

Birmingham Collective (2020 Birmingham Trust)

Report and Accounts

Year ended 31st August 2024

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LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	13 Central House Ravenhurst Street Birmingham
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	Declaration of Trust dated 6th September 2012
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1149507
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	Jonny Richards Tim Brown Dave Williams (appointed December 2023) Joanne Weatherly (appointed July 2024) Harry Andrews (appointed July 2024) Hilary Lynch (resigned July 2024) Jez Dearing (resigned December 2023)
BANKERS	Lloyds Bank plc
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Jaimée Young Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024

Objects of the charity

The charity is governed by a trust deed and is constituted as a trust. The charity's principal objects, as set out in its governing document, are:

- a) to advance the Christian faith in the UK and elsewhere
- b) supporting church congregations
- c) establishing and supporting new church congregations
- d) Supporting individuals involved in church planting and other ministry roles
- e) providing training and education
- f) holding public meetings to these ends
- g) awarding grants and supporting those training for ministry.
- h) the production and publication of religious work

Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements

To further the above objects and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows:

The Birmingham Collective's main activities are supporting church leaders in church plants through peer-to-peer fellowship, coaching, training and equipping for their roles. This is done through monthly forums and offering one to one coaching with an accredited gospel coach.

There is also a year long training programme for people preparing to or in the early stages of leading a church plant, called Kickstarter.

The Collective also offers grants through a seed fund process for church planting and revitalisation initiatives in the early stages, helping meet the initial start up costs and getting these churches off the ground.

The Collective connects church planters with other church planters across Europe and enables them to learn from one another, particularly through attendance at conferences and events hosted by City to City Europe.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

During this period the Collective supported 3 new church plants with seed funding, as well as enabling multiple other church plants to access grant funding directly through our networks and contacts. The Collective hosted monthly training forums which have equipped and helped church leaders to be healthy and effective in their ministry. The Kickstarter training also had 15 participants from 9 different countries, many of whom have gone on to be involved in leading new church plants.

Fundraising outperformed expectations through the year, with a near ten-fold increase in income on the previous financial year.

Financial review

During the year income increased by £52,378, to £58,278, and expenditure increased by £50,202, to £53,193. As a result the cash held by the charity increased by £5,085, to £18,647, of which £9,073 is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

The income for the charity principally comes from grants from partner churches in the USA as well as grants from our partner organisation, City to City Europe. Other sources of income are donations from our participant churches in Birmingham and individuals.

Reserves policy

The charity does not currently operate a reserves policy. This is due to very low running costs and liabilities, with the majority of funds held in restricted funds for grant making.

Governance

Responsibility for setting policy and for making operating decisions rest with the trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the charity. Responsibility for the day to day operation of the charity is overseen by the Chair of Trustees and a member of the steering group, who are supported by a wider team. New trustees are recruited and appointed by the existing trustees, by a majority vote. In selecting individuals for appointment as trustees, the trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the charity.

Risk statement

The charity is exposed to various risks - be they operational, financial or reputational. The trustees review the charity's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks.

The principal risks facing the charity are the lack of certainty around income stream. However, the charity is able to manage its outgoings to reflect its financial capacity. For example, seed funding is only offered to church plants when it has been received into our account.

Responsibilities of trustees


Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:


Harry Andrews (Jun 18, 2025 14:17 GMT+1)

Harry Andrews

Date: Jun 18, 2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
Birmingham Collective (2020 Birmingham Trust)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of 2020 Birmingham Trust ('the charity') for the year ended 31 August 2024 on pages 5 to 7 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. 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 order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

J. Young

J. Young (Jun 19, 2025 10:47 GMT+1)

Jaimée Young
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Date: Jun 19, 2025

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

Notes	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	2024	2023
	General Funds	Designated Funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
Income receipts					
Donations from Churches	3,030	-	-	3,030	5,600
Donations from Individuals	300	-	-	300	300
Gift aid receipts	-	-	-	-	-
Other grants	-	-	54,748	54,748	-
Other	200	-	-	200	-
Total receipts	3,530	-	54,748	58,278	5,900
Payments					
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	7,814	-	7,814	2,991
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	-	-	45,379	-
Total payments	7,814	-	45,379	53,193	2,991
Net of receipts / (payments) before	(4,284)	-	9,369	5,085	2,909
Transfers between funds	5	(205)	-	205	-
Net movement in funds	(4,489)	-	9,574	5,085	2,909
Cash funds as at last year end	13,562	-	-	13,562	10,653
Cash funds at this year end	A	9,073	-	18,647	13,562

The notes on page 7 form part of these accounts.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted funds £	2024 £	2023 £
		General funds £	Designated funds £			
A Cash funds						
Cash at bank with immediate access		9,073	-	9,574	18,647	13,562
		<u>9,073</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,574</u>	<u>18,647</u>	<u>13,562</u>
B Other monetary assets						
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
C Liabilities						
Falling due within one year						
Fee for Independent Examination		480	-	-	480	-
		<u>480</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>480</u>	<u>-</u>
D Assets retained for charity's own use						
The charity has no fixed assets.						

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Harry Andrews

Harry Andrews (Jun 18, 2025 14:17 GMT+1)

Harry Andrews

Date: Jun 18, 2025

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £			
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly					
Administration	653	-	-	653	-
Website and Graphic Design	245	-	-	245	48
Training	5,221	-	-	5,221	378
Meeting Costs	258	-	-	258	633
Trustees Expenses	1,437	-	-	1,437	1,932
	<u>7,814</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,814</u>	<u>2,991</u>

3 Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others

Grants for:					
Church Central	UK Church	-	-	10,000	10,000
Christchurch Birmingham	UK Church	-	-	11,969	11,969
Wonderful Gospel Ministries	UK Church	-	-	10,000	10,000
Operation Mobilisation	UK Mission Agency	-	-	5,770	5,770
Grants to individuals		-	-	7,640	7,640
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45,379</u>	<u>45,379</u>

4 Transactions with related parties

No payments were made to trustees or persons related to them, except for reimbursement of expenses paid out on behalf of the charity.

5 Movement of funds

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
General funds	13,562	3,530	(7,814)	(205)	9,073
Restricted funds					
Seed Fund	-	39,369	(30,000)	205	9,574
Church plant workers	-	15,379	(15,379)	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>54,748</u>	<u>(45,379)</u>	<u>205</u>	<u>9,574</u>
Total funds	<u>13,562</u>	<u>58,278</u>	<u>(53,193)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,647</u>

Seed Fund is used to make grant payments to church plant initiatives where donations are made with that restriction.

Church plant workers relates to funds received to support individuals involved in church plants.