

Churches Report to CFTN AGM 7th March 2015

The presentation which Joe and I did in March 2014 to the Anglican Synod was followed up by individual emails to 193 Anglican churches in the early summer. Since then one has been granted Fairtrade Status and 4 more have sent in applications. A number replied that they would put it before their PCC and some replied that they are very small and do not serve refreshments.

Quite a few did not reply and I have followed up some of these with a second email and a few with a further phone call. It is a long slow haul but there are highlights like the church who started an in depth discussion and then had a presentation by Joe.

I have put some small pieces in the Churches together in Cumbria monthly e-newsletter which goes to all denominations.

The Anglicans are by far the largest group of Christians in the county so I have spent most time on them. However I plan to approach members of the other denominations more directly this coming year.

Of course if anyone has any ideas of better ways of approach do please let me know and please do contact your local church to encourage them to become Fairtrade or to support them if they already have Fairtrade Status.

Susan Beale 6th March 2015

Notes for Annual Report March 2015

Emailed 193 churches in the early summer.
4 have sent applications to become Fairtrade
Another has achieved FT status
Some are too small
Many said they would take it to their PCC

Appleby emailed 26 on 30th April and repeat to 15

One very small does not serve coffee
one working towards FT status
one application sent off
two have tea and coffee donated so can't dictate

Barrow

Emailed 6 churches
1 will take no action
4 will put to PCC 1 now applied for FT status

Brampton

Emailed 17
I gained FT status in 2013
1 v. small & struggling to stay open and does not serve tea/coffee

1 trying but has tea/coffee donated
1 gained status Dec. 2014
1 application sent off Dec 14

Calder

Emailed 21 churches

Carlisle

Emailed 15 churches

Derwent

Emailed 16

Furness

Emailed 12

Kendal

Emailed 23

One applied June 2014

Penrith

Emailed 23

One applied in August

One too small to serve tea and coffee

Two moving towards FT

Solway

Emailed 18

Windermere

Emailed 17