

The Bridge to Cross Charitable Trust Reg. Charity 1090166
Annual Report for 2020-2021

In presenting this report, the Trustees are aware of the requirement that the charity's activities should be for the public benefit. They are satisfied that the activities, available through the Centre, including the provision of work-experience placements, meet this requirement. They also always seek to ensure that volunteers and staff are able to take advantage of suitable training opportunities.

Core activities

The resources of the charity are directed to maintaining and developing the 7Corners Centre* and various outreach activities in Abergavenny.

- The Covid 19 pandemic has severely impacted on the Bridge to Cross Charitable Trust's normal activities over the last 12 months, with many activities being cancelled. However, the Charity has, through ingenuity, continued to keep in touch with our core group – the young people, to offer support.
- The “Sunday Diners” programme has had to be curtailed, along with the Friday night “Film Night with Chips”.
- “FareShare and other Grub” activities have grown in the last 12 months. We continue to receive the donated FareShare goods from Waitrose and Tesco Super Markets. Some of the food items have been picked up safely by our regular beneficiaries with the rest being either processed and/or delivered locally.
- “Zoom Meeting Outreach” programme has, over the 12 months, fluctuated in its take up by the young people. However we continued to have regular chats and updates from them, with Zoom, our Facebook Page, Messenger and Mobile Phone.
- The I.Y.E. festival was another victim of the Covid 19 Pandemic. Last years preparations, however, will be utilised to help make the next festival a bumper one!
- King Henry VIII School Mentoring Programme has been on hold until further notice. A training session was held on zoom, hosted by The South and Midwest Youth Division of The Salvation Army, and the ‘Starfish Mentoring Programme’ appears to be compatible with to 7Corners, i.e. Person-centred, person unique and Young Person.

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- HotSpot outreach activity has, over the last 12 months, re-booted itself several times to comply with changes in Covid 19 regulations. Due to the sad demise of the old Hot Spot Caravan, this put added pressure on making the outreach programme work. However Hot Spot/ Outreach Café events in Bailey Park at various times have been a success. The on/off firebreak/lockdown availability has been challenging for both the volunteers and the Young People, but we move forward in our activities and our plans. The easing of lockdown during the summer months enabled us to provide outreach sessions twice a week plus HotSpot activities every Saturday evening. The 7sTent@7s using tent structures outside the Café has been tested and will be a first step to getting back to normal Café activities. The Gwent Police Commissioner, again, provided funds for us to purchase a replacement up market Hot Spot Caravan, which has been refitted and is currently being resprayed. This will enable us to provide a suitable versatile venue for the Young People to meet. Although face to face work in the Centre was postponed, the Centre staff has been able to speak outside to Young People who have turned up unannounced. An Easter Outreach was carried out the evening of Saturday 3rd April, with Easter Goody bags handed out. Volunteers met 35 plus Young People, most of who were known to us.
- During lockdown the opportunity was taken to make the centre more COVID secure for the future, including installation of a dishwasher.

Partner organisations

Another casualty of the Covid 19 Pandemic has been the suspension of outside agencies use of our premises to meet their clients. It is hoped that some or all will resume use of this facility in the near future.

Finance

Despite it being a difficult year, due to the Covid 19 pandemic, we have continued to receive generous support from the many individual donors in the local community who support the charity through regular giving, such that income from individual donors has increased. We have also continued to receive financial support through Grants and the Local Authority which, when combined, has more than offset the reduction in income from the hire of 7 Corners centre meetings rooms, unavailable due to the Covid 19 restrictions.

Trustees

Peter Millward retired as Chair and Trustee in December 2020 after many years of dedicated service. The Trustees were unanimous in thanking him for the immense contribution he has made to the well-being and furtherance of the Centre and those involved in its work. Peter Nuttall was elected Chair in his place. Alison Stroud was elected Deputy Chair. Michael Marsden was officially recognised as Secretary of the Bridge to Cross Charitable Trust. Alan Freebury completed his first year as Treasurer. Mrs Sandy Greenslade joined as our newest Trustee. The other serving trustees include

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Mary Kennedy, Dr. Huw Morgan, Caroline Woollard, and Andrew Willie. Nick Pryor, Salvation Army continues to provide pastoral support.

Payments to trustees

There were no payments to trustees during the year.

Employees

Mrs Julie Sussex continues, efficiently and effectively, in the role of Administrator, giving excellent support to the Centre Manager, Chair and Treasurer. We are grateful that she continues to volunteer for some of the activities of the Centre

Ange Sampson continues to manage the Centre with her customary sensitive care and dedication.

Volunteers

We are grateful to the volunteers and helpers who have supported Ange in the various outreach activities and at the Centre.

Patron

Our Patron, Andrew Tuggey, the Vice-Lord Lieutenant for Gwent, continues to provide active support, and his presence at Trustees' meetings is welcomed and appreciated.

Data protection

The Centre does not retain information about casual Centre users. Appropriate data is retained for employees, volunteers and gift-aid donors in accordance with the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulations.

Conclusion

Despite the turbulent Covid 19 year, the charity has continued to fulfil its role, albeit in different ways, in providing a safe place where young people can gather in safety, receive support and guidance and, as opportunity offers, be encouraged to develop life and practical skills.

P. J. Nuttall MBE, TD, JP
Chair of Trustees
Bridge to Cross Charitable Trust

*The 7Corners Centre is a project funded by the Bridge to Cross Charitable Trust and is dedicated to offering hope and hospitality to all young people and to meet the mission statement of providing 'a centre where young people can meet in safety, find help for personal development and support if in crisis.'

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Accounts

Year ended 31 March 2021

BRIDGE TO CROSS CHARITABLE TRUST

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Report to the trustees of Bridge to Cross Charitable Trust on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021

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 this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (The Charities Act).

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act.
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities 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:

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BRIDGE TO CROSS CHARITABLE TRUST
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	2021 Unrestricted Funds £	2021 Restricted Funds £	2021 Total Funds £	2020 Total Funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Grants	1	24,666	23,404	48,070	11,570
Donations		32,099	300	32,399	26,443
Investment Income		148		148	239
Fund raising	2	548		548	621
Other income	3	228		228	11,562
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		57,689	23,704	81,393	50,435
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Salaries and wages		22,934	5,000	27,934	26,938
Maintenance and equipment	4	633	8,426	9,059	11,831
Management and administration	5	5,155	1,319	6,474	7,717
Other costs	6	779	0	779	867
Depreciation			552	552	552
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		29,501	15,297	44,798	47,905
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		28,188	8,407	36,595	2,530
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD		39,137	2,844	41,981	39,451
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		67,325	11,251	78,576	41,981

BRIDGE TO CROSS CHARITABLE TRUST
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	2021	2021	2021	2020
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS				
Sports equipment		1,656	1,656	2,208
CURRENT ASSETS				
HSBC Current Account	33,108	8,959	42,067	5,752
Affirmative Deposit Bond for charities	34,095	636	34,731	34,583
Cash in Hand	121		121	103
	<u>67,325</u>	<u>11,251</u>	<u>78,576</u>	<u>42,646</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Creditors and accruals			0	-665
TOTAL NET CURRENT ASSETS	<u>67,325</u>	<u>11,251</u>	<u>78,576</u>	<u>41,981</u>
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY				
RESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS		11,251	11,251	2,844
UNRESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS	67,325		67,325	39,137
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS	<u>67,325</u>	<u>11,251</u>	<u>78,576</u>	<u>41,981</u>
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Note: Freehold Property

The charity purchased the freehold property 1-3 Seven Corners Lane in 2002.
The purchase of this property is not reflected in the accounts.

Note : Restricted Fund

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1. GRANTS RECEIVED			
	£	£	£
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Persimmon Community Champions	1,000		1,000
The Archbishop of Wales Fund for Children		454	454
Covid-19 Business Support Grant (MCC)	10,000		10,000
Wales & West Safe & Warm Fund		1,300	1,300
GAVO - VSEF - Comic Relief Covid 19 Emergency Funding		1,650	1,650
Lockdown Non Domestic Rate Grant	1,000		1,000
Community Wales Foundation		5,000	5,000
Waitrose Christmas Campaign Give a Little Love	333		333
Restrictions Business Fund Grant	3,000		3,000
Restrictions Extension Top Up	3,000		3,000
Waitrose Christmas Campaign Give a Little Love 2	333		333
Restrictions Business Fund Grant Extension	4,000		4,000
Fire Break Top Up (MCC)	2,000		2,000
	<u>24,666</u>	<u>23,404</u>	<u>48,070</u>

2. FUNDRAISING

Café income	548		548
Festival			0
	<u>548</u>		<u>548</u>

3. OTHER INCOME

Room hire	195		195
Misc	33		33
	<u>228</u>		<u>228</u>

4. MAINTENANCE

Computer maintenance			0
Computers and technology	282		282
Equipment and fixtures	15	8,404	8,419
Repairs to buildings	335		335
Hotspot		22	22
	<u>633</u>	<u>8,426</u>	<u>9,059</u>

5. MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

General expenses	539	125	664
Insurance	1,702	72	1,774
Light and heat	1,661		1,661
Rent and rates			0
Stationery	40	1,123	883
Telephone	1,055		1,055
Water charges	158		158
	<u>5,155</u>	<u>1,319</u>	<u>6,195</u>

6. OTHER COSTS

Café supplies	779		779
	<u>779</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>779</u>

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