

## **The Haven Trust**

### **Trustees' Report**

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022. The Trustees confirm that they comply with the requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, The Charities (Annual Return) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, The Charities (Annual Return) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice which applies to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

#### **The Trustees**

The Trustees who served the charity during the year were as follows:

Wilma Kirk

Sharon Caldwell

#### **Structure, Governance & Management**

The Haven Trust operates from the Haven Christian Centre and is constituted by a Trust Deed.

It was established on February 1st 1989.

#### **Trustee Selection, Appointment & Competence**

New trustees in the future would be appointed by prayerful agreement of the existing trustees.

#### **Statement of compliance**

In setting our activities and planning our activities for the year the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

#### **Purposes**

The Haven is a non-denominational organisation which exists to advance the Good News of Jesus Christ, nationally and internationally, and to share that hope and compassion prayerfully and practically by bringing help to those who seek relief from debt distress and despair.

There is no harm associated with the purposes.

#### **Beneficiaries**

The charity's beneficiaries are:

Elderly people from the area who receive practical help either with transport or carrying out small jobs around their properties.

Local people who receive food which has been collected & distributed through local churches, charities and foodbanks.

People who are facing hardship by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial issues or other disadvantages.

Provision of financial support to missionaries in Europe, Africa and Asia.

#### **Public benefit**

During the period, the charity has continued to provide benefits from its activities as follows:

This is an extremely varied work, as we seek with the Lords help to relieve debt, distress and despair.

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Each situation we deal with is unique to itself.

We have a small residential facility, and can offer accommodation if needed. This can be required for a range of social issues.

We operate a furniture store which accepts second hand furniture and can redistribute this to people in need.

Some of our volunteers are retired tradesmen which gives us the facility to do minor repairs in the home.

We also support financially, prayerfully and practically other Christian charities in NI and missionaries in Finland and Thailand and Kenya.

The Public benefit, for spiritual and practical, is difficult to demonstrate as it would depend on the personal testimony of those who are helped. More often than not the situations we deal with are extremely sensitive and private and whilst records are kept of who, how and when, it would not be appropriate to share those things publicly.

However, in general terms in 2022, a few practical illustrations would include giving temporary accommodation to a person whose home life had become unbearable.

We continue to visit the elderly and housebound and meet what practical needs we can, whether it be transport or something minor repaired or a tidy up around the yard and garden.

Just as with the spiritual side of the Haven's work, our purpose includes sharing God's love by practical means with those who are in need.

#### **Financial Review and Results for the Year**

See attached annual accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022.

#### **Risk Management**

Risk is an everyday part of the Charity's normal activity. The Trustees have considered and identified the major risks to which the charity is exposed and having taken appropriate professional advice have been assured that adequate systems and procedures are in place in order to mitigate or manage those risks.

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#### Reserves Policy

The Charity does not have a reserves policy.

#### Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme (which meets the requirements of The Pension Regulator as a qualifying workplace pension scheme) for the benefit of its permanent staff and those who are eligible under Auto Enrolment. The assets are administered by insurance companies in personal pension plans and are held independently from those of the charity. Contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

#### Disclosure

A disclosure has been made to the charity commission.


#### Results

The results for the year and the charity's financial position at the end of the year are shown in the attached financial statements.

#### Plans for the future

The charity expects to continue to provide practical assistance to the elderly and housebound in the area. Accommodation will still be provided through the residential facility. Practical and prayerful support will be provided to Christian charities in Northern Ireland and throughout the world.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 7 April 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

  
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Wilma Kirk  
Trustee