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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021
FOR
VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND**

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The charity is controlled by its governing document, its articles of association, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The company is governed by its articles of association as adopted on 21st July 2010.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

07353864 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

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Introduction

On behalf of the Church Trustees I am delighted to introduce our Annual Report for the year April 2020 to March 2021. The first part of the report comprises of the legal bits that the Vine Christian Centre has to publish and the second part is an overview of Church activity in the year.

The last year has been an extraordinary year for the church. We have lived through unprecedented times, with the global pandemic disrupting all of our lives in a way that has not happened since the Second World War. In the history of the Vine, 2020 will probably go down as our most challenging year ever. However, I am extremely proud of the way everyone has responded to the challenges we have faced and how the church has continued to prosper throughout everything that we have faced over the last 12 months.

The pandemic and the subsequent social distance measures that were introduced by the Government have really made us have to consider how we function and minister to people. Fortunately the church isn't a building but the people of God, and whilst we have had to make many adjustments we have found that God is a very present help in a time of need.

For much of the year the church activities and meetings have been curtailed by Welsh Government restrictions but the church itself has still been able to worship and grow together. This has been achieved through the digitalization of much of our activity as we have moved on line and through the use of modern technology as we turned to Zoom and other similar platforms. Both our staff and key volunteers responded to the challenges we faced and have done an amazing job in putting services on line.

As we look into the future, the word of God to our church in January was to "Expect Better" in 2021 and we have slowly started to see both church gatherings and society in general open up alongside the roll out of the vaccination programme.

Through it all we have continued to endeavour to love God, love one another and love the world. At the end of March God spoke very clearly to me out of the Chronicles of Narnia – Aslan is on the move. Aslan is symbolic of the Lion of the tribe of Judah and being on the move symbolises a change of season. Just as we read that winter passed when Aslan moved I believe we are entering a new season in the life of the church.

Arise, my love, my beautiful one, and come away, for behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree ripens its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my beautiful one, and come away. " Song of Solomon 2v10-13

The last year has been an exceptionally challenging one for us on many levels however I believe our church is emerging stronger. As I look ahead I believe the winter has passed and there is a new sound in the atmosphere. Let us move forward together in order to see His Kingdom come and His will being done. I believe our future is still as bright as the promises of God and that our best years are ahead of us. We have a God who has not forgotten us and who is working mightily in our nation.



Every blessing
Pastor Alex Ashton
Chair, Trustees

We are pleased to present the report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st March 2021.

Objects of the Vine Christian Centre

The objects of the Vine Christian Centre are the advancement of the Christian faith and those items listed within the Articles of Association, within the United Kingdom and throughout the world.

In setting the objectives and planning of activities the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit.

Governance and internal control

The Trustees oversee the legal and financial running of the Vine Christian Centre. The spiritual work and life of the Church is overseen by the Pastors, aided by Elders. The Trustees work closely with the Pastors and the staff who run the church office on a day to day basis.

The Trustees meet at least three times a year and have regular additional contact through other meetings as necessary. Attendance at meetings has been healthy throughout the year as shown in the following record:

Meeting Date	Pastor A Ashton	Mr L Hill	Mrs S Lee	Mrs A Hinchey
24 July 2020	Y	Y	Y	Y
27 August 2020	Y	Y	Y	Y
04 December 2020	Y	Y	Y	Y
06 January 2021	Y	Y	Y	Y
31 March 2021	Y	Y	y	Y

Risk

The Trustees take risk seriously and all major insurable risks are subject to normal Churches' and Employers' insurance. All contractual risks are reviewed before being entered into to assess that they could not significantly impact upon the ability to fulfil the objectives.

Staff

In September 2020 Hannah Pottinger left the office team to start a new position as a youth worker in Brackla Tabernacle.

The Trustees are clear that the staff are one of the greatest assets. In ensuring that staff are appropriately remunerated the Vine Christian Centre has chosen to sign up to the Joseph Rowntree Real Living Wage and so no member of staff is paid less than this.

In February 2021 Gwynedd Jones stepped down as an elder of the Church. As a consequence Pastor Alex will be reviewing the leadership structure in the year ahead.



The Buildings



The main church building remains in need of substantial investment and it is the intention of the Trustees to use much of the operational surplus to invest in the fabric of the building.

Although General maintenance has continued there has been no substantial works contracted throughout last year.

Financial News

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The law 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 Vine Christian Centre, and of the surplus or deficit for that period.

In preparing those financial statements, the trustees have:-

- selected suitable accounting policies and then applied them consistently;
- made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- stated whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records for the Vine Christian Centre which disclose the financial position with reasonable accuracy at any time, and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Law.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Vine Christian Centre and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Income generation

The Vine Christian Centre is dependent on the generosity of the congregation for the majority of its income. Many individuals practice tithing and as a consequence income from offerings tend to be constant and steady throughout the year. During the financial year tithes and offerings fell by around 3 %.

Reserves

The Trustees have maintained a policy on reserves so that in the event of some adverse or unforeseen circumstances, there would always be sufficient reserves available to meet core objectives. The level of reserves are not set as a specific formula, the Trustees estimate the level of reserves to cover such events to be around £30,000. The unrestricted funds at the year-end were in excess of this.

Grant making policy

The Trustee's policy is to tithe (i.e. give away) at least 10% of its income to external organisations and individuals who are working toward the same aims and charitable objectives as the Vine Christian Centre. Approximately 50% of these grants are to Christian organisations working within Wales.

External examiner

The Trustees have appointed Graham Paul Limited to act as the Vine Christian Centre's external examiner.

The Vision of the Church

The vision of the church is to build a house of love so that there is a visible demonstration of the Agape love of God revealed through God's church to the community of Bridgend and the nation of Wales.

The Bible is central to the church's teaching and beliefs.

In accordance with Romans 1:18 "The righteous shall live by faith" and John 13:34 *"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another"* there is a strong emphasis on walking by faith through love.

We are building a "HOUSE of LOVE" in three directions:-

- We love **UPWARD** toward the Father and seek to fulfil the greatest commandment to love the Lord our God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our mind.
- We love **WITHIN** towards our church family here in the Vine by seeking to fulfil Jesus' commandment to the church "as I have loved you, you also are to love one another".
- We love **OUTWARDLY** towards our community and therefore seek to fulfil the commandment to "love our neighbour as our self."

The review of 2020/21 which follows highlights the activities of the Church in the 12 month period in each of the areas above.

Building a "HOUSE of LOVE" - UPWARDS

We love **UPWARD** toward the Father and seek to fulfil the greatest commandment to love the Lord our God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our mind.
As we look to love the Father the two main areas of church activity are prayer and worship.

Prayer

Coming together to pray is an important aspect of the life of the church family. When the church comes together to pray, God speaks, mountains move and prison doors open. We see this demonstrated in Acts 2 when the Holy Spirit fell on the church, Acts 4 when the building they were in was shaken, Acts 12 when Peter was rescued from prison by Angels and Acts 13 when Paul and Barnabas were set apart for their missionary work.

Prayer Week

At the beginning of each church year we direct our hearts upward towards our heavenly Father with a week of prayer and fasting. Due to the pandemic the prayer week moved to Zoom and the church had virtual prayer meetings throughout the week.



This year the church focused our faith on expecting better in 2021 and prayed in the following areas;

Monday	The Church
Tuesday	The Nation – Wales
Wednesday	The Persecuted Church
Thursday	The Move of the Holy Spirit
Friday	Mission
Saturday	Beyond the Pandemic
Sunday	Community Impact



The Prayer Chain

The prayer chain continued to operate effectively throughout the year. This confidential service is activated by a phone call to the office. The requests are then given to the team leader who in turn passes them and any updates on via phone, text or e-mail down the chain.

The chain enables a team to quickly and collectively pray for any needs that arise, both within the church and outside. Examples of requests received this year are personal healings, breakthroughs in personal or family circumstances, and healings for others including relations, friends and colleagues.

Prayer meetings – weekly

In person collective prayer was suspended as a result of Welsh Government restrictions. As these restrictions are reduced the situation will be reviewed at some point next year.

Worship

The Worship Team led by Kelly Poole has adapted extremely well to the restrictions imposed by Covid 19 and since 12th April 2020 has been producing weekly recorded worship for the VCC online church services. Initially, the worship was provided by Kelly, Tim and Hayley Grist on an alternative weekly basis. The worship was recorded from home, however, as restrictions have eased a recording space has been set up in the Coffee Shop at the Vine enabling a slightly bigger team to be involved whilst still maintaining social distancing guidelines. The location has helped to create a professional feel to the services and helped to create a sense of cohesion with the preaching.



Since the re-opening of church services on September 13th, Kelly has taken a lead in providing worship for the live services and Tim has been responsible for providing worship for the online church services supported by Hayley who has taken an increased vocal role. This arrangement has worked extremely well and has helped to reduce the workload amongst the Worship Team.

At present the Worship Team is leading the church weekly in worship for both live and online services. Through this very challenging time high standards have been maintained and the service of the Worship Team has been excellent, has helped to encourage the church family and feedback has been very positive.



Band Communication

"Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head running down on the beard on the beard of Aaron..." Psalm 133

The Core Worship Leadership Team meet regularly to update on progress and to discuss developments. During the first lock down a number of strategies were implemented by the Leadership Team to ensure regular communication within the team and to maintain connection between the band members. Since July 2020, the Worship Team have generally been meeting fortnightly via Zoom. At these meetings there is a focus on teaching, prayer and building relationships. During these sessions members of the Worship Leadership Team are often asked to lead or contribute. However, opportunities have been given to the wider team to lead on certain topics/areas.

Events

The Worship Team played a significant role in the Christmas services this year and a major achievement was the involvement of every member of the team in some capacity. A considerable amount of planning and organising took place to ensure smooth running and the commitment and time given by the whole team was excellent. Rehearsals and recordings started in early November and a new feature this year was the 'Advent Song' which appeared in both the online and live services. The Christmas services also provided opportunities for some members of the Youth Band and new vocalists to participate. A special thank you to Tim Grist, Michael James and Jenny Ireland for their involvement with the recording and editing of the material.



The Easter services at the Vine were also very successful however due to Covid restrictions a smaller team were used. The whole church was invited to participate in an online collective worship dance by submitting clips of themselves dancing to a previously choreographed routine. Many thanks to Eleeth Smith for choreographing and editing the material.

The Worship Team also provided worship for the Aroma Women's Conference. For this event the Band learnt some new songs which were well received by the congregation.

The Worship Leadership Team believes strongly in developing an individual's gifts and providing opportunities for these gifts to grow and flourish. This is a principle the Worship Team is committed to and despite the restrictions the progress made is encouraging.

- Since the reopening of live services on September 13th Nicola Payne has been playing the cello in some of the services.
- Phoebe Ashton and Coel Dyckhoff, both members of the Youth Band, have been integrated into the Adult Band and have been involved in providing worship on a Sunday morning at the live services.
- Kymberley Anthony was welcomed back to the team after taking some time out to attend Bible College.
- The team was also pleased to have Ben and Brionni Pottinger join them. Ben was part of the worship team for many years before moving to Cardiff.

Sound Team

- Before the church re-opened for services in September a new 'band set-up' was implemented to accommodate social distancing and which is currently still in operation.
- James Clewlow has taken a key role as a Sound Technician for the live services on a Sunday morning under guidance from Michael James.
- Michael James has worked closely with Andrew Lee to sort through recently purchased equipment. Michael has also taken a leading role in setting up a new in ear monitor system and resetting the existing set up to ensure maximum productivity.
- Since December the Worship Team has been using ProPresenter as the main tool to present media presentations. Jon and Lucy Clewlow have taken a lead with this new initiative and the team is very grateful for their contributions.
- Since March the Sound Team has increased in number and are pleased to announce that Ben and Brionni Pottinger and Eleeth Smith have been added to the team.
- James Clewlow is involved once a month in assisting Kelly Poole with recording worship for the online service.

Training

- The team participated in a Song Writing Workshop involving a Guest Speaker – Miss Rebecca Hurn. It is the intention to form a song writing group who will meet regularly to write new material. This is currently being explored.
- Jenny Ireland has taken on the role of editing the worship for the online services.
- Some members of the team visited the Warehouse Church in Newport to look at Live Streaming options.
- Kelly Poole attended a Premier Digital On-line Training Course.
- Hayley Grist was responsible for organising and leading one of the Advent Songs for a Christmas online service.
- Kelly Poole received training on how to use the "Garage Band" recording program.
- Tim Grist is using Logic, a more sophisticated package to record and edit the Online Worship.
- New members of the Sound Team have received training on how to setup cables etc.

Equipment

- The PA system and kit is still under review with a view to purchasing a new system upgrade.
- Good progress continues to be made with the organisation and storage of technical equipment.
- Kelly Poole has been in discussion with Stage Lighting regarding a new lighting board etc.

Worship Support

The church believes that we are blessed to be a blessing and this is something that extends to the gifts and ministries based in the church. During the year some of our online special songs performed by Tim and Hayley Grist were used to accompany digital events held by Housing Justice. This is an area the Worship Team would also like to develop further next year.

Building a "HOUSE of LOVE" - **WITHIN**

We love **WITHIN** towards our church family here in the Vine by seeking to fulfil Jesus' commandment to the church "as I have loved you, you also are to love one another". We have sought to invest in, and love, our church family in a number of ways during the year some of which are mentioned below.

Pastoral Care

Throughout the various lockdowns during the year the church has sought to ensure people were pastorally supported. The challenge for all churches has been how do you pastor a congregation if people are not allowed to meet up together. The church has kept functioning throughout lockdown and there has been pastoral support available for anyone both on line and in person. Furthermore Alex and Jane have regularly been in touch with the church family by phone, text or email. They have prioritised those people who live alone or have been living through difficult home circumstances, however they have been available for everyone.

Online services

On Easter Sunday 12th April the church launched its online service and looking back at that broadcast with Kelly leading worship on guitar at home and Alex speaking the church has come a long way. In addition to the Sunday service we started the midweek message and various people from within the church family shared something to encourage people to keep following Jesus.

We want to thank all our key volunteers who have had to develop new skills to have made all this happen, these include; Andrew, Hannah, Kelly, Tim, Naomi, Jane, Helen, Eleeth, Kym, Jenny, Gwynedd, our musicians and anyone else who made a contribution to the online services.



In-person services

In August the restrictions on in-person services was lifted. However any service would have to comply with social distancing and Welsh Government guidelines. Whilst praying about the next step the Lord spoke to Alex out of Acts chapter 3 "*Times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord*". As a consequence in-person services were reopened on the 13th September initially for people who lived alone and then in October for the whole church. The Church has remained open ever since and it has been wonderful not only to see many of our church family return but also new people visit us.



Missional Discipleship Course

This was unable to continue due to restrictions. As the course works best in person it was decided not to move it to Zoom but to resume at some point in the near future.

Youth Ministry

The Church believes strongly in investing in, encouraging and equipping future generations to do great things for God. Therefore where possible within the constraints of the pandemic, a range of ministries have continued to work with our young people over the year.

16-25 years old-Relentless

This group is for Sixth Form and Young Adults. (16-25 years old.) The group is led by Naomi Ashton and they have been meeting online every two weeks throughout the academic year.

The aim is to build a community of young people, exploring faith (not all are from a church background), supporting each other in prayer and discussion with a particular focus on Bible reading and understanding the scriptures more. A support network is being built so that the young people can encourage each other in their faith. For those that are not from a church background, there has been greater interest and understanding of the Christian faith and the Bible and a desire to stay connected to church life even if they don't attend on Sundays.

The programme consists of social time to start with, often including a quiz or game. There is then a time of group discussion which this year has been based on a bible study on the book of Mark from the Gospel Coalition. It has been important for the young people to go through a Gospel and learn more about who Jesus is. The questions open up discussions and also draw on themes across the bible that point to Jesus. The study usually ends with a reflective question and prayer. Social evenings feature at the end of each term and these have involved games nights and an online escape room.

11-16 years old

Friday Night Youth - This meeting is aimed at Years 7-11. The team are led by Claire Ashton and Jon Clewlow assisted by Jamie Kenworthy. During the year, it met every other Friday night from 7.30 to 9.00pm. Due to its fortnightly schedule, the group also met during the holiday periods.

All meetings bar one, have been online, using the church Zoom account.

Face to Face Meetings - Christmas Youth Service

The only face to face youth meeting took place on December 18th 2020 and was a Christmas get together in the church's auditorium. The meeting followed the same procedures as that of a Sunday morning service. It was well attended and the young people gave positive feedback. The message of Christmas was a focus but this was punctuated by a number of games and engaging activities following the risk assessment guidelines/protocol.

Virtual Meetings - Zoom

For the majority of the evenings, the programme was theme based, often using topics that complement the Youth Blog. Examples of topics and thematic content include Heroes of Faith, Prayer-Talking to God and the purpose driven life. It is also magazine based in terms of structure using a variety of 'chunked' activities involving testimonies, role models' stories, games, music, worship, bible study, teaching, multi-media and break out times giving the youth more of a voice. The young people themselves have also contributed to the games/quizzes, shared testimonies and prayers.

Although the nature of a virtual meeting can make this more difficult, friendships and relationships were encouraged across the peer group and young people were given opportunities to learn as well as contribute, develop their knowledge of Christianity and the world in which they live (both historical and contemporary). The latter helps them to make informed choices as they make decisions about their faith and personal discipleship.

The Youth Blog

This was created at the beginning of the Pandemic in order to help support young people, with no meetings (face to face or virtual) were yet in place. The first blog went out on April 3rd 2020. This was initially released every week. As well as a number of multi-media resources and biblical teaching, an item called TEAM TALK was created in order for the Youth Leaders to have a point of contact with the youth. The Blog now goes out once a month. All of the aforementioned Youth workers above are involved in Team Talk, as well as Lucy Clewlow.



Pastoral Support

With agreement from parents/carers, some of the youth workers have contacted young people by telephone in order to encourage them. Claire Ashton and Naomi Ashton also made a number of doorstep visits to see members of the youth, with parents/carers' consent, in order to see how they were doing and again to encourage, build relationships, as well as give out prizes or gifts from the church.

Theatre Group

These are project based and despite the constraints of the pandemic, a drama project was run for the Christmas services 2020. The youth worked with Claire Ashton in order to successfully stage this.

Youth Band

Currently three members of the youth are involved in the Youth Band and Worship team, headed up by Kelly Poole. This gives them an opportunity to develop their skills, find an expression in their faith and worship as well as finding a role in the church.

Kingdom Kids

This group is for children aged between 5-11 years old and is led by Helen Pettey with support from Andrew Lee, and Kathryn Dyckhoff.



Due to Covid-19 Kingdom kids were unable to meet in person. The team have provided a pre-recorded slot during the online service up to 10 minutes long throughout the pandemic. The teaching has been on various subjects including the Armour of God, not being afraid, various Old Testament stories, and Jesus wanting to be our best friend.

A highlight of the year was a zoom light party on 31st October 2020. This was reported as slightly crazy but good fun and a lovely way to interact with the children.

Presents were given out to the children at Christmas and Easter eggs on Easter Sunday. A couple more team members have been recruited, ready for when restrictions are lifted.

Budding Vine

This group is for children aged between 2-5 years old but did not meet during the year due to Covid restrictions.

An online Christingle service was pre-recorded and presented on 12th December for children of all ages.



Babies

This group is for children aged up to 2 years old but did not meet during the year due to Covid restrictions.

Women's Ministry

Women's ministry and outreach has been significantly restricted in this year due to the constraints of the pandemic.

A number of online meetings via Zoom were organised throughout the year which were well attended and the feedback has been very positive. Advertising these events on Facebook also drew other Christians to join.

Some online meetings with speakers 'in-house' were arranged allowing women from The Vine to share and give testimonies and a have time of worship together. Break out rooms were used at some for prayer and fellowship, particularly when lock -down was at its most strict. A number of outside speakers were invited to preach including Debbie Bullock, Claire Morton and Margaret Glave.

Recognising these meetings were a vital link for our women to touch base and remain connected and be encouraged throughout the lockdowns.

Aroma 2021 went ahead in April, instead of February, when Covid numbers were much lower. Endeavours were made to make the church building welcoming and introduce some fun elements in what is an alien environment to a usual church meeting. No outside advertisement was made as numbers had to be restricted so the focus was on inviting and supporting the women of The Vine.

The ability to have a band and worship was significant and the speakers who sent pre-recorded sermons were inspiring. There was a definite sense of community and God's presence.



Men's Ministry

- The purpose of men's ministry within the Vine is to;
- Deepen relationship with Jesus
- Cultivate Christ Centred relationships between men
- Work together towards common mission and vision
- Create a safe environment men can talk, encourage and support each other
- Reach other men.

During the year Andrew Pettey started leading a Zoom's mens ministry. Andrew has organised monthly meetings where a speaker has been invited in to encourage men in their faith. The following people have spoken;

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| • September 2020 | Byron Hayward (WRU) |
| • October 2020 | Pastor Ian Anderson |
| • November 2020 | Pastor John Bullock |
| • January 2021 | Martyn Lewis (Head of Sports Chaplaincy Wales) |
| • February 2021 | Gerrit Bantjes (Care for the Family) |
| • March 2021 | Rob Burns (Missional Links Wales) |

As restrictions are eased there are plans being developed for in person meetings both at the church building and outside.

House Groups

The House Groups function as small family groups within the church for pastoral care, support and encouragement. They meet fortnightly throughout the year, usually reflecting on the messages preached on the Sundays before the meeting, and have continued throughout lockdown by moving on line. In the year the number of groups increased from 5 to 6 as a new Filipino Family group was launched.

The groups are led by Lance and Michelle Hill, Alex Ashton, Hilary Sykes, Gwynedd and Jill Jones, Lyn Perry and Jane Ashton.

House groups are constantly looking to welcome new members and if people are interested in joining or hosting one then they just need to contact the office.

Faith Academy

Faith Academy is a monthly series of meetings on a Saturday morning for deeper study of the word of God from both Vine leaders and guest speakers. The programme was much reduced this year and moved on line. An average of 17 people attended the following sessions:

May	2020	Faith	Evangelist Bengt Wedemalm
November	2020	Exploring Worship	Pastor Alex Ashton
December	2020	The love of God	Pastor Alan Morton

Building a "HOUSE of LOVE" – OUTWARDS

We love **OUTWARDLY** towards our community and therefore seek to fulfil the commandment to "love our neighbour as our self." The church seeks to be missional in its outlook and activities, endeavouring to reach the world with the good news of Jesus Christ.

Church members are encouraged and challenged to reach people in their own sphere of relationships with the love and message of Jesus. This is seen to be the responsibility of everyone within the church not just a select few.

In addition to this the Church reaches out to people and communities locally, nationally and internationally. At the heart of our community outreach are the commandments of Jesus to love our neighbour and to go in to the world and preach the Gospel. We do this through sharing both the message of the gospel as well as practical help and support that is rooted in the good news of Jesus.

Sharing the message of the gospel

Over the last year the church's ability to engage in mission has been curtailed by the pandemic as face to face events and activity has been restricted. Our annual mission was cancelled, healing on the streets has been suspended and schools work ceased as schools have been unable to host outside bodies. We have however taken the gospel on line and been able to use both Facebook and YouTube platforms to share the gospel and testify to the reality of Jesus in our lives. It is also worthwhile to note that ALPHA on line was launched this year and provides a gateway to explore the faith.

Toddler Group

In person Toddlers has remained closed through the year due to Covid Restrictions. However the team have continued to reach out to this group.

During 2020 the Toddler group created a Facebook page and its own logo specifically for parents and carers of pre-school children. Each member of the group was contacted with information, the Facebook page and details of online church and how to contact the team. This enabled them to have communication with people during Covid.

Hilary Sykes and Jane Ashton attended a pre-school weekend online conference in September which was very informative and had multiple speakers discussing online advantages and advice. It inspired them to purchase a larger interactive puppet, design and have printed some T-shirts and gather some media equipment and start filming to reach out to this age group in a new way.



In October Toddlers online was launched and has posted every Friday on the Facebook page – filming pre-recorded sessions including a story, songs and a craft suitable to engage in at home. The Facebook page was staffed on Friday mornings so they could interact with parents when it went live. Viewings have been encouraging and it has been worth the time and effort.



In December an online Christingle service was filmed with the Toddler team, Worship team, Helen Pettey and Naomi (Media) aimed at pre-school and primary age using Facebook and You Tube platforms. At least 100 views were registered. 50 craft packs were created that parents could register for and collect safely from the car park so children could make a Christingle, craft activities etc. at home and have information to engage with us as a church.

Toddlers are now planning to meet outside as a group and provide some support as a team to parents and carers. We are aware that these children have often had little or no social interaction with others in a group setting in more than a year.

The group is looking forward to meeting back as soon as possible to continue and rebuild this essential ministry.

Alpha Course

Led by Gwynedd & Jill Jones, the Alpha Course via Zoom was launched during lockdown and had a group of three people, which was an advantage because it made it easy for everyone to get involved in the small group discussions. Everybody completed the course and it was really encouraging to see people make a commitment to follow Jesus as well as growing in their understanding and faith.

On completion of the course the group wanted to keep meeting and so have continued to meet over Zoom. Gwynedd brought a course together to take the group further along on their journey with Jesus. The format is the same as Alpha, video with Gospel/discipleship elements as well as real-life testimonies. This has worked well and the group have been able to go deeper with what it means to follow Jesus. This course is called 'Stepping Stones' as it is aimed at helping new or still growing Christians take small steps forward in their faith.

Christmas outreach events

December saw a much reduced programme of events due to the pandemic restrictions. We held two separate carol services were held on Sunday the 20th December and a candle light communion service on the 24th December. Across the weekend the largest attendances of the year were seen.

Activities across the Christmas season included;

- A Saturday afternoon online Christingle for preschool children and their families.
- A Sunday morning family service where selection boxes were given out to every child in attendance. This was mirrored in the evening to ensure everyone could attend at least one service.
- A Christmas Eve communion service by candle light.
- A supermarket voucher programme was organised through the church hands of compassion ministry as an alternative to the hampers usually given out at this time.

Providing Practical Care and Support

Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre

The Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre continued to support women in need during the pandemic with continued counselling on the telephone as requested.

The virtual office telephone system was a particular help to offer a full service as all calls to the number are transferred to a mobile so that the person can be spoken to at any time by mutual appointment – a service which clients have really appreciated.

The Centre usually operates out of both Bridgend at the Vine, led by Wendy Perkins and Maesteg at Hartshorn House, led by Lynda Thomas.



During the pandemic 4 clients received telephone counselling over 28 sessions.

8 calls were taken for unplanned pregnancy guidance plus numerous other telephone enquiries and a waiting list was formed.

Lynda Thomas from Maesteg was able to see 2 clients at Hartshorn House and also provided telephone assistance to others.

The Centre counsellors provide support for women and their families in dealing with an unexpected pregnancy, abortion, post abortion, miscarriage and still birth. All counsellors are fully trained and specialise in pregnancy crisis issues, aiming to provide accurate information with short or long-term support and counselling that is client led.

Hands of Compassion

The Church also demonstrates practical love to people through the Hands of Compassion fund with the giving of benevolent gifts and food hampers in times of crisis. During the Christmas season the Church partnered with Llamau by providing hampers for their hostels and their residents within the Bridgend County. Monetary gifts were also given to Bridgend Food Bank and The Wallich.



Donations of food and money are made by church members, and are supplemented by Pound for the Kingdom collections. A total of 139 food hampers or supermarket vouchers were distributed through the year.

Healing Hour

No activity due to the pandemic.

Supporting Other Ministries

Tithe of the Tithe and Pound for the Kingdom

The Church believes in tithing and practices what it preaches by the Tithe of the Tithe. This means that 10% of church income is given to organisations and ministries in furtherance of causes which complement and supplement the Church's vision and activities.

The money is also added to by monthly collections from the congregation called Pound for the Kingdom.

During the year 2020/ 21 the following ministries were all supported:

- Tearfund (Yemen Appeal)
- Christians Against Poverty
- Edith's Hope Uganda
- Go Church Lebanon disaster fund
- Message Wales
- SAT-7 Christian TV
- Housing Justice Cymru
- Open Doors (Syria Appeal)
- Ty Cariad (Uganda)
- Hands of Compassion
- Release International

In addition to the above ministries the church has well established relationships with a number of ministries that have been supported over the years, including during 2020/21.

These include:

Bengt Wedemalm



Throughout the year the church supported Bengt and Vivian as he battled sickness and the reduction of ministry opportunities as a result of the pandemic. Sadly in April 2021 Bengt went to be with Jesus

Bengt was born in 1961 and in ministry for over 30 years, he travelled extensively and ministered in over 60 nations. He has been visiting the Church for nearly 20 years and has had imparted much spiritual blessing to us over this time. Invariable he would speak on Faith and his teaching has left a rich deposit in the life of the church.

He will be greatly missed by the church and Pastors Alex and Jane.

Derek Brown



Derek Brown has been an advisor, encourager and significant help to the church over many years. He is based out of "the Well of Life" in Hampshire and his heart is to see an incarnational Church touching the world with the love of Jesus. He has a ministry to encourage and supports leaders in their ministry both in the UK and across the world.

The Christian Institute

The Christian Institute is a British registered charity and Christian pressure group run by Colin Hart. They promote a conservative Christian viewpoint, founded on a belief in Biblical inerrancy. The Christian Institute exists for 'the furtherance and promotion of the Christian religion in the United Kingdom' and 'the advancement of education'.



Liz Hughes



Liz is a Ministry team leader in World Horizons UK and a member of the Vine Christian Centre. She leads a team of Base Support workers who support workers trained and sent out from the UK. This involves helping prepare colleagues before they leave for another nation, supporting them via e mail and skype while they are there, and debriefing them when they come back as well as coordinating all the practical arrangements. They are the first point of contact in an emergency and liaise with the sending churches.



She is also a Pastoral Field Visitor for South East Asia and visit the teams there regularly. She is the prayer coordinator for the UK team and helps out at Signpost and English Corner in Swansea which are outreaches to international students, workers and refugees in the city.

Rob Burns

Rob leads Missional Links Wales whose purpose is to:



- encourage USA churches and Welsh churches to collaborate in mission across each Welsh county and across the nation in long term relationships
- inspire Welsh churches to work together as a 'hub of transformation' to bring lasting spiritual transformation to their county
- provide ongoing support, missional training and consultancy to Welsh and USA churches



With evangelical Christianity at just 2% of the population of 3 million, Wales is a mission field in extreme need of strategic help and support from outside of its borders. Missional Links Wales seeks to support and initiate this process.

Open Doors

The church is a partner church with Open Doors, an international ministry serving persecuted Christians and churches worldwide.

Open Doors support persecuted Christians with Bibles, Christian materials, training, livelihood skills, advocacy - and a whole host of other ways - so that they know they are not forgotten and can stand strong to serve their communities so that they can give life. They seek to mobilise the church in the UK & Ireland, not only to serve Christians living under religious persecution, but also to learn from them what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. In over 50 countries.



OpenDoors

Serving persecuted Christians worldwide

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The church supports Open Doors financially, through prayer, participation in the International Day of Prayer for the persecuted church and Christmas card letter writing initiative to prisoners.

Waleswide

Waleswide was established in 2005 and is a collaboration of evangelical churches and organisations for the planting and strengthening of churches across Wales.

They work with leaders to see churches established especially where there is no evangelical church presence, and where churches need to be strengthened in their effectiveness.



Conclusion

As I reflect on the year I am amazed how much we achieved, how we were able to adapt and how the church family pulled together. Although the year has been overshadowed by the pandemic and the consequential government restrictions we were still able to prosper.

The stripping away of the scaffolding and support of the church has provided a wonderful opportunity for us to grow in our faith as we have had time to pray, read the word and lean on Jesus through lockdown. My hope is as a church we come back together stronger in our faith having proved that God is a very present help in a time of trouble.

At the beginning of the pandemic my prayer was that no one from our church family would be lost to Covid-19. Whilst many people within the family contracted the virus and some were very ill I can report that no one was lost and everyone had recovered from this disease. Whilst we can give thanks to God for this let us remember there are many families across our country who have lost loved ones and been profoundly affected by the pandemic. With this in mind let us look for opportunities to demonstrate the love and compassion of God to a hurting world.

Much of life appears to be returning to normal. During the lockdowns I have been able to wait on the Lord and spent much time in prayer and I have been looking to God for the next steps. As life opens up we should take the opportunity to ask the Lord what our next steps should be. I want to give thanks to God for bringing the church through the pandemic and as we look ahead I want to remind you of the word "ASLAN is on the move" and to expect better in the year ahead.

It is an honour to be on the journey with you all,

Approved by order of the board of trustees on03/12/2021..... and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A M Ashton', is written over a horizontal dotted line.

A M Ashton - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Vine Christian Centre, Bridgend ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.



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Date: 3/12/21

VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		221,290	-	221,290	247,808
Charitable activities	4				
General fund		7,420	-	7,420	-
Other trading activities	2	136	-	136	18,117
Investment income	3	5,048	-	5,048	8,609
Other income		91	-	91	-
Total		233,985	-	233,985	274,534
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	5	2,477	-	2,477	6,126
Charitable activities	6				
General fund		189,509	-	189,509	246,929
Gates of praise		230	-	230	236
Bridgend pregnancy crisis centre		1,015	-	1,015	962
Other		-	-	-	10,000
Total		193,231	-	193,231	264,253
NET INCOME		40,754	-	40,754	10,281
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		573,116	-	573,116	562,835
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>613,870</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>613,870</u>	<u>573,116</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

**BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	12	429,031	-	429,031	438,821
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	13	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
Debtors	14	7,921	-	7,921	12,343
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>184,422</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>184,422</u>	<u>129,437</u>
		193,343	-	193,343	142,780
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	15	(8,504)	-	(8,504)	(8,485)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>184,839</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>184,839</u>	<u>134,295</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>613,870</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>613,870</u>	<u>573,116</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>613,870</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>613,870</u>	<u>573,116</u>
FUNDS	17				
Unrestricted funds				<u>613,870</u>	<u>573,116</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>613,870</u>	<u>573,116</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

BALANCE SHEET - continued
31 MARCH 2021

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on03/12/2021..... and were signed on its behalf by:


.....
A M Ashton - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The presentation currency of the financial statements is the Pound Sterling (£).

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies are recognised at the point of receipt.

Income from trading activities consists of income received in exchange for the supply of goods and services in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has occurred.

The charity receives government grants in relation to the UK Government Covid-19 job retention scheme. These grants are recognised in the period in which they become receivable.

Investment income includes interest and rental income. Interest is recognised on receipt and rent income is recognised as the charity's right to receive payment is established.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Support costs

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include governance costs consisting of accountancy, legal and professional fees. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes the original purchase price, plus any costs directly attributable to bringing the asset to its working condition for intended use.

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 2% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 15% on cost

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Tangible fixed assets

Land is not depreciated.

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating result.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of less than one year.

Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Debtors and creditors receivable/payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2021	2020
	£	£
Books, cd's and literature	109	2,116
Conferencing income	27	16,001
	<u>136</u>	<u>18,117</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2021	2020
	£	£
Rents received	4,905	8,400
Deposit account interest	143	209
	<u>5,048</u>	<u>8,609</u>

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2021 General fund	2020 Total activities
	£	£
Grants	<u>7,420</u>	<u>-</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Covid-19 Job Retention Scheme	<u>7,420</u>	<u>-</u>

5. RAISING FUNDS

Other trading activities

	2021	2020
	£	£
Purchases	31	1,767
Bad debts	2,050	3,671
Bank and credit card charges	396	688
	<u>2,477</u>	<u>6,126</u>

VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Grant funding of activities (see note 7) £	Support costs (see note 8) £	Totals £
General fund	153,881	32,472	3,156	189,509
Gates of praise	230	-	-	230
Bridgend pregnancy crisis centre	1,015	-	-	1,015
	<u>155,126</u>	<u>32,472</u>	<u>3,156</u>	<u>190,754</u>

Comparatives for charitable activities costs

	Direct Costs £	Grant funding of activities £	Support costs £	Totals £
General fund	202,351	38,816	5,762	246,929
Gates of praise	210	26	-	236
Bridgend pregnancy crisis centre	962	-	-	962
	<u>203,523</u>	<u>38,842</u>	<u>5,762</u>	<u>248,127</u>

7. GRANTS PAYABLE

	2021 £	2020 £
General fund	32,472	38,816
Gates of praise	-	26
	<u>32,472</u>	<u>38,842</u>

The total grants paid to individuals during the year was as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Missions	24,036	38,842
Hands of compassion	5,986	-
GAP year project	100	-
Ministry gifts	2,350	-
	<u>32,472</u>	<u>38,842</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**8. SUPPORT COSTS**

		Governance costs
		£
General fund		<u>3,156</u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

	2021 General fund £	2020 Total activities £
Accountancy fees	2,592	2,506
Legal and professional fees	<u>564</u>	<u>3,256</u>
	<u>3,156</u>	<u>5,762</u>

9. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2021 £	2020 £
Depreciation - owned assets	11,473	11,246
Deficit on disposal of fixed assets	-	10,000
Independent Examination fee	2,346	2,260
Independent Examiner other services	<u>246</u>	<u>246</u>

10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

	2021 £	2020 £
Trustees' salaries	43,801	42,942
Trustees' social security	2,620	4,736
Trustees' pensions paid	<u>1,503</u>	<u>1,104</u>
	<u>47,924</u>	<u>48,782</u>

Mr A M Ashton receives remuneration in respect of his work as the church pastor and not in respect to his role as a trustee.

Trustees' expenses

During the year the charity made payments to 1 (2020: 2) trustees totalling £270 (2020: £1,390) in respect of the reimbursement of expenses incurred wholly and exclusively for the purposes of charity activities.

Trustee expenses reimbursed in the current and prior year related to travel and subsistence costs.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**11. STAFF COSTS**

	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	105,616	122,292
Social security costs	4,736	7,376
Other pension costs	1,915	1,923
	<u>112,267</u>	<u>131,591</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2021	2020
Vine Christian Centre	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2020	526,143	22,575	548,718
Additions	<u>-</u>	<u>1,683</u>	<u>1,683</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>526,143</u>	<u>24,258</u>	<u>550,401</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2020	96,262	13,635	109,897
Charge for year	<u>9,603</u>	<u>1,870</u>	<u>11,473</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>105,865</u>	<u>15,505</u>	<u>121,370</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2021	<u>420,278</u>	<u>8,753</u>	<u>429,031</u>
At 31 March 2020	<u>429,881</u>	<u>8,940</u>	<u>438,821</u>

13. STOCKS

	2021 £	2020 £
Finished goods	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**14. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade debtors	-	731
Other debtors	7,912	11,612
VAT	9	-
	<u>7,921</u>	<u>12,343</u>

15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,635	1,191
Social security and other taxes	2,147	2,091
VAT	-	3
Accrued expenses	<u>4,722</u>	<u>5,200</u>
	<u>8,504</u>	<u>8,485</u>

16. LEASING AGREEMENTS

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Within one year	445	1,472
Between one and five years	-	445
	<u>445</u>	<u>1,917</u>

Lease payments recognised as an expense during the year were £1,532 (2020: 1,825).

17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.20	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31.3.21
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	573,116	41,074	(50,320)	563,870
Gates of Praise	-	(418)	418	-
Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre	-	98	(98)	-
Hayes Yard Fund	-	-	50,000	50,000
	<u>573,116</u>	<u>40,754</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>613,870</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>573,116</u>	<u>40,754</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>613,870</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	232,810	(191,736)	41,074
Gates of Praise	62	(480)	(418)
Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre	<u>1,113</u>	<u>(1,015)</u>	<u>98</u>
	<u>233,985</u>	<u>(193,231)</u>	<u>40,754</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>233,985</u>	<u>(193,231)</u>	<u>40,754</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.20 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	562,835	10,427	(146)	573,116
Gates of Praise	-	(352)	352	-
Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre	<u>-</u>	<u>206</u>	<u>(206)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>562,835</u>	<u>10,281</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>573,116</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>562,835</u>	<u>10,281</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>573,116</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	271,431	(261,004)	10,427
Gates of Praise	1,935	(2,287)	(352)
Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre	<u>1,168</u>	<u>(962)</u>	<u>206</u>
	<u>274,534</u>	<u>(264,253)</u>	<u>10,281</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>274,534</u>	<u>(264,253)</u>	<u>10,281</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	562,835	51,501	(50,466)	563,870
Gates of Praise	-	(770)	770	-
Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre	-	304	(304)	-
Hayes Yard Fund	-	-	50,000	50,000
	<u>562,835</u>	<u>51,035</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>613,870</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>562,835</u>	<u>51,035</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>613,870</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	504,241	(452,740)	51,501
Gates of Praise	1,997	(2,767)	(770)
Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre	<u>2,281</u>	<u>(1,977)</u>	<u>304</u>
	<u>508,519</u>	<u>(457,484)</u>	<u>51,035</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>508,519</u>	<u>(457,484)</u>	<u>51,035</u>

The purposes of the funds listed above are as follows:

Gates of Praise - This fund comprises of the trading of books, CDs and literature. These funds are unrestricted and any surplus or deficit is transferred to the general fund at the period end.

Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre - This is an unrestricted fund which provides support and counselling for women and their families in unexpected pregnancy, post abortion, miscarriage and following baby loss.

Hayes Yard Fund - This fund is designated for the purposes of demolishing the building and extending the car park at the Vine Christian Centre.

18. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

The charity operates a defined contribution pension plan for its employees. The amount recognised as an expense in the period was £3,418 (2020: £3,027).

19. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Please refer to note 8 for trustees' remuneration and benefits.