



Trustees' Annual Report for the period



Period start date

Period end date

Day Month Year
1st January 2017

Day Month Year
31st December 2017

From

To

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Guisborough Christian Centre

Other names charity is known by

Guisborough Christian Fellowship

Registered charity number (if any)

702049

Charity's principal address

32 Thames Avenue

Guisborough

Cleveland

TS14 8AE

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	C Gilbert			Appointed by Trustees
2	B D Laws			Original Signatory of Trust Deed
3	N B Miller			Appointed by Trustees
4	D Richardson	Treasurer		Appointed by Trustees
5	G W Usher	Chairman		Appointed by Trustees
6	P W Warren			Appointed by Trustees
7	N H Wells			Appointed by Trustees

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
N/A	

Section B

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

Declaration of Trust dated 5th February 1989.

How the charity is constituted

Trust.

Trustee selection methods

The minimum number of Trustees shall be three. A Trustee is appointed by a resolution passed and signed by a simple majority of the Trustees..

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

- i. The advancement of the Christian Religion.
- ii. The relief of persons who are in need and hardship or distress.
- iii. The advancement of education.
- iv. Provision or assistance in the provision of recreational facilities in the interests of social welfare.
- v. In furtherance of the above, provision of a coffee bar, Sunday School.

With regard to the objectives of Guisborough Christian Centre as summarised above; and with the trustees giving due consideration to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, and in particular the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion; the main activities undertaken are:

i. The advancement of the Christian Religion.

The operation of a Christian Church that is open to the public of the Guisborough area and to those visiting from further afield - both to people of faith, and to those of no faith but who are seeking to explore the meaning of Christianity.

The provision of Sunday Morning Worship Services (to which the public are encouraged to attend), typically consisting of worship songs, prayers, the sharing of holy communion, a sermon or similar teaching, opportunity for sharing encouragement and other personal testimonies, and fellowship. See also objective v. below.

Sermons are recorded and made publically available on the Church Website.

Provision of a "Café Church" in a local community centre. Run monthly on a Tuesday evening, particularly aimed at those in the local community that are exploring the Christian Faith.

Unfortunately the Café Church (in this format) ceased at the end of 2017 due to low attendance. It is hoped that an alternative initiative can be organised in 2018.

ii. The relief of persons in need or hardship or distress.

Guisborough Christian Centre works to relieve hardship or suffering either directly, or (principally) through working in partnership with other charities - both locally and abroad.

Funds are made available to offer emergency financial support to individuals as the need arises.

Funds are made available, either from reserves, or through special appeal to the Sunday congregation, to support both ongoing relief works; and for the charitable response to natural disasters and other emergency situations.

iii. The advancement of education.

Guisborough Christian Centre provides publically available Christian teaching through the sermons at the Sunday worship services, which are further made available to the public via the church website.

The Sunday School provides age appropriate teaching and guidance to the young.

Regular house groups provide opportunity for more detailed bible study in a less formal setting than the Sunday Services, and are one of several mechanisms for pastoral care.

iv. Provision or assistance in the provision of recreational facilities in the interests of social welfare.

In addition to the Sunday School, Guisborough Christian Centre works in partnership with similar charities in the local area to provide public community support in the form of activities such as Youth Clubs. Guisborough Christian Fellowship's involvement extends to financial support.

v. In furtherance of the above, provision of a coffee bar, Sunday School.

As part of the Sunday Morning Worship Services (outlined in section i. above), Guisborough Christian Centre operates:

- A coffee bar providing hot and cold beverages as well as biscuits or sometimes confectionary.

This facility is available in an adjacent dining area conducive to fostering fellowship, before and after the main Sunday service.

- A Sunday School operates in parallel to the main Sunday worship service, offering age appropriate teaching and guidance, as well as craft activities and games. The Sunday School is staffed by regular volunteers from within the congregation, and makes use of various commercially available Christian teaching materials.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

With regard to the objectives of Guisborough Christian Centre as summarised above, the main activities undertaken for the public benefit are as follows:

i. The advancement of the Christian Religion.

- The provision of Worship Services each Sunday (held in a hired hall at the Laurence Jackson School in Guisborough – a new venue from 16th July 2017).
- The sermons were recorded and made a public resource on the church website.
- The operation of regular weekly house groups known as the Tuesday Life Group and the Thursday Life Group.
- Publicising the church and Christian Religion: Through leafleting all the houses in Guisborough (in collaboration with other churches under the umbrella of the "Churches Together in Guisborough" organisation). Through the church website. Through our presence in the community – especially through object ii. Through word of mouth. Through a billboard placed outside the worship venue each Sunday.
- Guisborough Christian Fellowship subscribes to, and supports, the Evangelical Alliance, a national charity, who provide vocal representation on a wide range of spiritual and community issues affecting the life of the nation.

ii. The relief of persons in need or hardship or distress.

- Guisborough Christian Centre works to relieve hardship or suffering either directly, or in collaboration with other churches under the umbrella of the "Churches Together in Guisborough" organisation. Regular donations include a monthly contribution towards the running of a local food bank.
- Several members of Guisborough Christian Fellowship actively involved in the running the 'NightLight service. NightLight is a 'Street Angels' project in Guisborough. The project provides care and compassion on the streets of Guisborough on a Saturday night from 10.30 pm into the early hours as necessary.
- Various charitable donations were made throughout the year as recorded in section A3b Charitable Payments of the attached accounts (see also Section F below).

iii. The advancement of education.

- Education – in the Christian context – is advanced by Guisborough Christian Fellowship through sermons in our Sunday Services, together with regular "Family Services" in which the congregation are invited to participate in small group activities focused on a biblical principle. There were either regular or family services on every Sunday throughout the year. Sermons were recorded and placed on the church website.
- Sunday School was available at each service during the academic term (other than the 'family services').
- The Tuesday and Thursday House Groups met regularly throughout the year, typically following the academic calendar. The Tuesday Group reflected on the topic of the previous Sunday's sermon, whilst the Thursday Group followed a more open agenda considering the Christian response to topical items.

iv. Provision or assistance in the provision of recreational facilities in the interests of social welfare.

- Members of Guisborough Christian Fellowship are not currently involved in the running of children's and youth initiatives (Previously this had been done in collaboration with other churches under the umbrella of the "Churches Together in Guisborough" organisation.)

v. In furtherance of the above, provision of a coffee bar, Sunday School.

- The coffee bar operated at all Sunday Services.
- The Sunday School operated at all Sunday Services during the academic term (except for 'family services').

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves are held by the Trustees for the following purposes:

- To buffer the Trust Fund against fluctuations in donations.
- It was agreed in the March 2011 Trustees Meeting, that £30,000 should be maintained in our general un-restricted accounts for the possible future purchase of a permanent church building, as there is no guarantee that suitable hired premises will continue to be available.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

Further financial review details (Optional information)

Additional information

The principal source of funding for Guisborough Christian Centre is voluntary donations from members of the congregation. There is no obligation for members of the congregation (either 'regulars' or 'visitors') to make donations. No collection is made, though an offering box is available on a side table during the Sunday Services. Guisborough Christian Fellowship does not offer any form of guidance or suggestion as to an appropriate level of giving.

Guisborough Christian Fellowship participates in the Gift Aid scheme for the recovery of tax on eligible donations. Whilst many in the congregation choose to participate in this scheme, it is operated on an entirely voluntary basis.

On occasion a special appeal will be made to the congregation for donations in response to a specific need, emergency, or natural disaster. Such donations are entirely voluntary.

The Trustees avoid long term formal commitments of support to limit future liabilities. Guisborough Christian Fellowship currently has no formal long term commitments. However it has been agreed, within the trustees, that 12 months notice would be given to organisations or individuals that have received regular support over a number of years.

Section F Other optional information

Brief details of charitable payment recipients (see also section A3b of the accounts):

- **Tearfund** is a Christian charity working internationally to alleviate poverty (including disaster relief).
- **Thorn Tree Lunch Club** is a volunteer group providing food and support to the homeless & vulnerable.
- **Guisborough Bridge Association** is a charity working in Guisborough to meet community needs.
- **CALM** (Campaign Against Living Miserably) a charity dedicated to preventing male suicide.
- **Potter's Village** is a Child Crisis and Medical Centre in Kisoro, South West Uganda.
- **Open Doors North East** is a charity working with asylum seekers and refugees in the local area.

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Geoffrey William Usher

Nicola R. Hume

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chairman (2017):

Chairman 2018

Date

27th APRIL 2018

27.4.18

Receipts and Payments Accounts (based on CC16a - April 2007)

Charity name

Guisborough Christian Centre

Charity number

702049

For the period from

1st Jan 17 to 31st Dec 17

Section A

Receipts and payments

A1 Receipts

A1a Donations, legacies and other similar receipts

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Last year £
Donations received	2026.00	N/A	N/A	2026.00	3597.53
Donations received as Gift Aid payments	24330.00	N/A	N/A	24330.00	25427.00
Inland revenue return	6001.00	N/A	N/A	6001.00	7562.75
Water Aid gifts	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	265.00

A1b Operating activities to further charity's objects

Peat Rigg Subscriptions	N/A	1386.75	N/A	1386.75	N/A
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A1c Investment income receipts

Bank interest (Virgin Money)	290.63	N/A	N/A	290.63	503.65
Bank interest (Deposit account)	15.41	N/A	N/A	15.41	16.11

Sub total (A1a + A1b + A1c)	32863.04	1386.75	N/A	34049.79	37372.04
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A1d Other Receipts (not counting as "Gross income")

Not applicable	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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Sub total (A1a + A1b + A1c + A1d)	32863.04	1386.75	N/A	34049.79	37372.04
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A2 Asset and Investment sales etc.

Not applicable	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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Total receipts	32863.04	1386.75	0.00	34049.79	37372.04
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A3 Payments

A3a Payments for generating funds

Not applicable	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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A3b Charitable payments

(i) Grants paid

Gift to Tearfund - Haiti appeal	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2000.00
Gift to Thorntree Luncheon Club	100.00	N/A	N/A	100.00	100.00
Gift to Guisborough Bridge Association	5000.00	N/A	N/A	5000.00	5000.00
Gift to Water Aid	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	530.00
Gift to support Ionel Vataavu, Romania	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	500.00
Gift to Impact Giving Africa Fund	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	150.00
Gift to Caedmon School:- Frances Quantrill Memorial	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	100
Gift to Potter's village	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6150.00
Community Gifts	221.40	N/A	N/A	221.40	59.40
Gift to Tearfund- East Africa appeal	1000.00	N/A	N/A	1000.00	N/A
CALM	500.00	N/A	N/A	500.00	N/A
Potters Village - Trip Support	670.56	N/A	N/A	670.56	N/A
Gift to Open Doors North East	1000.00	N/A	N/A	1000.00	N/A
Peat Rigg Support for individuals	N/A	133.00	N/A	133.00	N/A

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Last year £
A3 Payments (continued):					
(ii) Charitable activities					
Hall hire	4934.00	N/A	N/A	4934.00	7365.10
Subscription - Churches Together in Gaisborough	100.00	N/A	N/A	100.00	100.00
Subscription to Evangelical Alliance	100.00	N/A	N/A	100.00	100.00
Visiting speakers' expenses	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	130.00
Sunday-school and other children's materials	156.70	N/A	N/A	156.70	138.72
Alpha Materials	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	270.28
Christian Conferences	136.80	N/A	N/A	136.80	335.96
Peat Rigg Subscriptions	N/A	1386.75	N/A	1386.75	N/A
Running costs for mini-bus :					
Fittings / repairs / service / MOT	268.90	N/A	N/A	268.90	N/A
Tax, insurance	1296.85	N/A	N/A	1296.85	1286.97
Parking fees	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	245.00
(iii) Support costs					
Christian Copyright Licensing licenses	280.00	N/A	N/A	280.00	275.00
Refreshments, paper bags, cups, cloths, cutlery	139.76	N/A	N/A	139.76	208.57
Flowers	68.95	N/A	N/A	68.95	35.00
Postage and phone cards	11.77	N/A	N/A	11.77	N/A
Stationery	42.62	N/A	N/A	42.62	N/A
Toner Cartridges/Photocopying/Service	68.99	N/A	N/A	68.99	N/A
Publicity	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	528.00
(iv) Management and Administration					
Employee Wages	5524.83	N/A	N/A	5524.83	N/A
Employer's and Public Liability Insurance	348.67	N/A	N/A	348.67	350.99
Bank charges	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	30.00
Trustees' Indemnity Insurance	155.93	N/A	N/A	155.93	155.22
Evohosting website hosting	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	78.34
Gifts to LJS Staff	40.00	N/A	N/A	40.00	N/A
Sub total (A3a + A3b)	22166.73	1519.75	N/A	23686.48	26222.58
A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc.					
Water boilers, speakers	0.00	N/A	N/A	0.00	139.97
Minor capital expenditure	119.98	N/A	N/A	119.98	126.48
Digital recorder	77.73	N/A	N/A	77.73	N/A
Furniture	355.74	N/A	N/A	355.74	N/A
Minor expenditure - Building Project	18.48	N/A	N/A	18.48	N/A
Projector & Case	1377.99	N/A	N/A	1377.99	N/A
Total payments	24116.65	1519.75	N/A	25636.40	26489.00
Net of receipts / (payments)	8546.39	-133.00	N/A	8413.39	10883.04
A5 Transfers between funds	-133.00	133.00	N/A	N/A	N/A
A6 Cash funds last year end	104818.47	N/A	N/A	104818.47	93985.43
Cash funds this year end	113231.86	0.00	N/A	113231.86	104818.47

B1 Cash funds

Details	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £
First current account	14581.28	N/A	N/A
Second current account	33.18	N/A	N/A
Deposit account	40269.05	N/A	N/A
Virgin Money account	58344.35	N/A	N/A
Cash in hand at year end	4.00	N/A	N/A
Total cash funds	113231.86	N/A	N/A

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £
Not applicable	N/A	N/A	N/A

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional) £	Current value (optional) £
Not applicable	N/A	N/A	N/A

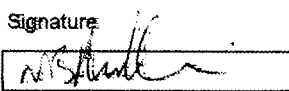
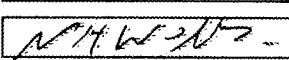
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional) £	Current value (optional) £
Photocopier	Unrestricted		
Portable PA system	Unrestricted		
Digital recorder	Unrestricted		
Electric piano	Unrestricted		
Christian videos	Unrestricted		
Mini-bus	Unrestricted	21558.70	6000.00
Curtain materials	Unrestricted		
A' Board	Unrestricted		
PC Projector (InFocus)	Unrestricted		
PC Projector (Epson)	Unrestricted		
PC Projector (NEC)	Unrestricted	1342.00	1000.00
PC Laptop (New)	Unrestricted	749.98	150.00
Projector screen	Unrestricted		
Radio Microphone	Unrestricted		
Coffee Percolators	Unrestricted		
Active speakers	Unrestricted		
Water urns	Unrestricted		
LED TV	Unrestricted		

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional) £	When due (optional)
LJS hall hire	Unrestricted	1800.00	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print name	Date of approval
	N. H. MILLER	12.8.18
	N. H. WELLS	12.8.18

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Section A	Independent Examiner's Report	
Report to the trustees of	Guisborough Christian Centre	
On accounts for the year ended	31 December 2017	Charity no. 702049
Set out on pages	Trustees report on pages 1 to 4; Accounts on pages 1 to 3	
Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner	<p>The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act), as amended by s.28 of the Charities Act 2006) and that an independent examination is needed.</p> <p>It is my responsibility to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • examine the accounts (under section 43 of the Act, as amended); • to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, as amended); and • to state whether particular matters have come to my attention 	
Basis of independent examiner's statement	<p>My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.</p>	
Independent examiner's Statement	<p>In conjunction with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:</p> <p>(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and • accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or <p>(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached</p>	
Signed	D. R. Bickham	Date: 11 July 2018
Name:	DAVID ROBERT BICKHAM	
Relevant professional qualification or body (if any)	NOT APPLICABLE	
Address	8 BERKELEY DRIVE GUISBOROUGH CLEVELAND TS14 7LX	