

South Lakeland Christian Trust

Chair's Report for year from November 2024

The South Lakeland Christian Trust (SLCT) was able to welcome a new trustee, Leanne Long, who has been an excellent addition to the Trust. The Trust has still not been able to get any representation from St. Andrew's, Coniston. The Trust has also been unable to identify a new SLCT Treasurer, but the search continues in order that the present Treasurer, Dare Holland may retire as he wishes.

The Trust was able to obtain local storage for the Coniston Children's, Youth and Community Worker (CCYCW), Chris Clark. This is in the form of a garage, which has already been well used and has proved its worth. The garage is being paid for privately.

The fundraising to extend the CCYCW role beyond the initial June 2025 date has continued in the last year. This has been less focussed than previously, but some success has still been seen in additional funding. The Trust has initially offered a 1-year extension but there is confidence that this can be extended to a 3-year contract at some point in the near future.

The work undertaken by the CCYCW is in their annual report, with many of the usual activities taking place, while the Trust working alongside the CCYCW has sought to expand both the youth and community aspects of the role. This has included being appointed as a governor on the schools' combined governing board – a significant step. In addition, a door knocking exercise has been undertaken in stages to engage directly with Coniston residents and to obtain their views.

The Trust has continued to review and amend, where necessary, all relevant policies. The Trust has also updated its liability insurance to take into account any pastoral care that is required in the CCYCW role.

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

Brian Streeter
SLCT Chair
17 November 2025

South Lakeland Christian Trust
Accounts for Year ended 31 August 2025

At Bank 31 Aug 2024 34526.80

Income for year

Church donations	11500.00	
External Grants	14000.00	
Other donations	340.00	
	<u>25840.00</u>	

Expenditure in year

Employment costs	30183.06	
Worker expenses	698.21	
Resources	273.70	
Misc (Holiday Club)	<u>31154.97</u>	-5314.97

At Bank 31 August 2025

29211.83

The substantial balance at the year end reflects the receipt of three grants towards the end of the accounting year. Those receipts total £14,500 which will be expended during the following year. Grants received previously have expired and only one will be repeated. Grants to replace those lost are actively being sought but so far with very limited success. Donations from local churches are assured for coming years but will provide only 50% of our budgeted costs

Cash of £171.83, held at 1 September 2024 was not used during the year and remains in hand at 31 August 2025

R D Holland Treasurer 21 October 2025

**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 2025, 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

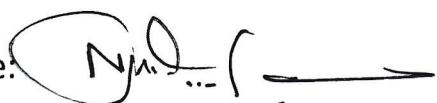
My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures 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:



(NICHOLAS J. C. H. MONK)

Date:

31/10/2025