

South Lakeland Christian Trust Trustees' Report for year to 31 August 2024

The Trust has continued its work in Coniston principally through the work of its employed Children, Youth and Community Worker. He has continued to work closely with other organisations in the village, particularly the Parish Council, the two schools, Coniston Sports and Social Centre and those providing services to those in any need in the community.

In the schools, the Junior Heroes after-school club has worked well with good support from staff and volunteer help; a strong feature at secondary level has been the Peer Mentoring Scheme and the worker has also acted as a School Governor with responsibility for Safeguarding matters.

At the CSSC youth club, he has acted as a main assistant rather than leader but has been able to introduce a number of measures and actions to improve performance and activities.

Our work was somewhat impeded during this year by a prolonged period of sick leave of the worker which underlined the importance of what he is normally doing in the community. Thankfully that is now past and activity has returned to its normal high level.

As we move into the last year of the 3-year contract, the Trustees emphasis has moved onto securing continued and new funding necessary to enable an extension of that contract into the future. This has brought some positive outcomes but more is still required.

This Report is approved by the Trustees of SLCT January 2025

South Lakeland Christian Trust
Accounts for Year ended 31 August 2024

At Bank 31 Aug 2023 36966.15

Income for year

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| Church donations | 13500 | |
| External Grants | 16000 | |
| Other donations | 212 | |
| Gift Aid | <u>60</u> | 29772 |

Expenditure in year

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|---------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Employment costs | 29095.68 | |
| Worker expenses | 2528.66 | |
| Insurance | 157 | |
| Misc (Holiday Club) | <u>40</u> | <u>31821.34</u> |
| | | -2049.34 |

At Bank 31 August 2024 34916.81

The substantial balance at the year end reflects the receipt of three grants at the end of the accounting year. Those receipts total £24,000 which will be received during the following year. In that next year two out of the three grants (£15,000) will not be repeated, having completed their three year periods. Expected income then be reduced to £14,500, representing less than 6 months of this year's expenditure, unless further, new grant income can be generated.

Cash of £171.83, held at 1 September 2023 was not used during the year and remains in hand at 31 August 2024

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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of SOUTH LAKELAND CHRISTIAN TRUST
Charity No. 515326**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ending 31 August 2024, 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

Basis 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 me 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: 

Date: 11-11-2024