



## **Trustees' report**

### **For the year ended December 2022**

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

#### **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 until 31/07/22  
Alan Dansey.  
George Watt - new chair appointed 31/10/22.

#### **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



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

The trustees meet 5 times during the 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**

The consequences of the pandemic and the uncertainties it created meant that it was difficult to plan for any events during 2022. However, the Trustees met 5 times during the year. They focused on ensuring that outstanding Annual returns were prepared

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including the examination of accounts and working to paying off the outstanding pension fund debt. This puts us on a sure footing to make plans for 2023 and beyond. We also received news from Churches Together groups and LEPS in the area and disseminated information and details of relevant events.

#### 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.....23<sup>rd</sup> March.....2023.



And signed on their behalf by

George Watt - Chairman

# Churches Together in Bedfordshire

## Financial Activities

January - December 2022

	TOTAL
Income	
Donations	7,005.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£7,005.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£7,005.00</b>
Expenditures	
Bank charges	68.00
Conference Costs	215.00
Dues and Subscriptions	350.00
Gifts	95.00
Insurances	196.00
Office/General Administrative Expenses	2.00
Secretarial Services	1,120.58
Website	120.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>£2,166.58</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>£4,838.42</b>
Other Income	
Interest earned	4.28
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>£4.28</b>
<b>NET OTHER INCOME</b>	<b>£4.28</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	<b>£4,842.70</b>

# Churches Together in Bedfordshire

## Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2022

	TOTAL
Fixed Asset	
<b>Total Fixed Asset</b>	
Cash at bank and in hand	
HSBC - 538	6,245.30
HSBC - 672	1,011.17
HSBC - 912	218.08
<b>Total Cash at bank and in hand</b>	<b>£7,474.55</b>
Debtors	
Debtors	1,500.00
<b>Total Debtors</b>	<b>£1,500.00</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>£8,974.55</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	
Trade Creditors	
Creditors	0.00
<b>Total Trade Creditors</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
Current Liabilities	
Accruals	0.00
PAYE	0.00
Pension Liabilities	0.00
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
<b>Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)</b>	<b>£8,974.55</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>£8,974.55</b>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS (LIABILITIES)</b>	<b>£8,974.55</b>
Charity funds	
Opening Balance Equity	-8,472.89
Retained Earnings	12,604.74
Surplus/(Deficit)	4,842.70
<b>Total Charity funds</b>	<b>£8,974.55</b>

# **Churches Together in Bedfordshire**

## **Independent Examiner's statement on the Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

I have examined the accounts of Churches Together in Bedfordshire for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

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 to keep accounting records have 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.



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6th March 2023.