

The Bridge to Cross Charitable Trust Reg. Charity 1090166
Annual Report for 2021-2022

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 specifically directed to maintaining and developing the 7Corners Centre*, the Hot Spot Outreach, and various other outreach activities in Abergavenny.

- The Covid 19 pandemic continued to severely impact on the Bridge to Cross Charitable Trust's normal activities over the last 12 months. However, with the liberal use of Lateral Flow Tests, and newly installed ventilated windows, we have, month by month, cautiously returned to our new form of normalcy. July saw the reopening of the Centre. The Trustees returned to first face to face meetings in August 2021. Ange and the volunteers, through ingenuity, continued to keep in touch and offer support with our core group – the young people.
- Using this forced down time to get our "house" in ship shape order, the Centre checked all electrical fixtures and fittings and signage to ensure they complied with current Health & Safety regulations, a new dishwasher was installed, the downstairs meeting room, office, and café area of the Centre were fitted with new windows, and the cafe was re-decorated.
- The Friday night "Film Night with Chips" has resumed.
- The "café" activities have resumed.
- "FareShare and other Grub" activities have continued, with generous donation FareShare goods from Waitrose and Tesco Super Markets.
- The I.Y.E. festival will be going to happen in 2022. Previous preparations are being utilised to help make this next festival a bumper one!
- King Henry VIII School Mentoring Programme - *7 Corners is taking part in the Starfish Mentoring Programme, currently being delivered in King*

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Henry VIII High School in Abergavenny. This programme was designed by The Salvation Army's Youth & Children's Ministries Unit, and is compatible with 7Corners, i.e. Person-centred, person unique.

- Two students from the University of South Wales successfully completed their placement with 7 Corners. At a meeting of the Trustees, the students were asked to give their experiences of their placements.
- 7 Corners joined the Council for Wales of Voluntary Youth Services. (CWVYS).
- Tentative discussions with the Monmouthshire & Torfaen Youth Offending Services have been started. These discussions are centered on examining Reparation activities that may fit in with our core objectives.
- Hot Spot Outreach activities have continued to operate in a variety of ways, without the use of the caravan. Hot Spot Outreach Café events in Bailey Park at various times/days have continued to be a success in engaging with the young people. The Gwent Police Commissioner's funds enabled us to purchase the replacement "up market" Hot Spot Caravan, which has been refitted and resprayed. The hunt is on for a permanent parking place.

Partner organisations

Use of 7 Corners meeting rooms by outside agencies has got off to a slow restart, post pandemic, but following our decoration and new furniture, it is expected that this facility will again attract suitable users in the near future.

Finance

We have continued to receive generous support from the many individual donors in the local community, who support the charity through regular giving. We have also continued to receive substantial financial support through Grants and the Local Authority.

Last year it was decided to apply for a corporate credit card for ease of purchasing goods and services. At the end of this financial year we still have not received it. However, we are confident that, through the continued efforts of our Treasurer, this will happen in the coming few weeks.

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A sub Committee for Financial Investments has been formed, from our existing Trustees, to examine the feasibility of investing some of our reserves into more profitable areas.

Trustees

The Bridge to Cross Charitable Trust Chair continues to be Peter Nuttall, ably supported by Alison Stroud as Deputy Chair, Alan Freebury as Treasurer, Michael Marsden as Secretary, and all the other actively supporting Trustees, including Sandy Greenslade, Mary Kennedy, Dr. Huw Morgan, Caroline Woollard, and Andrew Willie. Nick Pryor of the Salvation Army continues to provide much appreciated 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. Her efforts have ensured we have obtained financial support from a variety of donors. We are also grateful that she continues to volunteer for some of the activities of the Centre

Ange Sampson continues to manage all aspects of the Centre, Hot Spot Outreach, and various other activities with her customary sensitive care and dedication.

Volunteers

We are grateful to all 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 most welcome 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 times we live in, 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.'

BRIDGE TO CROSS CHARITABLE TRUST
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	2022 Unrestricted Funds £	2022 Restricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £	2021 Total Funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Grants	1	4,300	17,951	22,251	48,070
Donations		23,664	1,000	24,664	32,399
Investment income		15		15	148
Fund raising	2	661		661	548
Other income	3	21		21	228
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		28,661	18,951	47,612	81,393
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Salaries and wages		23,895	4,621	28,516	27,934
Maintenance and equipment	4	4,129	18,064	22,193	9,059
Management and administration	5	6,766	84	6,850	6,474
Other costs	6	369	0	369	779
Depreciation			552	552	552
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		35,159	23,321	58,480	44,798
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		-6,498	-4,370	-10,868	36,595
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD		67,325	11,251	78,576	41,981
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		60,827	6,881	67,708	78,576

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YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Report to the trustees of Bridge to Cross Charitable Trust on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022

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 of 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:

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

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