

# MILTON KEYNES BRIDGEBUILDER TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1008157

## Details

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Other names	BRIDGEBUILDER, MKBT
Status	Registered
Legal form	Trust
Registered	1992-02-13
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE MILTON KEYNES AREA PARTICULARLY IN SCHOOLS AND IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CHURCHES OF THE AREA.

**Activities:** Bridgebuilder Trust works in local schools to communicate Christian values to young people in a lively and engaging way. We deliver lessons, themed projects and assemblies that inform, challenge and contribute to the educational agenda. We want every young person to be able to make informed choices about Christian faith.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** MILTON KEYNES AND DISTRICT
- Milton Keynes

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£147,879	£152,097	-	-
2024-06-30	£122,119	£129,690	-	-
2023-06-30	£108,036	£103,079	-	-
2022-06-30	£108,667	£106,974	-	-
2021-06-30	£102,176	£109,103	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Charlotte Hampson		2021-10-04
Marilyn Benjamin		2024-12-19
Stephen Jonathan Gee		2024-02-05
TREVOR CROWTER		2012-03-21
Timothy James Cutting		2024-03-27

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### **Engage**

We provide children and young people of all backgrounds with positive role models and support projects in schools by building bridges between schools and the Christian community.

We connect young people with the Christian community and broaden their horizons by developing opportunities to learn outside the classroom and to visit local churches.

### **Programmes**

The programmes that we operate to achieve these aims are as follows:

#### **It's Your Move**

An enjoyable workshop aiming to give Year 6 pupils confidence as they face the transition to secondary school.

#### **Lifepath**

This RE day out is an outreach project (aged 9 – 11) from the Milton Keynes and Bedfordshire areas. It is an event which explores the Christian faith by looking at the lifepath of a famous local Christian from the past.

#### **Christmas and Easter Cracked**

A Bridgebuilder resource for churches, so they can host Year 5 or 6 pupils in their church to learn about the meaning of Christmas and Easter.

#### **Assemblies**

Interactive and memorable presentations dealing with ethical and moral values. Until recently this was Bridgebuilder's main activity. We still carry out many assemblies and there is high demand from schools for them. However now wish to broaden our offerings, engage churches more with the work and to provide more activities that foster deeper engagement with faith matters. Those aims together with resource constraints mean that our assemblies are now mostly delivered to those schools who regard our assemblies as an important part of their school life and who show great enthusiasm for our visits.

#### **RE Lessons**

We offer these at each Key Stage, following the MK RE syllabus. These are Interactive lessons that help children come to grips with spiritual issues from a Christian perspective.

#### **Worth It**

For secondary schools, we can now offer **Worth-It**, a 6-week therapeutic course for 6 – 8 pupils who are struggling (or might struggle) with their self-esteem.



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**Emerge**

An emotional literacy package, based on Christian faith and values, involving interactive sessions addressing issues such as conflict, anger management and self-esteem. This works well with small groups of students who find school life difficult. It can be used in the PSHE area of the curriculum.

**Guardians of Ancora**

Guardians of Ancora is a world-class tablet game for 8 to 11-year-olds offering an amazing virtual world and an immersive interactive experience of Bible stories. It combines the excitement and creativity of a high-spec online game with an immersive experience of Bible content and faith formation.

**Prayer Spaces**

Prayer Spaces encourage the children, through focused activities, to communicate directly with God in prayer for themselves, for their family and friends, and for the world.

**Hope MK & Hope Unite**

Meetings to engage local teenagers. These empower young people for local mission, providing an opportunity for them to grow in their faith, become emboldened and united for mission and discipleship, and encouraging them to serve their local community.

**Church Partnership**

We have developed a comprehensive package to provide training, support and back up to those churches who wish to engage in a meaningful way with local schools. We partner with them to be effective in that role. A number of churches have engaged with this process and we hope to see this increasingly bear fruit in the future.

**Public benefit**

The Trustees have taken account of the Charity Commission's guidance on Public Benefit. Milton Keynes Bridgebuilder Trust provides a public benefit through supporting the Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural development of children and young people in Milton Keynes. We encourage students to think through issues such as fear, honesty, peer pressure, generosity, kindness and self esteem so they are able to build good character, reach their potential and positively impact the world.



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## **Section 4 Financial Review**

### **4.1 Overview of Milton Keynes Bridgebuilder Trust's Financial Position at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis. The core source of income is from donations from individuals and churches, with 52% of total voluntary income coming from individual donors. Fundraising activities are conducted both by volunteers and by staff.

The main expenditure of the charity relates to the salary costs for the staff, who are involved in the schools ministry and the administration of the charity. Volunteers and the trustees are also involved in these activities.

### **4.2 Restricted Funds.**

Money given for specific purposes is allocated to restricted funds.

One restricted fund is for Hope MK, an event held annually for young people from 2013 to 2019. Shorter events were held in October 2022, 2023 and 2024. This restricted fund contained £ 1,891 on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025. The charity also has restricted funds for the Guardians of Ancora (£468 on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025) and a 'Specifics' fund, for the purchase of a wide variety of specified equipment (£1,947).

### **4.3 Reserves Policy**

The Trustees aim to maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds of at least £30,000, intended to cover wind up costs should that be necessary.

### **4.4 Commentary**

This year has been a mixed picture financially. We have had fantastic support from the Broughton Ecclesiastical Charity and from the Joseph Rank Trust over the last few years. Each has donated substantial sums. We have also received generous donations from several other Trusts and a significant one-off individual donation. Donations from schools have recovered well in the last two years, to around the level of a few years ago.

On the other hand, the regular support we have received from individuals and churches has reduced substantially in real terms over the last 10 years. Bridgebuilder is a mission to schools, and it is natural that the churches of Milton Keynes and their members should be the main supporters of the work. This is becoming less the case and presents challenges looking ahead. The final instalment of the Joseph Rank Trust grant was received in July 2025 and the one-off individual donation will not be repeated, so the financial picture may become more challenging in this coming year.



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## **Section 5 Plans for the Future**

The Trustees intend the Trust to carry on working in local schools among the young people of Milton Keynes, working in close conjunction with local churches. We plan to continue to offer services both in person and on-line. Going forward we are moving towards an increasing emphasis on depth of engagement, rather than breadth. We have therefore reduced somewhat the number of assemblies we offer and now aim to spend more time with those schools who really engage with us. We will invest further in building deeper relationships, through workshops like Christmas Cracked and Easter Cracked and our extra-curricular offerings, while encouraging and supporting local churches to join more actively in our mission through the Church Partnership Programme. We are grateful for the financial support we receive from individuals and from Milton Keynes churches. We are also grateful for the support we have received from several grant-awarding Trusts, which has grown substantially over the last few years.

We have reduced staff levels compared with a few years ago. The services we can offer to the schools and young people of Milton Keynes are constrained by the resources we have, rather than the needs and demands for our services. We hope to be able to meet the increasing needs of a rapidly growing city as we move forward into the future



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## **Section 6 Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

The Trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each year which give a proper view of the affairs of the Charity as at the end of the financial year and of its results for that period. In preparing those statements the Trustees are required to:

- select appropriate accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether suitable accounting policies have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose the financial position of the charity and enable them to ascertain that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and for financial information included on the charity's website.

## **Section 7 Independent Examiner**

Stephen Dunham was appointed as the independent examiner for the 2024/25 financial period.

**Signed on behalf of the Trustees.**

*T E Crowter*

**Trevor Crowter**

**Treasurer**

**Date: 21.11.25**

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**Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 30th June 2025**

–		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total 2024
Incoming Resources		Funds	Funds	2025	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Incoming Resources from Generated Funds:</b>					
Church Gifts		29,817	0	29,817	29,853
Individual Gifts		66,474	70	66,544	39,720
Schools Donations		7,940	0	7,940	7,560
Income Tax Recovered	Note 1	6,396	0	6,396	6,825
<b>Activities for Generating Funds:</b>					
Office Income		0	0	0	0
Other Fundraising Activities		670	0	670	2,414
<b>Investment Income:</b>					
Interest		2,362	0	2,362	2,822
<b>Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities:</b>					
Schools and Youth Activities		2,611	872	3,483	5,425
Grants from charities	Note 2	30,667	0	30,667	27,500
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<b>146,937</b>	<b>942</b>	<b>147,879</b>	<b>122,119</b>
<b>Resources Expended</b>					
<b>Costs of Generating Funds:</b>					
Fundraising costs		74	0	74	1,349
<b>Total Costs of Activities</b>		<b>74</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>1,349</b>
<b>Charitable Activities</b>					
Schools Ministry Outreach	Note 3	143,947	6,955	150,902	127,318
Governance Costs		1,121	0	1,121	1,023
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>		<b>145,142</b>	<b>6,955</b>	<b>152,097</b>	<b>129,690</b>
<b>Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources</b>		<b>1,795</b>	<b>(6,013)</b>	<b>(4,218)</b>	<b>(7,571)</b>
<b>Balance Brought Forward</b>		<b>56,414</b>	<b>10,319</b>	<b>66,733</b>	<b>74,304</b>
<b>Balance Carried Forward</b>		<b>58,209</b>	<b>4,306</b>	<b>62,515</b>	<b>66,733</b>



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**Balance Sheet as at 30th June 2025**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>				
Office Equipment	4	0	0	0
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Current Accounts	8,166	4,283	12,449	16,638
Business Reserve Account	50,000	0	50,000	50,000
Cash	43	23	66	95
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>58,209</b>	<b>4,306</b>	<b>62,515</b>	<b>66,733</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>58,209</b>	<b>4,306</b>	<b>62,515</b>	<b>66,733</b>

Approved by Trustees on: 24.10.25

Signed: *T E Crowter*

Trevor Crowter,  
Treasurer



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## Notes to the Accounts

### Accounting policies

In preparing the accounts the following accounting policies have been complied with:

- A) The accounts have been prepared on the historic cost convention under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with applicable accounting standards and comply with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.
- B) All incoming resources are recognised on receipt. Resources expended are recognised on payment. Incoming and outgoing resources are shown gross.

### 1. Income tax recovered

This is the amount of income tax recovered in the accounting year. It relates to gifts made in the 2023/24 tax year.

### 2. Grants

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Grants from Charities	30,667	27,500

### 3. Schools Ministry Outreach

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Employee Costs - <b>Note 5</b>	104,559	92,827
Staff Travel	3,227	2,508
Conferences & Training	2,368	343
Ministry Resources	5,572	4,556
Volunteer Expenses	0	0
Youth Events	6,884	5,232
Rent, Insurance & Office Costs	27,805	20,584
Subscriptions and Donations	302	1,268
Digital Platform	185	0
	<b>150,902</b>	<b>127,318</b>

### 4. Office Equipment

Recently the office equipment purchased has been for modest amounts and has been charged at



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cost in the year of purchase. There are no longer any assets shown on the balance sheet for these items. The charity has no other fixed assets.

**5. Analysis of employee costs:**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Gross Salaries	91,522	83,041
National Insurance – Employers	2,724	786
Pensions	10,313	9,000
	<b>104,559</b>	<b>92,827</b>

No employee earned more than £60,000 and the average number of employees during the year 2025 was 3.1 (2024, 3.1).

A number of volunteers have supported the charity through the year in respect of schools ministry, fundraising and administration and no financial value has been included in these Accounts for their work. Without their valuable commitment and support the charity would not be able to work at the current level of operation.

**Trustee Expenses**

During this year the charity did not pay any mileage expenses to the Trustees, nor any other expenses, except for reimbursements of the costs of certain small purchases on behalf of the trust.

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Milton Keynes Bridgebuilder Trust**

I report on the accounts of the Milton Keynes Bridgebuilder Trust (charity number 1008157) for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025, which are set out on pages 1 to 14.



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**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to :

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to 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 Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether 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 aspect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting records of the 2011 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.

Signed                      *Stephen Dunham*                      Date 21.11.25

Name: Stephen Dunham

Relevant professional qualification or body: CIMA

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**Assemblies**

Interactive and memorable presentations dealing with ethical and moral values. Until recently this was Bridgebuilder's main activity. We still carry out many assemblies and there is high demand from schools for them. However now wish to broaden our offerings, engage churches more with the work and to provide more activities that foster deeper engagement with faith matters. Those aims together with resource constraints mean that our assemblies are now mostly delivered to those schools who regard our assemblies as an important part of their school life and who show great enthusiasm for our visits.

**Lessons**

Interactive lessons that help children come to grips with the moral, ethical and spiritual issues that they face.

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### **Guardians of Ancora**

A digital game that brings bible stories alive for 8-11 year olds. This has become very popular in after-school clubs this year.

### **Church Partnership**

We have developed a comprehensive package to provide training, support and back up to those churches who wish to engage in a meaningful way with local schools. We partner with them to be effective in that role. A number of churches have engaged with this process and we see this as an important part of Bridgebuilder's future.

### **On-line material**

During the lockdowns, we obtained a studio and the necessary equipment to produce high quality video presentations as part of our output. We use videos as an alternative to face to face assemblies, when they suit a school better or when we do not have the staff availability to deliver an assembly in person. They are also used in some of our other activities, such as the Church Partnership Programme.

### **Public benefit**

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## **Section 4 Financial Review**

### **4.1 Overview of Milton Keynes Bridgebuilder Trust's Financial Position at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis. The core source of income is from donations from individuals and churches, with 43% of total voluntary income coming from individual donors. Fundraising activities are conducted both by volunteers and by staff.

The main expenditure of the charity relates to the salary costs for the staff, who are involved in the schools ministry and the administration of the charity. Volunteers and the trustees are also involved in these activities.



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#### **4.2 Funds.**

Money given for specific purposes is allocated to restricted funds.

One restricted fund is for Hope MK, an event held annually for young people from 2013 to 2019. Shorter events were held in October 2022 and October 2023. This restricted fund contained £4,485 on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024. This will be used for Hope programmes in the future. The charity also has restricted funds for the development of our Emerge programme (£3,197 on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024), the Guardians of Ancora (£468), Easter Cracked (£222) and a 'Specifics' fund, for the purchase of a wide variety of specified equipment (£1,947).

#### **4.3 Reserves Policy**

The Trustees aim to maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds of at least £30,000, to ensure that there are always sufficient funds to cover wind up costs.

#### **4.4 Commentary**

This year has been a mixed picture financially. We have had fantastic support from the Broughton Ecclesiastical Charity and from the Joseph Rank Trust over the last few years. Each has donated substantial sums. We have also received generous donations from several other Trusts. This has meant a significant increase in our income, and this has enabled us to go forward with the Church Partnership initiative. Donations from schools have recovered well this year, to around the level of a few years ago (unsurprisingly they suffered considerably as a result of the lockdowns, when we were unable to visit schools).

On the other hand, the support we have received from individuals and churches has reduced substantially in real terms over the last 10 years. Bridgebuilder is a mission to schools, and it is natural that the churches of Milton Keynes and their members should be the main supporters of the work. This is becoming less the case and presents some challenges looking ahead.

### **Section 5 Plans for the Future**

The Trustees intend the Trust to carry on working in local schools among the young people of Milton Keynes, working in close conjunction with local churches. We plan to continue to offer services both in person and on-line. Going forward we are moving towards an increasing emphasis on depth of engagement, rather than breadth. We have therefore reduced somewhat the number of assemblies we offer and now aim to spend more time with those schools who really engage with us. We will invest further in building deeper relationships, through workshops like Christmas Cracked and Easter Cracked and our extra-curricular offerings, while encouraging and supporting local churches to join more actively in our mission through the Church Partnership Programme. We are grateful for the financial support we receive from individuals and from Milton Keynes



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churches. We are also grateful for the support we have received from several grant-awarding Trusts, which has grown substantially over the last few years.

Due to the recent and current financial pressures and uncertainties faced by many we still have reduced staff levels compare with a few years ago. The services we can offer to the schools and young people of Milton Keynes are constrained by the resources we have, rather than the needs and demands for our services. We hope to be able to meet the increasing needs of a rapidly growing city as we move forward into the future



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## **Section 7 Independent Examiner**

Stephen Dunham was appointed as the independent examiner for the 2023/24 financial period.

**Signed on behalf of the Trustees.**

*T E Crowter*

**Trevor Crowter**

**Treasurer**

**Date: 6th November 2024**



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**Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 30th June 2024**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total 2023
	Funds	Funds	2024	
Incoming Resources	£	£	£	£
<b>Incoming Resources from Generated Funds:</b>				
Church Gifts	29,853	0	29,853	29,554
Individual Gifts	39,672	48	39,720	40,607
Schools Donations	7,560	0	7,560	3,686
Income Tax Recovered	6,825	0	6,825	7,162
<b>Activities for Generating Funds:</b>				
Office Income	0	0	0	4
Other Fundraising Activities	2,414	0	2,414	5,768
<b>Investment Income:</b>				
Interest	2,822	0	2,822	1,097
<b>Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities:</b>				
Schools and Youth Activities	4,340	1,085	5,425	4,948
Grants from charities	25,500	2,000	27,500	15,210
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>118,986</b>	<b>3,133</b>	<b>122,119</b>	<b>108,036</b>
<b>Resources Expended</b>				
<b>Costs of Generating Funds:</b>				
Fundraising costs	1,349	0	1,349	5,320
<b>Total Costs of Activities</b>	<b>1,349</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,349</b>	<b>5,320</b>
<b>Charitable Activities</b>				
Schools Ministry Outreach	2 121,904	5,414	127,318	96,741
Governance Costs	1,023	0	1,023	1,018
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>124,276</b>	<b>5,414</b>	<b>129,690</b>	<b>103,079</b>
<b>Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources</b>	<b>(5,290)</b>	<b>(2,281)</b>	<b>(7,571)</b>	<b>4,958</b>
<b>Balance Brought Forward</b>	<b>61,704</b>	<b>12,600</b>	<b>74,304</b>	<b>69,346</b>
<b>Balance Carried Forward</b>	<b>56,414</b>	<b>10,319</b>	<b>66,733</b>	<b>74,304</b>



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**Balance Sheet as at 30th June 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>				
Office Equipment	3	0	0	0
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Current Accounts	6,319	10,319	16,638	34,037
Business Reserve Account	50,000	0	50,000	40,000
Cash	95	0	95	267
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>56,414</b>	<b>10,319</b>	<b>66,733</b>	<b>74,304</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>56,414</b>	<b>10,319</b>	<b>66,733</b>	<b>74,304</b>

Approved by Trustees on: 19<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Signed: *T E Crowter* 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024

**Trevor Crowter,**  
**Treasurer**



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## Notes to the Accounts

### Accounting policies

In preparing the accounts the following accounting policies have been complied with:

- A) The accounts have been prepared on the historic cost convention under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with applicable accounting standards and comply with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.
- B) All incoming resources are recognised on receipt. Resources expended are recognised on payment. Incoming and outgoing resources are shown gross.

### 1. Grants

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Grants from Charities	<u>27,500</u>	<u>15,210</u>

### 2. Schools Ministry Outreach

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Employee Costs - <b>Note 4</b>	92,827	63,001
Staff Travel	2,508	2,177
Conferences & Training	343	0
Ministry Resources	4,556	5,650
Volunteer Expenses	0	0
Youth Events	5,232	5,902
Rent, Insurance & Office Costs	20,584	18,777
Subscriptions and Donations	1,268	1,148
Digital Platform	0	86
	<u><b>127,318</b></u>	<u><b>96,741</b></u>

### 3. Office Equipment

Recently the office equipment purchased has been for modest amounts and has been charged at cost in the year of purchase. There are no longer any assets shown on the balance sheet for these items. The charity has no other fixed assets.



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**4. Analysis of employee costs:**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Gross Salaries	83,041	56,024
National Insurance – Employers	786	0
Pensions	9,000	6,977
	<b>92,827</b>	<b>63,001</b>

No employee earned more than £60,000 and the average number of employees during the year 2024 was 3.1 (2023, 2.3).

A number of volunteers have supported the charity through the year in respect of schools ministry, fundraising and administration and no financial value has been included in these Accounts for their work. Without their valuable commitment and support the charity would not be able to work at the current level of operation.

**Trustee Expenses**

During this year the charity did not pay any mileage expenses to the Trustees, nor any other expenses, except for reimbursements of the costs of certain small purchases on behalf of the trust.



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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Milton Keynes Bridgebuilder Trust**

I report on the accounts of the Milton Keynes Bridgebuilder Trust (charity number 1008157) for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024, which are set out on pages 1 to 13.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to :

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to 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 Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether 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 aspect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting records of the 2011 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.

Signed *Stephen Dunham*

Date 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Name: Stephen Dunham

Relevant professional qualification or body: CIMA

Address: 37 Watercress Way, Broughton, Milton Keynes MK10 7AJ

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The Trustees are pleased to present their report, with the independently examined financial statements of the charity, for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

## **Section 1 Reference and Administrative Details of the Charity, its Trustees and Advisors**

### **1.1 Registered Name**

Milton Keynes Bridgebuilder Trust registered as a Charity on 13<sup>th</sup> February 1992.  
(Charity Registration No 1008157.)

### **1.2 Registered Office**

Bridge House  
1 Second Avenue  
Denbigh West  
Bletchley  
Milton Keynes  
MK1 1ED

### **1.3 Trustees**

Trustees serving during the year and since the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 were as follows:

Trevor Crowter Treasurer

Rachel Foster until 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Andrew Gibbins

Charlotte Hampson

Dale Small

Richard Wightman Chair

Magdalena Williams



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**1.4 Relevant Organisations**

**a: Independent Examiner:**

Stephen Dunham  
37 Watercress Way  
Broughton  
Milton Keynes  
MK10 7AJ

**b: Bankers:**

CAF Bank Ltd  
25 Kings Hill Avenue  
Kings Hill  
West Malling  
Kent  
ME19 4JQ

**c: Insurers:**

Ecclesiastical Insurance Group plc,  
Montpellier House, Montpellier,  
Gloucester,  
GL1 1LF.



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## **Section 2 Structure, Governance and Management**

### **2.1 Governing Document**

The Bridgebuilder Trust is governed by its Trust Deed dated 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1991.

### **2.2 Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees**

The Governing Document provides that Trustees may invite new Trustees to fill vacancies. They will be subject to approval by the existing members of the Board of Trustees. There is a minimum of four and a maximum of ten trustees, and none may be remunerated.

### **2.3 Policies and Procedures for Trustee Induction and Training**

New Trustees undergo an induction process and are encouraged to attend appropriate external training courses to facilitate the undertaking of their role. The Trustees normally hold four full meetings a year.

The charity is an associate member of Scripture Union.

## **Section 3 Objectives and Activities**

We are a Christian charity which has been working in the primary and secondary schools of Milton Keynes since 1993. Our vision is: Engaging young people to explore faith and positive life choices.

Our mission is to build bridges between schools and the Christian community to enable young people to explore, be empowered, and engaged on Christian beliefs and values. These are amplified as follows:

#### **Explore**

We enable children and young people to explore the Christian faith and values from a personal perspective in accessible and memorable ways.

We communicate in a manner appropriate to pupils of all faiths or no faith, encouraging them to explore their own values and beliefs.

#### **Empower**

We help all children and young people to explore and talk about their Personal, Social, Health and Emotional well-being in the context of faith and their belief systems.



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We empower young Christians to be confident in their faith and to be a positive influence.

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**Implementation of our programmes in the year under review**

Following the difficulties of access during the Covid 19 lockdowns, we have again enjoyed very wide access to most schools. However, we have been constrained in the number of schools we have been able to visit, due to reduced finances and consequently, staff resources.



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We developed a substantially enhanced on-line service through our digital platform including the construction of a studio. We are supplementing our in-person services with on-line material. We see our digital services as an important part of our overall offering for the future.

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**4.5 Commentary**

This year the donations from Broughton Ecclesiastical Charity have again been a real bright spot. Otherwise, the charity's income has generally been on the decline.

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**Trevor Crowter**

**Treasurer**

**Date: 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023**



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**Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 30th June 2023**

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Individual Gifts	40,607	0	40,607	42,809
Schools Donations	3,686	0	3,686	3,111
Other Gifts	0	0	0	0
Income Tax Recovered	7,162	0	7,162	7,600
Furlough claims	0	0	0	0
<b>Activities for Generating Funds:</b>				
Office Income	4	0	4	68
Other Fundraising Activities	5,768	0	5,768	2,190
<b>Investment Income:</b>				
Interest	1,096	0	1,097	76
<b>Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities:</b>				
Schools and Youth Activities	4,083	866	4,948	0
Grants	<b>1</b> 14,340	870	15,210	22,585
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>105,900</b>	<b>2,136</b>	<b>108,036</b>	<b>108,667</b>
<b>Resources Expended</b>				
<b>Costs of Generating Funds:</b>				
Fundraising costs	5,320	0	5,320	6,759
<b>Total Costs of Activities</b>	<b>5,320</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,320</b>	<b>6,759</b>
<b>Charitable Activities</b>				
Schools Ministry Outreach	<b>2</b> 90,588	6,153	96,741	99,223
Governance Costs	1,018	0	1,018	992
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>96,926</b>	<b>6,153</b>	<b>103,079</b>	<b>106,974</b>
<b>Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources</b>	<b>8,974</b>	<b>(4,016)</b>	<b>4,958</b>	<b>1,693</b>
<b>Balance Brought Forward</b>	<b>52,730</b>	<b>16,616</b>	<b>69,346</b>	<b>67,653</b>
<b>Balance Carried Forward</b>	<b>61,704</b>	<b>12,600</b>	<b>74,304</b>	<b>69,346</b>



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**Balance Sheet as at 30th June 2023**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>				
Office Equipment	3 0	0	0	0
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Current Accounts	21,437	12,600	34,037	29,235
Business Reserve Account	40,000	0	40,000	40,000
Cash	267	0	267	111
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>61,704</b>	<b>12,600</b>	<b>74,304</b>	<b>69,346</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>61,704</b>	<b>12,600</b>	<b>74,304</b>	<b>69,346</b>

Approved by Trustees on: 30<sup>th</sup> August 2023

Signed: *T E Crowter*

**Trevor Crowter,**  
**Treasurer**



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### 1. Grants

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Grants from Charities	<u>15,210</u>	<u>22,585</u>

### 2. Schools Ministry Outreach

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Employee Costs - <b>Note 4</b>	63,001	72,934
Staff Travel	2,177	993
Conferences & Training	0	354
Ministry Resources	5,650	5,139
Volunteer Expenses	0	0
Youth Events	5,902	0
Rent, Insurance & Office Costs	18,777	15,440
Subscriptions and Donations	1,148	1,123
Digital Platform	<b>86</b>	<b>3,240</b>
	<u><b>96,741</b></u>	<u><b>99,223</b></u>

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Recently the office equipment purchased has been for modest amounts and has been charged at cost in the year of purchase. There are no longer any assets shown on the balance sheet for these items. The charity has no other fixed assets.



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**4. Analysis of employee costs:**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Gross Salaries	56,024	64,517
National Insurance – Employers	0	814
Pensions	6,977	7,603
	<u><b>63,001</b></u>	<u><b>72,934</b></u>

No employee earned more than £60,000 and the average number of employees during the year 2023 was 2.3 (2022, 2.7).

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I report on the accounts of the Milton Keynes Bridgebuilder Trust (charity number 1008157) for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023, which are set out on pages 1 to 13.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

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It is my responsibility to :

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
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My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed *Stephen Dunham*

Date 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023

Name: Stephen Dunham

Relevant professional qualification or body: CIMA

Address: 37 Watercress Way, Broughton, Milton Keynes MK10 7AJ

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The Trustees are pleased to present their report, with the independently examined financial statements of the charity, for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

## **Section 1 Reference and Administrative Details of the Charity, its Trustees and Advisors**

### **1.1 Registered Name**

Milton Keynes Bridgebuilder Trust registered as a Charity on 13<sup>th</sup> February 1992.  
(Charity Registration No 1008157.)

### **1.2 Registered Office**

Bridge House  
1 Second Avenue  
Denbigh West  
Bletchley  
Milton Keynes  
MK1 1ED

### **1.3 Trustees**

Trustees serving during the year and since the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 were as follows:

Trevor Crowter Treasurer

Rachel Foster

Andrew Gibbins from 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Charlotte Hampson from 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dale Small

Andrew Ware until 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Richard Wightman Chair

Magdalena Williams



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**1.4 Relevant Organisations**

**a: Independent Examiner:**

Stephen Dunham  
37 Watercress Way  
Broughton  
Milton Keynes  
MK10 7AJ

**b: Bankers:**

CAF Bank Ltd  
25 Kings Hill Avenue  
Kings Hill  
West Malling  
Kent  
ME19 4JQ

**c: Insurers:**

Ecclesiastical Insurance Group plc,  
Montpellier House, Montpellier,  
Gloucester,  
GL1 1LF.



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## **Section 2 Structure, Governance and Management**

### **2.1 Governing Document**

The Bridgebuilder Trust is governed by its Trust Deed dated 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1991.

### **2.2 Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees**

The Governing Document provides that Trustees may invite new Trustees to fill vacancies. They will be subject to approval by the existing members of the Board of Trustees. There are a minimum of three and a maximum of ten trustees, and none may be remunerated.

### **2.3 Policies and Procedures for Trustee Induction and Training**

New Trustees undergo an induction process and are encouraged to attend appropriate external training courses to facilitate the undertaking of their role. The Trustees normally hold four full meetings a year.

The charity is an associate member of Scripture Union.

## **Section 3 Objectives and Activities**

We are a Christian charity which has been working in the primary and secondary schools of Milton Keynes since 1993. Our vision is: Engaging young people to explore faith and positive life choices.

Our mission is to build bridges between schools and the Christian community to enable young people to explore, be empowered, and engaged on Christian beliefs and values. These are amplified as follows:

#### **Explore**

We enable children and young people to explore the Christian faith and values from a personal perspective in accessible and memorable ways.

We communicate in a manner appropriate to pupils of all faiths or no faith, encouraging them to explore their own values and beliefs.

#### **Empower**

We seek to empower all children and young people regardless of faith or belief to think responsibly, reach their potential and make a positive impact on their surroundings.



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We help all children and young people to explore and talk about their Personal, Social, Health and Emotional well-being.

We empower young Christians to be confident in their faith and to be a positive influence.

**Engage**

We provide children and young people of all backgrounds with positive role models and support projects in schools by building bridges between schools and the Christian community.

We connect young people with the Christian community and broaden their horizons by developing opportunities to learn outside the classroom and to visit local churches.

**Programmes**

The programmes that we operate to achieve these aims are as follows:

**M.O.U.S.E.**

Year 6 road show led by young people to help children transition from primary school to secondary school.

**Lifepath**

An RE day out for years 4, 5 and 6 learning about a famous local Christian.

**Prayer Spaces/Reflective Spaces**

An opportunity to take time out to explore faith, values and spirituality.

**Christmas and Easter Cracked**

A Bridgebuilder resource for churches, so they can host Year 5 or 6 pupils in their church to learn about the meaning of Christmas and Easter.

**Assemblies**

Interactive and memorable presentations dealing with ethical and moral values.

**Lessons**

Interactive lessons that help children come to grips with the moral, ethical and spiritual issues that they face.

**Emerge**

An emotional literacy package, based on Christian faith and values, involving interactive sessions addressing issues such as conflict, anger management and self esteem that work well with small groups of students who find school life difficult. This can be used in the PSHE area of the curriculum.

**Retreats**

Full or half day retreats for students and/or staff.



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## **Implementation of our programmes in the year under review**

Following 18 months of severely restricted access to schools, due to Covid 19, we have had far more opportunity to interact with schools face to face this year, although we are not yet back to the very free access we had to nearly all schools before the pandemic.

We developed a substantially enhanced on-line service through our digital platform including the construction of a studio. We are supplementing our in-person services with on-line material. We see our digital services as an important part of our overall offering for the future.

We also have a new six-part Emerge program, which we believe will be important to schools and the emotional health of school students in the future.

### **Public benefit**

The Trustees have taken account of the Charity Commission's guidance on Public Benefit. Milton Keynes Bridgebuilder Trust provides a public benefit through supporting the Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural development of children and young people in Milton Keynes. We encourage students to think through issues such as fear, honesty, peer pressure, generosity, kindness and self esteem so they are able to build good character, reach their potential and positively impact the world.

## **Section 4 Financial Review**

### **4.1 Overview of Milton Keynes Bridgebuilder Trust's Financial Position at 30 June 2022**

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis. The main source of income is from donations from individuals and churches, with 45% of total voluntary income coming from individual donors. Fundraising activities are also conducted by volunteers and by staff.

The main expenditure of the charity relates to the salary costs for the staff, who are involved in the schools ministry and the administration of the charity. Volunteers and the trustees are also involved in these activities.

### **4.2 Funds.**

Money given for specific purposes is allocated to restricted funds.

One restricted fund is for Hope MK, an event held annually for young people from 2013 to 2019. It is to return for a much shorter, half-day event in October 2022. This restricted fund contained £8,442 on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022. This will be used for Hope programmes in the future, or for events with similar aims. The charity also has restricted funds for the development of our Emerge programme, which contained £3,110 on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022, for the



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Guardians of Ancora (a new interactive program we have developed for the forthcoming year), which contained £1,700 on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 and a 'Specifics' fund, for the purchase of a wide variety of specified equipment and which contained £3,364 at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022. Broughton Ecclesiastical Charity has been exceptionally generous to Bridgebuilder this year, for which we are extremely grateful. It has contributed much of the money in the restricted funds as well as further amounts to the General Fund.

#### **4.3 Reserves Policy**

The Trustees aim to maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds of at least £30,000, to ensure that there are always sufficient funds to cover wind up costs.

#### **4.5 Commentary**

This year the donations from Broughton Ecclesiastical Charity has been a real bright spot. Otherwise, the charity's income has generally been on the decline, with General Funds down from £60,550 at the beginning of the year to £52,730 at the end of the year.

### **Section 5 Plans for the Future**

The Trustees intend the Trust to carry on working in local schools among the young people of Milton Keynes, working in close conjunction with local churches. We plan to continue to offer services both in person and on-line.

We are also focussing on developing material on well-being and on subjects such as hope that help students connect the future and hope that can be found in Jesus with the pressures they are experiencing in daily life.

Due to the financial pressures and uncertainties of Covid we have reduced our staffing levels compare with the previous position. We have a dedicated part-time fund-raiser to increase the financial base and support of churches and individuals, as well as schools-facing and administrative staff. We are now in great need of an improved financial position, to support the existing staffing complement, and also to increase it: the services we can offer to the schools and young people of Milton Keynes are now constrained by the resources we have, rather than the needs and demands for our services.



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## **Section 6 Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

The Trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each year which give a proper view of the affairs of the Charity as at the end of the financial year and of its results for that period. In preparing those statements the Trustees are required to:

- select appropriate accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether suitable accounting policies have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and enable them to ascertain that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and for financial information included on the charity's website.

## **Section 7 Independent Examiner**

Stephen Dunham was appointed as the independent examiner for the 2021/22 financial period.

**Signed on behalf of the Trustees.**

*Trevor Crowter*

**Trevor Crowter**

**Treasurer**

**Date:** 6<sup>th</sup> November 2022



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**Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 30th June 2022**

Incoming Resources	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
<b>Incoming Resources from Generated Funds:</b>				
Church Gifts	30,228	0	30,228	32,174
Individual Gifts	42,569	240	42,809	44,770
Schools Donations	3,111	0	3,111	2,360
Other Gifts	0	0	0	0
Income Tax Recovered	7,600	0	7,600	10,223
Furlough claims	0	0	0	6,682
<b>Activities for Generating Funds:</b>				
Office Income	68	0	68	98
Other Fundraising Activities	2,190	0	2,190	1,353
<b>Investment Income:</b>				
Interest	76	0	76	16
<b>Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities:</b>				
Schools and Youth Activities	0	0	0	0
Grants	<b>1</b> 9,600	12,985	22,585	4,500
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>95,442</b>	<b>13,225</b>	<b>108,667</b>	<b>102,176</b>
<b>Resources Expended</b>				
<b>Costs of Generating Funds:</b>				
Fundraising costs	6,759	0	6,759	0
<b>Total Costs of Activities</b>	<b>6,759</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,759</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Charitable Activities</b>				
Schools Ministry Outreach	<b>2</b> 95,511	3,712	99,223	108,111
Governance Costs	992	0	992	992
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>103,262</b>	<b>3,712</b>	<b>106,974</b>	<b>109,103</b>
<b>Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources</b>	<b>(7,820)</b>	<b>9,513</b>	<b>1,693</b>	<b>(6,927)</b>
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**Balance Sheet as at 30th June 2022**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>				
Office Equipment	3	0	0	0
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Current Accounts	12,619	16,616	29,235	27,509
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Cash	111	0	111	144
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**Signed:** Trevor Crowter 6<sup>th</sup> November 2022

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	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
General Grants	22,585	4,500

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	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Employee Costs - <b>Note 4</b>	72,934	82,928
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	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Gross Salaries	64,517	74,449
National Insurance – Employers	814	1,610
Pensions	7,603	6,869
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Date 6<sup>th</sup> November 2022

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Date:

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(Charity Registration No. 1008157)



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**Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements**  
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The Trustees are pleased to present their report, with the independently examined financial statements of the charity, for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

## **Section 1 Reference and Administrative Details of the Charity, its Trustees and Advisors**

### **1.1 Registered Name**

Milton Keynes Bridgebuilder Trust registered as a Charity on 13<sup>th</sup> February 1992.  
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### **1.2 Registered Office**

Bridge House  
1 Second Avenue  
Denbigh West  
Bletchley  
Milton Keynes  
MK1 1ED

### **1.3 Trustees**

Trustees serving during the year and since the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 were as follows:

Trevor Crowter		Treasurer, Acting Chair to 1 September 2020
Rachel Foster	from 2 July 2020	
Andrew Gibbins	from 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	
Charlotte Hampson	from 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	
Alexandra Richardson	to 14 December 2020	Secretary whilst a trustee
Dale Small	from 8 March 2021	
Andrew Ware		Secretary from 14 December 2020
Richard Wightman		Chair from 1 September 2020
Magdalena Williams	from 8 March 2021	



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**1.4 Relevant Organisations**

**a: Independent Examiner:**

Stephen Dunham  
37 Watercress Way  
Broughton  
Milton Keynes  
MK10 7AJ

**b: Bankers:**

CAF Bank Ltd  
25 Kings Hill Avenue  
Kings Hill  
West Malling  
Kent  
ME19 4JQ

**c: Insurers:**

Ecclesiastical Insurance Group plc,  
Montpellier House, Montpellier,  
Gloucester,  
GL1 1LF.



## **Section 2 Structure, Governance and Management**

### **2.1 Governing Document**

The Bridgebuilder Trust is governed by its Trust Deed dated 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1991.

### **2.2 Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees**

The Governing Document provides that Trustees may invite new Trustees to fill vacancies. They will be subject to approval by the existing members of the Board of Trustees. There are a minimum of three and a maximum of ten trustees, and none may be remunerated.

### **2.3 Policies and Procedures for Trustee Induction and Training**

New Trustees undergo an induction process and are encouraged to attend appropriate external training courses to facilitate the undertaking of their role. The Trustees normally hold four full meetings a year.

The charity is an associate member of Scripture Union.

## **Section 3 Objectives and Activities**

We are a Christian charity which has been working in the primary and secondary schools of Milton Keynes since 1993. Our vision is: Engaging young people to explore faith and positive life choices.

Our mission is to build bridges between schools and the Christian community to enable young people to explore, be empowered, and engaged on Christian beliefs and values. These are amplified as follows:

#### **Explore**

We enable children and young people to explore the Christian faith and values from a personal perspective in accessible and memorable ways.

We communicate in a manner appropriate to pupils of all faiths or no faith, encouraging them to explore their own values and beliefs.

#### **Empower**

We seek to empower all children and young people regardless of faith or belief to think responsibly, reach their potential and make a positive impact on their surroundings.



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We help all children and young people to explore and talk about their Personal, Social, Health and Emotional well-being.

We empower young Christians to be confident in their faith and to be a positive influence.

**Engage**

We provide children and young people of all backgrounds with positive role models and support projects in schools by building bridges between schools and the Christian community.

We connect young people with the Christian community and broaden their horizons by developing opportunities to learn outside the classroom and to visit local churches.

**Programmes**

The programmes that we operate to achieve these aims are as follows:

**M.O.U.S.E.**

Year 6 road show led by young people to help children transition from primary school to secondary school.

**Lifepath**

An RE day out for years 4, 5 and 6 learning about a famous local Christian.

**Prayer Spaces/Reflective Spaces**

An opportunity to take time out to explore faith, values and spirituality.

**Christmas and Easter Cracked**

A Bridgebuilder resource for churches, so they can host Year 5 or 6 pupils in their church to learn about the meaning of Christmas and Easter.

**Assemblies**

Interactive and memorable presentations dealing with ethical and moral values.

**Lessons**

Interactive lessons that help children come to grips with the moral, ethical and spiritual issues that they face.

**Emerge**

An emotional literacy package, based on Christian faith and values, involving interactive sessions addressing issues such as conflict, anger management and self esteem that work well with small groups of students who find school life difficult. This can be used in the PSHE area of the curriculum.

**Retreats**

Full or half day retreats for students and/or staff.



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## **Implementation of our programmes in the year under review**

Due to the Covid 19 virus, this year our ability to carry out much of this agenda in person was much reduced.

However, we developed a substantially enhanced on-line service through our digital platform including the construction of a studio. Our in-person access to the schools is now improving but it is likely to continue to be much reduced from its pre Covid 19 levels for the next few months. We plan to offer in-person services in the future, where possible, and to supplement this with on-line material. We see our digital services as an important part of our overall offering for the future.

We have also developed a new six-part Emerge program, which we believe will be eagerly welcomed by schools in the aftermath of the Covid 19 lockdowns and the impact that had on schooling and the emotional health of school students.

### **Public benefit**

The Trustees have taken account of the Charity Commission's guidance on Public Benefit. Milton Keynes Bridgebuilder Trust provides a public benefit through supporting the Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural development of children and young people in Milton Keynes. We encourage students to think through issues such as fear, honesty, peer pressure, generosity, kindness and self esteem so they are able to build good character, reach their potential and positively impact the world.

## **Section 4 Financial Review**

### **4.1 Overview of Milton Keynes Bridgebuilder Trust's Financial Position at 30 June 2021**

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis. The main source of income is from donations from individuals and churches, with 59% of total voluntary income coming from individual donors. Fundraising activities are also conducted by volunteers and by staff.

The main expenditure of the charity relates to the salary costs for the staff, who are involved in the schools ministry, and the administration of the charity. Volunteers and the trustees are also involved in these activities.

### **4.2 Funds**

Money given for a specific purpose is allocated to restricted funds.

The charity has a restricted fund for Hope MK, an event held annually for young people from 2013 to 2019. This restricted fund contained £7,102 on 30 June 2021. This fund is being held for use for Hope programmes in the future, or for events with similar aims. The charity also had a further restricted fund for the development of our



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Emerge programme. This contained £6,128 on 30 June 2020, which was fully used during the year in developing the more extensive EmERGE program that we will now be offering to schools.

#### **4.3 Reserves Policy**

The Trustees aim to maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds of at least £30,000, to ensure that there are always sufficient funds to cover wind up costs.

#### **4.5 Commentary**

This year the donations we received from individuals and churches held up very well at a difficult time, for which we are very grateful. However, other income was sharply down, despite including some furlough payments and the availability of a generous grant for the EmERGE program, which has now been used. We will need to rebuild our income quickly, or our ability to provide all our services will be constrained.

### **Section 5 Plans for the Future**

The Trustees intend the Trust to carry on working in local schools among the young people of Milton Keynes, working in close conjunction with local churches. We plan to continue to offer services both in person and on-line.

We are also focussing on developing material on well-being and on subjects such as hope that help students connect the future and hope that can be found in Jesus with the pressures they are experiencing in daily life.

Due to the financial pressures and uncertainties of Covid we reduced our staffing levels slightly whilst we rebuilt the financial base of the charity. Following the year end, we have recruited an administrator to support Carol, our schools work team leader, which will free her for more work directly with schools, and have also recently recruited a part-time fund-raiser to increase the financial base and support of churches and individuals.



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## **Section 6 Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

The Trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each year which give a proper view of the affairs of the Charity as at the end of the financial year and of its results for that period. In preparing those statements the Trustees are required to:

- select appropriate accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether suitable accounting policies have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and enable them to ascertain that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and for financial information included on the charity's website.

## **Section 7 Independent Examiner**

Stephen Dunham was appointed as the independent examiner for the 2020/21 financial period.

**Signed on behalf of the Trustees.**

*T E Crowter*

**Trevor Crowter**

**Treasurer**

**Date:**



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**Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 30th June 2021**

Incoming Resources	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
<b>Incoming Resources from Generated Funds:</b>				
Church Gifts	32,174	0	32,174	34,013
Individual Gifts	44,530	240	44,770	43,413
Schools Donations	2,360	0	2,360	1,521
Other Gifts	0	0	0	0
Income Tax Recovered	10,223	0	10,223	7,470
Furlough claims	6,682	0	6,682	12,632
<b>Activities for Generating Funds:</b>				
Office Income	98	0	98	84
Other Fundraising Activities	1,353	0	1,353	19,914
<b>Investment Income:</b>				
Interest	16	0	16	241
<b>Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities:</b>				
Schools and Youth Activities	0	0	0	5,799
Grants	1 4,500	0	4,500	13,550
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>101,936</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>102,176</b>	<b>138,637</b>
<b>Resources Expended</b>				
<b>Costs of Generating Funds:</b>				
Fundraising costs	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Costs of Activities</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Charitable Activities</b>				
Schools Ministry Outreach	2 101,984	6,127	108,111	130,297
Governance Costs	992	0	992	992
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>102,976</b>	<b>6,127</b>	<b>109,103</b>	<b>131,289</b>
<b>Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources</b>	<b>(1,040)</b>	<b>(5,887)</b>	<b>(6,927)</b>	<b>7,348</b>
<b>Balance Brought Forward</b>	<b>61,590</b>	<b>12,990</b>	<b>74,580</b>	<b>67,232</b>
<b>Balance Carried Forward</b>	<b>60,550</b>	<b>7,103</b>	<b>67,653</b>	<b>74,580</b>



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**Balance Sheet as at 30th June 2021**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>	<b>Total 2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>				
Office Equipment	3	0	0	0
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Current Accounts	20,406	7,103	27,509	34,473
Business Reserve Account	40,000	0	40,000	40,000
Cash	144	0	144	107
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>60,550</b>	<b>7,103</b>	<b>67,653</b>	<b>74,580</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>60,550</b>	<b>7,103</b>	<b>67,653</b>	<b>74,580</b>

Approved by Trustees on: 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Signed:

21<sup>st</sup> October 2021

Trevor Crowter,  
Treasurer

Date



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**Accounting policies**

In preparing the accounts the following accounting policies have been complied with:

- A) The accounts have been prepared on the historic cost convention under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with applicable accounting standards and comply with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.
- B) All incoming resources are recognised on receipt. Resources expended are recognised on payment. Incoming and outgoing resources are shown gross.

**1. Grants**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
General Grants	<u>4,500</u>	<u>13,550</u>

**2. Schools Ministry Outreach**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Employee Costs - <b>Note 4</b>	82,928	96,769
Staff Travel	17	2,424
Conferences & Training	60	100
Ministry Resources	2,848	1,539
Volunteer Expenses	0	88
Youth Events	0	9,922
Rent, Insurance & Office Costs	16,410	18,054
Subscriptions and Donations	1,075	1,401
Digital Platform	4,773	0
	<u><b>108,111</b></u>	<u><b>130,297</b></u>

**3. Office Equipment**

Recently the office equipment purchased has been for modest amounts and has been charged at cost in the year of purchase. There are no longer any assets shown on the balance sheet for these items. The charity has no other fixed assets.



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**4. Analysis of employee costs:**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Gross Salaries	74,449	83,996
National Insurance – Employers	1,610	3,583
Pensions	6,869	9,190
	<b>82,928</b>	<b>96,769</b>

No employee earned more than £60,000 and the average number of employees during the year 2021 was 3.4 (2020, 4.3).

A number of volunteers have supported the charity through the year in respect of schools ministry, fundraising and administration and no financial value has been included in these Accounts for their work. Without their valuable commitment and support the charity would not be able to work at the current level of operation.

**Trustee Expenses**

During this year the charity did not pay any mileage expenses to the Trustees, nor any other expenses, except for reimbursements of the costs of certain small purchases on behalf of the trust.



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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Milton Keynes Bridgebuilder Trust**

I report on the accounts of the Milton Keynes Bridgebuilder Trust (charity number 1008157) for the year ended 30 June 2021, which are set out on pages 1 to 13.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to :

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to 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 Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether 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 aspect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting records of the 2011 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.

Signed

Date: 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021

Name: Stephen Dunham

Relevant professional qualification or body: CIMA

Address: 37 Watercress Way, Broughton, Milton Keynes MK10 7AJ

Date: