



Annual Report

2021

Making connections in Christian partnership

Introduction

Churches Together in Devon helps churches in their united mission and service among the people who live and work in Devon (including Plymouth and Torbay).

It is the intermediate ecumenical body linking the national structures of Churches Together in England (CTE) with the local expressions of Christian Unity throughout Devon. Churches Together in Devon is the sponsoring body of 16 Local Ecumenical Partnerships (LEPs) including 2 Local Covenants, and supports nearly 30 local ecumenical groups.

Churches Together in Devon seeks to encourage all areas of ecumenical work, especially as they relate to:

- Sharing knowledge, deepening communion and creating understanding between different Christian traditions.
- Developing and supporting new initiatives in all forms of mission.
- Encouraging partnership working between denominations.

The main point of contact is the County Ecumenical Officer - Revd. Paul Snell (ceo@ctdevon.org.uk) - or see the website: www.ctdevon.org.uk

Governance

The charity is directed by the Enabling Group and the County Ecumenical Officer is the part time member of staff who leads the work on a day to day basis. The Enabling Group is made up of the local leaders of six denominations, along with their related Denominational Ecumenical Officers (DEOs), a representative of new/independent churches, and two volunteer members. In 2021 these were:

Church Leaders (Presidents of Churches Together in Devon)

- The Divisional Commanders of the Devon & Cornwall Division of the Salvation Army: Major Stephen White and Major Amanda White
- The Chair of the Plymouth & Exeter District of the Methodist Church: Revd. Canon Graham Thompson
- The Anglican Bishop of Exeter: Rt. Revd. Robert Atwell (represented by Rt. Revd. Jackie Searle, Bishop of Crediton)
- The Roman Catholic Bishop of Plymouth: Rt. Revd. Mark O'Toole (represented by Revd. Petroc Cobb)
- The Moderator of the South Western Synod of the United Reformed Church: Revd. Ruth Whitehead (CTD Chair for 2021)
- A Regional Minister of the South West Baptist Association: Revd. Carl Smethurst

Denominational Ecumenical Officers

- The Baptist DEO position was vacant in 2021
- The Ven. Verena Breed - Church of England
- Revd. Ben Haslam - Methodist
- Mrs. Mary Ann James - Roman Catholic
- The Salvation Army DEO position was vacant in 2021
- The United Reformed Church DEO position was vacant in 2021

Others

- Revd. Dick Gray – Hon. Treasurer
- Mr. Bruce Govett - Co-opted
- Mrs Hannah Richards – Co-opted and representing new/independent churches

Main Activities in 2021:

Churches Together in Devon enabled leaders from different Churches to share their vision and approach to sustaining faith and mission in both rural and urban parts of the county, and to learn from the experience of diverse traditions. In particular, the missional aspects of each denomination have been explored with the officers appointed for this purpose.

The support of a visible Christian presence in areas of new housing in Devon was continued, both in existing areas and proposed new areas, as was the growth of chaplaincy in a range of public contexts.

Local joint working by churches in cities, towns and villages was supported through providing advice and information to local Churches Together groups. There was involvement in raising awareness of current social concerns, and particular support was given to churches working through issues surround the Covid 19 pandemic. This was often related to supporting and signposting to on-line worship and meetings but also included support through our Facebook Group.

Revd. Paul Snell continued his work as County Ecumenical Officer. A monthly newsletter was distributed via email and the Churches Together in Devon *Facebook* page continued to be active. The website was further developed and maintained. All these resources provide a ready information point for ecumenical church activities throughout Devon, promoting networking and enabling churches to work together on social issues, as well as encouraging faith.

Visits were made and advice given to a number of local Churches Together groups and Local Ecumenical Partnerships throughout the county of Devon. There was also involvement in conferences and consultations facilitated by Churches Together in England as well as the Churches Together in England national Enabling Group.

In its role as sponsoring body for Local Ecumenical Partnerships in the County, Churches Together in Devon undertakes periodic reviews of local churches in which two or more denominations are joined. In 2021 no reviews were completed.

These activities achieved public benefit through the charitable objective of promoting the Christian religion; encouraging effective partnerships between different churches for public benefit in particular localities; and signposting ways in which Christians can respond to contemporary issues.

Financial Summary

Income in 2021 was £27,230 from church subscriptions, and CTD groups. (2020 £14,031)

Expenditure in 2021 was £15,101 on staff, governance and administrative costs. (2019 £15,004)

Balance held £16,309 (2019 £4,180), of which £ 461 is in restricted or designated funds.

Liabilities are £0.

Churches Together in Devon does not undertake any public fundraising. It has one part time member of staff and does not own or occupy any premises. Other activities were undertaken on a volunteer basis, mainly by members of the Enabling Group.

Paul Snell – County Ecumenical Officer for Churches Together in Devon - May 2022

Approved 5th May 2022

Receipts & Payments Accounts for year Ending 31st December 2021

2020		Note	2021
Income			
13,225	Member Churches	1	26,800
300	CTD Groups	2	430
6	Interest		-
500	Housing meeting refund		-
-	Preaching Fees		-
14,031			27,230
Expenditure			
12,505	CEO Salary		12,505
787	CEO Expenses	3	992
377	CEO Pension		376
186	Payroll Beaurau Fees		177
-	CEO Review Exps/Interview Exps		-
298	Insurance		316
-	Accounts Examiner		-
-	Meetings		370
-	Treasurers Exps		15
350	CTE Annual Fees		350
-	CTD Member Exps		-
500	Housing meeting		-
15,004	Total Expenses		15,101
4,768	Baptist Ministers Pension Fund		-
- 5,741	Surplus/Deficit		12,129
9,920	Brought Forward		4,180
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4,180	Carried Forward		16,309
Represented By			
3,854	HSBC Community Account		15,983
326	HSBC Business Money Manager Account		326
4,180			16,309
Balances			
3,719	General		15,847
-	Restricted Project Officer		-
461	Designated Childrens Work		461
4,180			16,309
-	Liabilities		-

The accounts and statements of assets and liabilities set out on pages (1 & 2) relating to the year ending 31st December 2021 are as approved by the Trustees

Signed

Richard Gray



Treasurer

Date

28/01/2022

Churches Together in Devon

Registered Charity Number 1126079



Notes on Receipts & Payments Accounts for year Ending 31st December 2021

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Note	2020	2021	Note	2020	2021	
1	Member Churches		3	CEO Expences		
	5,250	Anglican (Cof E)	10500	310	Travelling/Parking	120
	-	Roman Catholic	8900	-	Rail	195
	3,000	Methodist	3000	120	Telephone	90
	2,000	Baptist	2000	-	Printing & Stationery	-
	1,800	United Reformed Church	1800	-	Website	-
	1,175	Salvation Army	600	330	Computer Allce	243
	13,225	26800	-	Conferences/Courses	180	
			27	Hospitality	21	
2	Churches Together Groups		-	Software	110	
	-	Other	230	-	Preaching fee	-
	100	Cullompton	200	-	Sundry	34
	200	Exeter -CA Exeter	787	992		
	300	430				

Independent examiner's report on the accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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 material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect: ? the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities 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 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.

Signed:

Ian Harrison

Date

10/2/22

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