



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 long term impact of the Covid 19 pandemic continues to impact on the Bridge to Cross Charitable Trust's normal activities over the last 12 months. Ange and the volunteers, through ingenuity, continued to keep in touch and offer support with our core group – the Young People.
- The "Starfish" Mentoring programme, in KHS is progressing.
- Film Night/Chip Night continues to be popular and utilises much of the produce collected via the FareShare scheme.
- Sunday Diners has yet to be resumed after the pandemic, pending volunteer help.
- Café, we are seeing a diverse group of Young People, trusting relationships with staff are being forged and deepened.
- HOTSPOT activities ie Detached Youth Work continues with pot noodles and hot chocolate being ever popular. We are also able to keep in touch with 'older' Young People who no longer access the Centre based work.
- IYE Festival, this annual event was attended by unprecedented numbers last year, Young People are becoming more involved in the planning and execution.
- FareShare food donated by Waitrose and Tesco are, due to collaboration between 7 Corners and the Saint Vincent De Paul (SVP) organisation, making weekly collections/deliveries providing support to both Abergavenny and Ebbw Vale regions.
- Raising the profile awareness of 7 Corners has been a major aim these 12 months. This included redesigning the website, posters, leaflets, etc.



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 financial support through Donor Grants, Gwent High Sheriff's Fund, and the Local Authority. Since Covid 19 it has become more difficult to obtain these Grants, but we have been successful due to the efforts of our Administrator.

We finally received our corporate credit card in June 2022 for ease of purchasing goods and services. This has been successfully used since that date. Usage has been monitored and analyzed by the Treasurer, and included in his reports.

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 has continued to provide much appreciated support and advice as Chaplin, sadly, will be moving to greener pastures in July 2023.

A Resolution has been passed by the Trustees to alter the charities Governing Document with regards an increase in the number of Trustees. This proposed change has been forwarded to the Charity Commission.

Payments to trustees

There were no payments to Trustees during the year.

Employees

Mrs Julie Sussex continues, efficiently and effectively, to support us in the role of Administrator, giving excellent backing to the Centre Manager, Chair, and Treasurer. Her efforts have continued to ensure we have obtained financial support from a variety of donors in these current hard times. We are also extremely 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. The negative effects of Covid 19 shut down's have made her close work with the young people particularly challenging in these last 12 months.

Volunteers

We continue to be extremely grateful to all our volunteers and helpers who have supported Ange in the various outreach activities and at the Centre.

Patron

Our long standing Patron, Andrew Tuggey, the Vice-Lord Lieutenant for Gwent, due to his appointment as High Sheriff, has stepped down after many years providing active support and advice at our Trustees' meetings. His dedication and commitment to the Bridge to Cross Charity have been most welcome and appreciated, and we wish him well in his new role.

We also welcome our new Patron, Dame Claire Clancy, Deputy-Lord Lieutenant of Gwent, who succeeds him. Dame Claire has visited the Centre and attended our Trustee Meetings, with the same enthusiasm as her predecessor.

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 continued 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 Bridge to Cross Charitable Trust Reg. Charity 1090166
Annual Report for 2022-2023

**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

Accounts

Year ended 31 March 2023

BRIDGE TO CROSS CHARITABLE TRUST

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Report to the trustees of Bridge to Cross Charitable Trust on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023

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'

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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BRIDGE TO CROSS CHARITABLE TRUST
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023 Unrestricted Funds £	2023 Restricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Grants	1		9,000	9,000	22,251
Donations		20,620	850	21,470	24,664
Investment Income		680		680	15
Fund raising	2	427		427	661
Other income	3	8		8	21
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		21,735	9,850	31,585	47,612
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Salaries and wages		29,513		29,513	28,516
Maintenance and equipment	4	1,912	2,019	3,931	22,193
Management and administration	5	7,242	2,177	9,419	6,850
Other costs	6	458	3,941	4,399	369
Depreciation			1,104	1,104	552
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		39,126	9,240	48,366	58,480
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		-17,391	610	-16,781	-10,868
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD		60,827	6,881	67,708	78,576
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		43,436	7,491	50,927	67,708

BRIDGE TO CROSS CHARITABLE TRUST
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	2023 Unrestricted Funds £	2023 Restricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
FIXED ASSETS				
Sports equipment		0	0	1,104
CURRENT ASSETS				
HSBC Current Account	15,567		15,567	33,269
Affirmative Deposit Bond for charities	35,426		35,426	34,746
Cash in Hand	81		81	89
	<u>51,073</u>	0	<u>51,073</u>	<u>69,208</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Creditors and accruals		0	-146	-1,500
TOTAL NET CURRENT ASSETS	<u>51,073</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>50,927</u>	<u>67,708</u>
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY				
RESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS		7,491	7,491	6,881
UNRESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS	43,436		43,436	60,827
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS	<u>43,436</u>	<u>7,491</u>	<u>50,927</u>	<u>67,708</u>

Note: Freehold Property

The charity purchased the freehold property 1-3 Seven Corners Lane in 2002.
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	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
1. GRANTS RECEIVED			
	£	£	£
Millenium Stadium Charitable Trust		2,500	2,500
Monmouthshire County Council		1,500	1,500
Gwent High Sheriff's Community Fund		5,000	5,000
		0	0
		0	0
	0	9,000	9,000

2. FUNDRAISING

Café income	427		427
	427		427

3. OTHER INCOME

Miscellaneous	8		8
	8		8

4. MAINTENANCE

Computers and technology	144		144
Equipment and fixtures	180	2,019	2,199
Repairs to buildings	1,588		1,588
	1,912	2,019	3,931

5. MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

General expenses	918	485	1,403
Insurance	875	1,026	1,901
Light and heat	1,281	613	1,894
Stationery	1,258		1,258
Telephone	1,462		1,462
Water charges	146	53	198
Community Outreach	316		316
D J Workshop	500		500
Rates	487		
	7,242	2,177	8,932

6. OTHER COSTS

Café supplies	458		458
IYE Festival	0	3,941	3,941
	458	3,941	4,399

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