

The Haven Trust

Trustees' Report

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. 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 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 ability 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 2023, 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 2023.

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.

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.

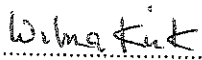
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Plans for the future

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 10 July 2024 and signed on its behalf by:


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Wilma Kirk
Trustee

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.


The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 10 July 2024 and signed on its behalf by:


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Wilma Kirk
Trustee