

The Reading Schools Christian Work Trust
REACH
Charity No: 1084101
Annual Report September 2020- September 2021

*Now thanks be unto God, which always causes us to triumph {leads us in triumph}
and makes manifest the savour of His knowledge by us in every place
2 Corinthians 2:14*

This last year has been difficult for every one of us and brought many challenges. This is the same for REACH. However the team has pressed on with our aim of making Christ known and His love to schools, pupils and staff in Reading.

We have used every means available to make the most of online opportunities. At Christmas 2020, and again at Easter 2021 the team ran a series of online Christian Union sessions called 'Reach Out', which were well received by some schools. We also attempted to provide online resources for schools and young people through YouTube and Instagram, with mixed success.

The summer term 2021 saw further initiatives: the detached sessions in some schools were productive and connections with schools and C.U. leaders were opening. We decided to broaden our work to parents with a REACH parent's event, for students transitioning into Year 7 in the summer. This was accompanied by a new parent focused blog with the aim being to keep communication open with parents. There was also work done on a youth mentoring programme. We are continuing our work supporting C.U. leaders across the town, pioneering a support network to disciple the young leaders of the future.

Staffing

The staffing situation has undergone some changes:

Sherlon has left to get a full time job, due to financial pressure. We are thankful to him for the stirring work he put in, particularly in the detached sessions in some schools.

Consequently Anne has increased her time in taking on Sherlon's hours, so she is now working four days a week in term time.

Phoebe is on maternity leave and is due to return in February 2022. Indy (Ministry Director) and Anne are covering the work in which Phoebe is involved.

We have been delighted to appoint Mrs. Janet Shury onto the trustee board as treasurer. This has allowed the Management team to increase to four: three trustees, (including the Chair and Treasurer) and the Ministry Director.

Public Benefit

The tragic murder of a teenage boy in the Reading area, led to a need for responsive youth work. At REACH we were able to be on the ground working alongside local youth workers in the area. We were able to bring support to young people in the north of Reading throughout that complicated period. This work continued with two regular detached youth work sessions through the winter and spring.

REACH continues to support schools by bringing the love of Jesus to students and staff. This includes offering staff and pupils the opportunity to learn more about the Christian faith, and explore it for themselves. We have also been privileged to offer a degree of emotional support to pupils and staff struggling in school life, as well as encouraging other school workers in the area.

Developments in 2021/2022

- To continue with the aim of focused regional activity between local schools, Churches and REACH workers.
- To build on the financial resources of REACH by seeking funding from outside funding streams
- To implement a group of 'REACH Friends.' The trustees responsibilities are for higher level decisions e.g. vision and development. Since the work is very dependent on God through His Church locally and individually, it is felt that REACH would benefit from having feedback from another group of supportive individuals/ partners. This group in turn would keep our 'stakeholders' in possession of the work.

Feedback

[student leader] "It has been really helpful having Paul and Anne come into Little Heath CU over the last years and I really appreciate the support that REACH give us when leading the CU."

[teacher] "It was an absolute pleasure to host you today and you went above and beyond the call of duty for the day... You assisted us at such short notice and that was very gracious of you to help and put in so much effort to make the day a success."

[parent after one of our online REACH OUT events]: "They came in last night laughing so much from one of the games. Thank you so much. They have really enjoyed it and [name of child] said he has actually learned some things!"

[Letter from a Headteacher]: “The REACH Team has been providing cake and coffee on a Thursday morning for our staff members for approximately 4 years now. We appreciate the service provided by the team and their volunteers!”

Staff wellbeing is paramount to us and an intervention like this is important. The atmosphere created in our staff room is calm and relaxed. This provides a great opportunity for staff to interact and enjoy a cup of coffee, tea or hot chocolate served to them with a slice of delicious home baked cake provided.

Our staff attendance on a Thursday, as you can imagine, is particularly good!”

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES 1 SEPTEMBER 2020 - 31 AUGUST 2021

		2021 Unrestricted General Fund £	2020 Unrestricted General Fund £
Incoming Resources			
Voluntary Income	3.1	38,864	42,298
Investment Income	3.2	25	-
Total Incoming Resources		38,889	42,298
Resources Expended			
Charitable Activities	4	47,433	33,573
Total Resources Expended		47,433	33,573
Net movement in funds		(8,544)	(8,725)
Total funds brought forward		23,934	15,209
Total funds carried forward		15,390	23,934

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 2021

Assets		2021 £	2020 £
Debtors	5	2,600	520
Cash at Bank	6	12,790	24,097
Creditors			
Creditors and Accruals	7		(683)
Total Assets		15,390	23,934

Represented by:

Unrestricted Fund 15,390 23,934

**S Jarvis
Trustee**

J.S. Jarvis

March 2022

**Janet Shury
Treasurer**

J.C. Shury

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

Basis of

1 Preparation

1.1 Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities - Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005); and with Accounting Standards.

1.2 Change in basis of accounting

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

1.3 Changes to previous accounts

No changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

Accounting

2 Policies

2.1 Incoming Resources

Recognition of incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity becomes entitled to the resources.

Incoming resources with related expenditure are reported gross.

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

2.2 Expenditure and Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

No costs have been incurred for the governance of the charity.

3 Analysis of incoming resources

2021

2020

**Unrestricted
General
Fund**

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General
Fund**

3.1 Voluntary Income

£

£

Churches

18,080

16,197

General Donations

14,543

20,933

Trusts

3,600

3,600

Income Tax

2,641

1,568

recovered

38,864

42,298

3.2 Investment Income

Bank

interest

25

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS continued

	2021	2020
	Unrestricted General Fund £	Unrestricted General Fund £
4 Resources expended on Charitable Activities		
Employment costs	42,430	30,250
Training	1,350	130
Resources	48	236
Rent	800	-
Publicity/Website	588	311
Office costs	69	286
Telephone	832	734
Computer	957	344
Insurance	304	304
Other costs	55	215
	<u>47,433</u>	<u>33,573</u>
5 Debtors and prepayments	2021	2020
	£	£
Inland Revenue tax claim	2600	520
Prepayments	-	-
	<u>2600</u>	<u>520</u>
6 Cash at Bank and in Hand		
Current Account	6,529	17,862
Stewardship Deposit Account	6,261	6,235
	<u>12,790</u>	<u>24,097</u>
7 Creditors and accruals		
PAYE and NIC	-	227
Other	-	456
	<u>-</u>	<u>683</u>



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

Reading Schools Christian Work Trust

On accounts for the year
ended

31 August 2021

Charity no
(if any)

1084101

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 31/08/2021

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:

Date:

25 May 2022

Name:

Barry A Young

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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