



# SASWtrust

Southport & Area Schools Worker Trust

A Local Mission Partner of  
Scripture  
Union



## **TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CHARITY COMMISSION 31/12/2021**

**Report for financial year beginning 01/01/21 and ending 31/12/21**

### **Legal and Administrative information:**

**Name and Address** Southport and Area Schools Worker Trust  
SASW Trust Office  
1 Scarisbrick New Road  
Southport  
PR8 6PU

**Registered charity number:** 1075068

**Name of Charity Trustees:** Dan Parkes (Chair), John Cooper, John Forshaw, Stephen Griffiths Elizabeth Lacey, Sonya Marshall, Anne Pickup, Tina Powsey,

### **Professional Advisers:**

Bankers: HSBC, Lord Street, Southport

### **Structure, Management and Governance:**

**Governing document:** DECLARATION OF TRUST [Trust Deed 18/01/99]

The work of the Trust is managed by Trustees in accordance with the Trust Deed. The Trustees met five times during 2021.

**Name of person or body entitled to appoint a trustee:**

THE TRUSTEES and by a resolution of the trustees taken at a meeting where a majority of trustees are present and the resolution recorded in the minutes and signed by the new Trustee and Chairman. New Trustee/s to agree to the Trust Statement of Faith, Declaration of Trustworthiness and policy and procedures reflecting the ethos of the Trust.

### **Financial review:**

The Treasurer monitors the Trust finances throughout the year and provides the Trustees with up to date information at each Trustees meeting. Annual income in 2021 was £56,601 and expenditure was £50,774. This resulted in an overall surplus of £5,827. This surplus will be used to finance future year's expenditure. Cash reserves as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 amounted to £58,458

However there were some one off donations in 2021 which may not be repeated in the future. During the year we did some work with Compassion Acts, a local charity which aims to reduce poverty and increase wellbeing in Southport and the surrounding area. They paid us £1,800 for the time that our Schools Workers developing some resources which could be used in schools. This was a very helpful source of finance. We are looking forward to possibly working with them again in the future.

Our schools workers were asked to help provide activities at the National Methodist Youth Conference for which they reimbursed the time and associated expenses (£1,667). £1,200 is still to be paid out. We are very grateful to Mr. Willatts who made us a grant of £24,000 over three years. We are due to receive the final instalment of £1,334 in 2022. So although we made a small surplus of £5,827 there is no guarantee that this will be sustained in future years.

The Trustees are of the opinion that in order to be able to offer a commitment of continuity of employment to our employees, and because a large proportion of our future income is uncertain, we should aim to have in reserve at the year-end an amount equal to the following year's estimated expenditure. We give thanks that we were in this position at the end of 2021 and were able to meet our reserves policy. As we move forward the Trustees will continue to monitor the Trust's financial position and take appropriate action when needed.

## **Safeguarding**

The Trustees take Safeguarding very seriously. During the year the Trustees reviewed their safeguarding policy and have updated it to take into account all the appropriate protocols relating to working online. It was accepted by the Trustees. There were five small safeguarding concerns in 2021 which were all dealt with appropriately. All Trustees, workers and volunteers hold appropriate DBS certificates.

## **Objectives and Activities**

Objects of the charity	To advance the Christian faith amongst young people in educational establishments and to advance education in accordance with Christian Principles.
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## **Charity's activities during the year in relation to its objects**

- Supporting a full time coordinator/schools worker and a full time sports ministry worker through prayer, pastoral and professional support and guidance.
- Supporting Christian Unions in schools and colleges of the locality and providing assistance in curricular areas [assemblies, religious education, citizenship, PSHE]. Providing training and encouragement to them.
- Working in partnership with other schools/youth workers, schools and churches; joint presentations at Easter, end of school year 6 and Christmas; training and organising volunteers to assist in schools work; supporting holiday events in the year
- Encouraging prayer by keeping churches informed of the work and by holding regular prayer times.
- Continuing to promote the financial and prayer support of the work amongst churches and individuals.

The Trustees reviewed the objectives of the Trust during the year and agreed that they were still appropriate and being met by our activities.

## **Achievements and Performance**

The work of the Trust continued to grow and develop during 2021 as we responded to the changing needs of the schools, children and young people in our town.

At the beginning of 2021 we found ourselves back in lockdown as restrictions were reintroduced to control the spread of the Covid 19 virus.

We continued to connect with the children and young people through digital media continuing to use the projects which had been set up in the previous year. This includes video versions of assemblies, a YouTube channel, live streams and much more, all of which was circulated via schools remote links to home and via social media. We continued to produce new material and resources which could be accessed online. This included our Safe Space project in secondary schools, primary schools online assemblies and Impact live which is a virtual youth group via video group sessions. We continued to produce new videos as part of our Connect Kids project which is a resource for churches to use in their work with children and young people which can be watched on our YouTube channel or down loaded onto their own YouTube channels.

'Hatching Hope' was a new Easter video production. A new Mission Impossible video which explored the events of Easter with years 5 and 6 was produced and new videos to be used as part of collective worship in primary schools.

We continued with our usual Instagram posts and had a live session on our YouTube and Instagram channels on a Wednesday after school.

As part of our Connect kid's project we developed a series of videos called 'The Starting line' which is a 12 part Children's Alpha series with a sports theme using our Good Sport resources. This helps children to explore the Christian faith for

themselves with input on the topic, questions for them to discuss, games, challenges and thoughts from other Christians. These sessions were also made into RE lessons and after school club sessions.

Hettie wrote some material called 'You, me and RSE' which she later used to deliver in person lessons as part of the relationships, and sex education curriculum in primary schools which is in line with Government guidance whilst maintaining a level of Christian input.

We were approached by Compassion Acts, a local charity which aims to reduce poverty and increase wellbeing in Southport and the surrounding areas by running a foodbank, a food pantry and providing advice on debt and money matters, to see if we could work alongside them in schools. David started to write resources for them which they could use in schools which we could assist with.

The Safe Space Project is the main way we connect with young people in our secondary schools. Not knowing how long it would be before we would be physically accepted back into secondary schools, we continued to develop on line material which could be helpful for schools delivering the Personal, Social Citizenship and Health Education, Religious Education, and Spiritual, Moral Social and Cultural Development topics within the schools' curriculum.

From May restrictions were eased and our schools workers were accepted back into schools. After a year of predominantly online work David and Hettie found themselves spending time with children and young people every day as the in person work started to take off and less time was spent developing on line resources.

We were able to successfully restart Impact in Ainsdale with more young people attending than before the start of the pandemic and we were able to build further links with the community.

In person work in Primary Schools has continued positively with Sweaty Church at St Philips. In May we started Sweaty Church at St Philips again initially for years 4 and 5 which was extended to other years the following term. We had to keep to bubbles but the smaller group had its advantages and the children enjoyed being together with us again.

It was encouraging to begin talks with Holy Trinity School and Church with a view to starting Sweaty Church at Holy Trinity.

Hettie was initially invited into three primary schools to deliver 4 lessons using the You, Me and RSE material she had written as part of the RSE curriculum. By the end of the year, with help from the youth worker from Lakeside Church, she had delivered 30 lessons. We received very positive feedback from teachers and parents all of whom had appreciated the way the subject had been taught and from the children who had enjoyed her lessons.

David took lessons using the Christians Against Poverty money lesson material and this was also appreciated.

The work with Compassion Acts developed during the year. The material that David had produced was used in schools and again was well received. David and Hettie were able to help with activities during the summer holiday clubs organised by Compassion Acts for some local school children.

Our workers were invited to take part in St Philips scheme of leaver's fun for the year 6s, including a trip to Liverpool, sports day, leaver's services and were involved in making a photo memory video of the pupils as a leaving gift.

A limited number of the 'Moving On' presentations took place this year for children moving from year 6 into year 7 and Scripture Union gifted us 60 'It's Your Move' books to give out as prizes. The sessions were more limited than usual due to having to keep to bubbles but the online video version from last year was also available for schools to use.

The online booking system was up and running and we quickly started to receive bookings for the Christmas presentation, Mission Impossible next year, as well as Schools Assemblies. This demonstrates how much the schools appreciate our work in schools.

From September, the number of visits into schools increased further and was an exciting start to a new academic year.

Teachers, parents, children and young people have found the effects of the Covid pandemic particularly difficult, not being able to go into school, see friends, and having to deal with home schooling and online learning. This has had a detrimental effect on the mental health of children and young people and much of our work this year has been to address these problems, particularly in secondary schools meeting young people at lunchtime in our Safe Space Project. This gives the young people an opportunity to discuss matters of faith and the big issues of life and to tell us how they are feeling. We then have the opportunity to support them and offer them hope.

Initially when we were accepted back into secondary schools we met outside. We acquired a gazebo and had hoodies printed with the words youth worker on the back and used these to increase our visual presence and be more identifiable. We found working out in the school yards vastly different to being hidden away in a classroom, with a dramatic increase in engagement from young people, and earning a much greater understanding and higher profile amongst students and staff as to our purpose

in working with their schools. This all taught us a great deal more about the importance of a Christ-like approach to humbly 'going out' to where the young people are and ministering to their needs.

In the Safe Space lunchtime sessions we used a traffic light system and a chart of different emoji's for young people to check in with us on their well-being. If they are feeling red we give them space to talk and then they are encouraged to seek help from a trusted source, if amber we talk about how we can develop personal habits to help ourselves improve our own mood and if they feel green, then we encourage them to share their positive feelings to help others. This proved to be very popular and enabled our workers to help young people with their feelings and be a positive influence on them.

We had been offering traffic light lollies to those attending the sessions but decided to launch a new scheme. We now have a new loyalty card system where students get a stamp every week for checking in with us and they keep the card reminding them to be loyal to themselves and others. This acts as an incentive for them to check in with us regularly. When they have 3 stamps then they receive a lolly. If they attend for 6 weeks they receive a second lolly and enter a half term prize draw. By the end of the summer term we were meeting outside in 4 high schools meeting with literally hundreds of young people each week. This was far more than before the covid pandemic.

As the year progressed and the weather got colder we were able to move indoors when the school had suitable communal areas large enough to accommodate us safely.

One exciting new development was working with a large primary school who we haven't had much contact with. David helped to run a project called Key To Life at Churchtown Primary. This ran for a week and gave every class in the school the chance to join us on the Key to Life lorry which inside has a fully immersive and interactive projection suite. David helped others to guide each class through a multimedia exploration of the life of Jesus- including Jesus in history, Jesus' teachings, miracles and his death and resurrection – sharing the importance of the Cross in the Christian Gospel in one of the most incredibly creative, experiential and well produced ways.

Another highlight was when Greenbank year 7's visited 3 of our local churches as part of their RE syllabus. David and Hettie were able to meet up with them at one of the Churches and have positive conversations about the relevance of the work of the Church and Christianity today. As a result David was asked by the Head of Greenbank if he would go in and help with teaching the module on evangelism as part of the GCSE syllabus. Yet another opportunity for us to serve the local schools.

During Anti Bullying week in November we toured 6 schools and a youth group with a message of treating others as you would like to be treated and starting a chain of kindness.

This year it was great to be able to share a live Christmas Presentation again with primary school children and we had 17 performances of our superhero themed production as we sought to encourage the children to share the real meaning of Christmas. That Christmas is about sharing the love and kindness shown by Jesus as he entered our world as the ultimate Saviour and hero. Due to a desire to be flexible around schools and Covid restrictions, we also created a video version of the entire production available for public viewing on our YouTube channel.

## **Other organisations**

The partnership with Compassion Acts is working well and we look forward to developing this partnership in the future.

David continued his secondment to Scripture Union by working with them to continue developing their 'connect, explore, respond and grow' project locally, an initiative to reach the 95% of children and young people with no church connection. This is working particularly well with the churches in Ainsdale and David and Hettie are still acting as faith guides

David and Hettie started talks with youth leaders in other churches in Southport to discuss the possibility of doing detached youth work in the town centre. There is support for this and discussions are moving forward albeit slowly. The Salvation Army are hoping to put on some training in the New Year and Scripture Union are in discussion with us as to how we might partner together with them in this work.

The national Methodist Conference asked David and Hettie to help with the provision of activities at their Youth Conference in Birmingham at the end of the October half term.

## **Connecting with our supporters**

We held our annual celebration service on Sunday 19th September. This was held in person although was streamed on YouTube in order to reach a wider audience. Supporters have received regular newsletters throughout the year and have been encouraged to pray for the various projects. They are also encouraged to watch the videos etc. on our YouTube channel which helps supporters, who would not be allowed to come into schools with us, to see what we do with the children and it encourages their support.

For those who missed the celebration service, David produced a short documentary video entitled 'For Such A Time As This' which encapsulates the story of children's and youth work professionals and volunteers serving Southport's young people through the pandemic including a picture of pre pandemic, the depths of lockdown and a wealth of post pandemic opportunities to support children and young people in the aftermath.

It has been encouraging to have more volunteers join us in the work particularly with Sweaty Church at St Philips.

Supporters were encouraged to use the prayer trails that David had put together to help pray for schools at the start of a new academic year in September. They were also encouraged to join in praying on 28<sup>th</sup> September, a day set aside for Christians everywhere to pray for schools.

#### **Plans for the future**

The Trustees and Schools Workers are committed to developing the work of the Trust and to take advantage of new opportunities as they arise whilst continuing with the work which is so appreciated by local schools, children and young people, parents and churches.

We are hoping to be able to develop links with new schools which we have only had tentative links with in the past

It has been encouraging during this past year to receive so much positive feedback from teachers and children and young people telling us how much they appreciate what we are doing and what a help it has been to them having a Christian presence in schools during what has been a particular difficult year. We trust that this will continue into the future as we seek to serve the schools and young people in our town and continue to be a positive Christian presence.

In July, our Chairman, Rev Stewart Reid decided to retire from the Trust after having been involved with the work since its inception in 1999. We are very grateful to Stewart for all his hard work and leading over the past 22 years. We were able to mark his retirement and thank him formally with a gift at the Celebration Service in September. Rev Dan Parkes has taken over as Chairman and we look forward to his leadership as we move forward into a new phase of ministry.

Signed:



Date: 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022

(Chairman of the Trust)



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Southport and Area Schools Worker Trust

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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01.01.2021	To	31.12.2021
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
From Churches	17,874		-	17,874	21,938
From Individuals	20,742		-	20,742	24,561
Gift Aid rebate	4,014		-	4,014	4,447
Other donations	4,638		-	4,638	1,100
Interest	833		-	400	816
Grants	8,500		-	8,500	11,667
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	56,601		-	56,168	64,529
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	56,601	-	-	56,601	64,529
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Salary Costs	44,227			44,227	45,917
Office rent	1,000			1,000	1,000
Equipment				-	2,000
Miscellaneous	743			743	739
Events				-	20,390
Staff expenses	4,804			4,804	2,101
<b>Sub total</b>	50,774			50,774	72,147
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	50,774	-	-	50,774	72,147
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	5,827	-	-	5,827	(7,618)
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>					
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	52,631			52,631	60,249
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	58,458			58,458	52,631

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	HSBC	37,209		-
	Invested with Green pasures	21,249	-	-
			-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>58,458</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on  
behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of  
approval

E. Lacey  
SECRETARY

MRS E. LACEY

07.02.2022

**SOUTHPORT AND AREA SCHOOLS WORKER TRUST**  
**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

Year ending December 31	2021	2020
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
From Churches	17873.84	9622.50
From Churches for HT		12315.00
From Individuals	20741.75	22581.27
From Individuals for HT		1980.00
Tax rebate	4014.20	4447.00
Green Past. Interest	400.00	400.00
SU grant Tabz 2ndment		5000.00
G9 Gift for HT		1100.00
<b>C&amp;E Trust</b>	<b>500.00</b>	
Mr Willatts	8000.04	6666.69
Street Pastors	500.00	
Compassion Acts	1800.00	
Misc,Schools,Methodists	2338.32	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>56168.15</b>	<b>64112.46</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
D Taberner	18491.47	18338.67
H Taberner	17392.65	17248.11
Inland Revenue	5218.62	7228.54
Pension	3124.59	3101.28
M.Trust Higher Tour		15390.00
M.Trust Sunfest 2019 etc		5000.00
Telephones	40.92	121.74
Insurance	532.61	517.22
Expenses	4803.57	2101.08
Laptop		2000.00
Presents	169.16	100.00
Office Rent	1000.00	1000.00
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>50773.59</b>	<b>72146.64</b>
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>5394.56</b>	<b>-8034.18</b>
C/f from Previous Year	31814.94	39849.12
<b>Bank Account</b>	<b>37209.50</b>	<b>31814.94</b>
<b>Green Pastures</b>	<b>21248.64</b>	<b>20816.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>58458.14</b>	<b>52630.94</b>
<b>Dec-21</b>		



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
SOUTHPORT AND AREA SCHOOLS WORKER TRUST

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

December 31<sup>st</sup> 2021

**Charity no  
(if any)** 1075068

**Set out on pages**

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/12/2021**

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

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:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

**Signed:**

*JS Attwater*

**Date:** 07 MARCH 2022

**Name:**

John S Attwater

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qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

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