

# Hastings Christian Trust

## Financial Statement for the year ended 31 March 2023

### Includes

- Trustees' Annual Report
- Independent Examiner's Report
- Statement of Financial Activities
- Balance Sheet

# **Christian Schools Workers Hastings**

## **report to the Charity Commission**

### **on its work for the school year from**

### **September 2022 – July 2023.**

**Operating Name – Christian Schools Worker Hastings (CSWH). Registered Charity number 1024041**

Further information about the work of CSWH can be found online at [www.cswh.co.uk](http://www.cswh.co.uk)

#### **What we do.**

Christian Schools Workers Hastings (CSWH) comes under the umbrella of the Hastings Christian Trust and is the operational side of the work. CSWH aims to work with all of the academies and schools in the primary and secondary phases, twenty one in total, across the towns of Hastings and St. Leonards-on-sea, by offering the following activities that introduce Jesus to the students:

- acts of collective worship (assemblies)
- Religious Education (R.E.) lessons
- JAFFA (Jesus A Friend For All) Clubs in primary schools
- Hot Chocolate Clubs in secondary schools
- Prayer Spaces
- Year 6 transition days
- Link Youth – for teenagers to help bridge the transition from in-school clubs to joining a local church
- Drawing on the interactive resource of Counties UK - GSUS Live.

The work is carried out by two employed workers, one full time, one part-time (0.8 fte). The workers oversee a small team of volunteers that assist in enabling the programmes to be carried out. The work in schools is overseen by a Management Committee of five volunteers from different backgrounds who bring a variety of skills to help the work in schools and to assist it to operate efficiently and effectively. This Committee reports to the Trustees, five at present, who have a strategic role in the work. CSWH is a Mission Partner of Scripture Union which enables our organisation to benefit from their training opportunities, legal and personnel advice and networking arrangements.

#### **Autumn Term 2022.**

Acts of collective worship (ACW), Jesus A Friend for All (JAFFA) and Hot Chocolate Clubs took place in several primary academies. Link Youth also met on Monday evenings in a local church and was run by the two workers and a volunteer. GSUS Live, a Counties UK resource was held in a local secondary academy for one week and was well received. This interactive, IT experience has great appeal to the students and is an excellent resource for conveying the Christian message. Additional ACWs were held before Christmas.

#### **Spring Term 2023**

Acts of Collective Worship, JAFFA Clubs and Hot Chocolate Clubs returned to normal and Link Youth continued to run one evening per week. One of our workers magnificently completed running the Hastings Half Marathon which proved to be a successful fundraising activity as well. One worker and a trustee continued our series of presentations of CSWH's work to local churches. The aim of this initiative was to:

- refresh church members' knowledge of the work,
- share the work's successes and challenges,
- thank churches and their members for their support of CSWH's work and
- request further prayerful, practical and financial support.

The Counties resource of Key to Life was held in two local primary academies and was accessed by three academies, involving over 500 pupils. This is a very popular resource in conveying information about the life of Jesus and was much appreciated by its users.

**Summer term 2023.**

Each week of term 5, the two workers, plus volunteers were involved with leading a Prayer/Reflection Space. Each Prayer Space runs for 4-5 days in mainly, but not exclusively, primary schools. Six Prayer spaces ran in total and were very well received. In term 6 the workers took the Moving On activity day into over thirteen primary schools. This is a transition activity to help year 6 students with their step onto secondary education. Every year 6 student across the town receives the CSWH produced Moving On book which is crammed with tips and advice for moving on. 1050 books were given out to students. One of our workers also went to local primary schools to undertake question and answer sessions with students about Christianity, God, Jesus and faith. These sessions went very well.

CSWH concluded its year by holding its annual review and planning morning with the trustees, workers and committee members.

Tom Collins

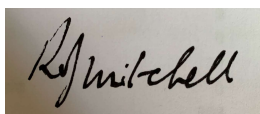
Trustee and Chair of the Management Committee.

## Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature

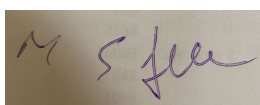
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R Mitchell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R'.

Roger Mitchell

Trustee

24 January 2024

Signature

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "M Fletcher". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M'.

Martin Fletcher

Trustee

24 January 2024

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Hastings Christian Trust**

I report on the accounts of the trust for the year ended 31 March 2023 which are set out below.

Respective responsibilities of the 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 this year under section 144(2) 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 by 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 as set out in the statement below.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements 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.

Name - Ian Russell

Address - 11 Royal Terrace; St Leonards on Sea; East Sussex; TN37 6QH

Date - 24 January 2024

# Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2023

	2023		2022
	£		£
<b>Income</b>			
Donations	25204		28163
Gift Aid Refund	2011		3346
Fundraising events	0		1615
Furlough Grants	0		4359
Penny pots	812		155
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<u>28027</u>		<u>37638</u>
<b>Resources used</b>			
IYM	1460		968
Exhibitions	0		1500
Jaffa	225		1742
Prayer Spaces	519		7
Link	68		64
Travel/Entertainment	412		431
Printing/Stationery	0		184
Telephone/IT	410		396
Staff costs	37846	see note 1	29795
Insurance	826		791
Sundry Expenses	583		342
<b>Total resources used</b>	<u>42351</u>		<u>36220</u>
<b>Net</b>	<u>-14322</u>		<u>1418</u>

## Reconciliation of funds

	unrestricted
Brought forward from 1/4/22	36329
carried forward to 31/3/23	22007

Funds brought forward at 1/4/22	£36329
Deficit for year	£14322
Funds carried forward at 31/3/23	£22007

## Note 1

No trustees have received any remuneration

# Hastings Christian Trust

## Balance Sheet

31 March 2023

### Balance sheet at 31 March 2023

	31-Mar-23	31-Mar-22
	£	£
Current assets		
Debtors	2011	3346
cash	0	155
Nat West	<u>19996</u>	<u>32828</u>
	<u>22007</u>	<u>36329</u>
Represented by		
Unrestricted fund	<u>22007</u>	<u>36329</u>
	<u>22007</u>	<u>34911</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on January 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

### Signatures

