99
Restricted Funds	-	74.46
	<u>32,718.33</u>	<u>35,115.45</u>
Assets retained for charities own use	Value 2024 £	
Phone	18.33	
Gazebo & Panel Display	333.30	
Printer	173.30	
Panel Banners	103.49	
Sunday School Laptop	343.96	
Kettle and Coffee Machine Part	48.71	
Sackbarrow	69.90	
	<u>1,090.99</u>	

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Notes to the Accounts
For the year ended 31 December 2024

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.

Assets Retained for Charities Own Use

The value of the tangible fixed assets used by the charity have been reviewed in accordance with FRS 102 and depreciated at rates appropriate to their useful economic life; being 3 years for computers and equipment and 5 years for other tangible assets retained by the Charity.



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 2024 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

20 February 2025