



Catholic Concern for Animals

Trustee's Report and Accounts For The Year Ended

31 March 2020

Charity number: 231022

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Chief Executive's Statement
For The Year Ended 31 March 2020

The financial year ended 31st March 2020 has been another good year for CCA as we saw a continued stabilisation of the charity's finances following the excellent financial performance in the previous year. We received our first ever project funding with an award of £13,830 from *Eurogroup for Animals* to support our Fish Project work which reflects our increased activity in this area following the very good progress made last year.

CCA is a small charity in terms of our finance, although we are hugely influential in terms of animal advocacy throughout the world. We are very dependent on legacy income and we thank all members and supporters who remember us in their wills to enable us to continue our important work.

We have increased our activity further in 2019/20 following the increased legacy income in 2018/19 and we were delighted to expand our activity in Africa by attending the very important *Laudato Si' 4th Anniversary Conference* in Nairobi, Kenya, which was organised jointly by the Vatican and the United Nations.

We have invested in a new website and improved our social media output as part of our digital transformation which is designed to reach more people throughout the world and we will build on this in the years ahead.

We also held a major awards presentation ceremony in November 2019, which was a great success and was well attended by CCA members and supporters and colleagues from other animal advocacy organisations.

We approach the new financial year with confidence and we have been made aware of further significant legacy income which we are likely to receive in the next 12 months which allows for positive financial planning. However, the financial year ended on a worrying note as news of the Covid-19 pandemic circulated throughout the world and this will have a profound but as yet unclear effect on CCA going forward and probably for a number of years to come.



Chris Fegan
Chief Executive

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Trustees' Report

For The Year Ended 31 March 2020

Mission

Catholic Concern for Animals' mission is the advancement of Christian respect and responsibility for the animal creation with special reference to Catholic teaching and beliefs.

Activities

The charity meets its objective of advancing Christian respect and responsibility for the animal creation through the production of its magazine, *The Ark*, which is issued three times a year, and through its website and social media outreach. The Chief Executive promotes the work of the charity by engaging with other organisations and giving presentations.

Achievements

The year saw more solid progress in CCA's activity and we continued our work with *Christian Ethics of Farmed Animal Welfare* (CEFAW) on producing a major new report on UK farming from a Christian Ethics perspective. We increased our work within *Eurogroup for Animals* and also joined *Asia for Animals* to increase our worldwide influence and we have made major progress in Africa, including visits to Kenya, Uganda and Liberia. We are hoping to also work with the *United Nations* going forward in developing our global reach further. Our digital transformation has been successful and we are reaching more people on a regular basis than ever before in the charity's history through the power of the internet. We have seen an increase in members and supporters during the year and we hope this trend will continue.

Financial Review

Total reserves decreased from £252,962 to £192,322 due to a lower level of legacy income this year which did not cover expenditure. Legacy income was £16,411 this year (2019: £155,396) and total expenditure was £87,648 (2019: £73,618). Expenditure for the Phyllis Mary Trust was £4,810 (2019: £1,000). However, in the six months to 30th September 2020, legacy income of £117,192 was received and a further £50,000 of legacy income has been notified to the trustees for receipt in 2021. A legacy of £15,000 was also received into the Phyllis Mary Trust in 2020. Costs have been cut back in 2020 as CCA ceased travel for UK and overseas activities, held meetings online and ceased printing and distributing *The Ark* by post. CCA has fully digitalised its operations in response to the Covid-19 restrictions, including distributing *The Ark* by email.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity, which was founded in 1929, is governed by a board of trustees who meet four times a year, in addition to the AGM, to develop strategy and make decisions about the operations of the charity. It complies with the Charity Governance Code for smaller charities. It employs a Chief Executive and Finance Manager to manage the day to day affairs of the charity and will also engage specialist contractors as delivery tasks require.

Reserves Policy

The trustees have decided that, because of the infrequent nature of the charity's main source of income, which is legacies, it should aim to hold an average of two years' operating expenditure in free reserves, where possible, to ensure the continuity of the charity. Because 2019/20 had been a poor year for legacy income, there was just under one years' expenditure in free reserves at the 30th March 2020, down from two years' expenditure in free reserves the previous year. The reserves were restored after the year end following the receipt of new legacies.

Investment Policy

It has been the policy of the board of trustees to hold the charity's funds in a low risk, interest bearing account. This safeguarded the charity's funds during the financial crash caused by the Covid-19 crisis during March 2020. The trustees are in the process of opening a new bank account to spread the funds to minimise risk of losing funds should any one bank collapse.

Public Benefit Statement

The charity provides a public benefit by producing educational material and giving talks on the empathetic treatment of animals, based on the teachings of the Catholic Church, which gives a moral benefit to the human community.

Risk Management

The board of trustees have considered the major risks to the charity and developed a risk register which is regularly reviewed. They have implemented structures to control those risks. These include financial controls and legal protection of the CCA name and trademark. One of the major risks to the charity is a decline in legacy income. Without legacy income, CCA cannot continue to operate at its current levels beyond the next three years. To mitigate this risk, CCA has been focusing on fundraising.

The Impact of Covid-19 on Going Concern

The trustees reviewed the three year forecasts as part of their six monthly review and are satisfied that the charity remains a going concern. Legacy income received since the year end was £117,192 and a further £50,000 has been notified to the trustees for receipt in 2021. The Phyllis Mary Trust also received a legacy of £15,000 in 2020. The charity is not reliant on shop income or fundraising events which would have been hit by the Covid restrictions. Staff have continued to work from home as normal and there has been no furloughing of staff. Costs have been cut as travel has ceased and the charity has digitalised its operations and communications. The latest forecasts show total reserves of £203,758 at the end of 2021/22.

Future Development

CCA has major plans to further increase its global reach which are wide ranging and ambitious, including support for colleagues around the world. We will continue the work on our Fish Project, the centrepiece of which is a major international conference to be held at the *University of Roehampton* in West London. We are also looking forward to the publication of the formal report of the CEFAW Project, which we actively support. However, the recently announced Covid-19 pandemic will have an effect on activity in an, as yet, unknown degree which is very likely to affect future plans both in the short and medium terms.

Signed:



Dated: 14 October 2020

Dr Clara Mancini

Chair of the Board of Trustees

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Independent Examiner's Report

For The Year Ended 31 March 2020

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2020 which are set out on pages 1 to 10.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



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Dated: 14th October 2020

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Income and Expenditure Statement
For The Year Ended 31 March 2020

	2020		2019	
	£	£	£	£
<u>General Fund (Unrestricted)</u>				
Income				
Legacies	16,411		155,396	
Subscriptions & donations	4,568		2,911	
Retreat	-		5,162	
Sales of literature & cards	35		60	
Interest from investment	313		184	
	<u>21,327</u>		<u>163,713</u>	
Expenditure				
Publication & distribution of <i>The Ark</i>	10,077		11,620	
Literature and cards	3,438		1,627	
Digital Transformation	2,957		-	
Website & social media	570		345	
UK, overseas & academic activities & conferences	13,478		7,282	
Retreat	-		5,145	
Prizes & awards	5,397		500	
Governance costs	1,865		1,583	
Remuneration	46,241		42,789	
Recruitment and Training	339		-	
Fundraising costs	145		108	
Accountancy & Audit	738		662	
Insurances	527		512	
Subscriptions & advertising	604		209	
Stationery & sundry items	730		1,119	
Bank charges	112		117	
Depreciation	430		-	
Transfer to Phyllis Mary Trust	-		-	
	<u>87,648</u>		<u>73,618</u>	
Net Income/(Expenditure)	(66,321)		90,095	
 Balance brought forward	 149,347		 61,061	
Transfer (to)/from the <i>Laudato Si'</i> Designated Fund	-		(1,809)	
Balance carried forward	<u>83,026</u>		<u>149,347</u>	
 <u>Designated Fund</u>				
<u>Laudato Si' Fund</u>				
Balance brought forward	75,000		73,191	
Transfer (to)/from General Reserve	-		1,809	
Balance carried forward	<u>75,000</u>		<u>75,000</u>	

	2020	2019
£	£	£
<u>Restricted Funds</u>		
<u>The Phyllis Mary Trust</u>		
Legacies received	-	-
Interest received	-	-
Donations received	5	-
Donations granted	(4,810)	(1,000)
	(4,805)	(1,000)
Balance brought forward	28,615	29,615
Balance carried forward	<u>23,810</u>	<u>28,615</u>
<u>Eurogroup Fish Project Fund</u>		
Donations received	13,830	-
Expenditure	(3,344)	-
	10,486	-
Balance brought forward	-	-
Balance carried forward	<u>10,486</u>	-
Total Restricted Funds	<u>£34,296</u>	<u>£28,615</u>

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Balance Sheet

For The Year Ended 31 March 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
Funds:		
Unrestricted Funds		
General Fund	83,026	149,347
Designated Funds		
Laudato Si' Fund	75,000	75,000
Restricted Funds		
Phyllis Mary Trust	23,810	28,615
Eurogroup Fish Project	<u>10,486</u>	<u>-</u>
	34,296	28,615
Total Funds	<u>£192,322</u>	<u>£252,962</u>

Represented by:

Fixed Assets		
Computer Equipment	860	1,290
Current Asset		
Debtors and Prepayments	-	521
Cash at Bank	<u>192,849</u>	<u>255,648</u>
	192,849	256,169
Current Liabilities		
Creditors	<u>1,387</u>	<u>4,497</u>
Net Current Assets	191,462	251,672
Total Assets	<u>£192,322</u>	<u>£252,962</u>

The trustees declare that they have approved the accounts above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed:

Dr Clara Mancini

Chair of the Board of Trustees

Dated: 14th October 2020

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Administrative Information

For The Year Ended 31 March 2020

PRESIDENT: Rt Rev. Malcolm McMahon OP, Archbishop of Liverpool

TRUSTEES:

Chair: Dr Clara Mancini

Vice Chair: Dr Deborah Jones (to 2nd November 2019)

Treasurer: Sheila Thomas

Membership Secretary: Sarah Dunning

Retreats Secretary: Irene Casey

Trustees:

Judy Gibbons

Rev. Michael Holman

Ann Moody

Wanda Oberman

Chairman Emeritus: Dr Edward P. Echlin (to 23rd December 2019)

STAFF:

Chief Executive: Chris Fegan

Publications and Finance Manager: Barbara Gardner

ADVISERS:

Theological Adviser - Dr Deborah Jones

Scientific Adviser - Dr Richard D. Ryder

PATRONS:

Sir David Amess MP

Rev. John Buckley SPS

Mary Colwell

Rt Hon. Jon Cruddas MP

Bruce Kent

Rev. Fr Aiden Nichols OP DSG

Dr John Pugh MP

BANKERS:

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS:

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