



Catholic Concern for Animals

Registered charity 231022

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2016**

Charity number: 231022

CATHOLIC CONCERN FOR ANIMALS
CHAIR'S STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016

This year has been a particularly eventful and active year for *Catholic Concern for Animals (CCA)*. We started the year anticipating Pope Francis' new encyclical letter on the Creation and were very concerned that animals should be included in it, fearing the serious consequences for them if they were not. Animals, once central to the teachings and practices of the early Christian saints in the first thousand years of the Church, have since been largely ignored from Catholic teachings and it is time for this to be corrected. In the spring of 2015, our Vice-Chair and Theological Adviser, Dr Deborah Jones, wrote a submission to Pope Francis, aiming to put animals into the encyclical, and our Chief Executive, Chris Fegan, travelled to Rome to meet with Vatican leaders to discuss the submission.

When, in the summer of 2015, the encyclical *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home* was published, we were thrilled with the emphasis on animals, not only for being part of the Creation, but for themselves as individuals in their own right. Pope Francis says:

'Because all creatures are connected, each must be cherished with love and respect, for all of us living creatures are dependent on one another' LS:42;

'We must forcefully reject the notion that our being created in God's image and given dominion over the earth justifies absolute domination over other creatures' LS:67;

'Clearly the Bible has no place for a tyrannical anthropocentrism unconcerned for other creatures' LS:68; and

'Every act of cruelty towards any creature is contrary to human dignity' LS:92.

The encyclical opened brand new opportunities for us to promote concern for animals, both within and outside the Catholic Church. Catholics now had an instruction from their boss to care for animals and CCA, therefore, had a duty to inform them of this. With a new purpose, the trustees set aside £160,000 of the general reserve for a new *Laudato Si' designated fund* to be used to promote the teachings of *Laudato Si'* and we produced a three year budget to implement it. CCA produced a special *Laudato Si'* edition of *The Ark* in the autumn of 2015 to highlight the Pope's message on animals. We created a new website www.catholic-animals.com which went live in August 2015 and developed our social media on Facebook and Twitter in order to reach a greater audience and, in particular, young people. Since the year end, Chris Fegan, our Chief Executive, has gone full-time and we have employed part-time our Ark Editor, Barbara Gardner, as Publications and Finance Officer, bringing our website editing and finance in house. This has enabled us to link the website with *The Ark* and other media more closely and to better monitor and control our financial activities.

Chris Fegan has been actively promoting the Pope's message on animals at events and conferences. In particular, he took part in the campaign in Malta to end the shooting of migrating birds, addressed the *Catholic Vegetarian Society* national conference in Italy and, since the year end, has represented CCA at the *World Youth Day* for young Catholics in Poland which was attended by Pope Francis.

We look forward optimistically to a new era of human concern for our common home and, in particular, for our fellow creatures who have, for too long, suffered in factory farms, laboratories and in sport and entertainment throughout the world. CCA want to be at the forefront of this change and we ask for your support in helping us to achieve this.

Judy Gibbons
Chair of the Board of Trustees

CATHOLIC CONCERN FOR ANIMALS
CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016

The last year has been a major changing point for *Catholic Concern for Animals (CCA)* with the publication of Pope Francis's ground-breaking encyclical letter on the Environment, *Laudato Si'*.

The Encyclical letter is addressed to all the people of the world, not only to Catholics. It is the most important document published by the Catholic Church in respect of animals and creation for centuries, if not indeed ever published in the 2,000 years of the Church's history.

The Encyclical is fantastic news for CCA but also presents us with challenges to ensure that the Pope's wonderful words are transformed into action both from within the Church and without.

CCA gladly accepts these challenges and, in her report, the Chair of Trustees outlines some of the infrastructure and other changes that have been introduced to take the maximum advantage of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity presented to us by Pope Francis.

I envisage that *Laudato Si'* will become our 'policy document' for many, many years to come and, if we can all work together to enshrine the Pope's word into practice and to encourage more and more Catholics (and others) to join and support us in our work for animals, then the future is bright and we can move forward with confidence of a better future for all sentient beings and all of God's Creation.

As Pope Francis has said: 'Nothing in the world is indifferent to us'.

Chris Fegan
Chief Executive

CATHOLIC CONCERN FOR ANIMALS

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016

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

During the year Pope Francis produced his encyclical letter, *Laudato Si': On Care for our Common Home* which said so much about the importance of respecting the animal creation. CCA had made submissions to the Vatican to advise them on the inclusion of animals in this encyclical and were delighted with the outcome. Following the production of *Laudato Si'* CCA produced a special edition of *The Ark* in the autumn of 2015 to celebrate this and to highlight the important statements made by the Pope about animals. Copies of both *Laudato Si'* and the special edition of *The Ark* can be ordered from CCA.

Financial Review

The general fund stood at £89,842 at the end of the financial year and there was a net expenditure of £3,946. This was down on last year's net expenditure of £17,175, largely due to an increase in legacy income which was £40,692 this year compared to £24,987 last year. The balance on *The Phyllis May Trust* fund was £39,572 at the end of the financial year, following a distribution of £5,500 to small and struggling animal sanctuaries.

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 employs a part-time Chief Executive to manage the day to day management.

Reserves Policy

The trustees have decided that, because of the infrequent nature of the charity's main source of income, legacies, it should aim to hold two years' operating expenditure in free reserves, where possible, to ensure the continuity of the charity. Because of the special opportunity afforded by *Laudato Si'* to promote animal welfare, £160,000 of the general reserve has been designated to a special *Laudato Si' Development Fund*, which has reduced the free reserves to 1.7 years operating expenditure.

Investment Policy

It is the policy of the board of trustees to hold the charity's funds in a low risk, interest bearing account.

Public Benefit Statement

The charity provides a public benefit by producing educational material and giving talks on the humane 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 have implemented structures to control those risks. These include financial controls and legal protection of the CCA name and trademark.

Future Development

Laudato Si' has provided CCA with a unique opportunity to improve attitudes towards animals by Catholics and others. The trustees have, therefore, earmarked £160,000 of the general reserve, to be spent over the next three years on the worldwide promotion of *Laudato Si'*'s message of respect for all of God's Creation. This will be achieved through social media activity and other educational activities.

Signed:
Judy Gibbons, Chair of the Board of Trustees

Dated: 17 Oct 2016

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
CATHOLIC CONCERN FOR ANIMALS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016**

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner:

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 our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners' Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the 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 the 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 statement below.

Independent Examiners' 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 Acthave 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.

Signed: P Soutter

Date: 17 October 2016

Mr P W Soutter
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CATHOLIC CONCERN FOR ANIMALS
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016

	2016		2015	
	£	£	£	£
<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>				
<u>General Fund</u>				
Income				
Legacies	40,692		24,987	
Subscriptions & donations	3,275		4,413	
Retreat	2,839		3,950	
Sales of literature & cards	745		248	
Interest from investment	688		845	
Gift aid (over provision)	-		(632)	
		48,239		33,811
Expenditure				
Publication & distribution of <i>The Ark</i>	20,822		18,100	
Literature and cards	1,342		1,248	
Website & social media	2,128		-	
Conferences	3,225		2,608	
Retreat	3,071		3,240	
Prizes & awards	500		-	
Governance costs	834		2,863	
Remuneration	14,203		16,209	
Staff expenses	1,509		4,482	
Accountancy	1,579		2,100	
Legal & professional	1,789		-	
Subscriptions & advertising	482		-	
Stationery & sundry items	600		-	
Bank charges	-		6	
Transfer to Phyllis Mary Trust	100		130	
		52,185		50,986
Net (Expenditure) Income		(3,946)		(17,175)
Balance brought forward		253,788		270,963
Transfer to the <i>Laudato Si</i> Designated Fund		(160,000)		-
Balance carried forward		89,842		253,788
<u>Designated Funds</u>				
<u>Laudato Si Fund</u>				
Balance brought forward		-		-
Transfer from General Reserve		160,000		-
Balance carried forward		160,000		-
<u>Restricted Funds</u>				
<u>The Phyllis Mary Trust</u>				
Legacies	-		37,500	
Interest received	100		130	
		100		37,630
Donations granted		(5,500)		(3,000)
		(5,400)		34,630
Balance brought forward		44,972		10,342
Balance carried forward		39,572		44,972

CATHOLIC CONCERN FOR ANIMALS

BALANCE SHEET

AT 31 MARCH 2016

	2016 £	2015 £
<u>Funds:</u>		
Unrestricted Funds		
General Fund	89,842	253,788
Designated Funds		
Laudato Si' Fund	160,000	-
Restricted Funds		
Phyllis Mary Trust	<u>39,572</u>	<u>44,972</u>
Total Funds	<u>£289,414</u>	<u>£298,760</u>

Represented by:

Current Assets

Stock	2,376	-
Debtors and Prepayments	592	1,475
Cash at Bank	<u>289,017</u>	<u>301,268</u>
	291,985	302,743

Current Liabilities

Creditors	2,571	3,983
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Total Assets	<u>£289,414</u>	<u>£298,760</u>
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The trustees declare that they have approved the accounts above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed: *Judy Gibbons*

Dated: *17th October 2016*

Judy Gibbons
Chair of the Board of Trustees

CATHOLIC CONCERN FOR ANIMALS
ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION
AT 31 MARCH 2016

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

TRUSTEES:

Chair: Judy Gibbons

Vice Chair: Dr Deborah Jones

Membership Secretary: Frances Chalk

Treasurer: Patrick Chalk

Retreats Secretary: Irene Casey

Trustees:

Margaret Harrington

Dr Clara Mancini

Ann Moody

Wanda Oberman

Jennifer Potheary (resigned October 2015)

Chairman Emeritus: Dr Edward P. Echlin

STAFF:

Chief Executive: Chris Fegan

Publications and Finance Officer: Barbara Gardner

ADVISERS:

Theological Adviser - Dr Deborah Jones

Scientific Adviser - Dr Richard D. Ryder

PATRONS:

Sir David Amess MP

Rev. John Buckley SPS

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Rt Hon. Jon Cruddas MP

Bruce Kent

Rev. Fr Aiden Nichols OP DSG

Dr John Pugh MP

Rt Hon. Ann Widdecombe

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