



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date	
01	01	31	12
2021		2021	
From		To	

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name **CRABTREE CHURCH TRUST**

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) **1092748**

Charity's principal address **CORRESPONDENT**

91 CHESTERTON AVENUE

HARPENDEN

Postcode

AL5 5ST

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	John Lower	Correspondent		
2	Rachel Giles			
3	Denise Legg			
4	Stephen Morley			
5	Sally Pearson			
6	Nicole Hodge		Resigned 23/04/2021	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

DECLARATION OF TRUST DATED 28 MAY 2002

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

TRUST

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

APPOINTED BY EXISTING TRUSTEES

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To advance the Christian Faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs.
To provide relief to persons in need or hardship.
The continuation and development of Crabtree Church where members worship and seek to advance the Christian Faith.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Financial support of church missionaries in Malawi, Uganda, Luton, and Harpenden.

The presence of the covid pandemic, national lockdowns and social distancing had a profound effect on the running of the charity.

During lockdown the church quickly developed online Sunday and midweek meetings for members. The church was one of the first to reopen its doors for weekly services as soon as lockdown restrictions were lifted. Social distancing and regular cleaning methods were put into place, according to ongoing government guidelines. Being open when other churches were closed meant a wider section of the population were able to benefit from the charity's activities.

During lockdown the Little Fishes parent/carer toddler group, which provides a service for the local community, had to stop. This reopened after lockdown, but we report that numbers fell due to a reluctance of parts of the community to re-enter normal social life.

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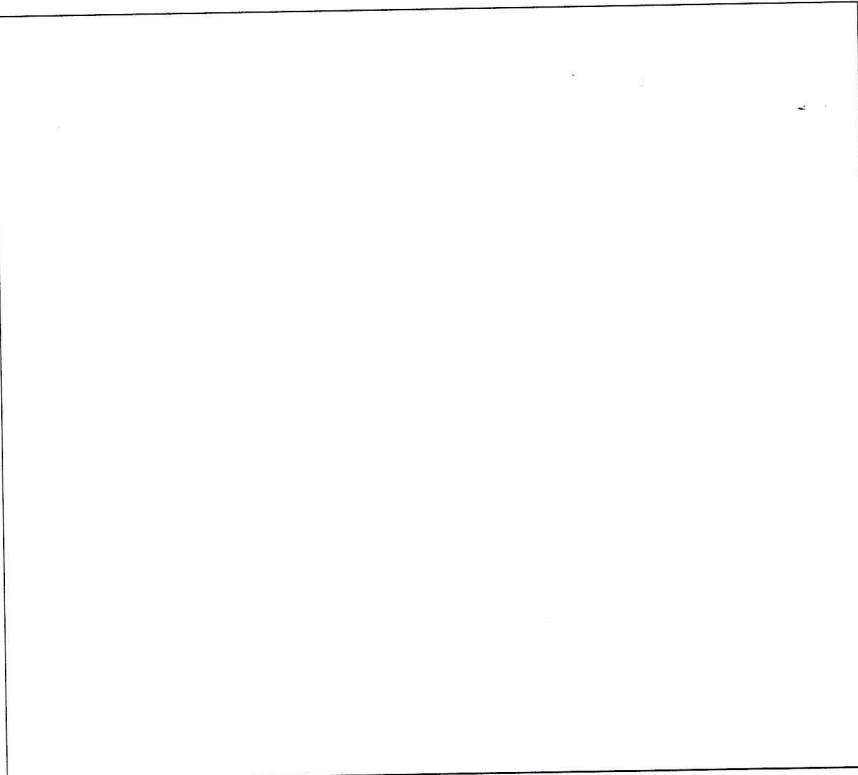
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Throughout the year, the Trust has sought to help those in financial need, keeping the premises open all year for use of the church hall by the Trussell Trust - St. Albans and District Foodbank to provide food for those locally who cannot afford it. The church has also directly provided food to those locally who are unable to use the foodbank for various reasons.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.



Section D

Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The main achievements of the Trust during the past year have been:

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The charity tried the idea of a one off winter warmer event the Sunday before Christmas to sing carols and provide food and drink for the community. This was well attended by church members, but less so in the community. Those who attended enjoyed it. Going forward we will adjust timing and advertising for this new event.

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Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves are maintained in low risk deposit accounts.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>John Lower</i>	<i>D V. Legg</i>
Full name(s)	JOHN LOWER	DENISE LEGG
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Correspondent	Trustee
Date	24/8/22	



Charity Name Crabtree Church Trust	No (if any) 1092748
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2021	To	Period end date 31/12/2021
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations and voluntary receipts	81,772	-	-	81,772	54,494
Operating activities to generate funds	2,164	-	-	2,164	1,996
Investment income	1,766	-	-	1,766	2,384
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	85,702	-	-	85,702	58,874
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	85,702	-	-	85,702	58,874
A3 Payments					
Payments for generating funds	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable Payments - Grants & Donations	12,609	-	-	12,609	6,337
Charitable Payments - Activities	68,916	-	-	68,916	69,304
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	81,525	-	-	81,525	75,641
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	81,525	-	-	81,525	75,641
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,177	-	-	4,177	- 16,767
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	160,827	-	-	160,827	177,594
Cash funds this year end	165,004	-	-	165,004	160,827

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank accounts	165,004	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	165,004	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

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	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Tax repayable re Gift Aid	505	-	-
	Rent deposits paid	1,992	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	PAYE	General		
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
John Lower	JOHN LOWER	16/8/22



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Crabtree Church Trust

On accounts for the
year ended

31 December 2021

Charity
no (if
any)

1092748

Set out on pages

1 to 2

**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) and that an independent examination is needed.

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 statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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 (other than that disclosed below *)

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

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

Signed:

Date:

27/07/2022

Name:

DAVID KING

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

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Address:

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HARPENDEN
HERTS AL5 2QP

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

**Give here brief details
of any items that the
examiner wishes to
disclose.**