

ASHWOODS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2017

Structure, Governance and Management

The Trust (the charity) is an unincorporated trust, constituted under a deed of trust, and is registered as a charity with HRMC and with Charity Commission for NI. The charity plans to continue to raise funds through its routine and special collections from within its congregation, all of which to serve the charity's objectives in the furtherance of the Christian belief.

The trustees have been appointed for an indefinite period of time.

The trustees meet regularly to discuss the broad strategy of the charity to include areas of activity for the charity, assessment of reserves and risk management.

Trustees

The Trustees who served during the year were as follows:

Mr Donald Johnston
Mrs Maude Coe

Mrs Eileen Johnston
Mrs Linda McFarland

Mr William Dunlop
Mr Owen Duffy

Risk Management

The trustees actively review any major risks, which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining reserves at current levels, combined with an annual review of the controls over key financial systems, will provide sufficient resources for the incoming year. The trustees have also examined other operational and business risks faced by the Charity and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the most significant risks.

Objectives

The Association is established to advance Christianity, relieve poverty, sickness and distress, among people in Northern Ireland primarily, but also in India and any other part of the world and in particular: (a) to promote Christianity, by preaching the Gospel and by holding prayer meetings and religious services for public worship; (b) to relief of persons in need as a result of poverty, famine, war or other disaster, natural or otherwise in any part of the World; (c) to provide support and financial aid to such other charitable institutions and/ or charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined in accordance with the law of charity

Activities - meeting objectives and public benefit

The trustees have had regard to the Public Benefit requirement as stipulated by Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

Regular public Gospel meetings were held within the fellowship meeting hall to share Gods Word. Within these meetings numerous speakers were invited to attend and preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Regular prayer meetings were held in our fellowship meeting-hall.

During the year we continued to provide financial support to children in India through our ongoing connection with Helping Children Nationwide. During the year under review we gifted £180.00 directly to this charity (2016; £180.00).

Charity Shop – during the year under review, the charity operated a part-time charity shop in Cathcart Square, Enniskillen. This proved to be a good way of reaching out to the local community. Through this venture we were able to spread Gods word to members of the local community who might not otherwise have attended one of our regular services. The charity shop has now closed.

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Financial Review

The Financial Statements are presented in the standard format required by the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 2015 and in accordance with The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 on the Receipts and Payments basis. The Statement of Financial Activities on page 5 shows the gross income from all sources.

Ashwoods Christian Fellowship is reliant upon income collected through its weekly collections and special collections, combined with the receipt of donated goods through the temporary Charity Shop to cover the running costs of the charity and to further its objectives.

Financial Review (cont.d)

In the year under review the combined income received from collections and the charity shop amounted to £ 3,590 (2016: £ 4,011).

Expenses associated with its charitable activity work amounted to £ 1,825 (2016: £ 2,382) during the year.

Investment Policy

Apart from retaining a prudent amount in reserves each year most of the charity's funds are spent in the short term.

Reserves Policy

The trustees aim to maintain sufficient reserves to enable the trust to continue its humanitarian aid and Christian outreach at its current level.

Plans for the future

The trustees plan to continue the current level of Christian outreach within the local community through the regular meetings. The trustees also plan to continue their financial support to children in India through Helping Children Nationwide, as well as providing support to other charitable causes as and when possible.

Trustee responsibilities in relation to the accounts

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each 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, of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

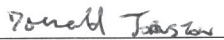
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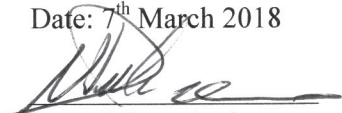
The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

This report was approved by the Trustees and signed on its behalf by


Mr Donald Johnston
Chairperson/ Trustee

Date: 7th March 2018


Mr William Dunlop
Treasurer/ Trustee/

Date: 7th March 2018