

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

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.

The principal activity of Causeway Coast Vineyard is to be a church for everyone in our local community.

Causeway Coast Vineyard is growing a healthy, missional, supernatural and compassionate church community pursuing God's heart for the Causeway Coast area. Our passion is to be:

- Missional - where lives are changed as people encounter Jesus
- Supernatural - where each person is living their everyday lives empowered by the Holy Spirit
- Compassionate - where our community is transformed with hope-filled generosity
- Healthy - with a church culture forming disciples who extend God's Kingdom

CCV is a vibrant, pioneering, missional community in the north coast of Northern Ireland with around 700 people attending Sunday services. We have a significant compassion ministry and a staff team (including Compassion) of approximately 40 people.

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 are part of the Vineyard movement and members of the Evangelical Alliance.

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More about us

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 either on a Sunday night or Wednesday worship with around 700 people of all ages gathering on average each month as of November/December 2024.

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 continued to be involved in local schools and in 2024 had one 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. In 2024 we have also been running school assemblies, lunch clubs, homework clubs, Alpha events and courses helping pupils prepare for secondary education.

We regularly pray for and see healing and much of this happens on our streets on a Saturday morning, which we have been doing since 2005.

Our volunteers 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. 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

We are passionate about being a missional, supernatural, compassionate and healthy church community pursuing God's heart for our community

In January 2024 we moved to having one morning service at 10.30am. During the calendar year Jan – Dec 24 our adult attendances saw a decrease of 26% however we've also been continuing to broadcast 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 on Good Friday, Easter Sunday morning and our Easter Sunday baptisms were incredible times where we had 8 people getting baptised and we saw around 1,350 people connect in our 3 weekend services. On Easter Monday over 350 gathered at Downhill Forest for our annual Easter Egg hunt. We've continued to work with local schools and hosted a BBQ at Harpurs Hill School fete connecting and feeding around 400 people and in addition to this hosted an A-level's BBQ in June

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 200 - 300 under 18s monthly within our gathered environments in the building and others that we can't quantify outside of this within the community.

Over these last number of months, we've seen growth and health in the lives of our young people seeing many of them bringing friends along to church, stepping into leadership and service in various forms on Sunday evening with youth and mornings with our wider church family. It has been amazing to see them step out in worship, welcome, hospitality, hosting the service and some even speaking.

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We have been so encouraged as some of our young people have started Bible studies in their schools independent of their existing school structures and without the support of teachers. We have seen two start up in in two different schools seeing between 20 - 30 young people connect in each one.

Our summer trips have been more popular than ever with a group of 30 young people attending Summer Madness – with 6 boys encountering Jesus for the first time or making a recommitment. We also had a group of 31 young people head to a Christian festival called 'Move' this summer.

In our Kids environments we've been going through the Bible in a year with Nicky Gumbel and it has also been a busy year for us in schools as most months we connect with over 2000 kids, young people and adult staff, through assemblies, lessons and after-school clubs. We have been really encouraged by positive feedback from several school staff about the impact of some of the Jesus-focused messages we were able to deliver.

At the beginning of June, we welcomed 20 teams of Primary Schools from all over the Causeway area to our church venue. Battle of the Brains had been a big quiz that we hadn't put on since before lock-down.

We have taken a pause from running our ESOM programme and will revisit our discipleship and internships in 2025.

We've run a variety of connection events in the year with a wonderful volunteer appreciation night in January where we had a lot of fun and a Tiki Bar theme.

In June for volunteer week we honoured our amazing volunteers with cupcakes on a Sunday (350 in all) and during the week all our weekly volunteers got cupcakes as well with an additional 150 being ordered for our satellite volunteers as well.

At Causeway Coast Vineyard our small groups are very important and we run these 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 small groups:

- 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.
- life stage groups – including groups for 20 somethings, women's groups, etc.

During 2024 we ran 70 different groups over 3 terms which had over 375 unique people connecting and growing in their faith within them.

Throughout December in the run up to Christmas 2024 we ran a variety of events including Ladies Wreath Making, Family Movie and a Men's Bonfire and our Generation Sunday.

We also had 610 people attend our service on Christmas eve, and 300 attend a Christmas candlelight service the previous Sunday which was a great success.

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Financial review

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

The company returned net incoming resources for the year of £62,441 (2023 incoming resources of £6,200). At 31 December 2024, the total funds of the charity amounted to £2,138,302 (2023: £2,075,861) comprising restricted funds of £5,258 (2023: £9,377) and unrestricted funds of £2,133,044 (2023: £2,066,484).

The charity transferred £2,000 to a designated fund for significant expenditure on the facilities. At 31 December 2024, the balance on this fund was £91,721 (2023: £89,721).

At 31 December 2024, the charity's bank debt amounted to £714,846 (2023: £807,964). 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 2025 budget, the range of reserves considered by the trustees to be adequate (as calculated above) is between £73.68k - £147.36k.

Total general unrestricted reserves (comprising of cash and debtors, less short-term liabilities) was £28k (2023: £14k), however including the designated fund, which is not restricted, this figure would be £120k.

Plans for future periods

Causeway Coast Vineyard (CCV) is a church affiliated to the Association of Vineyard Churches in the UK & Ireland (VCUKI).

In 2024 we committed to implementing in full all recommendations from an independent report process in full and over the next season we will continue to work to fulfil our mission to say 'yes' to God, experience life and carry hope to the city.

In early 2024 we established a search team (made up of trustees, staff and people from the wider CCV church to begin the search for new Senior Pastor(s) and on Sunday 20th October 2024 we shared the news that we had appointed Laura Bell as our new Senior Pastor.

Laura is an incredible apostolic and pioneering leader with a huge amount of church experience. Her appointment came at the end of a rigorous search process which saw the search team, SLT, trustees and Vineyard leadership fully united.

We are so thankful for God for his faithfulness to us as a church and for answering our prayers for a new Senior Pastor. We have an incredible sense of unity that Laura is the person to lead us in our vision of being a healthy, missional, supernatural and compassionate church community pursuing God's heart for the Causeway Coast area.

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.

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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 AR Lynas

Mr PR Lynas

Mr DP Wright

Prof. KC Hutchinson

Mrs L Bell

(Appointed 12 January 2025)

Mr D McMullan

(Appointed 4 October 2024)

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

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 paycales 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 David McCracken (Operations Director) and Victoria Moore (Finance Manager).

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 financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements 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 financial statements, 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 financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements 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 financial statements 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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The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Peter Lynas

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Mr PR Lynas
Trustee

16 September 2025