

# BRISTOL NOISE

England & Wales · Charity number 1134099

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2010-02-04

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE INFIRMITY OR DISABILITY, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES OR FOR THE PUBLIC AT LARGE WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE, MOTIVATED BY CHRISTIAN COMPASSION

**Activities:** Bristol Noise inspires and equips churches and Christians to show God's love in practical ways to their communities. We mobilise volunteers, host events and provide resourcing to facilitate practical social action, motivated by the Christian faith. We work with churches and other local agencies to bring lasting positive impact to individuals and communities across Bristol.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Amateur Sport, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL
- Bristol City
- North Somerset
- South Gloucestershire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£38,356	£28,446	-	-
2023-08-31	£14,477	£17,656	-	-
2022-08-31	£6,966	£24,767	-	-
2021-08-31	£25,409	£24,925	-	-
2020-08-31	£23,649	£18,265	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>STEWART NORTH</b>	Chair	
Michael Ovie Akintayo Deniran		2021-10-07
Nigel David James Willoughby		2025-11-06
RICHARD BROWN		2021-10-07
TIMOTHY DOBSON		

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# Accounts

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**BRISTOL NOISE**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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# **BRISTOL NOISE**

## **TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**

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### **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Bristol Noise**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 August 2024, which consist of the Receipts and Payments Account for the Year and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the End of the Year...

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- \* accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- \* the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and 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.

David Biddel  
12 The Newlands  
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26 June 2025

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The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 August 2024.

#### **Objectives and activities**

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#### **Noise 365 Project**

For over two decades, Bristol Noise has been 100s of volunteers of all generations to help run around different community events, such as family fun events and community BBQs, and practical community projects in neighbourhoods across the whole city, including those communities in deprived areas, every May bank holiday weekend.

**Noise 365** is a project run by Bristol Noise, that takes our experience of facilitating practical projects, community events or longer term initiatives, and releases them into as many communities as possible, as often as we can. We are seeking funding towards the enhancement of this project, which would enable our resources and support to be available on a wider scale to new individuals, groups, or churches/organisations across Bristol that are looking to provide practical support to others, or host events that bring their communities together. We are also looking to develop the projects sustainability and consistency across the city throughout the year by equipping more individuals with the skills and support to run events and projects. Our key objectives for the Noise 365 project are to increase the number of projects and events happening throughout the year beyond one weekend. We anticipate seeing an increase in the number of volunteers or groups working more directly and collaboratively in shared communities, therefore impacting more communities in the city.

Research commissioned by Bristol Noise charity with a Noise 365 Research consultant during Summer - Autumn 2023, surveyed over 50 church leaders in Bristol; the headline results showed us -

#### **Congregation Distance:**

- Many church members travel significant distances to attend church.
- The Church of England's "Statistics for Mission" report (2019) shows that the average churchgoer travels 4.3 miles to attend their church.
- This travel distance disconnects congregations from their immediate communities, reducing the numbers of people investing in, or volunteering for social action projects in the areas they live.

#### **Resource Challenges:**

- Half of the surveyed churches had fewer than 50 members.
- The Evangelical Alliance's "Changing Church" report highlights a lack of resources, including personnel and funding, as a major challenge.
- This means that there is often a disconnect between congregations and their immediate communities, which in turn has a negative effect on the number of people investing in, or volunteering for, social action projects in the areas their churches are based.

#### **Partnership Benefits:**

- The Church Urban Fund's "Mustard Seed" report (2018) finds that the benefits of churches partnering with other organisations and agencies to address social needs more effectively.

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- This backs up our research that found Churches engaging in social action in Bristol, especially in partnership with expert organisations, see longer-term relationships and increased community engagement.
- These churches, and areas where the Noise has worked consistently over the years, have seen an increase in community engagement and social cohesion, such as in the number of projects being run as part of monthly programme, people impacted from the local community, and in the case of some churches, such as in Horfield, has even led to an increase in Sunday church attendance.

#### **Training and Support Needs:**

- The Cinnamon Network's "Faith Action Audit" (2020) identifies a lack of training and support for churches engaging in social action.
- Likewise, we found that leaders of smaller churches in Bristol, often in areas of greatest deprivation, feel they need specialist help to support those near them with specific needs, such as homelessness, addiction, or family matters.

This all emphasises the effectiveness, and continuing need of the Noise in deploying volunteers to all areas of city, training individuals and connecting people who already live in some of these communities to work on the practical needs that exist. We believe this helps churches engage with every area of the city of Bristol, impacting the whole city through community engagement, practical help and relationship building.

### **The Noise 2024**

Our final annual event was held on the weekend of 4-6th May, with over 750 volunteers participating, from 46 churches and groups across Bristol. Volunteer ages ranged from 4 years to 83 years - it really is for everyone! The numbers of volunteers increased from previous years and meant that this phase of the journey for Bristol Noise charity finished on a big high.

Across the weekend, churches hosted free community events and tackled practical projects across neighbourhoods in the north, east, centre and south of the city. We partnered with churches based in each neighbourhood, who took the lead on deciding what events to host, using knowledge of their own local community. Centrally, we produced 'how to guides' to equip local churches in their planning of events and helped resource events with marquees, gazebos, bbqs, and other equipment. Teams of volunteers hosted 17 different community events for neighbours to come and enjoy, including afternoon teas, pop-up cafés, community fun events, BBQs, and a family photos session!

Volunteers also tackled 49 different practical community projects in gardens, in public spaces, adventure playgrounds and community centres or schools. All these were referred by people working in local neighbourhoods, e.g. support workers, police, etc.. Each neighbourhood hosted a volunteer project coordinator, from a local church, who took responsibility for responding to project referrals and assessing the suitability of the project. This enabled relationships between the local church and referral partners to grow.

It's been wonderful to hear stories from the different volunteer teams and feedback from individuals who received support or connected with our community events over the weekend. We love hearing how the positive actions of volunteers participating in The Noise have a ripple effect to individuals, their families and the wider community.

"I wasn't home all day but when I arrived home, I was stood in my garden in tears, I was so overwhelmed how amazing it looked and how hard you all worked. As a disabled single mum, I've not been able to do anything in the garden for years, so to see it look this good has changed mine and my kids life for the better. Honestly, I can't thank you all enough, it has such

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a massive positive impact on my mental health and knowing my kids can now use the garden on days my disability is too much is amazing. Thank you!"

- Knowle West Garden Project Recipient

"Thank you to the team of volunteers from Bristol Noise for spending their Bank Holiday Monday here at St Werburghs Community Centre painting and decorating. The team refreshed our skirting boards, which, any DYIer will tell you, it's not an easy or exciting task!"

- from St Werburghs Community Centre

Behind the scenes, it is a very small team who do most of the preparation for The Noise 2024 with one volunteer event coordinator, part-time paid administrator and few other key volunteers who give many hours of their time. We carefully review our risk assessments for all activities to ensure we working to high standards to protect our volunteers and public safety. We are grateful for the ongoing relationships with Bristol Waste and other local community organisations that have helped with providing services to enable the smooth running of practical projects during The Noise 2024.

A Celebration evening was held in mid-May to look back over the last 24 years of The Noise weekend with a specially commissioned review video shown (and available on our youtube channel). Stories were told of important moments of the last few decades and also opportunity for vision to be shared as we look to the next season.

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

#### **Achievements and performance**

The initiatives that were run under 'The Noise' weekend and as part of Noise 365, aimed to benefit many different sectors of the community, particularly across urban estate areas of North, East and South Bristol. This year, a large proportion of our work continued to support individuals and families facing financial difficulties.

During the preparation time for 'The Noise' event, we continued to encourage and equip churches in how they connect with statutory and voluntary organisations who work in the local community. This work varied between communities depending on the relationships already held locally and support required.

Our community activities work towards community cohesion and social inclusion and have helped with crime reduction in the communities we work in on The Noise weekend. We continue to look for other ways to partner with the local council, police and other influential institutions.

Our community events during the Noise event have all been free of charge to attend and with the continuing 'cost of living' crisis, this was gratefully appreciated by families and individuals to find ways to connect with others in local neighbourhoods without costing them anything.

Bristol Noise charity continues to work closely with other organisations and networks across the city, especially Christian Action Bristol and so encouraging churches to work together with a common vision to be building Bristol as a city of hope.

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#### Financial review

The charity's income for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024 was £38,356 (2023: £14,477) and consisted principally of grants and donations from charitable trusts and supporting churches.

Expenditure was £28,446 for the year (2023: £17,656).

This year, the charity received donations from various churches and other charities, and a significant one-off donation from the Wilkes trust. A significant portion of the expenditure in the period relates to fees for consultancy services following the last bank holiday weekend event, to support the long-term strategy of the charity and pursue charitable activities under the Noise 365 model.

#### Basis of Accounts

For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024, we have continued to prepare accounts on a cash basis rather than on an accruals basis, available to any entity in the UK with turnover/income under a £150,000 limit.

#### Reserves

The Trustees' long-term policy on free reserves was to maintain sufficient funds to meet the day-to-day costs of developing the long-term vision and strategy of the charity's work and to seek to meet the costs of the annual Bristol Noise weekend from grants and donations raised in that financial year rather than from free reserves. Following the changes to the charities activities, the trustees are in the process of reviewing the reserves policy given that there will be no future Noise weekends. At this current stage however, we maintain the historic reserves policy; to have reserves sufficient for one year's expenses (estimated to be £25,000). At the balance sheet date, the charity held reserves of £35,416, satisfying this condition.

#### Plans for future periods

Following our last annual event in May 2024, we have transitioned fully to our new project Noise 365. The medium to long term aims of the charity, as we change our operations to focus fully on Noise 365, over the next few years-

**Resourcing** The Noise 365 project will continue to offer expert knowledge and experience within the resourcing of practical projects and events through geographical hubs. We have seen this type of work attract hundreds of local residents, act as catalysts for long-term engagement work and galvanise positive community spirit and unity. Every event and project is free at the point of use and completely accessible to anyone wanting to get involved, or benefit from, so we will:

- Add more locations for tools sheds to support hubs, making equipment more accessible to the places that need access more frequently.
- Continuing to establish our online resource of downloadable documents to assist groups with planning and executing practical projects or events throughout the year, whether part of a hub or not.

**Networking.** We help connect different individuals with opportunities to join activities happening in the city through our hubs, relevant to where they live and irrespective of where they may travel to for different activities or work.

- We want to add to the number of geographical hubs that we have already been establishing, where we are bringing churches, community groups and local volunteers together to explore potential of ongoing practical projects.

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- Host more collaborative networking events in different parts of the city, aimed at bringing together interested volunteers who live in the areas, along with community groups or churches.

**Training/ consultancy.** We believe that sustainability will be found in the constructive training and empowering of individuals and organisations, so that these volunteers can effectively maintain the ethos of Noise 365 across Bristol and further afield, and in these hubs for the long term.

- Facilitating and collaborating with others on more training sessions in the next year to release knowledge and expertise, helping to support solutions to underlying causes of issues present.
- Work intentionally with other organisations on our shared motivation to see community hubs of engagement, help and support available in different parts for the city.

#### Reference and administrative details

Charity number: 1134099

Registered office: 286 Filton Avenue, Horfield, Bristol, BS7 0BA

Website address: [www.thenoise.org.uk](http://www.thenoise.org.uk)

Bankers: Bank of Scotland, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Pentland House, 8 Lochside Avenue, South Gyle, Edinburgh, EH12 9DJ

#### Directors and Trustees:

The Trustees serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

S D North (Chairman)  
T J Dobson  
G M Sims  
M O A Deniran  
R Brown

#### Structure, Governance and Management

##### Governing Document

On 5 November 2018, the Charity converted to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation having previously been incorporated as a company limited by guarantee on 7 November 2009 and registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 4 February 2010. The Charity is now governed by its Foundation Constitution dated 5 November 2018.

##### Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

New Trustees are recruited on the basis of the knowledge of the existing Trustees of suitable candidates. In selecting persons to be appointed, the Trustees shall take into account the benefits of appointing a person who is able by virtue of his or her professional qualifications or experience to make a contribution to the pursuit of the objects or the management of Bristol Noise. Selected candidates are appointed by a simple majority of the votes cast by the Trustees at a meeting.

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New Trustees receive an Induction pack appropriate to their level of existing knowledge of and involvement with Bristol Noise. As a minimum, new Trustees receive a copy of the Charity Commission publication *CC3 – The Essential Trustee: what you need to know* together with the charity's governing document and latest annual report and accounts.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

S D North  
Chairman of Trustees

09/06/2025

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## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>RECEIPTS FROM:</b>				
<b>Donations</b>				
Grant Income	27,730	-	27,730	5,540
Gifts & Donations	208	-	208	1,795
Gift Aid received	-	-	-	-
Church Donations	4,990	-	4,990	2,600
Individual gifts	-	-	-	-
Other Income	800	-	800	150
<b>Charitable Activities</b>				
Banner Sales	-	-	-	-
Volunteer Signups	4,628	-	4,628	4,392
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>38,356</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>38,356</b>	<b>14,477</b>
<b>PAYMENTS FOR:</b>				
<b>Charitable Activities</b>				
Bristol Noise Weekend	7,416	-	7,416	8,235
Long term development	15,249	(3,670)	11,579	8,993
Other costs relating to community projects	9,451	-	9,451	428
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>32,116</b>	<b>(3,670)</b>	<b>28,446</b>	<b>17,656</b>
<b>NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)</b>	<b>6,240</b>	<b>3,670</b>	<b>9,910</b>	<b>(3,179)</b>

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## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	2024	2024	2023	2023
	£	£	£	£
<b>Cash funds</b>				
BOS Current account		35,445		25,549
Co-op Credit Card		(35)		(48)
Paypal Account				(0)
Affirmative Deposit Fund				6
iZettle Account		6		-
<b>Total Cash at Bank</b>		<u>35,416</u>		<u>25,506</u>
		-		-
<b>Total Assets</b>		<u><u>35,416</u></u>		<u><u>25,506</u></u>

## CASH RESERVES

### Unrestricted funds

Brought forward	29,176		28,685	
Net receipts/(payments) for the period	<u>6,240</u>		<u>491</u>	
		<b>35,416</b>		29,176

### Restricted funds

Brought forward	(3,670)		-	
Net receipts/(payments) for the period	<u>3,670</u>		<u>(3,670)</u>	
		-		(3,670)

<b>Total cash reserves</b>		<u><u>35,416</u></u>		<u><u>25,506</u></u>
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#### Noise 365

Over the last year, we have continued to look at how to develop the project, 'Noise 365', which focuses on resourcing and equipping individual Christians and the local church with ways they can 'show God's love in practical ways' throughout the year. Our website has been resource with stories, ideas and learning we find across our city and further afield. Also, during the year, we have been posting on our website, email communications and social media channels -

- Upcoming training events that will enable church leaders or individuals to better connect with their community
- Volunteer opportunities from around the city where Christians can make a positive contribution and support the work of other organisations

We continued to work closely with Christian Action Bristol to coordinate the Bristol Churches response to citywide offers. Then in June 2023, we organised with Christian Action Bristol an event called 'Building Bristol as a city of hope' that brought together Christians from all over Bristol to explore how we can most effectively work in partnership to support our city's critical and complex needs. This event was an opportunity to **hear from local contributors** working in key areas, **including Homelessness, Mental Health, Diversity, Refugees/Asylum Seekers and more**. And there were opportunities to meet others and network, alongside a keynote contribution from **Dr Krish Kandiah of the Sanctuary Foundation**. There were 160 delegates attending with a focus on encouraging the priorities that matter to young adults in Bristol.

In June 2024, we recruited a Noise 365 Research Consultant to do a research project for Bristol Noise charity to determine local churches engagement with their neighbourhoods and how Noise 365 could support that. The research project would happen until mid-Autumn 2024 when the report would be available to trustees to enable decisions on future direction of the charity.

#### The Noise 2023

Our annual event was held on the weekend of 29th April – 1st May, with over 650 volunteers participating, from 47 churches and groups across Bristol. Volunteer ages ranged from 4 years to 80 years - it really is for everyone! The numbers of volunteers continued to stay high which is encouraging as attracting volunteers in the charity sector and in churches has continued to be a big challenge.

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each neighbourhood, who took the lead on deciding what events to host, using knowledge of their own local community. Centrally, we produced 'how to guides' to equip local churches in their planning of events.

Teams of volunteers hosted **12 different events** for neighbours to come and enjoy, including cream teas, pop-up cafés, family fun afternoons, BBQs, and a coronation themed afternoon tea!

Volunteers also tackled **65 different practical community projects** within homes, in public spaces and a community centres or schools. The projects for individuals and families had been referred to us by professionals working in each community, e.g. support workers, police, etc.. Each neighbourhood hosted a volunteer project coordinator, from a local church, who took responsibility for responding to project referrals and assessing the suitability of the project. This enabled relationships between the local church and referral partners to grow.

It's been wonderful to hear stories from the different volunteer teams and feedback from individuals who received support or connected with our community events over the weekend. We love hearing how the positive actions of volunteers participating in The Noise have a ripple effect to individuals, their families and the wider community.

"I'm so pleased with this, can you please thank them all (volunteers) on behalf of myself, Bristol City Council and the client who as I said is no well and really struggled to maintain their garden. Also, I'm sure the neighbour next door will be absolutely delighted!!"  
(Bristol City Council employee who referred a practical project)

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#### **Financial review**

The charity's income for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 was £14,477 (2022: £6,966) and consisted principally of grants and donations from charitable trusts and supporting churches.

Expenditure was £17,656 for the year (2022: £24,767).

This year, we began to see some recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic in the finances of Bristol Noise, with more volunteers involved than the previous two years of events and more charitable activities taking place at the Noise event weekend, compared to events in the COVID-19 environment.

#### **Basis of Accounts**

For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023, we have continued to prepare accounts on a cash basis rather than on an accruals basis, available to any entity in the UK with turnover/income under a £150,000 limit.

#### **Reserves**

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#### **Plans for future periods**

During this financial year, we made the difficult decision after 24 years of The Noise event all together across the city to stop the annual event after The Noise 2024 weekend and pivot to Noise 365 model that we have been developing.

The medium to long term aims of the charity, as we change our operations over the next few years

- Organise and run a successful final event on May Day Bank Holiday weekend 2024.
- Look at our staffing and resourcing of Noise 365 project and recruit a development worker.
- Discussing with church leaders across the city to see how Bristol Noise charity can support their local community vision in the future.
- Provide individual support to churches in local communities so they will be able to set up their own Noise day/weekend in the future.
- Continue to develop Noise 365 resources to equip churches to host a wider range of projects/events that benefit different sectors of local communities (e.g. family film afternoons, youth events, family photo events, other smaller indoor projects, etc)
- Continued networking with statutory and voluntary organisations across Bristol.
- Inspiring and facilitating Noise projects throughout the year by providing tools and health and safety advice to churches that want to run projects during other times in the year.

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- Development of fundraising strategies and more sustainable income streams for the charity.
- Being the lead charity for 'Building Bristol as a city of hope' project and helping develop that vision in the city.

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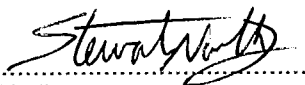
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Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



S D North  
Chairman of Trustees

07/06/2024

## Bristol Noise

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### RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
<b>RECEIPTS FROM:</b>				
<b>Donations</b>				
Grant Income	5,000	540	5,540	-
Gifts & Donations	-	1,795	1,795	615
Gift Aid received	-	-	-	-
Church Donations	-	2,600	2,600	3,292
Individual gifts	-	-	-	-
Other Income	-	150	150	-
<b>Charitable Activities</b>				
Banner Sales	-	-	-	-
Volunteer Signups	-	4,392	4,392	3,060
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>9,477</b>	<b>14,477</b>	<b>6,966</b>
<b>PAYMENTS FOR:</b>				
<b>Charitable Activities</b>				
Bristol Noise Weekend	4,049	4,186	8,235	5,266
Long term development	32	8,961	8,993	18,701
Other costs relating to community	428	-	428	801
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>4,509</b>	<b>13,146</b>	<b>17,656</b>	<b>24,767</b>
<b>NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>(3,670)</b>	<b>(3,179)</b>	<b>(17,801)</b>

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### STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	2023	2023	2022	2022
	£	£	£	£
<b>Cash funds</b>				
BOS Current account		25,549		29,918
Co-op Credit Card		(48)		(1,244)
Paypal Account		-		6
Affirmative Deposit Fund		6		6
iZettle Account		-		-
<b>Total Cash at Bank</b>		<u>25,506</u>		<u>28,685</u>
		-		-
<b>Total Assets</b>		<u><u>25,506</u></u>		<u><u>28,685</u></u>
<b>CASH RESERVES</b>				
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Brought forward	28,685		44,891	
Net receipts/(payments) for the period	<u>491</u>		<u>(16,206)</u>	
		29,176		28,685
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Brought forward	(0)		1,595	
Net receipts/(payments) for the period	<u>(3,670)</u>		<u>(1,595)</u>	
		(3,670)		(0)
<b>Total cash reserves</b>		<u><u>25,506</u></u>		<u><u>28,685</u></u>

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The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 August 2022.

Please note that as turnover for the year is below £25,000, under the Charities Act 2011, we are not required to perform a formal independent review of the accounts for this period.

#### **Objectives and activities**

The purpose of the Charity is:

*To provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances or for the public at large with the object of improving their conditions of life, motivated by Christian compassion.*

#### **Noise 365**

Over the last year, we have continued to develop the project, 'Noise 365', which focuses on resourcing and equipping individual Christians and the local church with ways they can 'show God's love in practical ways' throughout the year. It channels the stories, ideas and learning we find across our city and further afield. Each month, we have been sharing:

- A story from someone showing God's love in their community, each from a different neighbourhood in Bristol
- A resource or idea for churches or individuals to take on in their own community
- Upcoming training events that will enable church leaders or individuals to better connect with their community
- Volunteer opportunities from around the city where Christians can make a positive contribution and support the work of other organisations

This year, we showcased six stories, plus eight resources and ideas. These were shared through our mailing list, via our website and social media.

We continued to work closely with Christian Action Bristol to coordinate the Bristol Churches response to citywide offers. This is an ongoing close relationship that has continued out of the initial strategic response during the covid pandemic

#### **The Noise 2022**

Our annual event was held on the weekend of 30th April – 2nd May, with over 700 volunteers participating, from 45 churches and groups across Bristol. We were really encouraged to see the split of ages taking part this year, with over 35% volunteers under 18, and over 22% volunteers over 50! Volunteer ages ranged from 4 years to 84 years - it really is for everyone! The numbers of volunteers was real jump up from previous year and showed the increased engagement in volunteering post-pandemic.

Across the weekend, churches hosted free community events and tackled practical projects across neighbourhoods in the north, east, centre and south of the city. We partnered with churches based in

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each neighbourhood, who took the lead on deciding what events to host, using knowledge of their own local community. Centrally, we produced 'how to guides' to equip local churches in their planning of events.

Teams of volunteers hosted 19 different events for neighbours to come and enjoy, including cream teas, treasure hunts, pop-up cafés, family fun afternoons, BBQs, and a three-course banquet!

Volunteers also tackled over 60 different practical community projects within homes, in public spaces and a community centres or schools. The projects for individuals and families had been referred to us by professionals working in each community, e.g. support workers, police, etc.. Each neighbourhood hosted a volunteer project coordinator, from a local church, who took responsibility for responding to project referrals and assessing the suitability of the project. This enabled relationships between the local church and referral partners to grow.

We received feedback from people who were supported in different ways over The Noise weekend. A Bristol City Council housing officer who referred a community project in South Bristol to Bristol Noise, emailed afterwards to say - "The tenants are so happy and I am very grateful to all your volunteers for giving up there time to help. It is much appreciated."

We also received the following feedback from a local church leader who hosted a community event for the first time on a Noise weekend- "We had a great afternoon, with the majority of people coming in not from our church. It's such a good idea to offer free events and, because it was such a damp day, people enjoyed just being inside with a hot drink and a piece of cake. We also gave out free cake to passers by, which people appreciated. It was really helpful being part of a bigger event with all your support. Your advertising materials really ensured that we were able to spread the word of our event far and wide."

Behind the scenes, it is a very small team who do most of the preparation for The Noise 2022. We carefully review our risk assessments for all activities to ensure we working to high standards to protect our volunteers and public safety. We are grateful for the ongoing relationships with Bristol Waste and other local community organisations that have helped with providing services to enable the smooth running of practical projects during The Noise 2022.

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

#### **Achievements and performance**

The initiatives that were run under 'The Noise' weekend and as part of Noise 365, aimed to benefit many different sectors of the community, particularly across urban estate areas of North, East and South Bristol. This year, a large proportion of our work continued to support individuals and families facing financial difficulties.

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During the preparation time for 'The Noise' event, we continued to encourage and equip churches in how they connect with statutory and voluntary organisations who work in the local community. This work varied between communities depending on the relationships already held locally and support required.

Our community activities work towards community cohesion and social inclusion and have helped with crime reduction in the communities we work in on The Noise weekend. We continue to look for other ways to partner with the local council, police and other influential institutions.

The Noise event achieved our objectives of encouraging volunteers from local churches to continue to reconnect post-Covid-19 pandemic and provide safe ways for those living in neighbourhoods to reconnect with others in the midst of challenging season. Our events have all been free of charge to attend and with the growing 'cost of living' crisis, this was gratefully appreciated by families and individuals to find ways to connect with others in local neighbourhoods without costing them anything.

Bristol Noise charity continued to be the lead charity in the 'Building Bristol as a City of Hope' project and encouraging churches to work together on a common vision and sees us partnering with other citywide organisations and churches.

#### **Financial review**

The charity's income for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022 was £6,966 (2021: £25,409) and consisted principally of grants and donations from charitable trusts and supporting churches.

Expenditure was £24,767 for the year (2020: £24,925).

This year, we began to see some recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic in the finances of Bristol Noise, with more volunteers involved than the previous two years of events and more charitable activities taking place at the Noise event weekend, compared to events in the COVID-19 environment.

#### **Basis of Accounts**

For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022, we have continued to prepare accounts on a cash basis rather than on an accrual's basis, available to any entity in the UK with turnover/income under a £150,000 limit.

#### **Reserves**

The Trustees' long-term policy on free reserves is to maintain sufficient funds to meet the day-to-day costs of developing the long-term vision and strategy of the charity's work and to seek to meet the costs of the annual Bristol Noise weekend from grants and donations raised in that financial year rather than from free reserves. The charity's policy is to hold free reserves of approximately one year's payments (around £25,000). At the year end, the charity had free reserves of £28,685, which is slightly in excess of this reserves target. The charity considers this appropriate at present whilst the charity repositions itself for achieving its objectives in a post-COVID world and navigating through the UK Cost of Living Crisis. Given the expiry of the Sir Halley Stewart fund, further consideration of the staffing model and financial reserves needed to operate future activities is being discussed by the Trustees as we head into 2023.

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### Plans for future periods

The medium to long term aims of the charity, as we continue to develop the Noise project in Bristol region, include:

- Continue to look at ways to build a larger core team (paid and voluntary) to take on roles within the preparation and planning of the weekend and to work together closely as a team.
- Discussing with church leaders across the city to see how Bristol Noise charity can support their local community vision in the future.
- Develop core team to develop, facilitate and resource the Noise 365 vision.
- Provide individual support to churches in local communities so they will be able to set up their own Noise day/weekend in the future.
- Continue to develop resources to equip churches to host a wider range of projects/events that benefit different sectors of local communities (e.g. family film afternoons, youth events, family photo events, other smaller indoor projects, etc)
- Continued networking with statutory and voluntary organisations across Bristol, as well increased involvement with Bristol City Council and Avon and Somerset Police.
- Continued involvement of more young people aged between 14-18 years old and connecting with citywide youth events to inspire them.
- Inspiring and facilitating Noise projects throughout the year by providing tools and health and safety advice to churches that want to run projects during other times in the year.
- Development of fundraising strategies and more sustainable income streams for the charity.
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S D North  
Chairman of Trustees

8th June 2023

# Bristol Noise

YEAR TO 31 AUGUST 2021

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
<b>RECEIPTS FROM:</b>				
<b>Donations</b>				
Grant Income	-	-	-	21,080
Gifts & Donations	615	-	<b>615</b>	312
Gift Aid received	-	-	-	-
Church Donations	3,292	-	<b>3,292</b>	2,000
Individual gifts	-	-	-	100
<b>Charitable Activities</b>				
Banner Sales	-	-	-	27
Volunteer Signups	3,060	-	<b>3,060</b>	1,890
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>6,966</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,966</b>	<b>25,409</b>
<b>PAYMENTS FOR:</b>				
<b>Charitable Activities</b>				
Bristol Noise Weekend	5,266	-	<b>5,266</b>	6,190
Long term development	17,105	1,595	<b>18,701</b>	18,686
Other costs relating to community p	801	-	<b>801</b>	49
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>23,172</b>	<b>1,595</b>	<b>24,767</b>	<b>24,925</b>
<b>NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)</b>	<b>(16,206)</b>	<b>(1,595)</b>	<b>(17,801)</b>	<b>484</b>

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## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	2022	2022	2021	2021
	£	£	£	£
<b>Cash funds</b>				
BOS Current account		29,918		46,615
Co-op Credit Card		(1,244)		(151)
Paypal Account		6		16
Affirmative Deposit Fund		6		6
iZettle Account		-		-
<b>Total Cash at Bank</b>		<u>28,685</u>		<u>46,486</u>
		-		-
<b>Total Assets</b>		<u><u>28,685</u></u>		<u><u>46,486</u></u>

### CASH RESERVES

#### Unrestricted funds

Brought forward	44,891		46,438	
Net receipts/(payments) for the period	<u>(16,206)</u>		<u>(1,547)</u>	
		<b>28,685</b>		44,891

#### Restricted funds

Brought forward	1,595		(436)	
Net receipts/(payments) for the period	<u>(1,595)</u>		<u>2,031</u>	
		-		1,595

<b>Total cash reserves</b>		<u><u>28,685</u></u>		<u><u>46,486</u></u>
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Signed on behalf of the trustees on 8th June 2023

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S D North (Chair of Trustees)

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The challenges of Covid-19 pandemic caused the cancellation of The Noise 2020 event, as mentioned in the previous annual report, and forced the core team and trustees to examine what our vision and strategy going forward would look like. Learning from the early lockdowns and some of the opportunities we saw for churches to connect with communities, this year we have spent time developing a new project, Noise 365, alongside our annual 'The Noise' event.

#### **Noise 365**

Over the last year, we have developed the project, 'Noise 365', which focuses on resourcing and equipping individual Christians and the local church with ways they can 'show God's love in practical ways' throughout the year. It channels the stories, ideas and learning we find across our city and further afield. Each month, we have been sharing:

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- Upcoming training events that will enable church leaders or individuals to better connect with their community
- Volunteer opportunities from around the city where Christians can make a positive contribution and support the work of other organisations

This year, we showcased seven stories, plus seven resources and ideas. These were disseminated through our mailing list, via our website and social media. In addition, we hosted a pilot training workshop for churches to learn about engaging in practical social action projects in their neighbourhood.

The Covid-19 pandemic threw the digital divide into stark relief with many vulnerable families and young people excluded from education, and social support due to a lack of suitable equipment at home. We partnered with a local project, who provide reconditioned laptops for vulnerable families, by establishing donation drop-off points in nine church buildings at different locations around the city.

We continued to work closely with Christian Action Bristol to coordinate the Bristol Churches Coronavirus Reponse, including hosting regular Zoom conference calls for church leaders to engage with the latest requests for support from the city. We presented several opportunities for churches to

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receive support from national initiatives that seek to support vulnerable young people and their families, specifically with mental health and wellbeing.

#### **The Noise 2021**

Our annual event was held on the weekend of 1st - 3rd May, with over 420 volunteers participating, from 34 churches and groups across Bristol. Over 25% volunteers were aged under 18 years, and over 25% volunteers over 50 years old.

Across the weekend, churches hosted free community events and tackled practical projects across 10 neighbourhoods in the north, east, centre and south of the city. Due to Covid-19 restrictions at the time, we had to operate in very different ways. This meant that we held no large gatherings for volunteers or large community events. Instead, our volunteer gatherings were held virtually and churches took the opportunity to host small events that focused on reconnecting individuals. In addition, we implemented the 'rule of 6' across our project teams and held all face-to-face activities outdoors.

We partnered with churches based in each neighbourhood, who took the lead on deciding what events to host, using knowledge of their own local community. Centrally, we produced a handbook of ideas to inspire and equip their planning.

The Noise 2021 included:

- 5 Pop-up takeaway cafés plus a family craft session
- 4 Treasure hunts
- Cream teas delivered to over 500 senior citizens

Volunteers also tackled around 50 different practical community projects within homes, in public spaces and at community centres or schools. The projects for individuals and families had been referred to us by professionals working in each community, e.g. support workers, police, etc.. Each neighbourhood hosted a volunteer project coordinator, from a local church, who took responsibility for responding to project referrals and assessing the suitability of the project. This enabled relationships between the local church and referral partners to grow.

We received feedback from people who were supported in different ways over The Noise weekend. One couple who received a cream tea pack delivered to their doorstep, contacted us to say - *"Just a short note to thank you for your kind thoughts in bringing my husband and I a beautiful cream tea and nasturtium seeds - such lovely colours they will be for us to enjoy."*

We also received the following feedback from a volunteer leading a practical project - *"Today I have witnessed what still seems to be an unfolding miracle. Your work on that garden today has been truly "gob-smacking"... By lunchtime we had already got further than I thought we could possibly achieve in a whole day. By the end of the day you had all transformed the garden. I spoke to the owner several times during the day. Her eyes were full of tears every time and she could not thank you all enough. We can engage in all sorts of clever conversations with folk, but that garden tells a story all of its own."*

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Behind the scenes, it was a huge challenge to navigate the changing landscape of Covid-19 restrictions throughout the preparations for The Noise 2021. As well as limiting the size of volunteer teams and holding activities outdoors, we carefully reviewed our risk assessments for all activities and implemented strict health and safety measures to limit the spread of the virus, including providing volunteers with additional cleaning materials. We are grateful for the ongoing relationships with Bristol Waste and other local community organisations that have helped with providing services to enable the smooth running of practical projects during The Noise 2021.

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

#### **Achievements and performance**

The initiatives that were run under 'The Noise' weekend and as part of Noise 365, aimed to benefit many different sectors of the community, particularly across urban estate areas of North, East and South Bristol. This year, a large proportion of our work continued to support individuals and families facing financial difficulties, as well as those affected by social and practical isolation during the lockdown seasons, as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

During the preparation time for 'The Noise' event, we continued to encourage and equip churches in how they connect with statutory and voluntary organisations who work in the local community. This work varied between communities depending on the relationships already held locally and support required.

Our community activities work towards community cohesion and social inclusion and have helped with crime reduction in the communities we work in on The Noise weekend. We continue to look for other ways to partner with the local council, police and other influential institutions.

The Noise event achieved our objectives of encouraging volunteers from local churches to start to reconnect and find Covid-19 safe ways for those living neighbourhoods to reconnect with others in the midst of an unsettling season.

Bristol Noise charity continued to be the lead charity in the 'Building Bristol as a City of Hope' project and encouraging churches to work together on a common vision. This continues to be a developing vision and sees us partnering with other citywide organisations and churches.

#### **Financial review**

The charity's income for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 was £25,409 (2020: £23,622) and consisted principally of grants and donations from charitable trusts and supporting churches.

Expenditure was £24,925 for the year (2020: £18,188).

As in the previous year, the COVID-19 pandemic continued to factor into the finances of Bristol Noise, with significantly less volunteers and charitable activities taking place at the Noise event weekend, compared to events in the pre-Covid world.

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#### **Basis of Accounts**

For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021, we have prepared accounts on a cash basis rather than on an accruals basis, available to any entity in the UK with turnover/income under a £150,000 limit. We have therefore included prior year comparatives on a cash basis to facilitate the readers understanding of this annual report.

#### **Reserves**

The Trustees' long-term policy on free reserves is to maintain sufficient funds to meet the day-to-day costs of developing the long-term vision and strategy of the charity's work and to seek to meet the costs of the annual Bristol Noise weekend from grants and donations raised in that financial year rather than from free reserves. The charity's policy is to hold free reserves of approximately one year's payments (around £25,000). At the year end, the charity had free reserves of £44,891, which is in excess of this reserves target. The charity considers this appropriate at present whilst the charity repositions itself for achieving its objectives in a COVID-19 impacted world, and with the term end of the grant received in previous years from the Sir Halley Stewart Trust. Further consideration of the staffing model and financial reserves needed to operate future activities is being discussed by the Trustees as we head into 2022.

#### **Plans for future periods**

The medium to long term aims of the charity, as we continue to develop the Noise project in Bristol region, include:

- Continue to look at ways to build a larger core team (paid and voluntary) to take on roles within the preparation and planning of the weekend and to work together closely as a team.
- Develop core team to develop, facilitate and resource the Noise 365 vision.
- Build a resource package so that churches in communities will be able to set up their own local based Noise day/weekend in the future.
- Continue to develop resources to equip churches to host a wider range of projects/events that benefit different sectors of local communities (e.g. family film afternoons, youth events, family photo events, other smaller indoor projects, etc)
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T J Dobson  
E J Marsh (resigned 12<sup>th</sup> December 2021)  
G M Sims  
M O A Deniran (appointed 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021)  
R Brown (appointed 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021)

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Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

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S D North  
Chairman of Trustees

12th June 2022

# BRISTOL NOISE

## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

### YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

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#### Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Bristol Noise

I report on the accounts of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation for the year ended 31 August 2021, which are set out on pages 6 to 7.

#### *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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 Commissioners. 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 the seeking of 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, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

#### *Independent examiner's statement*

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
  - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act and the regulations made there underhave not been met;
- or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*P S Brown*

Paul Brown FCIE DChA  
Rose & Leaf Ltd

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Bristol  
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## Bristol Noise

YEAR TO 31 AUGUST 2021

### RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
<b>RECEIPTS FROM:</b>				
<b>Donations</b>				
Grant Income	1,080	20,000	<b>21,080</b>	20,464
Gifts & Donations	312	-	<b>312</b>	-
Gift Aid received	-	-	-	-
Church Donations	2,000	-	<b>2,000</b>	1,600
Individual gifts	100	-	<b>100</b>	1,305
<b>Charitable Activities</b>				
Banner Sales	27	-	<b>27</b>	-
Volunteer Signups	1,890	-	<b>1,890</b>	252
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>5,409</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>25,409</b>	<b>23,622</b>
<b>PAYMENTS FOR:</b>				
<b>Charitable Activities</b>				
Bristol Noise Weekend	4,478	1,712	<b>6,190</b>	2,511
Long term development	2,478	16,207	<b>18,686</b>	15,677
Other costs relating to community p	-	49	<b>49</b>	-
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>6,956</b>	<b>17,969</b>	<b>24,925</b>	<b>18,188</b>
<b>NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)</b>	<b>(1,547)</b>	<b>2,031</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>5,433</b>

## Bristol Noise

AT 31 AUGUST 2021

### STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	2021	2021	2020	2020
	£	£	£	£
<b>Cash funds</b>				
BOS Current account		46,615		45,976
Co-op Credit Card		(151)		(25)
Paypal Account		16		45
Affirmative Deposit Fund		6		6
iZettle Account		-		-
<b>Total Cash at Bank</b>		<u>46,486</u>		<u>46,002</u>
		-		-
<b>Total Assets</b>		<u><u>46,486</u></u>		<u><u>46,002</u></u>

### CASH RESERVES

#### Unrestricted funds

Brought forward	46,438		40,533	
Net receipts/(payments) for the period	<u>(1,547)</u>		<u>5,905</u>	
		<b>44,891</b>		46,438
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Brought forward	(436)		36	
Net receipts/(payments) for the period	<u>2,031</u>		<u>(472)</u>	
		<b>1,595</b>		(436)
<b>Total cash reserves</b>		<u><u>46,486</u></u>		<u><u>46,002</u></u>

Signed on behalf of the trustees on 12th June 2022

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S D North (Chair of Trustees)

**BRISTOL NOISE**

England & Wales - Charity number 1134099

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# Accounts

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**BRISTOL NOISE**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

**Charity Number 1134099**

# **BRISTOL NOISE**

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

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# BRISTOL NOISE

## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

### YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

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The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 August 2020.

#### **Objectives and activities**

The purpose of the Charity is:

*To provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances or for the public at large with the object of improving their conditions of life, motivated by Christian compassion.*

In the autumn, we developed a pilot project to offer leadership development to young people who have previously participated in 'The Noise' events. This involved a six-session programme where the young people learned about the vision of 'building Bristol as a city of hope' and practical social action motivated by Christian compassion. They learned about the role of a practical project coordinator and were responsible for recruiting and hosting a team of volunteers to complete transformative gardening work for a vulnerable family in their local community.

We spent time developing relationships with churches who had not previously been involved in the project, and in particular, liaising with leaders from different denominations about how communication works within their organisation. As a result of this, we created new videos showcasing stories from three churches about the impact of social action on their church and community over the last few years and developed new partnerships with five churches across the city who have not previously been involved in 'The Noise' events.

In January 2020, we partnered with other Christian organisations to gather over 100 church leaders from across the city for a conversation about the churches role in supporting mental health and wellbeing.

We began to make plans for 'The Noise 2020', which would have been the 20th Noise event in Bristol. This involved employing a part-time administration assistant from December. Plans included fourteen community fun afternoons hosted by local churches, plus events for seniors, a youth celebration evening and practical community projects across North, East, Central and South Bristol. We hosted a networking event for secular community leaders to share the plans and vision in February.

In March 2020, we had to cancel plans for The Noise 2020 event, which would have been held in May, due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Instead, we redirected our resources to explore how churches and Christians across the city could best respond to the needs and opportunities to build hope, created during lockdown.

Working in partnership with another local Christian group, we developed the 'Bristol Churches Coronavirus Response'. This was a communication tool to give clear calls to actions to churches across the city as opportunities arose, including an appeal for emergency foster carers, community-based volunteering opportunities and ways to support foodbanks and homelessness initiatives.

Throughout 'lockdown' we sent regular email updates with practical and virtual volunteering opportunities to over 250 individuals. As part of 'Volunteers' Week' in June, we created videos to showcase stories from individuals who have been volunteering during this season and inspire others to seek ways to build hope across the city.

We produced an online guide with resources and suggestions for ways that churches could partner with others to support their local community. We mapped the provision across the city first, to enable churches to be aware of the support already established in their neighbourhood, to both avoid duplication and consider opportunities for partnership.

In some neighbourhoods, we worked more closely with local church leaders to host conversations about the best use of their resources and link them with others already working to support local community there, for example, Bristol City Council's community development team.

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## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

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We partnered with the Bristol Churches City Fund to set up a Foodbank Cooperative Scheme which enables six key foodbanks, from across the city, to purchase food in bulk using financial contributions from churches and individuals. This has enabled sustainability of the food supply in a season when regular food donation channels have not been available, and allowed foodbanks to successfully continue to support individuals and families who are facing financial crisis.

In response to concerns about the effect of social isolation on individuals living alone, we worked alongside national charity, Linking Lives UK, to equip four churches in different neighbourhoods to set up telephone befriending support for individuals struggling with loneliness.

At the start of May, we worked with three churches across the city to host live-streamed family fun afternoons, as an alternative to the outdoor community events we had been planning for The Noise 2020. These were an opportunity for churches to socially engage with their local and wider community online, and included content for different ages to engage with, including baking demonstrations, games, music and other fun activities.

In addition, two churches gave out special VE Day celebration packs to older people in their community who had been isolating at home, with one receiving nearly 350 requests for packs for people who had been nominated by their neighbours or family members.

On a practical level, our equipment has been borrowed by organisations and churches to enable their continued support of vulnerable individuals and the wider community during the crisis e.g. gazebos for pop-up food provision for rough sleepers, tools for a church doing litter picking and a marquee for a church supporting a local school to extend their provision.

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

#### **Achievements and performance**

These initiatives that were run over the last year aimed to benefit many different sectors of the community in urban estate areas of North, East and South Bristol. We particularly focused on children, young people, families and senior citizens.

This year, a large proportion of our work supported individuals and families facing financial difficulties, as well as those affected social and practical isolation during the lock-down, as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

During the preparation time for 'The Noise' event, we held networking events aimed at all those from statutory and voluntary organisations who work in the local community. This helped us build our long term relationships with people across the city.

We used these connections, and those established in previous years, to help co-ordinate the Bristol Churches Coronavirus Response, enabling churches to work in partnership with those external organisations instead of duplicating work already taking place.

Our community activities work towards community cohesion and social inclusion and can help with crime reduction in the communities we work in on the weekend itself. We continue to look for other ways to partner with the local council, police and other influential institutions.

Bristol Noise charity is the lead charity in the 'Building Bristol as a City of Hope' project and encouraging churches to work together on a common vision. This continues to be a developing vision over the next few years and we will report more on this in the future.

# BRISTOL NOISE

## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

### YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

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#### Financial review

The charity's income for the year ended 31 August 2020 was £23,649 (2019: £42,148) and consisted principally of grants and donations from charitable trusts and supporting churches.

Expenditure was £18,265 for the year (2019: £24,267).

The primary reason for the reduction in income and expenditure was the cancellation of the Noise 2020 event due to COVID-19. This meant that most churches did not contribute and volunteer income was refunded. Thankfully, with the exception of publicity costs, most expenditure to run the Noise weekend had not yet been incurred.

#### Reserves

The Trustees' long term policy on free reserves is to maintain sufficient funds to meet the day-to-day costs of developing the long term vision and strategy of the charity's work and to seek to meet the costs of the annual Bristol Noise weekend from grants and donations raised in that financial year rather than from free reserves. The charity's policy is to hold free reserves of approximately one year's expenditure (around £25,000). At the year end, the charity had free reserves of £46,436, which is in excess of this reserves target. The charity considers this appropriate at present whilst the charity repositions itself for achieving its objectives in a COVID-19 impacted world. Further consideration of the staffing model and financial reserves needed to operate future activities is being discussed by the Trustees as we head into 2021.

At the year end, the charity has a net restricted funds deficit of £644. However, this related to expenditure incurred in advance of the receipt of a grant instalment in October 2020.

#### Plans for future periods

The medium to long term aims of the charity, as we continue to develop the Noise project in Bristol region, include:

- Continue to look at ways to build a larger core team (paid and voluntary) to take on roles within the preparation and planning of the weekend and to work together closely as a team
- Build a resource package so that churches in communities will be able to set up their own local based Noise day/weekend in the future.
- Develop resources to equip churches to host a wider range of projects/events that benefit different sectors of local communities (e.g. family film afternoons, youth events, family photo events, other smaller indoor projects, etc)
- Continued networking with statutory and voluntary organisations across Bristol, as well increased involvement with Bristol City Council and Avon and Somerset Police.
- Continued involvement of more young people aged between 14-18 years old
- Inspiring and facilitating Noise projects throughout the year by providing tools and health and safety advice to churches that want to run projects during other times in the year.
- Sharing of vision and strategy with churches across the country who show interest in running Noise projects in their own towns and cities.
- Development of fundraising strategies and more sustainable income streams for the charity.
- Being the lead charity for 'Building Bristol as a city of hope' project and helping develop that vision in the city.

# BRISTOL NOISE

## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

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### Reference and administrative details

Charity number: 1134099

Registered office: 286 Filton Avenue, Horfield, Bristol, BS7 0BA

Website address: [www.thenoise.org.uk](http://www.thenoise.org.uk)

Bankers: Bank of Scotland, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Pentland House, 8 Lochside Avenue, South Gyle, Edinburgh, EH12 9DJ

### Directors and Trustees:

The Trustees serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

S D North (Chairman)  
T J Dobson  
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#### **Statement of Trustees' responsibilities**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity

# BRISTOL NOISE

## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

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and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

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S D North  
Chairman of Trustees

16 October 2020

**BRISTOL NOISE**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

	Note	Unrestricted Free Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
<b>Income from:</b>					
Grants and donations	2	8,370	15,000	23,370	37,172
Charitable Activities					
<i>Volunteer income and sales</i>		279	-	279	4,965
Investments		-	-	-	11
<b>Total income</b>		<b>8,649</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>23,649</b>	<b>42,148</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities					
<i>Bristol Noise weekend</i>	3,4	15	9,392	9,407	23,764
<i>Long term development</i>	3,4	2,570	6,288	8,858	503
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>2,585</b>	<b>15,680</b>	<b>18,265</b>	<b>24,267</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>6,064</b>	<b>(680)</b>	<b>5,384</b>	<b>17,881</b>
<b>Movement in funds</b>		<b>6,064</b>	<b>(680)</b>	<b>5,384</b>	<b>17,881</b>
<b>Total funds at start of year</b>		<b>40,372</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>40,408</b>	<b>22,527</b>
<b>Total funds at end of year</b>		<b>46,436</b>	<b>(644)</b>	<b>45,792</b>	<b>40,408</b>

The notes on pages 8 to 13 form part of these financial statements

**BRISTOL NOISE**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AT 31 AUGUST 2020**

	Note	2020		2019	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	8	27		-	
Cash at bank		<u>46,002</u>		<u>40,568</u>	
		46,029		40,568	
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>					
	9	<u>(237)</u>		<u>(160)</u>	
Net current assets			45,792		40,408
<b>Net assets</b>			<u>45,792</u>		<u>40,408</u>
<b>Funds</b>					
<b>Unrestricted</b>					
Free Funds	10	46,436		40,372	
			46,436		40,372
<b>Restricted</b>	10		(644)		36
			<u>45,792</u>		<u>40,408</u>

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 16 October 2020 and are signed on their behalf by:

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S D North  
Chairman of Trustees

The notes on pages 8 to 13 form part of these financial statements

# BRISTOL NOISE

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

#### 1 Accounting policies

- a) The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS102 SORP). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined under FRS102.

The COVID-19 pandemic has created global uncertainty which the charity is not immune from. However, the reserves position of the charity, the availability of government support and the ability to avoid incurring significant costs prior to cancelling events means that the Trustees have no concerns about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

- b) Income from donations is recognised when receivable, except as follows:
- i) When donors specify that donations given to the charity must be used in future accounting periods, the income is deferred until those periods.
  - ii) When donors impose conditions which have to be fulfilled before the charity becomes entitled to us such income, the income is deferred until the pre-condition have been met.
- c) Expenditure is recognised in the period in which it is incurred.
- d) Most expenditure is directly attributable to charitable activities and has been included in that cost category. Support costs have been included entirely under the heading Charitable Activities.
- e) Any fixed assets purchased for more than £1,000 will be capitalised at cost. The charity held no fixed assets at the year end.
- f) Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable object at the discretion of the trustees
- Free funds represent the free reserves of the charity
  - From time to time, designated funds are set aside from unrestricted funds by the Trustees for specified future purposes or projects.
- g) Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity.

#### 2 Income from grants and donations

	Unrestricted			
	Free	Restricted	Total Funds	Total Funds
	Funds	Funds	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£
<i>Grants receivable</i>				
Commissioners Community Action Fund	-	-	-	3,000
EbeTrust	-	-	-	1,000
Fishponds Baptist Church	-	-	-	500
G F Eyre Charitable Trust	500	-	500	750
HMRC Job Retention Scheme grant	763	-	763	-
Love Running CIO	3,600	-	3,600	-
Neighbourly	-	-	-	800
New Life Church	500	-	500	1,000
Sir Halley Stewart Trust	-	15,000	15,000	15,000
St Andrew's Avonmouth	-	-	-	100
St Nicholas Church	500	-	500	-
St Stephen's Soundwell	500	-	500	500
St Thomas Ecclesiastical Charity	-	-	-	5,000
The George Muller Charitable Trust	495	-	495	4,757
Woodlands Group of Churches	100	-	100	2,997
<i>Other donations</i>	1,412	-	1,412	1,768
	<u>8,370</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>23,370</u>	<u>37,172</u>

# BRISTOL NOISE

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

### 3 Expenditure on charitable activities (by principal activity)

	Direct costs £	Support costs £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
Bristol Noise weekend	-	9,407	9,407	23,764
Long term development	219	8,639	8,858	503
	<u>219</u>	<u>18,046</u>	<u>18,265</u>	<u>24,267</u>

### 4 Expenditure on charitable activities (by natural classification)

	Unrestricted		Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
	Free Funds £	Restricted Funds £		
<i>Direct costs</i>				
Community Projects	219	-	219	728
Fun afternoons	-	-	-	4,345
Community presentations	-	-	-	97
	<u>219</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>219</u>	<u>5,170</u>
<i>Support costs</i>				
Employed staff costs	-	10,027	10,027	-
Project workers	763	3,242	4,005	8,700
Volunteer gifts	-	-	-	136
Van / Truck costs	-	-	-	1,719
T shirts	-	-	-	2,190
Health and safety	-	-	-	1,746
Office rental	500	-	500	-
Insurance	-	-	-	1,033
Publicity	-	2,292	2,292	1,838
Postage	-	100	100	96
Stationery	-	-	-	25
Bank charges	15	-	15	98
Payroll administration costs	406	-	406	-
Website and IT	682	19	701	1,293
Independent examination fees	-	-	-	160
Sundry costs	-	-	-	63
	<u>2,366</u>	<u>15,680</u>	<u>18,046</u>	<u>19,097</u>
	<u>2,585</u>	<u>15,680</u>	<u>18,265</u>	<u>24,267</u>

### 5 Governance costs

The charity incurred governance costs of £nil in the current period (2019: £160).

# BRISTOL NOISE

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

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#### 6 Staff costs, Trustee expenses and Related Party transactions

Until 31 December 2019, the charity engaged self-employed project workers under contract to work on Bristol Noise activities. The payments made under these contracts in the current year were £4,005 (2019: £8,700).

From 1 January 2020, the charity employed staff at a total cost of £10,027 (Wages and salaries of £9,823, social security costs of £nil and pension contributions of £204). The average monthly headcount was two people.

No Trustees have received any remuneration or have been reimbursed for out of pocket expenses.

#### 7 Taxation

The charity is exempt from Corporation Tax on its charitable activities.

#### 8 Debtors

	2020	2019
	£	£
Other debtors	27	-
	<u>27</u>	<u>-</u>

#### 9 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Accruals	89	160
PAYE liabilities	148	-
	<u>237</u>	<u>160</u>

**BRISTOL NOISE**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

**10 Movement in funds**

<i>Year ended 31 August 2020</i>	<b>01 Sep 2019</b>	<b>Income Expenditure</b>		<b>Transfers</b>	<b>31 Aug 2020</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
Free Funds	40,372	8,649	(2,585)	-	46,436
	<u>40,372</u>	<u>8,649</u>	<u>(2,585)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,436</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Sir Halley Stewart Trust	(1,775)	15,000	(15,680)	-	(2,455)
St Thomas Ecclesiastical	1,811	-	-	-	1,811
	<u>36</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>(15,680)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(644)</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>40,408</u>	<u>23,649</u>	<u>(18,265)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45,792</u>

<i>Year ended 31 August 2019</i>	<b>01 Sep 2018</b>	<b>Income Expenditure</b>		<b>Transfers</b>	<b>31 Aug 2019</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
Free Funds	22,527	18,348	(503)	-	40,372
	<u>22,527</u>	<u>18,348</u>	<u>(503)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,372</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Commissioners Community Action	-	3,000	(3,000)	-	-
Sir Halley Stewart Trust	-	15,000	(16,775)	-	(1,775)
St Thomas Ecclesiastical	-	5,000	(3,189)	-	1,811
Neighbourly	-	800	(800)	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>23,800</u>	<u>(23,764)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>22,527</u>	<u>42,148</u>	<u>(24,267)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,408</u>

**Free Funds**

These funds represent the free reserves of the charity.

**Commissioners Community Action**

These funds were given towards the costs of running the family fun afternoon events and equipment for community projects for the Noise event in May 2019.

**Sir Halley Stewart Trust**

The charity has been awarded a three year grant to fund staffing costs, event costs and publicity & communications as part of the 'City of Hope' legacy from the Hope Bristol 2018 event. The deficit at the end of the year was covered by the receipt of a further grant installment in October 2020.

**St Thomas Ecclesiastical**

These funds were received to fund the cost of the Noise 2019 event. The funder has given permission for the unspent funds to be carried over to the Noise 2020 event and now to 2021 with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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**10 Movement in funds (continued)**

**Neighbourly**

These funds were received towards environmental clean up activities.

**11 Prior year Statement of Financial Activities**

	Free Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
<b>Income from:</b>			
Grants and donations	13,372	23,800	37,172
Investments	11	-	11
Charitable Activities			
<i>Volunteer income</i>	4,965	-	4,965
<b>Total income</b>	<u>18,348</u>	<u>23,800</u>	<u>42,148</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Charitable activities			
<i>Bristol Noise weekend</i>	-	23,764	23,764
<i>Long term development</i>	503	-	503
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<u>503</u>	<u>23,764</u>	<u>24,267</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	17,845	36	17,881
Transfers between funds	-	-	-
<b>Movement in funds</b>	<u>17,845</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>17,881</u>
<b>Total funds at start of year</b>	22,527	-	22,527
<b>Total funds at end of year</b>	<u>40,372</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>40,408</u>

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### 12 Prior year Income from Grants and Donations

All prior year Grants and Donations income was in unrestricted free reserves as listed in note 2, with the exception of Sir Halley Stewart £15,000, Commissioners Community Action Fund £3,000, Neighbour £800 and St Thomas Ecclesiastical Charity £5,000, which were all in restricted funds.

### 13 Prior year analysis of expenditure on charitable activities (by principal activity)

	Direct costs £	Support costs £	Total Funds 2019 £
Bristol Noise weekend	5,135	18,629	23,764
Long term development	35	468	503
	<u>5,170</u>	<u>19,097</u>	<u>24,267</u>

### 14 Prior year expenditure on charitable activities (by natural classification)

	Unrestricted Free Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
<i>Direct costs</i>			
Community Projects	-	728	728
Fun afternoons	35	4,310	4,345
Community presentations	-	97	97
	<u>35</u>	<u>5,135</u>	<u>5,170</u>
<i>Support costs</i>			
Project workers	-	8,700	8,700
Volunteer gifts	-	136	136
Van / Truck costs	-	1,719	1,719
T shirts	-	2,190	2,190
Health and safety	-	1,746	1,746
Insurance	-	1,033	1,033
Publicity	-	1,838	1,838
Postage	-	96	96
Stationery	-	25	25
Bank charges	3	95	98
Website and IT	252	1,041	1,293
Independent examination fees	160	-	160
Sundry costs	53	10	63
	<u>468</u>	<u>18,629</u>	<u>19,097</u>
	<u>503</u>	<u>23,764</u>	<u>24,267</u>

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