

South Lakeland Christian Trust

Chair's Report for year from November 2022

The South Lakeland Christian Trust (SLCT) saw the welcome addition of two new trustees, Catherine Brady and Grace Cauldwell. The Trust would like to see representation from St. Andrew's, Coniston but as yet a willing and suitable candidate has not been identified. The Trust will also need to identify a new SLCT Treasurer when Dare Holland steps down in 2024.

After very lengthy discussions with Scripture Union (SU) and within the Trust, a solution has been reached that satisfies all parties involved. Alex Stewart on behalf of Coniston Christian Fellowship has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with SU. In the event of a safeguarding issue involving the Coniston Children's, Youth and Community Worker (CCYCW), Chris Clark, then the SLCT Safeguarding Co-ordinator, Grace Cauldwell, will notify Alex who will then inform SU. This pleasing resolution ensures that Chris can access support from SU as desired.

The Trust has identified that the CCYCW requires a local storage facility for the extensive resources involved in the children's, youth and increasingly, community work. A suitable garage has been sought, but going forward the Trust may need to purchase an appropriate storage facility, such as a portacabin.

A new round of fundraising to extend the CCYCW role beyond June 2025 was initiated, with Alex gathering preliminary information of suitable grant funding charities. These have been distributed among trustees to build a working relationship with candidates where possible, and to prepare grant applications in 2024.

The Trust has continued to review and amend, where necessary, all relevant policies.

There have been no safeguarding incidents reported in the last calendar year.

Brian Streeter
SLCT Chair
29 November 2023

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Accounts for year ended 31 August 2023

Income

Church donations	13350	
Other Grants	16590	
Personal Donations	<u>1140</u>	31080

Expenditure

Salary ect costs	25539	
Worker's expenses	1099	
Miscellaneous	<u>60</u>	26698
Surplus for year		4382

At Bank 1 Sept 2022	<u>32584</u>
At Bank 31 Aug 2023	<u><u>36966</u></u>

Grants were received from Joseph Rank, Trust Norman Whiteley Trust, Coniston Amenities Fund and Roger Sawrey Trust

Money at bank at year end includes grants received to cover period up to June 2024

At year end church donations of £1250 were outstanding but these were received shortly afterwards

Miscellaneous expenditure includes £60 in respect of Holiday Club which was covered by money from Coniston Amenities Fund and specific donations.

Dare Holland
Treasurer

Independent examiner's report to the members of SOUTH LAKELAND CHRISTIAN TRUST (Charity No.515326)

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ending 31 August 2023, which are set out on the attached documents.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

asis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention: (1) which gives the reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signature:



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Date: