

THE READING SCHOOLS CHRISTIAN WORK TRUST

Charity Number 1084101

2021/22 Annual Report

September 2021 saw a degree of normality returning to schools, but also an initial reluctance to welcoming visitors into their communities. Our Ministry Director, Indy, worked on developing links with local churches, while our Schools Worker, Anne, renewed the contacts she had been able to build up towards the end of the previous academic year with schools on the west side of the town. Because of the slow start to the term, Anne was able to build a few relationships more deeply. This is in accordance with our plan to have good relationships in a limited geographical area for each of our employees.

She also continued to make contact online with those students leading groups of Christians meeting in their schools. This was for their instruction and encouragement.

By February 2022 more schools were opening up, and at Theale Green, working together with the local vicar the school was open to various opportunities. However, our worker, who had been on maternity leave, decided not to return to her part-time role. With Anne having taken on more hours already due to the resignation of our other worker last year, some of our planned developments have had to be postponed.

There have been two occasions when we have worked alongside others to bring RE days into Reading Girls' School. This could develop elsewhere and will be repeated there. Fresh opportunities are also opening up in partnership with church youth workers who are already known by Highdown and Piggot Schools.

Prayer has continued to play a major role in our planning and development, and we are grateful for faithful supporters, churches and individuals who pray, volunteers who join in where possible, and all who give financially to the work. Without this teamwork nothing worthwhile would happen.

At the end of the summer term our Ministry Director, Indy Nottage, left us to take up a post that will give him influence on RE in schools nationally. From September 2022 Sarah Horne will become the Ministry Director and will be supporting schools in the south and north of the greater Reading area.

We use various methods of encouragement to support the welfare of staff and students in schools. Anne our schools' worker is now into her second

year with us. She has continued to work four days a week and has made new links with churches and schools, which is proving to be vital.

Towards the end of the summer term (2022) Sarah, before becoming employed as our new Ministry Director in September, worked one day a week on a voluntary basis, to meet with Indy and also Anne, to familiarise herself with her new role, and consider objectives for the Autumn Term.

Public Benefit

With schools now increasingly opening their doors to REACH, the Trust has been able to continue providing support to staff and pupils. This includes the opportunity to learn more about the Christian faith.

Also, by providing 'pit stops' (cakes and coffee) to staff at break times these also have been a means of practical encouragement and support to hard working staff.

By working alongside churches and other organisations we can offer support to them, and they to us, in bringing the love of Jesus to schools, staff and pupils.

Development in 2022/2023

- Ministry Director and Schools' Worker complete a CPD Mentoring Course
- REACH to offer mentoring to schools, as has been requested
- To continue, and expand our networking with youth leaders, Christian organisations and churches
- To increase the volunteer base of REACH
- To build on the focused regional activity of the Trust
- To look for new trustees who can bring their expertise and experience to schools' work oversight.

Feedback

It has been a tremendous blessing to partner with REACH. We are very grateful that we could partner with REACH...not least because we have seen and experienced first hand how important the work is...Anne has started working with one of our teenagers to help her lead sessions, which we are thrilled about. In addition we were sold the vision of pitstops, something we had not considered before. It has been wonderful to watch members of our church contribute with cakes and in-school serving...we have been pleased to welcome REACH into our church to talk about the work...and giving us a big vision of mission being local as wells global. Reach Out Club and

Pitstops would not be what they are without the support of REACH. I am so hugely grateful.

Rector of a church that works in partnership with REACH

'Anne and her lovely team of helpers turn up approx. once each half term, during our lunch break. They happily fit in with our needs and timings and offer a welcome and supportive service of chat, coffee and cakes...what is there to not like!'

Pitstop 1

'The whole staff were pleasantly surprised on our September inset day to receive a delicious variety of treats catering for all dietary needs. It had a lovely impact on everyone's mood and went such a long way into making us feel cared for. We very much appreciated the thought and care that went into providing the range of cakes, so thank you!'

Pitstop 2

(The lesson) 'hugely overlaps with what the students need to know about Christian views on crime, punishment (including forgiveness). Students have also learned about salvation and atonement as part of their first unit...so it is great to connect it all up to them.'

RE Head of Department

'Just wanted to thank you for the excellent session today- for your time and effort in preparing it, and in your, and your volunteers' time, effort and enthusiasm in delivering it. Thank you. I spoke with (the teacher), and she was hugely positive about the session, and particularly mentioned how powerful one of the video resources you had used was.'

Head of Department

'Your lesson was brilliant, and it is always a pleasure to have you teaching RE at (the school).'

(Teacher)

'There was lots of diversity in activity style, and a range of methods of teaching important points= even the explanation of salvation was done with the props of the cardboard signs hung round necks. I thought the engagement around ranking sins was strong and led well to the surprise

explanation that many Christians believe that all sins are equally sinful in that they are a rejection of God.'

Head of RE Department

'We were all so encouraged to hear of the many open opportunities you have to go into schools and speak about the Christian faith in a whole variety of ways. It was also good to hear of the practical ways to show Christian love in action in mentoring children and in providing help, encouragement and support to teachers in a whole host of ways. In the light of the struggles many children have had with mental health since the pandemic this is particularly valuable.'

Church Leader

Finance on a separate file

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES 1 SEPTEMBER 2021 - 31 AUGUST 2022

	Notes	2022 Unrestricted General Fund £	2021 Unrestricted General Fund £
Incoming Resources			
Voluntary Income	3.1	40,562	38,864
Investment Income	3.2	3	25
Total Incoming Resources		40,565	38,889
Resources Expended			
Charitable Activities	4	35,663	47,433
Total Resources Expended		35,663	47,433
Net movement in funds		4,902	(8,544)
Total funds brought forward		15,390	23,934
Total funds carried forward		20,292	15,390

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 2022

		2022 £	2021 £
Assets			
Debtors	5	2,485	2,600
Cash at Bank	6	17,807	12,790
Creditors			
Creditors and Accruals	7		
Total Assets		20,292	15,390

Represented by:

Unrestricted Fund	20,292	15,390
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S Jarvis
Trustee

J.S. Jarvis

Dec 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

2022

2021

Unrestricted General Fund

Unrestricted General Fund

3.1 Voluntary Income

£

£

Churches

17,930

18,080

General Donations

13,547

14,543

Trusts

4,100

3,600

Company

2,500

Income Tax

recovered

2,485

2,641

40,562

38,864

3.2 Investment Income

Bank

interest

3

25

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS continued

	2022	2021
	Unrestricted	Unrestricted
	General	General
	Fund	Fund
	£	£
4 Resources expended on Charitable Activities		
Employment costs	31,891	42,430
Training	250	1,350
Resources	290	48
Rent	1,214	800
Publicity/Website	174	588
Office costs	270	69
Telephone	889	832
Computer	72	957
Insurance	304	304
Travel	258	
Other costs	51	55
	35,663	47,433
5 Debtors and prepayments		
	2022	2021
	£	£
Inland Revenue tax claim	2,485	2,600
Prepayments	-	-
	2,485	2,600
6 Cash at Bank and in Hand		
Current Account	704	6,529
Deposit Account	17,103	6,261
	17,807	12,790
7 Creditors and accruals		
PAYE and NIC	-	-
Other	-	-



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

31st August 2022

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 31st August 2022.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

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

Independent
examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [] if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

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

Signed:

Barry Young

Date:

14/3/23

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