

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's [governing document], the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

### **Objectives and activities**

The principal activity of the company continued to be the provision of church facilities to members of the local community.

Causeway Coast Vineyard is a vibrant missional community in Northern Ireland. Our vision is to change the community one life at a time and to do so within our lifetime while ensuring that the work continues for generations beyond. We do not simply want to have a great church; we want to have a great city. We are a community who carry hope and are passionately pursuing God's heart for His city through our ordinary everyday lives.

We are a church where lives are changing. A place where people are saying "Yes" to God and experiencing life in a fresh way. We are people who seek to bring life to every area of our community. A place where we see transformation happen as we pursue the dreams that God has placed in our hearts. We believe we were made to connect with our community. Regardless of our interests or life stage, we have something for everyone, and it is our desire that Causeway Coast Vineyard helps people on their journey towards greater connection within the community.

Our desire is to see our community continue to flourish and we are seeking to be involved in that through many ways. We want to

- see our community come into a relationship with Jesus and build a family of faith
- reduce isolation in our society and build a family of connection
- help people in our community deal with the challenges of life by building a family of resilience
- see a community who have a direction and focus by building a family of purpose
- see a community that is sustainable and charitable – a family of provision

In 2010 we bought a seven-acre site (part of an old timber yard) in the centre of Coleraine and in October 2012 moved into a purpose built 33,000 square foot church venue. We worship together on a Sunday through morning and evening services with around 1400 people of all ages gathering on average each month as of November/December 2022. We also have online services available which has given the opportunity for those who are ill, far away, or interested in exploring church services the option to be a part of it.

Of course, what happens through Sunday and other weekly services is only a small part of how we seek to impact our community.

We have weekly small groups allowing people to connect regularly, as well as providing other gathering points for different people groups throughout the week. These include many different types of activities from walking, running and other interest groups, all the way through to mental health, Bible study and family support groups.

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We have a network of HUBS to help aid connection and care for those who are a part of CCV and for their surrounding community. These are groups of 40-50 people who are tasked with the responsibility to look out and keep in contact with one another. They are made up in geographical locations and contain people of all ages and stages. Through HUBS we encourage people to be neighbours in the community by looking out for those who are struggling and offering them help and connection.

We have continued to be involved in local schools and have one full time staff member dedicated to this work supported by a team of loyal volunteers and other staff. Our goal is to partner with local schools to aid them in the work they do with the young people in our community. We supply programmes focusing on self-worth, identity and relationships, and in 2022 we have also been running a full programme of school assemblies, lunch clubs, homework clubs, Alpha events, school transition courses, and were able to deliver a Christmas production to 3 high schools in our area.

We regularly pray for and see healing and run events for varying ages. We run conferences and training events such as Encounter More and Illuminate, for those wanting to encounter God and experience Him more.

We pray on our streets every Saturday morning, which we have been doing since 2005. We also have a weekly Healing on the Zoom ministry which allows us to connect with those who are unable to turn up in person.

Our volunteers, post COVID, have really stepped in to serve our local community who have experienced real need in this season especially with the rising cost of living. We are delighted to see people give of their time to serve people with love and dignity.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. New trustees will receive appropriate induction and relevant training.

We have a risk management assurance framework in operation. This covers areas such as safeguarding processes for children and vulnerable adults, staff training and development, health and safety for staff and public around the site as well as HR, IT and financial risks (covered by our reserves policy). Two of our board members sit on a risk management sub-committee alongside the Operations Director. Any risks are raised, discussed and measures put in place to mitigate the risk. Risk is a standing agenda item on our board meetings and the risk management assurance framework is reviewed formally at the board meeting every six months.

**Achievements and performance**

From September 2022 we were able to resume in-person services without needing to adhere to additional COVID restrictions. This has allowed people to fully return to services and we have seen our Sunday gatherings grow by 30-40% over the past year. We've also been able to keep broadcasting our services so those who are unable to make it along can still be a part of the church. Many newcomers to our in-person services will have tuned in online first.

Our Easter services this year allowed us to see 1300 people connect in our 3 weekend services. We also hosted a family easter egg hunt in a local forest and we had around 500 people come along, many of who hadn't connect with us before, or it had been a long time since we had seen them.

Our Under 18 ministries have gone from strength to strength as well. We have Sunday environments, mid-week groups, mums and toddlers care, and other community based projects. We are currently reaching anywhere between 300-500 Under 18's within our gathered environments in the building and others that we can't quantify outside of this within the community.

As mentioned, our school's ministry has been growing this year. Between September and December alone we reached around 3000 pupils in 16 different schools in our education system. We have had lots of feedback from teachers and pupils in how this ministry has been so helpful within their environment.

Each year we run a 9-month School of Ministry which every year has gathered people to CCV from different locations who move and serve at CCV for the duration of their time in the school. For the past number of years we have opened this up to online students who this year have gathered from England, Scotland, and even in India.

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At Causeway Coast Vineyard we see much happening within our small groups. These are groups of up to 20 people who meet weekly to connect with God and one another. These groups are open to the whole community. They are places to connect, make new friends, deepen relationships, encounter God's love and have the occasional party. We have discovered that big moments in life often happen in the small corners of life. There are a range of core groups (including weekly connection over coffee and studying a bible passage or book), courses (including prayer groups and bible study), family central groups (including marriage, pre-marriage and singles groups), interest groups (including keep fit, sewing, table tennis, etc.) and life stage groups (including groups for 20 somethings, women's groups, etc.) During 2022 we ran a total of 85 different groups over 3 terms which had over 500 unique people connecting and growing in their faith within them.

Our new Hubs model has resulted in us having 20 different HUBS where anything up to 800 people have been grouped together and are working hard to connect with one another and the community.

In Christmas 2022 we were able to take teams into schools and our local prison to bring them the hope and wonder of the Christmas story. We reached around 900 people in this week as well as seeing over 700 people attend our Christmas carol service.

**Financial review**

The results for the year are set out on page 11.

The company returned net outgoing resources for the year of £5,812 (2021 incoming resources of £168,296). At 31 December 2022, the total funds of the charity amounted to £2,069,661 (2021 £2,075,473) comprising restricted funds of £16,417 (2021 £5,717) and unrestricted funds of £2,053,244 (2021 £2,069,756).

The charity set aside £4,000 to a designated fund for significant expenditure on the facilities. At 31 December 2022, the balance on this fund was £88,126 (2021 £92,224).

At 31 December 2022, the charity's bank debt amounted to £896,501 (2021 £1,122,758). The trustees are confident that the bank debt will be repaid out of ongoing surplus incoming resources and as such will be able to meet its ongoing working capital requirements.

The principal risk faced by the charity continues to be the potential of receiving insufficient funds to continue its activities. The charity seeks to mitigate this risk in the following ways:

- Unrestricted reserves are held which are sufficient to cover the continuance of operations given a 25% reduction in unrestricted income, for a period of 3-6 months, together with any specific liabilities which are outside of the normal scope of activities
- Appropriate designated reserves are held for significant long-term expenditure

Based on the 2023 budget, the range of reserves considered by the trustees to be adequate (as calculated above) is between £99K - £197K.

Total general unrestricted reserves (comprising of cash and debtors, less short-term liabilities) were £64,948 (2021 £265,936).

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**Plans for the future**

Our plan is to continually seek to move forward with the objectives we have set out.

We will be focusing a lot of our energy in the next season in re-visioning our community towards our desire to see our community become more like who Jesus created them to be. We want to better resource people to reach their friends, family, and colleagues as well as providing opportunities to do this on a larger level.

Equally we want to see our community be a place of connection after the past seasons of disconnection, and our hope is that every street in our community will be a place of connection rather than isolation. We will be holding different events, connection lunches, as well as our weekly services to help to do this, as well as resourcing people to do this within their everyday.

Our desire is to increase the work that we do in seeing people walk into and/or discover their purpose in life. Moving forward we want to better develop leaders in our community and resource the many small business owners within our community.

We won't achieve everything that we dream of within one year but as a church we are committed to something beyond that time period. We are praying and working hard to prepare for everything that our community will experience in the coming years, and as always we remain as committed as ever to what God has called us to do here.

**Structure, governance and management**

Causeway Coast Vineyard is a company limited by guarantee and was incorporated on 1 April 2008. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objectives and powers of the company and is governed by its Articles of Association. The liability of its members is limited in that every member of the company undertakes to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 in the event of the company being wound up.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr RJ Kelly  
Mr AR Lynas  
Mr PR Lynas  
Mr DP Wright  
Mr NAW Young  
Dr KC Hutchinson

New directors are appointed when appropriate. Suitable candidates are considered on the basis of their skills, experience and sympathy with the aims of church. New directors will be agreed at a board meeting before being invited to join.

Trustees are responsible for setting the organisation's pay scales following the NICVA matrix and benchmark and ensuring that these are adhered to. Vineyard Compassion was birthed from Causeway Coast Vineyard church and has the same trustees.

**Reference and administrative details**

The day-to-day management of the charity is overseen by Neil Young (Senior Pastor), David McCracken (Operations Director) and Victoria Moore (Finance Manager).

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**Other information**

Alan and Kathryn Scott left CCV in June 2017 and Neil and Janet Young took over as senior pastors. Alan and Kathryn moved to America and become the leaders of Vineyard Anaheim and in early 2022 announced they were taking that church out of the Vineyard movement. This has given rise to media coverage and a legal challenge in the US though these have no direct impact on CCV or VC.

However, concerns were raised at this time about Alan's conduct in the US and from his time in the UK. In response, CCV and Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland (VCUKI) commissioned an independent review process of the complaints relating to CCV in February 2023, run by an experienced third party – Trusted HR Ltd. That process is ongoing and primarily relates to Alan Scott's time as senior pastor.

The trustees have allocated £15,000 to cover the cost of the review process and the offer to counselling to those impacted. VCUKI have set aside a similar amount. While the trustees expect some impact in terms of reputation and giving for the church in the short term, we remain confident that this will settle as the review process concludes in the autumn.

The trustees do not anticipate a significant impact on Vineyard Compassion at this time.

**Statement of trustees' responsibilities**

The trustees, who are also the directors of Causeway Coast Vineyard Church for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**Auditor**

In accordance with the company's articles, a resolution proposing that IDS Chartered Accountants LLP be reappointed as auditor of the company will be put at a General Meeting.

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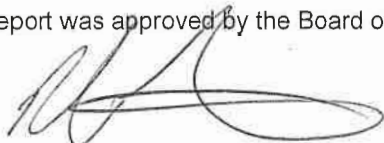
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**Disclosure of information to auditor**

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

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The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



**Mr PR Lynas**

Trustee

Dated: 14 September 2023