THE EDEN CHRISTIAN TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1001961

Details

Other names	ECT
Status	Registered
Legal form	Trust
Registered	1991-02-19
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BASIS SET OUT IN THE TRUST DEED. (FOR FURTHER DETAILS SEE CLAUSE 4 OF DEED).

Activities: - Works in partnership with local churches and supports them in all areas of youth work- Encourages an understanding of the Christian faith among young people- Provides activities and opportunities that will bring young people together and encourage 'community'- Works with un-churched young people on the streets and in the community generally

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities, Amateur Sport, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People

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Geography

- Kent

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£42,032	£47,346	-	-
2023-12-31	£55,371	£44,053	-	-
2022-12-31	£33,812	£46,065	-	-
2021-12-31	£34,725	£34,526	-	-
2020-12-31	£49,770	£32,321	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Timothy William Hill	Chair	2019-04-04
BRIGITTE GHYSELBRECHT		
DOROTHY SUTTON		
Neil Marshall		2024-05-06
SHEILA STAPLETON		2017-08-31
Sue White		2019-04-04

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THE EDEN CHRISTIAN TRUST
For the period ended 31 December 2024

Eden Christian Trust

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Trustees' Annual Report

Introduction

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- Work in partnership with local churches and support them in all areas of youth work
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The Trust is an inter-denominational Christian charity that works with those engaging locally in youth activities.

Activities Throughout the Year

The weekly ECT Youth Club, run on Friday nights during term time by the Youth Worker and volunteers, regularly attracts 30–40 youngsters. Special activities are planned for each session, such as:

- Craft Evenings
- Trampoline Park
- Games Evenings
- Barbecue
- Disco Nights
- Christmas Party
- Themed Movie Nights
- Friendly Competitions
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We offer weekly mentoring to young people who need and want one-to-one support with a designated adult. These sessions are organized by our ECT Youth Worker and supported by a settled team of adult volunteers. Special activities have included:

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- BBQ
- Games
- Crafts
- Cooking Sessions
- Outdoor Educational Walks and Activities

School Work and Clubs

The ECT Youth Worker has established relationships with the teaching teams at four local primary schools in Edenbridge, Crockham Hill, Hever, and Four Elms, offering various activities and participating in assemblies. Other supported activities included Laser Lite Kidz Club for Key Stage One Age Group

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Opportunities for trips to local theme parks and attractions are being considered with other Youth Services to co-host and organise.

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The Trustees thank all those who have supported ECT generously over the past year, including the following organisations and the very many individual supporters, too numerous to mention:

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- Eden Church
- Edenbridge Bonfire Society
- Edenbridge Town Council
- Edenbridge and Westerham Rotary
- Grace Church
- Great Stone Bridge Trust
- Holy Trinity Church, Crockham Hill
- Hotpot Supper, Crockham Hill
- Sevenoaks District Council
- St Johns URC, Marsh Green
- St Peter & St Paul Church, Edenbridge

Trustees and Organisation

At the end of 2024, the serving Trustees were:

Name	Role
Tim Hill	Chairman
Brigitte Hunter	
Sheila Stapleton	Fundraiser
Dorothy Sutton	
Sue White	Safeguarding Officer
Neil Marshall	Hon. Treasurer

There is one co-opted position (non-trustee), Sue Paice, who continues as ECT Secretary.

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Decision making is by majority vote. Trustee meetings are held bi-monthly and are attended by the above together with a Church Leader. This important role is filled by Dave White, minister for the Grace Church, providing the additional link between the Trustees and the Churches that support the ECT. Support for the youth worker is provided internally by a line manager selected from the Trustees, with spiritual support provided by Rev. David Flagg.

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Accounts for the Year Ending December 2024

The accounts report on four areas of activity in 2024:

- Core ECT income and expenditure in support of the Youth Worker and related costs
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- Other restricted income and expenditure
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Total income in 2024 was **£42,032**, down 24% from **£55,371** in 2023.

We actively fundraise and attract donations and grants from local organisations to support the core activities of the charity. Individual donations increased by 71% to £12,569 (2023: £7,355). We continue to be significantly supported by numerous local organisations, the local churches in Edenbridge and surrounding villages.

Expenditure increased slightly to **£47,346** from **£44,053** in 2023. The main on-going areas of expenditure were staff costs, travel, equipment purchases and rent.

Circumstances beyond ECT's control meant that the Youth club needed to find new accommodation and, as a result, we are now incurring higher rental costs.

Satellites summer camp is subsidised from core funds.

In 2024 the Trust recorded a deficit of £5,314 compared with a surplus of £11,318 in 2023. Resulting core unrestricted funds decreased to £55,936 (2023: £61,093), and total funds came to £58,493 (2023: £63,806).

Movement on Restricted Funds during the year were:

- One-to-One Fund - unchanged at £450
- Overseas Mission Fund - fund for a future overseas mission, unchanged at £1,607
- Sevenoaks District Council - £900 towards equipment - £156 balance fully utilised in the year
- Edenbridge Town Council 2023 Grant - £500 utilised towards summer camps in 2024
- Edenbridge Town Council 2024 Grant - £500 carried forward towards summer camps in 2025

Fund Balances and Reserves Policy

Total funds at year end fell to £58,493 (2023: £63,806), comprised of:

- ECT General funds of £30,436
- ECT Designated funds of £25,500
  - Youth Club Designated funds of £500 towards youth club running costs
  - Running costs contingency reserve of £25,000
- Restricted Funds of £2,557:
  - One-to-One Fund £450
  - Mission Fund £1,607
  - Edenbridge Town Council - £500

Due to reliance on fundraised income, the Trust aims to keep sufficient reserves to support approximately six months staff and running costs. Beyond this contingency reserve, we favour the retention of additional uncommitted reserves where possible, up to three further months of running costs, to provide security against fluctuations in income to cover core costs. For these purposes, the Trust has established a designated fund of £25,000. The General Fund provides additional support for all on-going activities. ECT Youth club funds are maintained to provide sufficient working capital in planning and enabling advance payments towards outings and other expenses. One-to-One manages its own fundraising and expenditure and is considered a ring-fenced restricted fund. The Trust reviews this Reserves Policy once a year.

Accounting Policies
Income and expenditure are recorded on a cash received basis.

Public Benefit Statement
In planning our activities for the year, the trustees keep in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. We believe that the activities of Eden Christian Trust benefit local young people, volunteers, and the wider community.

Risk Factors
The greatest risk facing the Trust is, and probably always will be, the inability to fund the incumbent. Over 75% of the funding received has to be researched and requested. Therefore, the capacity to fundraise effectively is essential.

To date, it has been possible to retain the £25,000 allocated to designated reserves intact. This allows approximately six months direct employment costs, plus other running costs and a working capital contingency, in hand.

Also, the Trust relies on the voluntary support of youth leaders and must be able to retain a core of leaders sufficient to assure the safety of the young people who attend ECT Youth Club and other events.
Finally, the Trust must be able to maintain the capability to manage itself in accordance with all necessary regulations affecting employment, financial administration, child protection and health and safety.

Chairman's Statement

Throughout the year as always, our focus has been on the Young People of Edenbridge and surrounding villages providing them with opportunities to meet, grow as individuals, learn life skills and instilling in them the need that all people should be respected and supported, whilst giving them opportunities to attend activities and festivals.

It is fair to say that 2024 was the most challenging year I have experienced as Chair of ECT. Having spent many years being able to use the Old Baptist Chapel, for which we are truly grateful to the Baptist community, after a short consultation period with the Church's Trustee group we had to leave the venue due to safety issues. This resulted in the fact that we had to immediately vacate and remove equipment whilst striving to find alternative venues to hire for the Youth Club on Friday nights. We also had to find new office space and storage for our equipment. We are very grateful to those individuals and organisations, who have supported us in this year of transition and demanding circumstances.

Subsequently, with no regular settled venue during the remainder of 2024 and not being able to transport our large static equipment i.e. Pool Table, Table Ice Hockey, Table Tennis Table etc. there has been an impact on those who attend and on some Friday nights a 50% reduction in attendance.

However, with a new influx of eligible age Young People in September, numbers are starting to increase again. As a Trustee group we are fully supportive of our Youth Worker, Anthony Shipwright, and together we will ensure the Youth Club regenerates as we continue to strive in our purpose to serve the Young People of Edenbridge and surrounding villages.

Looking forward in 2025, we have now agreed on a settled venue to hire – namely Edenbridge Primary School - bringing some stability, and feel positive that we will see numbers grow, albeit whilst still not being able to offer all of our equipment and activities due to more limited space.

Notwithstanding, this major disruption, Anthony has continued to ensure the Young People are his focus, which is a testament to his dedication and faith. Significantly, to have organised so much throughout this difficult time, we as a Trustee group, truly thank him. It was so rewarding to see such a great group attend the Satellites Festival in August.

Edenbridge continues to grow as new homes are built and new families move into the town. The Trustees are committed to ensure that ECT continues to be a charity that develops its programmes to meet the future needs of the Young People, offering a range of activities and a venue to meet and socialise.

To our supporters and donors, recognising the challenges that all face financially, we are forever grateful of your support over the past year. Thank you all for your donations, large and small. These enable us to offer so much. If you would like to visit ECT in action then please let us know.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow Trustees for their support in this challenging year. Also, many thanks to our volunteers who give of their time freely and willingly to make Eden Christian Trust such a vibrant caring group for the young people in our communities.

Tim Hill
ECT Chair

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Report to the trustees of the Eden Christian Trust

On accounts for the year ended	31/12/2024
Charity no.	1001961
Set out on pages	12 & 13 only

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024.

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

Signed:
Date: 14/07/2025
Name: Paula Hardy
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): ACA
Address:

Income and Expenditure Account

January - December 2024

	ECT Youth Club	ECT Core	One to One	Photography project	Satellites 2024	Satellites 2025	SDC 2023 grant	TOTAL Jan - Dec 2024	TOTAL Jan - Dec 2023 (PY)
INCOME									
Individual Donations And Gift Aid		12,569						12,569	7,355
Donations/Grants From Organisations		22,233			250			22,483	40,128
Fundraising Income		52						52	914
Youth Club Subscriptions	814							814	1,147
Youth Club Tuck Income	1,604							1,604	2,291
Trips And Activities		280			2,123	680		3,083	2,793
Interest		1,427						1,427	743
Total Income	**2,418**	**36,561**	**0**	**0**	**2,373**	**680**	**0**	**42,032**	**55,371**
EXPENDITURES									
Staff Cost		33,492						33,492	31,501
Trips And Outings		619			2,251	990		3,860	3,214
Events And Activities								0	1,110
Youth Club Tuck Expenses	1,604							1,604	2,287
Equipment / Supplies	620	976	212	15	26		141	1,990	1,965
Travel / Subsistence	2	952						954	1,307
Training								0	155
Rent / Utilities	1,430	1,115	54					2,599	122
Insurance		710						710	853
Telephone And Broadband		679						679	316
Fees / Subs		614						614	500
Postage Stationery Office		320						320	489
Repair And Maintenance		413						413	0
Fundraising Expense								0	234
Sundry Expenditure		111						111	0
Total Expenditures	**3,656**	**40,001**	**266**	**15**	**2,277**	**990**	**141**	**47,346**	**44,053**
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	**-£1,238**	**-£3,440**	**-£266**	**-£15**	**£96**	**-£310**	**-£141**	**-£5,314**	**£11,318**

Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2024

	Total	
	As of Dec 31, 2024	**As of Dec 31, 2023 (PY)**
CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND		
CAFBank Current Account	1,603	1,900
CAFBank Deposit Account	36,215	41,151
Petty Cash	10	10
NatWest	665	745
Shawbrook CAF 60 day deposit	20,000	20,000
Total Cash at bank and in hand	**58,493**	**63,806**
NET CURRENT ASSETS	**58,493**	**63,806**
TOTAL NET ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	**£58,493**	**£63,806**
CHARITY FUNDS		
Designated - Running Costs Contingency Fund	25,000	25,000
Designated - Youth Club Fund	500	500
Restricted - EB Town Council 2023 Grant	0	500
Restricted - EB Town Council 2024 Grant	500	0
Restricted - One to One	450	450
Restricted - Overseas Mission Fund	1,607	1,607
Restricted - Sevenoaks DC 2023 grant	0	156
Retained Earnings	0	0
General fund	35,750	24,275
Surplus/(Deficit)	-5,314	11,318
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS	**£58,493**	**£63,806**

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ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

for the year ended

31 DECEMBER 2023

Annual Report 2023

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We are planning to run a week long residential summer camp this year and will continue to develop our Youth Club offering of a separate Thursday evening session for those in the school Year 9 and above.

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ECT Youth Club Additional Evening Session

With the Youth Club being so busy on a Friday night we continue to develop and offer to school Year 9+ an additional Youth Club evening on a "drop in" basis. This was launched at the beginning of Summer Term 2023.

Supporters of ECT

The Trustees thank all those who have supported ECT generously over the past year by way of finance or time including individual supporters and the following organisations:

Blackmore Foundation	Holy Trinity Church, Crockham Hill
Broughton Family Charitable Trust	Kent Community Foundation - Auston Trust Fund
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Great Stone Bridge Trust	Sustainable Edenbridge

Trustees and Organisation

At the end of 2023 the serving Trustees were as follows:

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- Brigitte Hunter
- Sheila Stapleton (Fund Raiser)
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- Mamie Woodward (Hon Treasurer)

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The One to One programme spent down a portion of reserves, leaving £450 available for the future activities. Movement on Other Restricted Funds during the year were:

1. Trip Sponsorship Fund – available to fund young people who otherwise could not afford the holiday camps, £69 applied to a 2023 camp, leaving a nil balance
2. Overseas Mission Fund –fund for a future overseas mission, unchanged at £1,607
3. Great Stone Bridge Trust photography grant – remaining £12 balance now spent
4. Sevenoaks District Council - £900 towards equipment - £156 remaining at year end
5. Edenbridge Town Council - £500 carried forward towards summer camps in 2024

Total expenditure declined slightly to £44,053 (2022: £46,067). The main on-going areas of expenditure were staff costs, travel, overheads, and equipment purchases. Youth club activity resumed in full, with PULSE and Satellites summer camps, the latter subsidised from core funds.

In 2023 the Trust recorded a surplus of £11,318, recovering from a significant deficit of £12,254 in 2022. Resulting core unrestricted funds increased to £60,593 (2022: £49,652), and total funds came to £63,806

Fund Balances and Reserves Policy

Total funds at year end rose to £63,806 (2022: £52,488), comprised of

- ECT General funds of £35,593 plus £25,000 Designated funds
- One-to-One Restricted Funds of £450
- Other Restricted Funds of £2,263:
  - Trip Sponsorship Fund - nil
  - Mission Fund £1,607
  - Sevenoaks District Council - £156
  - Edenbridge Town Council - £500
- ECT Youth Club Designated funds of £500 towards youth club running costs.

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Finally, the Trust must be able to maintain the capability to manage itself in accordance with all necessary regulations affecting employment, financial administration, child protection and health and safety.

Chairman's Comments

This year ECT ran a successful, challenging and engaging programme of activities and events offering much needed support to the young people of Edenbridge and surrounding villages. We continued our support of local school clubs and churches. The outreach work we do is so important in meeting young people around the town and our mentoring groups are a vital opportunity for vulnerable young people to have reassurance and perhaps just time for themselves. We engage the Town council on youth matters, attend Police PACT meetings and offer the opportunity for our main sponsors and donors to visit us.

Edenbridge continues to grow as new homes are built and new families move into the town. This will continue as further larger house building sites are developed and it is vital that ECT continues to grow and develop to meet the need for activities and a venue for young people to go and meet and socialise.

A special mention must be made of Anthony Shipwright, our Youth Worker, who has been innovative and adaptable in all he has achieved whilst also bringing a caring and supportive approach to his work.

To our supporters and donors, recognising the challenges that all face financially, we are forever grateful of your support over the past year. Thanks to you all for your donations, large and small. These enable us to offer so much. If you would like to visit ECT in action then please let us know.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow Trustees and our volunteers who give of their time freely and willingly to make Eden Christian Trust such a vibrant caring group for the young people in our communities.

Tim Hill, Chairman, 12 June 2024

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A **Independent Examiner's Report**

Report to the trustees/ members of	EDEN CHRISTIAN TRUST		
On accounts for the year ended	31 DECEMBER 2023	**Charity no (if any)**	1001961
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Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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Signed:	[redacted]	**Date:**	7th May 2024
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THE EDEN CHRISTIAN TRUST

Registered Charity No 1001961

Income, Expenditure and Balances for the year ending 31 December 2023

	ECT Core	ECT Youth Club	One to One	Total Other Restricted	TOTAL DEC 2023	PRIOR YEAR DEC 2022
Income						
and gift aid	7,355	0			7,355	6,683
organisations	37,543	850		1,735	40,128	19,917
Fundraising income	505	410			915	460
subscriptions		1,147			1,147	1,189
income		2,291			2,291	2,109
Trips and activities		2,793			2,793	3,238
interest	743				743	217
Total Receipts	**46,146**	**7,491**	**-**	**1,735**	**55,371**	**33,813**
Expenditure					-	
Staff cost	31,501	0			31,501	29,391
Trips and outings		3,214			3,214	5,318
Events and activities	319	379	141	283	1,122	914
expenses		2,287			2,287	1,995
Equipment / supplies	637	451	57	808	1,953	3,284
Travel / subsistence	1,307	0			1,307	1,963
Training	155	0			155	134
Rent / utilities	122	0			122	633
Insurance	853	0			853	795
broadband	316	0			316	250
Fees / Subs	500	0			500	358
Fundraising expense		235			235	
office	489	0			489	1,032
Total Expenditure	**36,199**	**6,565**	**198**	**1,091**	**44,053**	**46,067**
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	**9,947**	**925**	**(198)**	**644**	**11,318**	**(12,254)**
					-	
OPENING BALANCE	49,652	500	648	1,688	**52,488**	64,742
TRANSFER - Trip sponsorship to Club		69		(69)	-	
TRANSFER - to/(from) ECT Club to Core	994	(994)		0	-	
CLOSING BALANCE - TOTAL FUNDS	**60,593**	**500**	**450**	**2,263**	**63,806**	**52,488**
					-	
NET ASSETS						
Cash and Current Accounts	1,048	500	450	656	2,655	4,091
Deposit Accounts	59,544			1,607	61,151	48,397
TOTAL NET ASSETS	**60,593**	**500**	**450**	**2,263**	**63,806**	**52,488**
REPRESENTED BY						
Restricted						
One to One			450		450	648
Trip Sponsorship Fund						69
Great Stone Bridge Trust 2022 grant						12
Overseas Mission Fund				1,607	1,607	1,607
Sevenoaks District 2023 Grant				156	156	
Edenbridge Town Council 2023 Grant				500	500	
Designated	25,000	500			25,500	25,500
General	35,593				35,593	24,652
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Tim Hill, Chairman, 7 May 2024

Marnie Woodward, Hon Treasurer, 7 May 2024

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Eden Christian Trust

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ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

for the year ended

31 DECEMBER 2022

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Eden Christian Trust
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Activities throughout the year.

The weekly **ECT Youth Club,** run on Friday nights in term time by the Youth Worker and volunteers, regularly attracts 40-50 youngsters. Special activities are planned for each session, such as:

- Craft evenings
- Trampoline park
- Games evenings
- Barbecue
- Disco nights
- Christmas party
- Themed movie nights
- Friendly competitions
- Cooking sessions
- NERF Club sessions
- Ice Skating
- Laser tag

Club members are offered opportunities to attend our popular annual residential camps. PULSE Camp has previously been run at Blackland Farm activity centre, and newly formed in 2021 the Satellites Festival. These two residentials saw up to 28 young people attending from the Edenbridge area.

Thankfully throughout 2022 Covid restrictions were relaxed, and ECT was able to offer all its facilities and opportunities to the young people of Edenbridge and surrounding area.

We had visits to the Youth Club from the Sevenoaks District Council Chairman as well as inspirational speaker Andy Watson who highlighted issues around drug, alcohol and solvent abuse, encouraging the youngsters to make good life choices. Further visits are planned for 2023. The young people have enjoyed the planned activity evenings as well as just being able to socialise with their friends.

One-to-One Mentoring and Support

This year we have added an additional session to our weekly mentoring offered to young people who need and want one-to-one support with a designated adult. These are organised by our ECT Youth Worker, supported by and run with a settled team of adult volunteers to provide extra support and solidity to the young people. Special activities have included swimming, crafts, a BBQ, cooking sessions, games and outdoor educational walks and activities.

School Work and Clubs

The ECT Youth Worker has established relationships with the teaching teams at 4 local primary schools in Edenbridge, Crockham Hill, Hever and Four Elms, offering various activities and participating in assemblies. The Youth Worker also supported other Edenbridge activities, including the pre-school Kidz Club group, Laser Lite for Key Stage 1 age group and Olympia Boxing Training evenings.

Church Visits and Other Activities

Our Youth Worker has regular contact with the nine churches in Edenbridge and surrounding rural villages having run the following activities throughout the year.

- Leading church services
- Church networking and support
- Messy Church planning and support for all churches in Edenbridge.
- Baptist and Church of England youth networking meetings
- Participation in local fetes.

Outreach

Throughout the year as part of ECT's commitment to the community, our Youth Worker partnered with West Kent Youth Services, also based in Edenbridge, to provide detached Youth work in the community visiting the spaces in the town where young people gather, to meet them, offering advice and support where needed. This will continue in 2023.

In addition to the above our Youth Worker was heavily involved as one of three lead partners in organising, running and hosting a Youth Café funded by Sevenoaks District Council at The Bridges Centre, in Edenbridge. This ran for thirteen weeks giving young people an opportunity to acquire life skills and work with mentors.

Plans for 2023

We are planning to run two residential camps this year and to extend our Youth Club offering by developing and running an additional Youth Club session on a separate night for school Year 9 and above.

PULSE Camp 2023

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Satellites Festival/Camp 2023

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ECT Youth Club Additional Evening Session

With the Youth Club being so busy on a Friday night we are looking to develop and offer to school Year 9+ an additional Youth Club evening on a "drop in" basis. This was launched at the beginning of Summer Term 2023.

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The Trustees thank all those who have supported ECT generously over the past year by way of finance or time including individual supporters and the following organisations:

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- Other restricted income and expenditure
- The ECT Youth Club. Activities are funded by weekly subscriptions from the young people, refreshment purchases ('tuck'), and payments towards outings and trips.

Total income in 2022 was £33,812 slightly down on previous year (2021: £34,725). We actively fundraise and attract donations and grants from local organisations to support the core activities of the charity. Individual donations increased to £6,683 (2021: £5,039). Income from organisations remained significant, including the second tranche of a 3-year grant from the Kent Community Foundation. We continue to be supported by numerous local organisations, the local churches in Edenbridge and surrounding villages

In addition to the One-to-One programme, Other Restricted Funds were unchanged during the year:

1. Trip Sponsorship Fund – available to fund young people who otherwise could not afford the holiday camps, £69
2. Overseas Mission Fund –fund for a future overseas mission, £1,607
3. Great Stone Bridge Trust – camera equipment, £12

Total expenditure increased considerably to £46,065 (2021: £34,526). The main on-going areas of expenditure were staff costs, travel, overheads, and equipment purchases. Youth club activity resumed in full, with PULSE and Satellites summer camps, the latter subsidised from core funds.

In 2022, for the first time in several years the Trust reported a significant deficit of £12,253 (2021: surplus £199). Resulting core unrestricted funds declined to £49,652 (2021: £61,633).

Fund Balances and Reserves Policy

Total funds at year end fell considerably to £52,489 (2020: £64,742), comprised of

- ECT General funds of £24,652 plus £25,000 Designated funds
- One-to-One Restricted Funds of £648
- Other Restricted Funds of £1,688:
  - Trip Sponsorship Fund £69
  - Mission Fund £1,607
  - Great Stone Bridge Trust – camera equipment grant £12
- ECT Youth Club Designated funds of £500 towards youth club running costs.

Due to reliance on fundraised income, the Trust aims to keep sufficient reserves to support approximately six months staff and running costs. Beyond this contingency reserve, we favour the retention of additional uncommitted reserves where possible up to three further months of running costs, to provide security against fluctuations in income to cover core costs. For these purposes, the Trust has held the designated fund at £25,000. The General Fund provides additional support for all on-going activities. ECT Youth club funds are maintained to provide sufficient working capital in planning and enabling advance payments towards outings and other expenses. One-to-One manages its own fundraising and expenditure, and is considered a ring-fenced restricted fund. The Trust reviews this Reserves Policy once a year.

Accounting Policies

Income and expenditure are recorded on a cash received basis.

Public Benefit statement

In planning our activities for the year, the trustees keep in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. We believe that the activities of Eden Christian Trust benefit local young people, volunteers, and the wider community.

Risk Factors

The greatest risk facing the Trust is, and probably always will be, the inability to fund the incumbent. Over 75% of the funding received has to be researched and requested. Therefore, the capacity to fundraise effectively is essential.

To date it has been possible to retain the £25,000 allocated to designated reserves intact. This allows approximately six months direct employment costs, plus other running costs and a working capital contingency, in hand.

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Finally, the Trust must be able to maintain the capability to manage itself in accordance with all necessary regulations affecting employment, financial administration, child protection and health and safety.

Chairman's Comments

At last, in 2022 the threat of Covid restrictions and temporary closures finally lifted and ECT was able to return to offering the young people of Edenbridge and surrounding villages its full range of activities and our support to local schools and churches. It has been encouraging and rewarding to welcome back everyone and to once again meet supporters, volunteers and friends at either our regular sessions or at the local community events we have attended throughout the year. It was particularly pleasing that our 2 residential courses were so well supported

A special mention must be made of Anthony Shipwright, our Youth Worker, who has been innovative and adaptable in all he has achieved whilst also bringing a caring and supportive approach to his work.

To our supporters and donors, recognising the challenges that all face financially at this time, we are forever grateful of your support over the past year. Thanks to you all for your donations, large and small. These enable us to offer so much.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow Trustees and our volunteers who give of their time freely and willingly to make Eden Christian Trust such a vibrant caring group for the young people in our communities.

Tim Hill, Chairman, 18 May 2022

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A — Independent Examiner's Report

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On accounts for the year ended	31 DECEMBER 2022	**Charity no (if any)**	1001961
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Income & Expenditure for 12 months ending December 2022

	ECT CORE Unrestricted	ONE TO ONE Mentoring Restricted	OTHER RESTRICTED FUNDS	ECTreme Youth Club DESIGNATED	2022 TOTAL to date	2021 TOTAL LAST YEAR
	£	£		£	£	£
Income						
Individual donations and Gift Aid	6,683				6,683	5,039
Donations/grants from organisations	19,917				19,917	25,113
HMRC Furlough scheme					0	2,452
Fundraising income	460				460	23
Youth Club subscriptions				1,189	1,189	675
Youth Club Tuck Income				2,109	2,109	1,141
Trips and activities				3,238	3,238	156
Interest income	217				217	126
TOTAL RECEIPTS	**27,276**	**0**	**0**	**6,536**	**33,812**	**34,725**
Expenditure						
Staff costs	29,390				29,390	27,771
Trips and Outings	0			5,318	5,318	755
Events and Activities	191	273		449	914	694
Youth Club Tuck Expenses				1,995	1,995	928
Equip / supplies	2,339			945	3,285	1,160
Fundraising exp					0	0
Travel / Sub	1,963				1,963	899
Training	134				134	80
Rent / utilities	633				633	750
Insurance	795				795	827
Telephone	250				250	238
Postage / printing / photocopying / office	1,032				1,032	
Fees / subs	358				358	424
TOTAL PAYMENTS	**37,085**	**273**	**0**	**8,708**	**46,065**	**34,526**
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	**(9,809)**	**(273)**	**0**	**(2,172)**	**(12,253)**	**199**
Opening balance - FUNDS @ 1 Jan	61,633	921	1,688	500	64,742	64,543
TR to/(from) ECTreme designated fund	(2,172)			2,172	0	0
TR between Restricted and Gen Fund						
					0	0
CLOSING BALANCE - Funds @ 31 Dec	**49,652**	**648**	**1,688**	**500**	**52,489**	**64,742**

Balance Sheet at December 2022

	ECT Unrestricted	ONE TO ONE Mentoring Restricted		ECTreme Youth club Designated	2022 TOTAL	2021 TOTAL
	£	£		£	£	£
NET ASSETS						
Cash and Current Accounts	4,453			700	4,092	4,092
Deposit Accounts	45,000	648	1,688	0	48,397	60,651
TOTAL BANK AND CASH	49,453	648	1,688	700	52,489	64,742
Due to/ from ECT to ECTreme	200			(200)	0	0
Less: Due to HMRC	0				0	0
NET ASSETS	**49,652**	**648**	**1,688**	**500**	**52,489**	**64,742**
REPRESENTED BY						
Restricted						
One to One		648			648	921
Great Stone Bridge-cameras grant			12		12	12
Trip sponsorship fund			69		69	69
Overseas Mission Fund			1,607		1,607	1,607
Designated	25,000			500	25,500	25,500
General	24,652				24,652	36,633
TOTAL FUNDS	**49,652**	**648**	**1,688**	**500**	**52,489**	**64,742**

TIM HILL, CHAIRMAN 18/05/2023

MARNIE WOODWARD, HON TREASURER 18/05/2023

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The Trust is an inter-denominational Christian charity that works with those services that engage locally with youth activities.

For a second year our activities and programmes have been impacted by the Coronavirus epidemic especially in the first nine months. The work of our Youth leader being severely curtailed by the guidelines set out by the National Youth Agency under which we operate. However, ECT managed many positive contacts throughout this difficult time via social media etc. with our Youth Worker interacting and engaging with our young people offering them support and concern for their wellbeing.

Thankfully since September 2021 these restrictions have eased and we have been able to once more welcome the young people back to the activities and sessions we offer for them. Our report will focus on this period of time, what has been achieved and what we are planning for 2022.

Activities that have taken place since September 2021 and planned for 2022.

The weekly **ECT Youth Club,** run on Friday nights in term time by the youth worker and volunteers, which regularly attracts 40-50 youngsters. Special activities are planned for each session, such as:

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Friendly competitions
Cooking sessions
NERF Club sessions
Ice Skating
Laser tag

Club members will be offered opportunities to attend our popular annual residential camps. These have previously been run at Blackland Farm and The Soul Survivor Festival with up to 25 young people attending from Edenbridge.

Youth Club activities through the Coronavirus crisis and from restrictions lifting in September 2021

Throughout the pandemic ECT has followed guidance from the National Youth Agency who in line with government direction have guided the Youth sector.

Ever since the very first lockdown back in March 2020 we have had to adapt to using online platforms such as Zoom. Activities via Zoom have included quizzes, Jack box games, cooking, bingo, "Would I Lie to You", "Guess who the baby is", topical discussions and much more. The challenge has been thinking up new and engaging ideas for the young people and attendance has fluctuated as not all young people like online platforms.

From September the Youth Club has quickly re-established itself and full capacity has returned with many new young people joining showing the need for the Club in the town. We have had visits from our local PCSO's and further visits are planned. The young people have enjoyed the planned activity evenings as well as just being able to socialise with their friends.

The BRIDGE Youth Church

The Bridge Youth Church was begun approximately a year before the onset of Covid in March 2020 with a small group of committed young people planning and leading a monthly service. Understandably these services have not taken place during the last 18 months. It is ECT's intention to regenerate this and we will be reaching out to local church leaders, the senior ECT volunteers and our young people to begin the process of returning this as a part of ECT's programme.

One-to-One Mentoring and Support

Weekly meetings are normally held for young people who need and want one-to-one support with a designated adult, and are run by volunteers and the ECT Youth Worker. Special activities include swimming, crafts, BBQ, cooking sessions, games and outdoor educational walks and activities.

During the Coronavirus crisis in 2021 it was decided to restructure One-to-One and so in September with a new group of adult mentors on board we were able to offer a new early session expanding this important area of our work enabling more children to benefit from the mentoring service that ECT provides.

School Work and Clubs

ECT Youth Worker has good relationships with the teaching teams at 4 local primary schools in Edenbridge, Crockham Hill, Hever and Four Elms, offering various activities and participating in assemblies. These activities recommenced from September 2021, following school and policy guidance. He has maintained contact and offered support as and when required.

House Group

This discussion and activities group meets fortnightly looking at Bible Study and exploring the Christian Faith. In March 2020 the group moved to the online Zoom platform, and has continued to have great attendance.

Church Visits and Other Activities

From September 2021 our Youth Worker has once more been able to run normally the following activities personally rather than being involved via social media etc.

- Leading church services
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- Participation in local fetes.

YOUR SPACE mental health triage service offered during lockdown periods.

ECT and our Youth Worker have been particularly concerned about the isolation and mental health issues facing the young people of the town and surrounding villages throughout the year.

During the months of November and December 2020 it was felt that we should offer a safe environment for young people to be able to discuss issues of concern. Subsequently Your Space was devised and set up during Lockdown 3 from January 2021 to April 2021 and the reopening of in-person youth club activities.

Your Space offered drop in triage sessions for young people in the Edenbridge area, in partnership with Eden Christian Trust and West Kent Housing Association youth services. The sessions focused on supporting the needs of young people, offering signposting and information, or just a listening ear to chat over their worries and concerns. The sessions were arranged to adhere to Covid-19 guidelines.

PLANS FOR 2022

Thankfully with Covid restrictions lifted we are able to plan a full year of activities, opportunities, camps and sessions for the young people who come to ECT through whatever guise. ECT should be able to carry out once again an exciting programme which we know from past experience the young people enjoy so much.

PULSE Camp 2022 Plans

In May 2021 we had planned to host a camp at Blacklands Farm, an activity centre near East Grinstead, West Sussex. This would have been the second time that PULSE (Prepare, Unite, Love, Serve, Equip) had run. It was be open to all young people associated with ECT.

However due to the pandemic, the 2021 outing was cancelled due to restrictions and the closure of Blacklands farm. Plans to run this camp in July 2022 are well underway.

Satellites Festival/Camp 2022

We are planning on taking a group of young people away to a brand new and exciting festival / camp in August 2022, run by Youthscape. The camp looks to become a replacement event for the Soul Survivor festival that was enjoyed by so many of our young people for many years.

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In addition to the One-to-One programme, Restricted Funds included:

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5. Great Stone Bridge Trust – camera equipment

	RESTRICTED FUNDS	Opening Balance £	Income £	Expense £	Transfers £	Closing Balance £
1	Trip Sponsorship Fund	69	-	-	-	69
2	Overseas Mission Fund	1,607	-	-	-	1,607
3	Wates Foundation	7,500	-		(7,500)	-0-
4	Edenbridge Town Council 2020 grant	330	-	(343)	13	-0-
5	Great Stone Bridge Trust	12	-	-	-	12
	TOTALS	9,518	-	(343)	(7487)	1,688

Emerging from the Covid 19 pandemic, total expenditure increased to £34,526 (2020: £32,321). The main on-going areas of expenditure were staff costs and overheads, as lockdown restrictions closed the youth club during the early part of the year, and most schools work and other in person activities were suspended. Subsequently, youth club activity was offered on-line for part of the year, and trips and outings resumed after the summer.

In 2021, The Trust reported a net surplus of £199 (2020: £17,450). We applied the remaining half of the Wates Foundation grant to core costs, which enabled us to increase our core unrestricted funds to £61,633 (2020: £54,101).

Fund Balances and Reserves Policy

Total funds at year end rose slightly to £64,742 (2020: £64,543), comprised of

- ECT General funds of £36,633 plus £25,000 Designated funds
- One-to-One Restricted Funds of £921
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Tim Hill, Chairman, 14 May 2022

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

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On accounts for the year ended	31 DECEMBER 2021	**Charity no (if any)**	1001961
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THE EDEN CHRISTIAN TRUST
Registered Charity no 1001961

Income Expenditure for 12 months ending 31 December 2021

	ECT CORE	ONE TO ONE Mentoring	OTHER RESTRICTED FUNDS	ECT Youth Club	TOTAL	TOTAL
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Restricted	Designated	2021	2020
	£	£		£	£	£
Income						
Individual donations and Gift Aid	5,039	-	-	-	5,039	9,190
Donations/grants from organisations	24,113	1,000	-	-	25,113	39,775
HMRC Furlough scheme	2,452		-		2,452	0
Fundraising income	23	-	-		23	0
Youth Club subscriptions			-	675	675	303
Youth Club Tuck Income			-	1,141	1,141	446
Trips and activities			-	156	156	0
Other income - equipment hire			-		0	0
Interest income	126		-		126	57
TOTAL RECEIPTS	**31,753**	**1,000**	**0**	**1,972**	**34,726**	**49,770**
Expenditure			-			
Staff costs	27,771		-		27,771	27,187
Trips and Outings			343	412	755	215
Events and Activities	91	504	-	99	694	472
Youth Club Tuck Expenses			-	928	928	458
Equip / supplies	805		-	355	1,160	958
Fundraising exp			-		0	0
Travel / Sub	899		-		899	732
Training	80		-		80	105
Rent / utilities	750		-		750	695
Insurance	827		-		827	540
Telephone	238		-		238	277
Postage / printing / photocopying / office			-		0	102
Fees / subs	424		-		424	238
Grant refunded			-		0	345
Misc			-		0	0
TOTAL PAYMENTS	**31,885**	**504**	**343**	**1,795**	**34,626**	**32,321**
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	**(132)**	**496**	**(343)**	**177**	**199**	**17,450**
Opening balance - FUNDS @ 1 Jan	54,101	424	9,518	500	64,543	47,094
TR to/(from) ECTreme designated fund	177		-	(177)	0	0
TR between Restricted and Gen Fund						
Wates grant	7,500		(7,500)	0	0	
EB Town Council 2020-outing	(13)		13		0	
					0	0
CLOSING BALANCE - Funds at Period End	**61,633**	**921**	**1,688**	**500**	**64,742**	**64,543**

BALANCE SHEET at 31 December 2021	ECT	ONE TO ONE Mentoring	OTHER FUNDS	ECTreme Youth club	TOTAL		TOTAL
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Restricted	Designated	2021		2020
	£	£		£	£		£
NET ASSETS							
Cash and Current Accounts	16,386	0	-	747	17,133		26,601
Deposit Accounts	45,000	921	1,688	0	47,609		37,943
TOTAL BANK AND CASH	61,386	921	1,688	747	64,742		64,543
Due to/ from ECT to ECTreme	247			(247)	0		0
Less: Due to HMRC	0				0		0
NET ASSETS	**61,633**	**921**	**1,688**	**500**	**64,742**	**0**	**64,543**
REPRESENTED BY							
Restricted							
One to One		921			921		424
EB Town 2020 grant			0		0		330
Great Stone Bridge-cameras grant			12		12		12
Trip sponsorship fund			69		69		69
Wates Foundation			-		0		7,500
Overseas Mission Fund			1,607		1,607		1,607
Designated	25,000			500	25,500		20,500
General	36,633				36,633		34,101
TOTAL FUNDS	**61,633**	**921**	**1,688**	**500**	**64,742**		**64,543**

TIM HILL, CHAIRMAN, 14 MAY 2022

MARNIE WOODWARD, HON TREASURER, 14 MAY 2022

THE EDEN CHRISTIAN TRUST

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Eden Christian Trust

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ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

for the year ended

31 DECEMBER 2020

Annual Report 2020

Eden Christian Trust
Reg Charity NO. 1001961

Introduction

The Eden Christian Trust (ECT) was established in 1990 and took its present form of modus operandi in 1997. It has four main objectives, namely

- To work in partnership with local churches and support them in all areas of Youth Work
- To encourage an understanding of the Christian faith among young people
- To provide activities and opportunities that will bring young people together and encourage "Community"
- To work with un-churched young people in the community generally.

The Trust is an inter-denominational Christian charity that works with those services that engage locally with youth activities.

It was felt extremely important that our report for 2020 should document the activities and support it gives to the Young People of Edenbridge and surrounding villages in the course of a 12 month period. This has been significantly affected by National Youth Agency guidelines during the Coronavirus crisis under which we operate.

The Trust has at all times maintained that where possible our Youth Worker should keep in contact with the Young People who come to us via what ever means. This has enabled us to continue to engage with them and as a result, we have been able to offer our support and concern for their wellbeing.

Activities that would have taken place in a normal year would have included

The weekly **ECT Youth Club,** run on Friday nights in term time by the youth worker and volunteers, which regularly attracts 40-50 youngsters. Special activities are planned for each session, such as:

Craft evenings
Trampoline park
Games evenings
Barbecue
Disco nights
Christmas party
Themed movie nights
Friendly competitions
Cooking sessions
NERF Club sessions
Ice Skating
Laser tag

Club members would have been offered opportunities to attend our popular annual residential camps. These have previously been run at Blackland Farm and The Soul Survivor Festival with up to 25 young people attending from Edenbridge.

Youth Club activities during the Pandemic

Throughout the pandemic ECT has followed guidance from the National Youth Agency who in line with government direction have guided the Youth sector.

Ever since the very first lockdown back in March 2020 we have had to adapt to using online platforms such as Zoom. Activities via Zoom have included quizzes, Jack box games, cooking, bingo, "Would I Lie to You", "Guess who the baby is", topical discussions and much more. The challenge has been thinking up new and engaging ideas for the young people and attendance has fluctuated as not all young people like online platforms.

When permitted by restrictions and guidance, we have been able to run some face-to-face club sessions in our usual venue. We have operated in a Covid secure manner, with two bi-weekly bubble groups of 15 young people. We have also organised several outdoor socially distanced walks in the countryside.

The BRIDGE Youth Church

The BRIDGE Youth Service with the young people had been growing, up until March 2020 when we had to stop due to the pandemic. This monthly service is aimed at secondary school aged young people. We unfortunately had to cancel the autumn praise party, an alternative to Halloween, which had been well attended in the past.

We hope to have The BRIDGE back up and running as soon as possible, as guidance allows.

One-to-One Mentoring and Support

Weekly meetings are normally held for young people who need and want one-to-one support with a designated adult, and are run by volunteers and the ECT Youth Worker. Special activities include swimming, crafts, BBQ, cooking sessions, games and outdoor educational walks and activities.

From March 2020 onward, we were not able to run the sessions in our usual indoor environment, although we did manage to meet occasionally outdoors, as guidance allowed.

School Work and Clubs

Our ECT Youth Worker has good relationships with the teaching teams at 4 local primary schools in Edenbridge, Crockham Hill, Hever and Four Elms. In the past he visited regularly, offering various activities and participating in assemblies. These activities ceased from March 2020, following school and policy guidance. He has maintained contact and offered support as and when required.

House Group

This discussion and activities group meets fortnightly looking at Bible Study and exploring the Christian Faith. In March 2020 the group moved to the online Zoom platform, and has continued to have great attendance.

Church Visits and Other Activities

All of the activities below would have continued to run normally in 2020 if not for the pandemic.
Some activities have been able to continue via online platforms

- Leading church services
- Church networking and support
- Messy Church planning and support for all churches in Edenbridge.
- Baptist and Church of England youth networking meetings
- Participation in local fetes.

YOUR SPACE mental health triage service

ECT and our Youth Worker have been particularly concerned about the isolation and mental health issues facing the Young People of the town and surrounding villages throughout the year.

During the months of November and December 2020 it was felt that we should offer a safe environment for Young People to be able to discuss issues of concern. Subsequently Your Space was devised and set up during Lockdown 3 in from January 2021 to the reopening of in-person youth club activities.

Your Space offered drop in triage sessions for young people in the Edenbridge area, in partnership with Eden Christian Trust and West Kent Housing Association youth service. The sessions focused on supporting the needs of young people, offering signposting and information, or just a listening ear to chat over their worries and concerns. The sessions were arranged to adhere to Covid-19 guidelines.

PLANS FOR 2021

At the time of writing this Annual Report the country is emerging from Lockdown 3. The Youth Club reopened at the end of April 2021 with a limit on numbers, and Covid19 protocols in place. We are optimistic that by June of this year we will be back as a fully functioning Youth Club supporting the children, schools and churches of Edenbridge and the surrounding villages in all the various ways that we do once again.

PULSE Camp

In May 2020 we had planned to host a camp at Blackland Farm, an activity centre near East Grinstead, West Sussex. This would have been the second time that PULSE (Prepare, Unite, Love, Serve, Equip) had run. It was be open to all young people associated with ECT.

However due to the pandemic, the 2020 outing was cancelled due to restrictions and the closure of Blackland farm. Plans to run this camp in early June 2021 may have to be deferred, depending on government guidance.

Supporters of ECT

The Trustees thank all those who have supported ECT generously over the past year by way of finance or time including individual supporters and the following organisations:

Drake Oil Syndicate	Oxted/Limpsfield Music Society
Edenbridge & Westerham Rotary Club	Sevenoaks District Council
Edenbridge Bonfire Society	St Johns URC, Marsh Green
Edenbridge Town Council	St Peter & St Paul Church, Edenbridge
Great Stonebridge Trust	St Peter's Church, Hever
Holy Trinity Church Crockham Hill	The Eden Church, Edenbridge
The Dulverton Trust (Kent Community Foundation)	Wates Foundation

Trustees and Organisation

At the end of 2020 the serving Trustees were as follows:

- Tim Hill (Chairman)
- Brigitte Hunter
- Sheila Stapleton (Fund Raiser)
- Dorothy Sutton
- Sue White (Safeguarding Officer)
- Heidi Tanner
- Marnie Woodward (Hon Treasurer)

During the year the Trustees were pleased to add Heidi Tanner to their number. Heidi joined us as a representative for the United Reform Church, Marsh Green

There is one co-opted position (non-trustee), Sue Paice, who continues as ECT Secretary.

To deliver the objectives of the Trust, the ECT employs a full-time youth worker (the only paid employee) who is supported in the youth club activities by a number of volunteer youth leaders.

Decision making is by majority vote. Trustee meetings are held monthly and are attended by the above together with a Church Leader. This important role is filled by Dave White, minister for the Grace Church, providing the additional link between the Trustees and the Churches that support the ECT. Support for the youth worker is provided internally by a line manager selected from the Trustees, with spiritual support provided by Rev David Flagg.

None of the Trustees, nor any person connected with them, are paid.

Accounts for the Year Ending December 2020

The accounts report on four areas of activity in 2020:

- Core ECT expenditure in support of the Youth Worker and related costs
- The "One-to-One" youth counselling scheme, which raises restricted income in support of its ring-fenced activities
- Other restricted income and expenditure
- The ECT Youth Club. Activities are funded by weekly subscriptions from the young people, refreshment purchases ('tuck'), and payments towards outings and trips.

Total income in 2020 was £49,770 (2019: £40,160). We actively fundraise and attract donations and grants from local organisations to support the core activities of the charity. Individual donations of £9,190 were higher than the previous year (2019: £8,554). Income from organisations remained significant, including funding from the Great Stonebridge Trust, the Dulverton Trust (via the Kent Community Foundation), Sevenoaks District Council, and the Wates Foundation. We continue to be supported by numerous local organisations, the local churches in Edenbridge and surrounding villages.

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Kent County Council	594		(250)	(345)	-0-
Wates Foundation	-	15,000	(7,500)		7,500
TOTALS	2,315	15,330	(7,782)	(345)	9,518

As a result of the Covid 19 pandemic, total expenditure declined significantly to £32,321 (2019: £38,399). The main on-going areas of expenditure were staff costs and overheads, as lockdown restrictions closed the youth club, schools work and other in person activities from 17 March 2020. Subsequently, youth club activity was offered on-line for most of the year, and trips and outings have been postponed, pending government advice.

In 2020, The Trust reported a net surplus of £17,450 before the application of one half of the Wates Foundation grant to core costs (2019: surplus £1,761). We achieved a surplus of £3,197 in ECT Core funds which was supplemented by £7,500 from the Wates Foundation grant, and reduced by topping up a deficit in ECT Youth Club funds. As a result, core funds rose to £54,101 (2019: £43,723).

Fund Balances and Reserves Policy

Total funds at year end rose to £64,543 (2019: £47,094), comprised of

- ECT General funds of £34,101 plus £20,000 Designated funds
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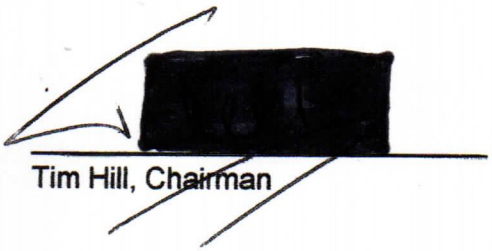
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19 May 2021

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Signed: [redacted] **Date:** 10th May 2021

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THE EDEN CHRISTIAN TRUST
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Income & Expenditure for 12 months ending DECEMBER 2020

	ECT CORE Unrestricted £	ONE TO ONE Mentoring Restricted £	OTHER RESTRICTED FUNDS	ECTreme Youth Club DESIGNATED £	2020 TOTAL to date £	2019 TOTAL to date £
Income						
Individual donations and Gift Aid	9,180	10			9,190	8,554
Donations/grants from organisations	24,445		15,330		39,775	26,579
Fundraising income	0				0	278
Youth Club subscriptions				303	303	1,108
Youth Club Tuck Income				446	446	1,570
Trips and activities				-	0	2,009
Interest income	57				57	62
TOTAL RECEIPTS	**33,681**	**10**	**15,330**	**749**	**49,770**	**40,160**
Expenditure						
Staff costs	27,187				27,187	26,599
Trips and Outings	0			215	215	1,435
Events and Activities	21	141	250	59	472	1,696
Youth Club Tuck Expenses				458	458	1,220
Equip / supplies	587		32	336	956	3,337
Fundraising exp	0				0	23
Travel / Sub	732				732	1,692
Training	105				105	26
Rent / utilities	695				695	941
Insurance	540				540	515
Telephone	277				277	460
Postage / printing / photocopying / office	102				102	0
Fees / subs	238				238	347
Grant refunded			345		345	
Donation to charity (Compassion UK)					0	108
TOTAL PAYMENTS	**30,484**	**141**	**626**	**1,069**	**32,321**	**38,399**
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	**3,197**	**(131)**	**14,704**	**(320)**	**17,450**	**1,761**
Opening balance - FUNDS @ 1 Jan	43,723	556	2,315	500	**47,094**	**45,333**
TR to/(from) ECTreme designated fund	(320)		-	320	**0**	**0**
TR between Restricted and Gen Fund	7,500		(7,500)	0		
					0	**0**
CLOSING BALANCE - Funds at Period End	**54,101**	**424**	**9,518**	**500**	**64,543**	**47,094**

Balance Sheet at DECEMBER 2020						
CAF Bank current	3,632				3,632	1,415
CAF Bank Gold deposit	22,212	424	9,518		32,154	44,922
CAF /Shawbrook 60 Day	28,000				28,000	
ECTreme - Nat West current acct				747	747	747
ECTreme - Petty cash				10	10	10
TOTAL BANK AND CASH	53,844	424	9,518	757	64,543	47,094
Due to/ from ECT to ECTreme	257			(257)	0	
Less: Due to HMRC	0				0	
NET ASSETS at Period End	**54,101**	**424**	**9,518**	**500**	**64,543**	**47,094**
REPRESENTED BY						
Restricted						
One to One		424			424	556
EB Town 2020 grant			330		330	32
Great Stone Bridge-cameras grant			12		12	12
KCC Grant 2019 - photo project					0	594
Trip sponsorship fund			69		69	0
Wates Foundation			7,500		7,500	69
Overseas Mission Fund			1,607		1,607	1,607
Designated	20,000			500	20,500	20,500
General	34,101				34,101	23,723
TOTAL FUNDS	**54,101**	**424**	**9,518**	**500**	**64,543**	**47,094**

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TIM HILL, CHAIRMAN

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MARNIE WOODWARD, HON TREASURER