Restore Filey Community Church Annual Report

1st April 2025 – 31st March 2026

Charity Number: 1194383

Governing Document

Restore Filey Community Church is a CIO first registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on the **10th of May 2021**. The Governing Document for the charity was last reviewed on the **5th of May 2023** and was found to be still appropriate for vision and the work that the church engages in. The Charitable objectives set out in the Governing Document are as follows.

> "TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF FAITH THROUGHOUT NORTH YORKSHIRE AND THE UK FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC MAINLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY THROUGH THE PROVISION OF A PLACE OF WORSHIP, THE HOLDING OF PRAYER MEETINGS, RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE OUTREACH AND PASTORAL CARE FOR THE COMMUNITY."

The charitable structure for Restore Filey remains appropriate and there are no plans for any changes to be made at this time.

Safeguarding Update

Safeguarding within churches remains a nationally scrutinised area of activity. Following several high-profile incidents of neglect within church organisations it is right that this area remains the key area of focus. Within Restore Filey we have always prioritised Safeguarding of all people within the church, however we are aware that we have a number of vulnerable adults and children that require specific focus and support.

The safeguarding statement for Restore Filey is published on our website at www.restorefiley.co.uk and we have safeguarding statements situated throughout the church during meetings.

All leaders receive an enhanced DBS check, and these are renewed every 3 years as a minimum. Restore Filey Community Church works in partnership with the safeguarding organisation Thirtyoneeight and they provide all our DBS checks and safeguarding training for leaders. Internal safeguarding training is being developed in addition to the provision provided by Thirtyoneeight in order to strengthen further the offer from Restore.

Our current designated safeguarding officer is Tim Harvey.

Trustees and Leadership Team

Marilyn Briggs – Trustee

Heather Rowe – Trustee

Tim Harvey – Charity Lead and Trustee

Alison Harvey – Pastoral Lead

Chloe Rowe – Children's support worker

Richard Fuller – Worship Leader

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The leadership team for Restore is small and we would welcome further additions, however it is important that any support in respect of leadership and oversight share the vision and heart for the church. We remain vigilant for people who may be able to support further within this area.

Website, Newsletter and Social Media

Restore Filey has a dedicated website and app that is provided by the organisation Hubb Church. We currently pay a set monthly fee of £23.28 for this service. This includes updates as well as technical support. As the website is hosted this provides a high level of security which is important for the charity.

Restore Filey also has a presence on the social media platforms Facebook and Instagram. These are used to advertise events and to provide feedback to those who support and follow Restore Filey. This engagement allows us to update a large number of people instantly and the feedback is that our followers find it beneficial as a way of keeping in touch and understanding the different ways that they can support.

Restore Filey now has a quarterly newsletter that is compiled by Chloe Fuller. This provides updates, information and support points for people who are not linked to social media and value something tangible to take home and read.

Vision

Restore Filey is a church with a clear vision. We want to be a church that is actively involved at the heart of the community, a church that is welcoming to all and that is responsible about the activities and information that we share. Restore Filey runs several outreach activities and over the next year the vision is to ensure that these remain consistently available and are widely known within the community.

We also want to ensure that our profile within the community continues to grow so that we are able to engage with the maximum amount of people. Long term we would like to have a base in the community for people to be able to call in and know that someone is available to share with them.

Mid-Week Groups

Whilst Restore has a small leadership team we continue to offer mid-week groups where we are able. We have a regular Bible study group that meets in Irton Garden centre and a Bible Course group that meets within a family home. However, we are frequently asked about our mid-week provision and are regularly encouraged to grow and develop this area of the church.

With the limited capacity we have within the leadership team we have to be careful how this area of the church is developed, however there is an appetite for growth.

Discussions regarding potential developments are taking place and further updates will be made available through our website and in the next annual report.

Youth Work

Restore Filey has always had a heart for working with young people and over the last year we have seen our Sparks teenage group draw to a close, as that group of young people moved on through their education and a new group for Infant and Primary age children called Live Wires has started. This group meets in the Evron Centre in Filey once a month.

Provision for children and young people is also available on a Sunday morning, and we have a small team of people that provide this. We are always keen to encourage new volunteers to support with this area of the church and we remain vigilant over this.

Partnerships

Restore Filey continues to have several key partnerships. We remain affiliated to Outreach UK. This association does not cost us financial, and they provide us monthly with 50 copies of the Good News Newspaper. We also receive supervision and support from a named person within Outreach.

Restore Filey is accredited by CIC (Churches in Communities). CIC is a government recognised accrediting organisation for Churches and due to our affiliation we are recognised as part of Churches Together in England and Wales. We currently pay CIC £32 a month as part of the support package we receive. CIC provide a helpline service and immediate support and advice when required. We are required to attend annual training and supervision as part of the accreditation process. CIC also has oversight of our activities which provides accountability for the leadership team and the church as a whole.

Restore Filey also maintains other localised links with the churches in Filey and with the Rainbow Centre in Filey. We also have links to non-faith-based organisations such as local business who frequently support the events and activities that we engage in for the community.

Financial Statement

Restore Filey continues to bank with Lloyds who provide us with a Treasury Account free of charge. We are able to use the Banking Hub in Filey to complete all of the transactions we require. Restore Filey also uses the banking app to complete transactions.

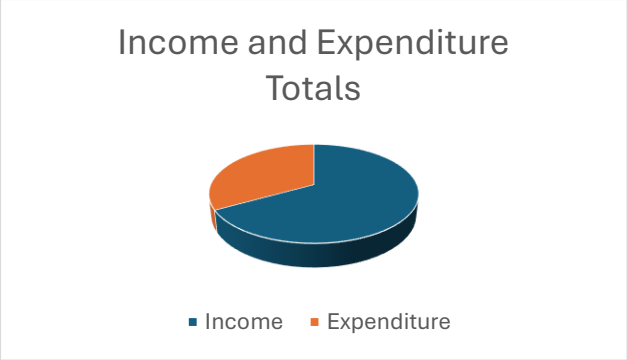
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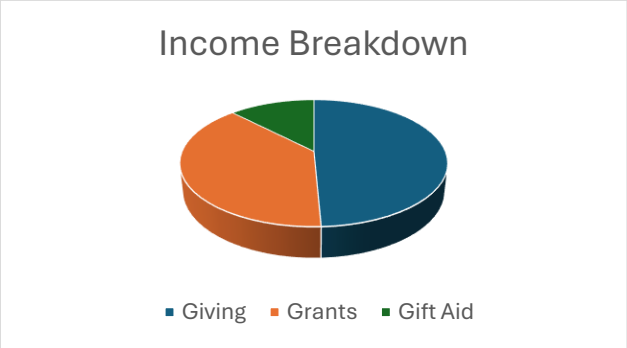
Financial Analysis

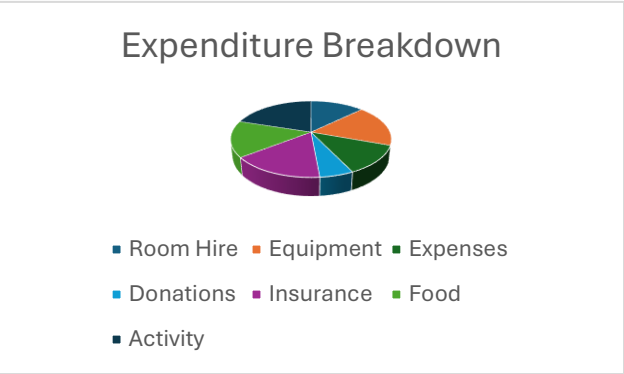
The financial overview for Restore reflects a stable financial year for the organisation. Giving from the church members was the highest form of income and this was received consistently throughout the 12 months.

The grants received during this time came from 5 separate sources. Restore received £2500 in the form of stronger starts grants from Tesco, £1000 from the Stronger Communities team at North Yorkshire Council, £2500 from the Two Ridings Foundation, £2000 from the John James Foundation and £250 from the Filey Bay Today magazine. In respect of Tesco, Stronger Communities and Filey Bay Today they are each repeat financial supporters of Restore Filey. They have all invited further applications from us, as have the Two Ridings Foundation.

The expenditure breakdown reflects previous years. The room hire cost is excellent and we have free storage included within this. The insurance overheads are also fair and reflective of an organisation our size. The outlay relating to activity, food and expenses relates largely to our children’s work and during this period the holiday clubs that we ran.







Financial Reflections

Whilst giving from church members remained positive in the 12 months the grant funding that we successfully received remains an imperative part of our financial activity. During the year we apply for multiple grants, and we are successful in around a quarter of the applications we make. We made a decision during previous financial years to apply for lower grants as they were more achievable for us to be successful in, and this approach has deemed appropriate.

Final Analysis

Restore Filey has always been accepting of change. We have seen that this year in the children and young people's groups that we run. Whilst we have seen many older children move on to other activities due to their age and status in education, we continue to have trusted relationships with many of them and look back fondly on all the sessions we ran with the Sparks group.

The ending of the Sparks group provided a new opportunity. The creation of Live Wires has provided a new group for younger children and their families. The key to Live Wires is we encourage adults and older siblings to stay with the younger members of their family so that activities can be completed together. Building relationships and opportunities together.

We have found that the Sunday service provision within Restore has been located full time at Gristhorpe Village Hall, where we are provided with key access and storage. The Church has responded positively to the continuity that this has provided. This does

not detract from our eagerness to engage in the community; however, we want these to happen in addition to the Sunday Services not instead of.

Over the past 12 months we have welcomed new people to Restore Filey and there has been a developing continuity that has established firmer foundations. The focus moving forward needs to be a continuation of the stability that is achieved on a Sunday morning without losing sight of the opportunities within the community that remain at the heart of Restore.



Signed: **Date:** 28/9/26

Tim Harvey, Charity Lead