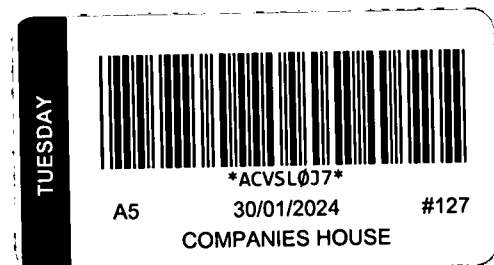


THE WHARFEDALE VINEYARD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Annual Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 30th April 2023

Registered Charity 1071353
Company number 3541920



Trustees/Directors

D Flowers (Founding Trustee)
M Byde (Chair)
J Grayson
T Steere
W Sims
G Togobo
J Hardy
S Ramdas-Harsia

Secretary

A Button

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Reference and administrative details

Legal Status	Company limited by guarantee not having share capital
Governing Instrument	Articles of Association
Secretary	Mrs Anne Button
Registered Office	The Wharfedale Vineyard Vineyard House 11 Bennett Road Leeds LS6 3HN
Registered Charity Number	Registered in England No. 1071353
Company Registration	Registered in England No. 3541920
Bankers	Barclays Corporate Bank P O Box 493 Sir Frank Whittle Rd Derby BX3 2BB
Independent Examiner	Lourens du Plessis ACA CA(SA) Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage London EC1Y 8AB
Day to day management	Day to day management of the charity is delegated to a senior management team made up of the senior and assistant pastors and the Administration team.

Directors

The Directors who served during the year were as follows:

Mr D S Flowers appointed 15 January 1998

Mr Jonathan Grayson appointed 12 February 2016

Mr Timothy Steere appointed 13 March 2017

Dr Michael Byde appointed 26 October 2018

Mrs Griselda Togobo appointed 12 October 2020 resigned 16 May 2023

Mr William Sims appointed 12 October 2020

Mrs Judy Hardy appointed 1 May 2022

Mr Simeon Ramdas-Harsia appointed 26 May 2023

Report of the Directors

Structure, Governance and Management

Incorporation

The Company was incorporated on 7th April 1998 and commenced its operations immediately.

Company Directors / Board of Trustees

Trustees are recruited to the board based on the skills set that they possess and the portfolio requirements of the retiring trustees. The Chairperson aims to look at the 2-year period ahead when considering new trustees, retiring trustees and skills required in order to ensure stability of the board.

Prospective trustees are required to attend at least one trustees' meeting as an observer. Thereafter the existing trustees vote on the appointment and if the invitation is accepted the new trustee is appointed. There is a handover period as roles are passed from outgoing trustees to incoming trustees during which responsibility for that area of the role may be shared. Prospective trustees have a one-to-one session with the Chair who explains the role and expectations and an induction with the Company Secretary to examine the governing documents, annual accounts and recent financial management information.

Trustees are encouraged to read charity news updates and attend training opportunities and seminars such as are provided by Stewardship, Vineyard Churches UK&I and other bodies.

Organisational Structure

Day to day management of the charity is delegated to the Senior Pastor of Leeds Vineyard, the Company Secretary and the Staff team. Much of the work of the charity is supported or carried out by a group made up of paid staff and key volunteers.

The Wharfedale Vineyard operates with several working names to reflect its geographical activities. Until such time as they wish to become independent, both in governance and finance, each of these churches will operate under the aegis of Wharfedale Vineyard.

Leeds Vineyard	This church was started in 1998 (as the Wharfedale Vineyard). It was "planted" out of SW London Vineyard.
Harrogate Vineyard	This church was "planted" out of Leeds Vineyard in January 2012 and set up as an independent CIO in March 2023 under the charity number 1202231. We are concluding a period of transition with finances moving to the new structure from July 2023, aiming for conclusion by April 2024.
Sheffield Vineyard	This church was "planted" out of Leeds Vineyard in July 2012 and set up as an independent CIO in January 2022 under the charity number 1197569. The Sheffield Vineyard CIO are filing their own accounts for the year ending April 2023 as the bulk of their activity moved to the new structure within the year.

Relationships with other charities

Wharfedale Vineyard and its trading entities are affiliated to **Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland (VCUK&I) Charity no: 1099748**. VCUK&I was formed with the purpose of joining together churches that hold common values and practices. It gives oversight to the pastors of Vineyard churches and facilitates church planting. It helps, serves and strengthens the churches by leading, training, resourcing, administering and providing pastoral support to senior pastors. The Wharfedale Vineyard uses the name 'Vineyard' under license from VCUK&I.

The Wharfedale Vineyard gives 5% of its income (i.e. 5% of the income allocated to Leeds, Harrogate and Sheffield) to support the work of VCUK&I. This is part of the license agreement with VCUK&I and is in harmony with the charity's objectives.

Leeds Community Development (known as The Vine)

The Founding Trustee and Secretary of Wharfedale Vineyard (David Flowers & Anne Button) and their spouses, are members of Leeds Community Development: a charity which was established by Wharfedale Vineyard to host and resource major community development projects in Leeds on behalf of the church. In practice Leeds Community Development comes under the umbrella of the Wharfedale Vineyard charity, although no significant activity is currently undertaken within Leeds Community Development.

Risk Management Policies

Financial Plan and Reserves Policy: The trustees run an annual budget agreed at least 3 months before the financial year end and once a year consider a 3-year plan. The target for maintaining cash reserves is 3 months' day to day unrestricted expenditure. This equates to £110,167 which is lower than previous years due to Sheffield & Harrogate Vineyard's setting up their new CIO structures and therefore no longer being included in this calculation. At the year end, the unrestricted cash balances totalled £66,872 with a large gift aid claim outstanding. Unrestricted current assets were £89,614 which is much closer to the desired reserve. Cashflow is monitored on a daily basis.

There is internal segregation of duties to provide additional checks of accuracy and propriety of income and expenditure.

Safeguarding: The Company has established a Safeguarding Policy under the auspices of thirty-one:eight. The policy covers Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults. The policy is kept under regular review.

Risk Assessments: The Company prepares Risk Assessments for all major activities and events and keeps a risk register to record risk events.

Statement of Directors' responsibilities

The Directors are responsible for the Church finances and for preparing Financial Statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Church and of the results of the Church for that period. In preparing those Financial Statements the Directors are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the Financial Statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Church will continue.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and to enable them to ensure that the Financial Statements comply with the Companies Act 2006.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In planning the activities, the Directors have had regard to the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Hallmarks

'A well-run charity achieves high standards and attracts public confidence and support. The charity is able to show how its activities are able to support its charitable aims.'
Charity Commission CC60.

The Company demonstrated this hallmark by:

- The appointment of expert trustees who met regularly to manage risk, finances and legal matters;
- Minimising the amount of cash being handled;
- Ensuring that the control and management of financial matters is in the hands of different people and there is an annual review by an external and independent body;
- The Senior Pastors are not cheque/internet banking signatories;
- The appointment of Overseers from the national movement (Vineyard Churches UK&I), John and Debby Wright who are the National Directors of Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland and Senior Pastors of the Trent Vineyard in Nottingham;
- Keeping activities under constant review to ensure that they meet the aims and objectives of the Company.

Objectives and activities

Principal Objects & Activity

The principal objectives and activities of the charity are as set out in the memorandum and articles of association:

- the furtherance of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ
- to build up the faith of the Christian believers
- to share in the training of Christian workers
- to promote Christian education
- to advance the Christian religion
- to relieve the poor and needy and the sick and elderly

Ongoing impact of Covid-19

In May 2021 we started to see some key donors move on as they have reassessed priorities, moved away, and whilst others have joined, giving to the church is slightly below where it has been previously. The pandemic has significantly impacted on the charities ability to raise funds and start work on Vineyard House – a building in Headingley, Leeds. Some potential funding streams have been closed to applications and any building work will now cost significantly more than estimated previously due to materials being harder to obtain and due to inflationary pressures generally. This is expected to have an impact on the charity's reserves in the next few years, although the trustees are committed to monitoring this and taking action as necessary.

In May 2022 we reflected on the impact of cost of living increases meaning that our income was stretched and our expenditure rising to uncertain levels.

In May 2023 the church had just embarked on a STEPS giving campaign to raise funds to pay off the mortgage on Vineyard House, to mitigate against the rising mortgage interest rates. The trustees were cautiously proceeding with smaller scale building works to get the building into a state of being used more, generating more rental income to cover ongoing costs. The church has also been seeing growth, with attention being paid to our visibility – both geographically and online.

Each of the 3 churches expresses the charitable objectives of the Charity in slightly different ways – here are their vision statements.

leeds vineyard

Love God, Love People, Love in Action

We believe God has called us to establish a growing, regional, biblically-based community of faith in Leeds. We will worship God, pray, communicate His love and mercy to all people and commit to living out our faith in Jesus in a creative and contemporary way, and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

We believe that there is good news for this generation in the Kingdom of God and we long to share that news – particularly in Leeds and the North.

We aim to make, train and equip followers of Jesus to be effective in the extending of God's Kingdom, to develop leaders, to plant new churches, to contribute to the blessing of the whole church and to minister to the poor in practical ways.

Sheffield vineyard

Sheffield

As a family at Sheffield Vineyard our vision is to establish and grow a vibrant, biblically based, regional Vineyard Church rooted in Sheffield that will:

LOVE God and worship him in creative and relevant ways,

LEARN to live as God intended, and

LIVE life with compassion and generosity.

We use the words **LOVE | LEARN | LIVE** a lot because they are central to everything we do as a church.

harrogate vineyard church

God has called us to establish a vibrant, creative, biblically-based and growing church in Harrogate. A church where all are invited to discover Jesus and what it means to follow Him. An outward-looking community which will, in a creative and contemporary way, in the power of the Holy Spirit, worship God and communicate the good news of Jesus with compassion and generosity. We aim to make and equip disciples, raise up leaders, plant new churches and be a blessing to the wider church.

Our desire is to see lives changed through the power and presence of God; to see broken lives restored; to see those without hope given a reason for joy; to pray for and be actively involved in God's justice for the poor.

We believe God has something powerfully life-changing and relevant to say to all people. Our desire is to grow a church where people are welcome at any part of their journey; whether they are seekers, followers or just hanging out.

Strategy for discipleship

The Church seeks to provide an environment in which the members of the three communities of faith are disciplined in the Christian faith and achieves impact mainly through the "small group" structure, Sunday meetings, outreach into our local communities and through the support of pastoral staff.

Pastoral Care

The pastoral staff are available when needed and all have experience and training in prayer, listening and coaching as well as practical service. However, pastoral care is provided primarily through house groups. These are small groups of 5-20 people meeting weekly in members' homes and led by accredited volunteers. There is a robust system for identifying, training, equipping and supporting house group leaders.

Strategy for sharing the Christian faith

The Church seeks to share the Christian faith and achieves impact through the open and welcoming nature of its meetings, through the personal lives and testimonies of its regular attendees, house groups and Alpha courses. It also achieves impact through extensive service in the local community – known as Reach Out.

Worship Services

During this financial year the churches held weekly meetings both streamed online via Youtube, podcasts and recordings which could be listened back to, and in person at local venues. These worship services are designed to be welcoming and friendly for all ages and open to all.

Strategy for the alleviation of poverty

The Church invests significantly both financially and through paid and volunteer time in running a highly successful Child Contact Centre in Leeds, strong links with a Women's Refuge in Harrogate and being a distribution centre for the S6 foodbank in Sheffield. In March 2023 a Food Pantry was opened in Leeds in partnership with Your Local Pantry. It has a good reputation in each of these cities.

The Church aims to send volunteers on missions abroad, to places where there are opportunities to support church planting or relief agencies working with the poor or vulnerable (however, in this financial year large trips have not been possible; the churches have nonetheless continued to support the same projects and people remotely).

The Church also seeks to alleviate poverty and suffering through the day to day lives of its regular attendees. Some of the activities which emanate from their volunteer service are:

1. giving food, drink and friendship to those in need;
2. gardening, house decorating;
3. giving out bottles of water and chocolates at community events;
4. developing support for other organisations in Leeds/Harrogate/Sheffield;
5. encouraging good neighbourly relationships and involvement by its members;

6. housing asylum seekers on an emergency basis;
7. supporting and encouraging those fostering or considering fostering children;
8. working with Street Pastors and Teen Challenge (ministry to sex workers);
9. offering prayer for healing.

The company also makes regular financial donations to suitable charities.

Volunteers

The trustees are grateful to the volunteers who have given their time during the year and without whose contribution the charity would not be able to function as effectively or fully as it does.

We conservatively estimated an average of 172 adults¹ (152 excluding Sheffield) who volunteer an average of 2.5 hours per week. This therefore gives a total for the year of 22,360 volunteer hours which, at the national living wage of £10.42 per hour (up to April 2023) equates to a value of at least £233,000.

It is likely that this estimate understates the true contribution by volunteers. Whilst this figure had dipped due to changes in activities post-Covid, we are seeing an increase in volunteering again in 2022.

¹ 90 in Leeds, 20 in Harrogate, 50 in Sheffield, 12 at the Child Contact Centre

Financial Review

Comment on results for year

The year has seen a decrease in regular giving and associated gift aid recovery to the church with the launch of the Sheffield Vineyard CIO resulting in donations going to the new charity instead. The 23/24 year will see a similar pattern with the Harrogate Vineyard Church CIO becoming established.

Overall, income for the year remained very similar to the year before, due to a restricted giving campaign for Vineyard House (STEPS). This campaign in Leeds in early 2023 had the aim of paying off the mortgage. Whilst this vision wasn't fully realised, a good chunk of the mortgage was paid off which in the current climate of rising interest rates is a real positive and demonstrates that the church congregation is behind the vision for the community project.

The charity remains in a healthy financial position. In addition to the restricted fund the charity also holds an unrestricted legacy gift which has not yet been fully used. The trustees remain aware of the future costs of the Vineyard House project, and are working with the project team and consulting experts to ensure that the costs are understood and agreed before further commitments are made.

Financial position at end of year

The financial position, as at 30 April 2023, shows unrestricted cash reserves of £66,872.

Source and application of funds

Wharfedale Vineyard is not just a group of individuals but a family of believers who are convinced of the intrinsic value of the church and its work in the local communities and who support this through sacrificial giving.

The Charity receives funds almost entirely by way of freewill giving by the regular attendees. Most of the giving is received by monthly standing order and, where appropriate, tax is reclaimed through Gift Aid.

The funds are used to fulfil the charitable objectives and are applied mainly in the following areas (see strategies above and Notes to the accounts 2 and 3): -

1. Teaching and worship
2. Pastoral work
3. Discipleship
4. Reach Out activities
5. Church planting
6. Giving to other charities

Investment policy and borrowing

The Wharfedale Vineyard holds its reserves in bank balances. It is not the policy of the trustees to hold more funds than are required to meet the Reserves Policy, except when there is a particular spending objective in mind in the near future.

REVIEW OF THE 2022-2023 PERIOD and FUTURE OBJECTIVES, PLANS & TARGETS FOR 2023-2024

This section is broken down into four elements: Wharfedale Vineyard, Leeds Vineyard, Harrogate Vineyard and Sheffield Vineyard.

WHARFEDALE VINEYARD	
2022 - 2023 review	<p>In 2022-23 the final balance of the Sheffield Vineyard reserve was transferred to them, and Harrogate Vineyard successfully setup their own governance structure and CIO.</p> <p>The Chair and Company Secretary worked closely to recruit new trustees to join the board and to explore what that could look like in the future, to maintain a breadth of experience as the charity goes through a period of change with the departure of Sheffield Vineyard and Harrogate Vineyard.</p>
2023-2024 plans & targets	<p>In 2023-24 it is anticipated that both Sheffield Vineyard and Harrogate Vineyard Church will become fully independent from Wharfedale Vineyard with their own trustees, board structures and financial independence.</p> <p>The Chair and Company Secretary will continue to work closely to ensure that new trustees are identified and invited to join the board to maintain a breadth of experience as the charity goes through a period of change with the departure of Sheffield Vineyard and Harrogate Vineyard and to support the ongoing growth of Vineyard House as a project.</p>

LEEDS VINEYARD

Leeds Vineyard is well established in Headingley:

- A public and corporate act of worship for all ages every Sunday morning - livestreamed and in-person at Headingley Methodist Church, and re-named "Sunday Gathering";
- Providing discipleship care through an extensive range of small groups meeting regularly during the week.
- Serving the community through several ministries, many taking place in Vineyard House (Child Contact Centre, Lantern, Pantry, Youth Work, charity support etc)

During 2021 the teaching theme was "Heart to Heart" (an exploration of Justice). During 2022 the teaching them was "Life" (an exploration of the gift of life and the giver of life, the promise of abundant life). During 2023 the teaching theme is "Kingdom, Power & Glory" (learning to see the manifestation of God's rule, reign, authority and holiness)

We continue to subscribe to the Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland Vision of: "Extending the Kingdom together, everywhere and in every way." Our motto is: Love God, love people, love in action.

Our Mission for 2022-2023 was to:

1. Provide a safe, caring and discipling environment for those who call Leeds Vineyard their church whether online or in-person as we emerge from the Coronavirus pandemic and negotiate the cost of living crisis;
2. Share the gospel of Jesus Christ more and more effectively;
3. Increase our various ministries which serve the community;
4. Release new leadership for church-planting and extending the geographical reach of the church;
5. Make faster progress on the Vineyard House restoration project than has been possible to date;
6. Balance the budget.

We made progress toward the mission in most areas as evidenced by regular attendance at Sunday Gathering and small groups, continuing to run ministries for the community and starting a Food Pantry, make significant improvements to Vineyard House thus releasing higher and more enthusiastic use. We balanced the budget.

Our main goals were to:

1. Release David & Alison Flowers to have a three-month sabbatical;
2. To increase the evangelistic effectiveness of the people of the church as measured by bringing people into faith in Jesus Christ leading to baptism;
3. To run regular Alpha courses;
4. To continue to engage with discrimination issues such as racism, sexism and disability and seek to diversify the leadership and influencers within the church;
5. To become great neighbours in the Headingley business and residential community;
6. To establish Lantern as a regular outreach to vulnerable people and those living on the street;
7. To continue to support the Child Contact Centre and celebrate its 10th anniversary;
8. Seek funding for repair of Vineyard House and re-launch of the restoration project;
9. Seek funding for launch of counselling services and other community projects;
10. To keep income higher than spending;
11. To support the Morley group and see it flourish more and more independently;
12. To continue to support missionaries abroad.

2022 – 2023 mission and goals	<p>We achieved some of these goals: David & Alison Flowers had a successful sabbatical, we continue to run Alpha courses but would like to see more evangelistic fruit in the church (although four young people were baptised after the year-end). We have an ongoing dialogue and teaching on discrimination issues and enjoy a good reputation in the neighbourhood and amongst local churches. The church raised £120,000 to support Vineyard House and our ministry in the community. The Child Contact Centre, Lantern and Pantry are thriving and increasing our capacity to address certain needs in our community. We have not yet secured funding for the mental health services we are planning to provide. By strict spending controls we have balanced the budget. We have continued to support financially and in prayer and relationship the group in Morley and missionaries abroad – adding a family in Ghana to our partnerships.</p>
2023 – 2024 mission and goals	<p>Our Mission for 2023-2024 is to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue to disciple those who call the church their home and to grow the church through sharing the good news of the gospel in both preaching, evangelism and action; 2. Increase the efficient and profitable use of Vineyard House; 3. Prepare the church for transition to new leadership in the next few years; 4. Create a financial surplus in order to prepare for transition; 5. Develop a governance culture which protects against any abuse of power, spiritual, mental or physical. <p>In response to their Sabbatical in 2022 David & Alison introduced ten ministry goals which help define and focus our Kingdom vision:</p> <p>Ministry Goals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reaching out for revival – personally, church, community; 2. Profuse prayer – personal and together; 3. Passionate preaching of the scriptures; 4. Fruitfulness in evangelism - the conversion of Headingley, training in sharing our faith; 5. Sensitive discipling through gender and sexuality issues; 6. A diverse church welcoming diversity (racial, disability, financial, age); 7. Pursuing social justice (CCC, Lantern, Food Pantry, green team, modern slavery); 8. Evidential change in our neighbourhood; 9. Radical creativity in art & ministry; 10. A fun family that fills the church.

Our Main Planning Goals:

1. To increase the surplus in finances in preparation for transition;
2. To invite applications for the post(s) of Senior Pastor to follow on from David & Alison Flowers;
3. To increase the evangelistic effectiveness of the people of the church as measured by bringing people into faith in Jesus Christ leading to baptism;
4. To run regular Alpha courses;
5. To continue to engage with discrimination issues such as racism, sexism and disability and seek to diversify the leadership and influencers within the church;
6. To become great neighbours in the Headingley business and residential community;
7. To establish the Pantry as a regular outreach to those in financial difficulty in our neighbourhood;
8. To continue to support the Child Contact Centre;
9. To seek funding for repair of Vineyard House and re-launch of the restoration project;
10. To continue to seek funding for launch of counselling services and other community projects;
11. To keep income higher than spending;
12. To support the Morley group and see it flourish more and more independently;
13. To continue to support missionaries abroad – and develop a new partnership with a family in Ghana;
14. To provide financial and people support to DTI (annual youth festival);
15. To provide resource support for Ashburnham (bi-annual church conference);
16. To engage fully with Run 4 All races in Headingley 12 May 2024;
17. To release leaders to plant new churches or sites for the Vineyard.

HARROGATE VINEYARD

Our goals for 2022/23 were attained as follows:

2022 – 2023 review

1. We added new volunteers to our Sunday Vineyard Kids team & updated our teaching curriculum to ensure it was in line with the main service.
2. We changed our Spiritual Rhythm for Sunday services for the Spring & Summer terms (twice monthly at St Aidan's, Brunch once a month & a monthly evening service) which led to greater connection across the church community.
3. We reduced Senior Pastor Maggie's paid time to 1 day pw, which freed up resource to employ a church administrator.
4. We saw more lay people taking on roles within the church.
5. We partnered with the 'Bettys By Post' team to increase the support we gave to the Women's Refuge at Christmas
6. We now have young people regularly serving in both the worship team & running the AV
7. We launched a Warm Welcome space in partnership with Woodlands Methodist Church & Kairos Church, with church members serving on the team.
8. We pioneered a monthly cross-church youth service – initially piloted in partnership with St John's Bilton & Kairos church, now open to youth from other churches across the town
9. We hosted regular New Wine Leader's meetings for leaders across the district, and ran 2 town wide New Wine Celebration evenings.
10. We restarted our in-person Reach Out activities including the Stray Fireworks donut giveaway, Blue Monday and Easter/Christmas giveaways

Our main objectives for 2023/24 are:

2023 – 2024 plans & targets

1. To gain independence by moving all activity to our new CIO structure.
2. We will double the number of people serving on the Vineyard Kids team, to match the increase in numbers of children & young people – with the view to multiplying the groups.
3. Provide training to Vineyard Kids leaders on additional needs support
4. Develop the preaching team, adding new people & providing resources & mentoring
5. In order to support the projected increase in congregation we will return to regular weekly services at St Aidan's
6. To ensure community cohesion we will introduce a regular bring & share lunch after the service.
7. We will invest in our growing multicultural small group based at Harrogate Hospital – including training opportunities & attending Cause To Live For conference.
8. We plan to upgrade our website & social media to facilitate greater engagement with the community & newcomers.
9. We are seeking to create new pastoral assistant roles internally from existing leaders
10. Now the Youth Worship night is established, we aim to increase the number of non-churchgoing young people who are invited & become regulars – with opportunities to respond to evangelistic messages.
11. We will increase our weekly small groups, including a Vineyard Leadership Essentials small group to focus on training our leaders, and affinity groups (breadmaking etc)

SHEFFIELD VINEYARD

2022 - 2023 review

In 2022-2023 the Sheffield Vineyard grew its children's ministry, foodbank and Meals ministry. Alex & Karen Griffin took a 12 week sabbatical and the church celebrated its 10th birthday in October 2022.

There were no suitable properties which became available to rent or purchase. Although in the future there are still plans to plant additional SV church communities in Sheffield, this hasn't happened as yet.

2023-2024 plans and targets

These plans now can be found within the annual report submitted by the Sheffield Vineyard CIO Charity reg. 1197569.

Approval

This report was approved by the Directors on Jan 27, 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Michael Bye
Michael Bye (Jan 27, 2024 09:01 GMT)

Mr Michael Bye
Trustee/Director

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF**

THE WHARFEDALE VINEYARD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 April 2023 on pages 19 to 25 following, which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on page 21.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the Company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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.

Lourens Du Plessis
Lourens Du Plessis (Jan 29, 2024 10:32 GMT)

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Member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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Date: Jan 29, 2024

The Wharfedale Vineyard Christian Fellowship
Statement of Financial Activities including the Income & Expenditure Account for the year ending 30 April 2023

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	Note	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income from:							
Income from donations and legacies	1	342,785	103,535	446,320	444,213	20,144	464,357
Investment income	1	8	-	8	-	-	-
Income from charitable activities	1	3,298	33,890	37,188	4,142	26,995	31,137
Total income		346,091	137,425	483,516	448,355	47,139	495,494
Expenditure on:							
Direct costs of charitable activities	2	271,372	27,224	298,595	219,315	13,858	233,173
Support costs	4	114,281	58,129	182,410	220,158	39,552	259,710
Total expenditure		385,652	85,353	481,005	439,473	53,410	492,883
Net income/(expenditure)		(39,561)	52,072	12,511	8,882	(6,271)	2,611
Transfers between funds		56,239	(56,239)	-	(26,835)	26,835	-
Net movement in funds		16,678	(4,167)	12,511	(17,953)	20,564	2,611
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds brought forward		437,332	20,564	457,896	455,285	-	455,285
Total funds carried forward	13	454,010	16,397	470,407	437,332	20,564	457,896

The Statement of Financial Activities has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations.

The Statement of Financial Activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

The Charity has no recognised gains or losses other than those included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The Notes on pages 21 to 25 form part of these Financial Statements.

**The Wharfedale Vineyard Christian Fellowship
Balance Sheet as at 30 April 2023**

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds 2022 as restated
	Note	Funds £	Funds £	2023 £	Funds £	Funds £	£
Fixed assets:							
Tangible assets	5	565,226	2,464	567,690	584,666	-	584,666
Total fixed assets		565,226	2,464	567,690	584,666	-	584,666
Current assets:							
Debtors	6	22,742	-	22,742	5,808	-	5,808
Cash at bank and in hand	7	66,872	13,933	80,805	123,926	20,564	144,490
Total current assets		89,614	13,933	103,547	129,734	20,564	150,298
Current liabilities:							
Creditors falling due within one year	8	20,463	-	20,463	40,803	-	40,803
Net current assets		69,151	13,933	83,084	88,931	20,564	109,495
Non-current liabilities:							
Creditors falling due in more than one year	8	190,367	-	190,367	236,265	-	236,265
Total assets less liabilities		444,010	16,397	460,407	437,332	20,564	457,896
Funds							
Accumulated funds brought forward		437,332	20,564	457,896	455,285	-	455,285
Movement in year		16,678	(4,167)	12,511	(17,953)	20,564	2,611
Total funds carried forward	13	454,010	16,397	470,407	437,332	20,564	457,896

For the year ended 30 April 2023, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Responsibilities of directors/trustees:

a. The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act -- however, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 the accounts have been examined by an independent examiner whose report forms part of this document.

b. The directors/trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Jan 27, 2024

The Financial Statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on

And signed on its behalf:

Michael Byde
Michael Byde (Jan 27, 2024 09:01 GMT)

Trustee - Dr Michael Byde

Jonathan Grayson
Jonathan Grayson (Jan 28, 2024 21:14 GMT)

Trustee - Jonathan Grayson

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The Wharfedale Vineyard Christian Fellowship

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended 30th April 2023

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Statutory information

The charity is a charitable company limited by guarantee and is incorporated in the United Kingdom.

The company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the Company Information page.

a) ACCOUNTING CONVENTIONS AND STANDARDS

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the "Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" ("the Charities SORP"), with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102") (effective 1 January 2019), with the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102. The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the financial currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £1. The principles adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

b) GOING CONCERN

The trustees (who are the charitable company's directors for the purposes of company law) have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In particular the trustees have considered the charity's forecasts and projections and the possible implications should projected income and/or expenditure vary unexpectedly. The trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

c) INCOME

Income including investment income is recognised in the period in which the charity becomes entitled to receipt, the amount receivable can be measured with reasonable certainty, and receipt is probable. For the most part, income is generally recognised when it is received. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

Income from donations includes recoverable gift aid. This is recognised when the relation donation is received. Gift aid that has not been recovered by the balance sheet date is included as a debtor. Other income is comprised of rental income and grants received.

The charity has relied significantly upon volunteers in carrying out its activities during the year. In accordance with paragraph 6.18 of the SORP, the role of volunteers has not been recognised as income from donated services in the accounts.

d) EXPENDITURE

Expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, is recognised when it is incurred or, if earlier, when a legal or constructive obligation for a payment arises provided that it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

The charity makes grants to other institutions and individuals to further its charitable objectives. Grants payable are recognised as constructive obligations arise, which is generally when the charity expressed a commitment to the recipient that can be measured reliably and then only to the extent that any conditions associated with the grant are outside the control of the charity.

The cost of raising funds is not significant and has not been separately disclosed.

e) FUNDS

Unrestricted funds are donations and other income received or generated for the objects of the charity without specified purpose and are available for purposes as directed by the trustees. Restricted funds are amounts received where the donor has specified the purpose for which it should be used.

f) DEPRECIATION

Tangible fixed assets are depreciated at annual rates to write the cost of the assets over their estimated useful lives. The rates of depreciation are:

Building	- 2.5% per annum straight line method over remaining useful life
Computer Equipment	- 33.33% per annum straight line method
Fixtures & Fittings	- 20% per annum straight line method
Equipment, PA System	- 25% per annum straight line method

The threshold for capitalisation is set at £1,000.

g) PENSION COSTS

The company operates a defined contribution scheme for certain of its employees. Pension premiums are charged as they are paid.

h) FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The charity's financial assets and financial liabilities all qualify as basic financial instruments, as defined by FRS102. Except for loans, creditors and debtors are measured at their expected settlement value (normally the amount of cash that the charity expects to pay or receive). The charity recognises liabilities for the principal of those loans that remains outstanding at the year end (i.e. the liabilities exclude any interest chargeable on the loans in future years).

i) TAXATION

The company is a registered charity and is potentially exempt from taxation under the Income & Corporation Taxes Acts.

j) EXEMPTION FROM PREPARING A CASH FLOW STATEMENT

The charity has taken advantage of an exemption conferred by the Charities SORP and has not prepared a cash flow statement.

1. Total income	2023		2023	2022		2022
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income from donations and legacies						
Tithes and Planned Giving	291,469	91,087	382,556	381,315	18,689	400,004
Tax Recovery via Gift Aid	51,316	12,448	63,764	62,898	1,455	64,353
	<u>342,785</u>	<u>103,535</u>	<u>446,320</u>	<u>444,213</u>	<u>20,144</u>	<u>464,357</u>
Investment income	<u>8</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Income from charitable activities						
Other Income from activities	548	33,890	34,438	4,142	26,995	31,137
VCUK&I Northern Area Income	2,750	-	2,750	-	-	-
	<u>3,298</u>	<u>33,890</u>	<u>37,188</u>	<u>4,142</u>	<u>26,995</u>	<u>31,137</u>
Total income from charitable activities	<u>346,091</u>	<u>137,425</u>	<u>483,516</u>	<u>448,355</u>	<u>47,139</u>	<u>495,494</u>
2 Expenditure on charitable activities	2023		2023	2022		2022
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Direct costs						
Teaching and Worship	44,285	944	45,229	48,046	-	48,046
Pastoral Activity	136,378	20,709	157,087	118,097	13,225	131,322
Conferences and Events	11,609	-	11,609	5,709	633	6,342
Youth & Children Activities	1,885	-	1,885	3,416	-	3,416
Grant payment to Sheffield	46,000	-	46,000	-	-	-
Reach Out Programme	11,308	5,571	16,879	25,163	-	25,163
Grants for mission and poverty relief	19,906	-	19,906	18,884	-	18,884
Total direct costs	<u>271,372</u>	<u>27,224</u>	<u>298,595</u>	<u>219,315</u>	<u>13,858</u>	<u>233,173</u>
Support Costs	<u>114,281</u>	<u>58,129</u>	<u>182,409</u>	<u>220,158</u>	<u>39,552</u>	<u>259,710</u>
Total charitable expenditure	<u>385,653</u>	<u>85,353</u>	<u>481,004</u>	<u>439,473</u>	<u>53,410</u>	<u>492,883</u>
3 Grants	Institutions	Individuals	Total 2023	Institutions	Individuals	Total 2022
	£	£		£	£	
Gifts to support mission activity						
Vineyard UK	13,081	-	13,081	18,443	-	18,443
Reach Out Programme	11,308	5,571	16,879	25,163	-	25,163
Grants for relief of poverty	6,825	-	6,825	-	-	-
Grants for education and youth development	-	-	10,000	-	-	-
	<u>31,214</u>	<u>5,571</u>	<u>46,785</u>	<u>43,606</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,606</u>

The Wharfedale Vineyard Christian Fellowship provides regular funding to Vineyard Churches UK and Ireland ("VCUK&I"), calculated as 5% of all gifted unrestricted income. This arrangement constitutes a constructive obligation such that any funds assessed as owed to VCUK&I will be accounted for as a liability on a monthly basis.

The grants to institutions, included in the Reach Out Programme and Gifts to Support Mission Activity amounting to more than £1,000 in the year were:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Stewardship (for Mungarro)	1,800	1,800
Containers Direct	-	4,416
S6 Foodbank	-	1,400
Ukraine Giving	-	6,464
Cornerstone Baptist Church	1,000	-
Your Local Pantry	2,000	-
Kintsugi Hope	3,421	-
Wellspring	3,421	-
DTI	10,000	-
Vineyard UK	13,081	-
	<u>34,723</u>	<u>14,080</u>

4 Analysis of support costs

	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022	2022
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Salaries	70,854	21,480	92,334	133,561	11,815	145,376
Accommodation	3,524	5,187	8,711	7,842	8,015	15,857
Depreciation	3,559	15,882	19,441	1,186	15,625	16,811
Mortgage Interest Payments	9,067	-	9,067	10,746	-	10,746
General Fees and Advice	8,218	4,210	12,428	11,060	3,323	14,383
Other Expenditure	16,414	11,370	37,783	52,883	774	53,657
Accounts Examination	2,646	-	2,646	2,880	-	2,880
	114,281	58,129	182,410	220,158	39,552	259,710

5 Fixed asset investments

	Computer Equipment	PA Equipment & Musical Instruments	Land and Building	Fixtures & Fittings	Total Assets
	£	£	£	£	£
COST OR VALUATION					
At 1st May 2022	1,679	23,770	625,000	-	650,449
Acquisitions	-	-	-	2,465	2,465
At 30th April 2023	1,679	23,770	625,000	2,465	652,914
DEPRECIATION					
At 1st May 2022	1,679	10,719	53,385	-	65,783
Charge for the year	-	3,559	15,625	257	19,441
At 30th April 2023	1,679	14,278	69,010	257	85,224
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 30th April 2023	-	9,492	555,990	2,208	567,690
At 30th April 2022	-	13,051	571,615	-	584,666

6 Analysis of current assets

Debtors under 1 year	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Prepayments	1,510	-	1,510	1,861	-	1,861
Other Debtors	7,336	-	7,336	-	-	-
Gift Aid Reclaim	13,896	-	13,896	3,947	-	3,947
	22,742	-	22,742	5,808	-	5,808

7 Analysis of cash and deposits

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Current accounts	66,872	13,933	80,805	123,926	20,564	144,490
	66,872	13,933	80,805	123,926	20,564	144,490

8 Analysis of current liabilities and long term creditors

Creditors under 1 year	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Barclays Credit Card	783	-	783	1,624	-	1,624
Creditors	1,027	-	1,027	4,537	-	4,537
Accruals	8,053	-	8,053	6,720	-	6,720
Stewardship building loan - see note below	10,600	-	10,600	27,922	-	27,922
	20,463	-	20,463	40,803	-	40,803
Creditors over 1 year	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Stewardship building loan - see note below	180,367	-	180,367	236,265	-	236,265
Loans from members	10,000	-	10,000	-	-	-
	190,367	-	190,367	236,265	-	236,265

The Stewardship building loan is secured on Vineyard House. Interest is payable at a variable rate, which at the balance sheet date was 4%.

The loan is being repaid in monthly instalments over 15 years

The repayments are as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Within one year	10,600	27,922
Between one and five years	53,974	111,689
After five years	126,393	124,576
Total	190,967	264,187

9 Staff costs	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Gross Pay	200,527	18,238	218,765	242,887	9,976	252,863
Employer's NI	11,623	-	11,623	12,548	-	12,548
Employer's Pension Contribution	3,169	3,242	6,411	5,717	1,839	7,556
Total	215,319	21,480	236,799	261,152	11,815	272,967

The average headcount in the year was 13 (2022: 16).

The total staff costs in the year include payments to Mr D. Flowers in his position as founding pastor of the Church as permitted by the governing document £36,123 (2022: £32,716) and employer pension contributions were made of £981 (2022: £981).

Payments were also made to Mrs A. Flowers (wife of a director) who is employed in a pastoral role part time of £9,943 (2022: £9,936) and employer pension contributions were made of £295 (2022: £296).

No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum in either the current or prior year.

Remuneration payable to key management (excluding trustees and related parties, disclosed above) amounted to £50,131 in the year (2022: £56,531). Key management is considered to cover church leaders and senior management directly employed by the charity.

The total amount of donations funded by trustees and connected parties was £73,073 (2022: £67,327) of which £Nil was restricted (2022: £Nil).

David Flowers is also one of the directors at Flowers McEwan, through whom the pension scheme and key person insurance is arranged. The firm were appointed by the Board of Trustees as they were thought to represent good value for money.

No other transactions have taken place with related parties during the year.

Fees payable to Stewardship, other than for the independent examination and mortgage services, for payroll bureau services and access to a consultancy helpline, totalled £1,880 (2022: £2,880).

No other Trustees/Directors, nor anyone connected to them received any remuneration.

10 Contingent liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities as at 30th April 2023.

11 Capital commitments

There were no capital commitments as at 30th April 2023.

12 Events since year end

Grant payments totalling £33,320 were made to the new Harrogate CIO and Sheffield CIO after the year end date in respect of funds held on behalf of these organisations.

13 Funds

The restricted funds represent amounts received for specific purposes and the movements in the year are as follows:

Restricted Funds	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers in the Year	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£	£
Vineyard House	-	119,443	60,740	(58,703)	-
Vineyard House Food Pantry	-	7,482	2,698	2,464	7,248
Children In Need	9,938	10,500	14,498	-	5,940
Leeds Community Fund	10,626	-	7,417	-	3,209
Total	20,564	137,425	85,353	(56,239)	16,397

The transfers from the restricted fund represent loan repayments made from general funds.

Purpose of restricted funds:

Vineyard House: This is a building owned by the charity in Headingley, Leeds and used for charity offices and community groups through this week. Money given to this fund is specifically for the upkeep/use of the building.

Vineyard House Food Pantry: The Vineyard House Food Pantry operates out of Vineyard House and provides local access to low cost, good quality food.

Children In Need: This is a 3 year grant which is to be used specifically for the child contact centre.

Leeds Community Fund: This is a one-off grant to be used specifically for the child contact centre.

Unrestricted Funds	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers in the Year	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£	£
General	129,904	346,091	385,652	8,644	98,987
Designated Building fund	307,428	-	-	47,595	355,023
	<u>437,332</u>	<u>346,091</u>	<u>385,652</u>	<u>56,239</u>	<u>454,010</u>

The assets and liabilities represented by the various funds are as follows:

	Fixed Assets	Bank and Cash Balances	Other Net Assets	Total
	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds				
Vineyard House	-	-	-	-
Vineyard House Food Pantry	2,464	4,784	-	7,248
Children In Need	-	5,940	-	5,940
Leeds Community Fund	-	3,209	-	3,209
	<u>2,464</u>	<u>13,933</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,397</u>
Unrestricted Funds				
General	9,236	66,872	12,879	88,987
Designated Building fund	555,990	-	(200,967)	355,023
	<u>565,226</u>	<u>66,872</u>	<u>(188,088)</u>	<u>444,010</u>

The restricted funds represent amounts received for specific purposes and the movements in 2022 were as follows:

Restricted Funds	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers in the Year	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£	£
Vineyard House	-	26,504	53,339	26,835	-
Children In Need	-	10,000	62	-	9,938
Leeds Community Fund	-	10,635	9	-	10,626
	<u>-</u>	<u>47,139</u>	<u>53,410</u>	<u>26,835</u>	<u>20,564</u>
Unrestricted Funds					
	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers in the Year	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£	£
General	145,026	448,355	439,473	(24,004)	129,904
Designated Building fund	310,260	-	-	(2,831)	307,428
	<u>455,286</u>	<u>448,355</u>	<u>439,473</u>	<u>(26,835)</u>	<u>437,332</u>

The transfers between the Designated and General Funds was to provide for the cost of centralized administration and support functions.

The assets and liabilities represented by the various funds in 2022 were as follows:

	Fixed Assets	Bank and Cash Balances	Other Net Assets	Total
	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds				
Vineyard House	-	-	-	-
Children In Need	-	9,938	-	9,938
Leeds Community Fund	-	10,626	-	10,626
	<u>-</u>	<u>20,564</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,564</u>
Unrestricted Funds				
General	13,051	123,926	(7,073)	129,904
Designated Building fund	571,615	-	(264,187)	307,428
	<u>584,666</u>	<u>123,926</u>	<u>(271,260)</u>	<u>437,332</u>