

# **Trustees' report**

## **For the year ended December 2021**

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.

### **Reference and administrative details of charity and its trustees.**

Churches Together in Bedfordshire was registered in England and Wales as a charity (Number 1151495) on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2013.

The registered office of the charity is:

Willington Methodist Church  
Station Road  
Willington  
Bedford  
MK44 3QH

The trustees under charity law who served during the period and up to the date of this report were

Trustees names for this period

Rev John Sean Healy  
Andrew Hollins Chair  
Alan Dansey

### **Structure, Governance, and management**

Churches Together in Bedfordshire (CTB) is a constituent part of Churches Together in England and both bodies work in tandem to foster ecumenical links and good practice across the County of Bedfordshire. The group meets usually three times a year with an Annual General Meeting open to all in the county interested in the work of ecumenism. CTB is supported by the following denominations:

Church of England  
Methodist Church  
United Reformed Church  
Roman Catholic Church  
Baptist Union  
Salvation Army  
Society of Friends  
Congregational Federation

Bedfordshire Ecumenical Committee (BEC) is governed by a Constitution that was adopted on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2013 and registered with the Charity Commission on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2013 as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

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The trustees meet at least 4 times per year with other members of Churches together in Bedfordshire to discuss the strategic direction of the charity and to monitor progress both financially and in terms of successful delivery of its activities.

The day-to-day management is undertaken by the trustees and members.

### **Objectives and Activities**

As stated in the trust deed:

To Advance the Christian religion and education by

(a) participating in the life and works of Churches together in England (CTE) as an intermediate body

(b) Sponsoring Local Ecumenical Partnerships

(c) Encouraging those bodies and individuals in the churches who share a similar remit or concern to work together.

(d) Taking any further actions which may encourage the development of the Ecumenical Agenda

To relieve financial hardship anywhere in the World by making grants from funds raised directly or coordinated fundraising efforts by member churches.

### **Achievements and Performance**

Trustees and the committee continued to meet via Zoom. During the course of the year, it was possible to continue to repay pension contributions - £2,000 to both the URC and Baptist schemes. The Executive noted the end of the LEP in Dagnell. At the Forum in May 2021, Reverend Andrew Hollins was elected for a further year as Chair. George Hay was appointed as an independent examiner. Later in the year, the Reverend Stephen Toze retired as an Anglican representative on the committee. The Chair continued to attend Faith in Focus meetings. The University of Bedfordshire Ecumenical Chaplaincy Trust (UBECT) wanted to continue its relationship with CTB. This was agreed by committee members and a representative of UBECT was asked to join the committee and give an annual report. In the October committee meeting, Carolyn Smith was elected as treasurer. Two committee members attended the Forum of Churches Together in England.

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### Financial Review

The trustee's records of the financial transactions undertaken by the charity from which the annual statements of accounts are prepared have been maintained as required by Part 6 of the Charities Act 1993, as amended by the Charities Act 2006. Income during the year did not reach the threshold requiring an independent auditor. At the time of writing the charity does not have a reserves policy. The charity does not hold any fixed assets.

Duty of prudence - the trustees are aware that the charity should remain solvent, and assets should only be used to further the purposes and interests of the charity

This report was approved by the Trustees on.....24/1/.....2023

And signed on their behalf by.....

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George Watt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

George Watt - Chairman

# Churches Together in Bedfordshire

## Financial Activities

January - December 2021

	TOTAL
Income	
Donations	6,905.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£6,905.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£6,905.00</b>
Expenditures	
Bank charges	5.40
Dues and Subscriptions	350.00
Ecumenical Training	282.15
Gifts	29.00
Insurances	196.00
Secretarial Services	1,100.00
Website	120.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>£2,082.55</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>£4,822.45</b>
Other Income	
Interest earned	0.50
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>£0.50</b>
<b>NET OTHER INCOME</b>	<b>£0.50</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	<b>£4,822.95</b>

# Churches Together in Bedfordshire

## Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2021

	TOTAL
Fixed Asset	
<b>Total Fixed Asset</b>	
Cash at bank and in hand	
HSBC - 538	1,671.88
HSBC - 672	3,007.22
HSBC - 912	217.75
<b>Total Cash at bank and in hand</b>	<b>£4,896.85</b>
Debtors	
Debtors	5,250.00
<b>Total Debtors</b>	<b>£5,250.00</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>£10,146.85</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	
Current Liabilities	
Accruals	0.00
PAYE	0.00
Pension Liabilities	6,015.00
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>£6,015.00</b>
<b>Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>£6,015.00</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)</b>	<b>£4,131.85</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>£4,131.85</b>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS (LIABILITIES)</b>	<b>£4,131.85</b>
Charity funds	
Opening Balance Equity	-8,472.89
Retained Earnings	7,781.79
Surplus/(Deficit)	4,822.95
<b>Total Charity funds</b>	<b>£4,131.85</b>