REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1104698

Christian Initiative to Schools in Letchworth and District

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

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TRUST INFORMATION

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

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Name	Christian Initiative to Schools in Letchworth and District
Registered Charity Number	1104698
Trustees During the Period	Ashley Croft Martin Money Roger Aldridge Penny Bainbridge Christine Croft Christine Sherriff Graham Clarke (Appointed 12 March 2025)
Bankers	NatWest Bank
Independent Examiner	Sue Matejtschuk FCA 39 Silver Birch Avenue Stotfold Hitchin Herts SG5 4AS

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Trustees' Annual Report 2025

Charitable Purpose

Christian Initiative to Schools in Letchworth and District (CIS) exists to educate young people in the Christian faith through taking assemblies, Religious Education lessons and holding lunchtime clubs in schools in North Hertfordshire and Central Bedfordshire. We also offer chaplaincy support to one of the schools.

Public Benefit

We are providing public benefit through our educational activities in twelve schools in Letchworth and the surrounding area. Christopher Baker, our Schools Worker, is greatly appreciated in all the schools he visits.

Governance

Christian Initiative to Schools in Letchworth and District (CIS) is registered with the Charity Commission, registered charity number 1104698. It is governed by a board of at least six Trustees.

The three Officer posts are as follows;

Chairperson: Ashley Croft
Secretary: Penny Bainbridge
Treasurer: Martin Money

Five Trustees meetings were held during the year.

Our Annual Celebration (AGM) was held on 21 October 2025.

As CIS reviews its direction over the coming years the Trustees will ensure that it remains consistent with the charity's constitution.

Data Protection

The Trustees of Christian Initiative to Schools in Letchworth and District (CIS) are aware of their responsibilities as set out under the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR):

1. Lawfulness, fairness and transparency
2. Purpose limitation
3. Data minimisation
4. Accuracy
5. Storage limitation
6. Integrity and confidentiality (security)
7. Accountability

No complaints, concerns or requests for access to personal records were received in 2025.

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…..Trustees' Report continued

We continue to be vigilant in including GDPR data privacy statements in publicity materials and where data is recorded by CIS, for example when organising fundraising events.

Photographs of children or adults are only used with the consent of the parent/guardian or person concerned.

Safeguarding

Christian Initiative to Schools in Letchworth and District (CIS) is committed to the nurturing, protection and safekeeping of all, especially children, young people and adults who are at risk of harm.

We are working to prevent the physical, sexual and emotional abuse of children, young people and adults who are at risk of harm.

We undertake to exercise proper care in the selection and appointment of those working with children, young people and adults who are at risk of harm, whether paid or voluntary.

Regular safeguarding training takes place for our Trustees and our Schools Worker.

CIS is committed to following the Home Office guidance "Working Together to Safeguard Children" (2026).

Each worker is required to understand and observe the CIS Safeguarding Policy.

Revised Policies and Procedures were agreed on 8 October 2025.

No incidents or concerns were raised during 2025.

Employment

Christian Initiative to Schools in Letchworth and District (CIS) employs Christopher Baker as our Schools Worker. Christopher takes primary leadership in school assemblies, Religious Education lessons and lunchtime clubs.

Finances

On 1 January 2025, £13,330 was brought forward in the Charity's accounts. Income received during 2025 was £31,460. Expenditure during 2025 was £32,139, resulting in a slight decrease in the end of year funds.

The details of the accounts for 2025 are contained in the Financial Report prepared in line with the guidance for small charities.

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Ashley Croft
Chairman

Christian Initiative to Schools in Letchworth and District

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Christian Initiative to Schools in Letchworth and District

I report on the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on pages 5 to 8. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out therein.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of s144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) does not apply.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act) and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

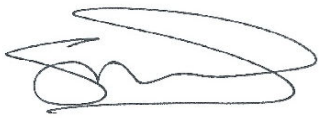
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items of disclosure in the accounts, and the seeking of explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all of the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether or not the accounts present a 'true and fair' view, and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's 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 Charities Act; and
to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
have 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.



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6 October 2026

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	General Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
		1b	1b, 3		
		£	£	£	£
Incoming resources	1c				
Income resources from generated funds					
Regular Gifts		22,702	-	**22,702**	**22,762**
One-off Gifts		3,611	-	**3,611**	**934**
Gift Aid Refund	1c	2,781	-	**2,781**	**2,560**
CAF Payments		25	-	**25**	**24**
Fundraising	6	1,508	-	**1,508**	**2,491**
Grants - It's Your Move books	5	-	334	**334**	**316**
Other Income	9	-	500	**500**	**-**
Total incoming resources		30,627	834	**31,461**	**29,087**
Resources expended	1d				
Employment costs including pension	2	27,429	-	**27,429**	**26,121**
Insurance		284	-	**284**	**255**
Scripture Union affiliation & DBS check		238	-	**238**	**244**
Travel		468	-	**468**	**456**
Training/Conferences	10	84	-	**84**	**-**
School expenses inc. CU refreshments	4	331	-	**331**	**425**
It's Your Move books	5	1,233	334	**1,568**	**750**
Fundraising expenses	6	618	-	**618**	**871**
Equipment	7	-	-	**-**	**20**
IT Expenses	8	604	-	**604**	**593**
Memberships & Subscriptions	9	16	-	**16**	**13**
Other Expenses	11	-	500	**500**	**-**
Total resources expended		31,305	834	**32,139**	**29,747**
Net movements in funds		**(678)**	-	**(678)**	**(660)**
Total funds at 1 January 2025		13,330	-	**13,330**	**13,990**
Total funds at 31 December 2025		12,652	-	**12,652**	**13,330**

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BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	2025	2024
The assets and liabilities of the charity:			
		£	£
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		12,652	13,330
Net current assets		12,652	13,330
Total assets less current liabilities		12,652	13,330
Net assets		12,652	13,330
The funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted income funds		12,652	13,330
Restricted income funds	3	-	-
Total charity funds		12,652	13,330

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Martin Money
Treasurer

Approved by the Trustees on ……..…13 October 2026…….....…

The notes on pages 7-8 form an integral part of these accounts.

Christian Initiative to Schools in Letchworth and District

NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1a Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The accounts are in accordance with the recommendations in Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued in March 2005 and comply with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2005 issued under the Charities Act 1993.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with all applicable accounting standards, as modified by the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting issued by the Charity Commissioners for England & Wales, (revised June 2008). The accounts have been drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Charities Act, and include the results of the charity's operations which are described in the Trustees' Report, all of which are continuing.

The charity has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No 1 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement.

The particular accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1b Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in the furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subject to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

1c Incoming resources

Incoming resources are accounted for on a receipts basis. The Gift Aid refund received in 2025 is attributable to income received in the year 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024.

1d Resources expended

All expenditure is recognised in the period in which incurred and accounted for on an accruals basis.

This has then been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Resources expended include attributable VAT that cannot be recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the accountancy fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

The Trustees have been reimbursed £nil expenses in 2025 (2024: £nil).

2 STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

Staff costs were as follows:	2025	2024
	£	£
Pay & Pension	27,429	26,121
	27,429	26,121

Staff comprises one Schools Worker. Pension contributions are at 9%.

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3 RESTRICTED FUND ANALYSIS

Funds	2025 Opening Balance £	Income £	Expense £	2025 Closing Balance £
It's Your Move books	-	334	(334)	-
Other	-	500	(500)	-
Total	-	834	(834)	-

Books costing a total of £334 were purchased from restricted funds during 2025.

4 SCHOOL EXPENSES

This covers the cost of refreshments and snacks for lunchtime clubs and equipment/props to support assemblies.

5 IT'S YOUR MOVE BOOKS

Each year we purchase 'It's Your Move' books to be handed out to Year 6 primary school pupils. Part of the cost is usually met from restricted funds, with the remainder covered from general funds. The books for 2026 were purchased in 2025 at a cost of £825-00.

6 FUNDRAISING

We were able to hold two fundraising events in the year: a Quiz Night and an Autumn Concert evening. Expenses were incurred for both events.

7 EQUIPMENT

No expenditure in 2025

8 IT EXPENSES

IT expenses cover our monthly accounting software subscription and maintenance payments for our website.

9 MEMBERSHIPS & SUBSCRIPTIONS

This covered our Schools Worker's subscription to the DBS update service.

10 TRAINING

Safeguarding Training courses were completed by all Trustees and the Schools Worker during the year.

11 OTHER EXPENSES

Restricted funds donation to support Schools Worker directly.