

# BRIDGNORTH COMMUNITY TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1154617

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2013-11-18

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE OF BRIDGNORTH AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS, AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT:-A)TO RELIEVE POVERTY, SICKNESS AND DISTRESS.B)TO ADVANCE EDUCATION BY SUCH MEANS AS THE TRUSTEES MAY CONSIDER APPROPRIATE INCLUDING BY MEANS OF ESTABLISHING AND OPERATING ANY EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENT OR ESTABLISHMENTS.C)TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH.

**Activities:** The Trust runs charitable projects for the benefit of people in Bridgnorth and the surrounding area. Projects currently include the Bridgnorth Food Bank, Together at Christmas, Bridgnorth Youth & Schools Project and CAP Bridgnorth

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Other Finance, Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Shropshire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£114,190	£125,687	-	-
2024-07-31	£126,310	£112,958	-	-
2023-07-31	£141,882	£119,816	-	-
2022-07-31	£95,616	£116,569	-	-
2021-07-31	£105,629	£93,416	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>KEITH HENRY GEORGE BOWLEY</b>	Chair	2013-09-26
DONOVAN GIBBONS		2016-01-13
Dr George Patrick d'Aubyn Hirsch		2023-02-15
ROBERT ANDREWS		2014-01-28
Rev suzan williams		2025-04-08

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# Accounts

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# **BRIDGNORTH COMMUNITY TRUST**

Registered Charity Number 1154617

## **ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

**for the year ending**

**31<sup>st</sup> JULY 2025**

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## **BRIDGNORTH COMMUNITY TRUST**

### **THE TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2025**

#### **Objectives and Activities**

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- a) To relieve poverty, sickness and distress
- b) To advance education by such means as the trustees may consider appropriate including by means of establishing and operating any educational establishment or establishments.
- c) To advance the Christian faith

In pursuing these objects the trustees make reference to the guidance in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing aims and objectives and in planning future activities

#### **Principal Activities**

The CIO came into existence in November 2013 when it was registered by the Charity Commission. It has been created to provide a vehicle for charitable projects run by local Christians and others for the benefit of the local community, within the terms of its objects as stated above and in its constitution.

Each project is required to have a committee or board which is responsible for the day to day running of the project. It is a requirement that each such committee or board includes at least one trustee of the CIO. This enables the appropriate level of oversight to be maintained in the conduct of each project. Each project is required to operate entirely within the objects of the CIO, and to operate within the operating guidelines of the CIO.

During the period covered by this report the following projects have been part of the CIO:

#### **Together at Christmas**

This project brings together volunteers from across the community to provide a Christmas Day lunch for those who would otherwise be on their own or unable to provide one for themselves.

#### **Bridgnorth Food Bank**

The principal purpose of the Bridgnorth Food Bank is the provision of emergency food and related assistance to people in need, and the alleviation of poverty, predominantly within Bridgnorth town and the surrounding villages. The Food Bank has its own website - [www.bridgnorthfoodbank.co.uk](http://www.bridgnorthfoodbank.co.uk) where further information is available. It also has a Facebook page providing regular information.

#### **Bridgnorth Youth and Schools Project**

The Project works with local churches and secondary schools in Bridgnorth to support and encourage young people in their social, emotional and spiritual development through a range of educational services and activities. The Project employs a part-time Manager, and trained volunteers working as part of the team within the Project. The Project has its own website where further information is available. [www.bridgnorthyouthandschoolsproject.co.uk](http://www.bridgnorthyouthandschoolsproject.co.uk)

#### **CAP Bridgnorth**

CAP Bridgnorth provides help for those who are struggling with debt problems. It employs a Debt Centre Manager who meets with clients to assist them in resolving debt issues. He is supported by a fully trained volunteer Debt Coach. The actual debt advice is provided by the national head office of Christians Against Poverty (CAP), based in Bradford, which performs all the regulated activity of providing debt advice.

## **BRIDGNORTH COMMUNITY TRUST**

### **THE TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31<sup>st</sup> JULY 2025 - continued**

#### **Achievements during the Year**

##### **Together at Christmas**

For Christmas 2024 we again provided a sit-down lunch for over 100 guests. Meals were also delivered to a number of local people who were unable to come to the central venue. For Christmas 2024 the organising team was led by Don Gibbons.

##### **Bridgnorth Food Bank**

During the year to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025 the Food Bank provided support to 238 adults and 154 children from 191 different families and individuals. In addition 41 emergency food parcels were distributed to families in urgent need. In total approximately 82,000 food and non-food items were distributed to those in need.

We are thankful for the many individuals, schools, churches and businesses which continue to support the Food Bank with donations of food and also gifts of money, making the continuation of this vital project possible.

##### **Bridgnorth Youth and Schools Project**

The Youth and Schools Project completed its 14<sup>th</sup> year in July 2025 and it continues to impact many young people. The manager led 26 primary school assemblies and 14 secondary school assemblies.

7 young people were mentored.

156 primary school children attended transitions and other workshops.

304 secondary school pupils attended workshops

52 young people attended lunch clubs

23 young people attended a STIR group and 14 went with their leaders to the Satellites Festival in the summer.

The 'Anchored' Holiday Club was run again in November and was attended by 14 young people.

A more detailed report is available on the Project's website - [www.bridgnorthyouthandschoolsproject.co.uk](http://www.bridgnorthyouthandschoolsproject.co.uk)

##### **CAP Bridgnorth**

The CAP Bridgnorth project is providing invaluable help and assistance to 2 or 3 new clients each month, helping them to resolve their debt problems and become debt free.

#### **Financial Review**

Currently most of the Trust's income is restricted, in that it is given specifically in support of one or other of the projects run by the Trust. Total income for the year was £114,190 and expenditure totalled £125,687 leaving a decrease in reserves of £11,497

The total reserves stand at £50,066 at the end of the reporting year, which the trustees consider to be adequate for the trust's current operations.

The Together at Christmas, Food Bank, and CAP Bridgnorth projects are funded by donations from the public and various supporting organisations, and income generally exceeds expenditure. For a short period the Food Bank was spending from reserves but this has now finished.

Bridgnorth Youth and Schools Project is funded by local churches, Torchbearers Trust, Bridgnorth Parish Charity, and donations from individuals. The BYS Project currently has a commitment from Torchbearers Trust to fund any shortfall, so although the Project only has small reserves this is not in any way a threat to the continuation of the Project.

In summary the trustees are therefore confident that the Trust can continue as a going concern.

## **BRIDGNORTH COMMUNITY TRUST**

### **THE TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31<sup>st</sup> JULY 2025 - continued**

#### **Structure, Governance and Management**

##### ***Governing Document***

Bridgnorth Community Trust is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). It is governed by its constitution dated 4<sup>th</sup> April 2013 and was registered as a charity by the Charity Commission on 18th November 2013.

##### ***Appointment of Trustees***

Appointment of trustees is governed by the constitution. The trustees are authorised to appoint new trustees by resolution at a meeting of the trustees. In selecting individuals to act as trustees the existing trustees will always have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

##### ***Trustee Induction and Training***

New trustees are given an introduction to the role of trustee and the workings of the CIO through discussion with existing trustees and by reference to relevant documents, as follows:

1. The role and responsibilities of a trustee – by reference to the relevant Charity Commission publications.
2. The Constitution – a copy is provided to each new trustee
3. Current Financial Position – through availability of a copy of the latest published accounts and subsequent management accounts.
4. Future plans and objectives are discussed before appointment and at each trustee meeting.

##### ***Organisation Structure***

The members of the CIO are its charity trustees for the time being. The only persons eligible to be members of the CIO are its charity trustees.

The trustees who have served during the year are as follows:

Keith Bowley	Chairman
Robert Andrews	Trustee
Donovan Gibbons	Trustee
George Hirsch	Trustee
Revd Suzan Williams	Trustee (Appointed 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2025)

The trustees act in a voluntary capacity and do not receive any remuneration in their capacity as trustees.

The number of meetings held each year is at the discretion of the trustees, but their intention is to hold a minimum of two meetings each year. In practice they normally meet three times each year.

##### ***Reference and Administration Details***

CIO Name	Bridgnorth Community Trust
Charity Registration Number	1154617
Registered Office	64 Dunval Road Bridgnorth Shropshire WV16 4NB

**BRIDGNORTH COMMUNITY TRUST**

**THE TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31<sup>st</sup> JULY 2025 - continued**

***Statement of trustees' responsibilities***

The trustees are responsible for complying with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 with regard to the keeping of accounting records, the preparation and scrutiny of statements of account, and the preparation of annual reports and returns.

***Investment Powers***

The constitution gives wide investment powers to the trustees in pursuit of the objects of the CIO. In practice the funds of the CIO are such that no investments have been made. Funds are currently held in bank current and savings accounts so that they are immediately available.

***Reserves Policy***

The assets of the CIO are relatively small and consequently a reserves policy is not yet required.

**Approval**

This report was approved by the trustees on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2026 and signed on their behalf



Keith Bowley, Chair of Trustees

**BRIDGNORTH COMMUNITY TRUST**

***Independent Examiner's Report to The Trustees of Bridgnorth Community Trust***

I report on the accounts of Bridgnorth Community Trust for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025 which are set out on pages 7 to 8

***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;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- 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 Commission. 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 seeking 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

***Independent Examiner's Statement***

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

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- 2 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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Date 31/3/26

# BRIDGNORTH COMMUNITY TRUST

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## Section A Receipts and payments for year ending 31st July 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>				
Donations Received - Individuals	750	49,032	49,782	56,125
Grants		0	0	0
Git Aid Tax Reclaimed		11,013	11,013	0
Donations Received - Organisations	1,100	48,808	49,908	66,803
Fund Raising Activities		0	0	0
Fees for Trips and Events		2,658	2,658	2,371
Interest		829	829	1,011
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>1,850</b>	<b>112,340</b>	<b>114,190</b>	<b>126,310</b>
<b><u>Payments</u></b>				
Grants and Donations Paid		12,867	12,867	12,000
Costs of Charitable Activities	215	112,605	112,820	100,958
Fund Raising Costs		0	0	0
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>125,472</b>	<b>125,687</b>	<b>112,958</b>
<b>Net movement in funds for year</b>	<b>1,635</b>	<b>†-13,132</b>	<b>-11,497</b>	<b>13,352</b>
<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>				
Cash funds last year end	2,155	59,408	61,563	48,211
Cash funds this year end	3,790	46,276	50,066	61,563

## BRIDGNORTH COMMUNITY TRUST

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### Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at 31st July 2025

		<b>Unrestricted funds</b> <small>to the nearest £</small>	<b>Restricted funds</b> <small>to the nearest £</small>
Cash Funds	Barclays Current Account	3,790	2,347
	Barclays Savings Account		23,479
	Lloyds BYSP Account	0	4,102
	Lloyds CAP Account	0	3,669
	Lloyds CAP Deposit	0	10,089
	Lloyds CAP Savings	0	6,255
	Cash	0	125
	Other monetary assets	0	0
Investment Assets	0	0	
Assets retained for CIO's own use	0	0	
Liabilities	0	0	
Signed on behalf of all the trustees	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">  </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">                     Keith Bowley                 </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">                     7/4/2026                 </div>

Date of Approval

#### Notes to the Accounts

1. The Bridgnorth Community Trust has not given any guarantees of any description
2. The Bridgnorth Community Trust does not owe any debts secured or otherwise at 31/7/2025

**BRIDGNORTH COMMUNITY TRUST**

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# Accounts

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The Project works with The Bridgnorth Dry Bar Trust, local churches and secondary schools in Bridgnorth to support and encourage young people in their social, emotional and spiritual development through a range of educational services and activities. The Project employs a part-time Manager, and trained volunteers working as part of the team within the Project. Until 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 the Project managed the Bridge Youth Centre on behalf of the Bridgnorth Dry Bar Trust, as well as delivering educational services in the local secondary and primary schools. The Project has its own website where further information is available. [www.bridgnorthyouthandschoolsproject.co.uk](http://www.bridgnorthyouthandschoolsproject.co.uk)

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##### **Bridgnorth Food Bank**

During the year to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024 the Food Bank provided support to 266 adults and 155 children from 195 different families and individuals. In addition 50 emergency food parcels were distributed to families in urgent need. In total approximately 87,000 food and non-food items were distributed to those in need. We are thankful for the many individuals, schools, churches and businesses which continue to support the Food Bank with donations of food and also gifts of money, making the continuation of this vital project possible.

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The Youth and Schools Project completed its 13<sup>th</sup> year in July 2024 and it continues to impact many young people. The manager led 26 primary school assemblies and 14 secondary school assemblies (including a whole school Christmas Assembly).

7 young people were mentored.

389 primary school children attended transitions and other workshops.

155 pupils attended secondary school workshops

53 young people attended the Lego lunch club at Oldbury Wells School

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A more detailed report is available on the Project's website - [www.bridgnorthyouthandschoolsproject.co.uk](http://www.bridgnorthyouthandschoolsproject.co.uk)

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The CAP Bridgnorth project joined the Trust in August 2022. It is providing invaluable help and assistance to 2 new clients each month, helping them to resolve their debt problems and become debt free. During the year an additional volunteer Debt Coach was added to the team which will enable the Project to handle 3 new clients each month.

##### **Financial Review**

Currently most of the Trust's income is restricted, in that it is given specifically in support of one or other of the projects run by the Trust. Total income for the year was £126,310 and expenditure totalled £112,958 leaving an increase in reserves of £13,352

The total reserves stand at £61,563 at the end of the reporting year, which the trustees consider to be adequate for the trust's current operations.

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Rev Simon Cawdell	Trustee (resigned 30/9/22)
Robert Andrews	Trustee
Donovan Gibbons	Trustee
George Hirsch	Trustee (appointed 15/2/23)

The trustees act in a voluntary capacity and do not receive any remuneration in their capacity as trustees.

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**BRIDGNORTH COMMUNITY TRUST**

**THE TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31<sup>st</sup> JULY 2024 - continued**

***Statement of trustees' responsibilities***

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***Investment Powers***

The constitution gives wide investment powers to the trustees in pursuit of the objects of the CIO. In practice the funds of the CIO are such that no investments have been made. Funds are currently held in bank current and savings accounts so that they are immediately available.

***Reserves Policy***

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**Approval**

This report was approved by the trustees on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2025 and signed on their behalf



Keith Bowley, Chair of Trustees

## **BRIDGNORTH COMMUNITY TRUST**

### ***Independent Examiner's Report to The Trustees of Bridgnorth Community Trust***

I report on the accounts of Bridgnorth Community Trust for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024 which are set out on pages 7 to 8

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It is my responsibility to:

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### ***Basis of Independent Examiner's Report***

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 seeking 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### ***Independent Examiner's Statement***

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

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- 2 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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8<sup>th</sup> April 2025

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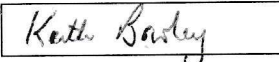
## Section A Receipts and payments for year ending 31st July 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>Receipts</b>				
Donations Received - Individuals		56,125	56,125	45,327
Grants		0	0	0
Git Aid Tax Reclaimed		0	0	8,561
Donations Received - Organisations		66,803	66,803	86,522
Fund Raising Activities		0	0	0
Fees for Trips and Events		2,371	2,371	1,379
Interest		1,011	1011	93
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>126,310</b>	<b>126,310</b>	<b>141,882</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Grants and Donations Paid		12,000	12,000	11,520
Costs of Charitable Activities	306	100,652	100,958	108,296
Fund Raising Costs		0	0	0
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>112,652</b>	<b>112,958</b>	<b>119,816</b>
<b>Net movement in funds for year</b>	<b>-306</b>	<b>13,658</b>	<b>13,352</b>	<b>22,066</b>
<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>				
Cash funds last year end	2,461	45,750	48,211	26,145
Cash funds this year end	2,155	59,408	61,563	48,211

# BRIDGNORTH COMMUNITY TRUST

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## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at 31st July 2024

		Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £
Cash Funds	Barclays Current Account	2,155	58
	Barclays Savings Account		28,142
	Lloyds BYSP Account	0	5,259
	Lloyds CAP Account	0	2,153
	Lloyds CAP Deposit	0	23,550
	Cash	0	246
	Other monetary assets	0	0
Investment Assets	0	0	
Assets retained for CIO's own use	0	0	
Liabilities	0	0	
Signed on behalf of all the trustees	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">  </div>	Date of Approval <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">                         Keith Bowley    08/04/2025                     </div>	

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**BRIDGNORTH COMMUNITY TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1154617

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# Accounts

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**BRIDGNORTH COMMUNITY TRUST**

Registered Charity Number 1154617

**ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

**for the year ending**

**31<sup>st</sup> JULY 2023**

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## **BRIDGNORTH COMMUNITY TRUST**

### **THE TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31<sup>st</sup> JULY 2023**

#### **Objectives and Activities**

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In pursuing these objects the trustees make reference to the guidance in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing aims and objectives and in planning future activities

#### **Principal Activities**

The CIO came into existence in November 2013 when it was registered by the Charity Commission. It has been created to provide a vehicle for charitable projects run by local Christians and others for the benefit of the local community, within the terms of its objects as stated above and in its constitution.

Each project is required to have a committee or board which is responsible for the day to day running of the project. It is a requirement that each such committee or board includes at least one trustee of the CIO. This enables the appropriate level of oversight to be maintained in the conduct of each project. Each project is required to operate entirely within the objects of the CIO, and to operate within the operating guidelines of the CIO.

During the period covered by this report the following projects have been part of the CIO:

#### **Together at Christmas**

This project brings together volunteers from across the community to provide a Christmas Day lunch for those who would otherwise be on their own or unable to provide one for themselves.

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#### **CAP Bridgnorth**

CAP Bridgnorth provides help for those who are struggling with debt problems. It employs a Debt Centre Manager who meets with clients to assist them in resolving debt issues. The actual debt advice is provided by the national head office of Christians Against Poverty (CAP), based in Bradford, which performs all the regulated activity of providing debt advice.

## **BRIDGNORTH COMMUNITY TRUST**

### **THE TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31<sup>st</sup> JULY 2023 - continued**

#### **Achievements during the Year**

##### **Together at Christmas**

For Christmas 2022 we were able to return to providing a sit-down lunch together again, after all the disruption of the pandemic. Meals were also delivered to a number of local people who were unable to come to the central venue. For Christmas 2023 Mark Triggs has taken over from Derek Bartlett as the leader of this project.

##### **Bridgnorth Food Bank**

During the year to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023 the Food Bank provided support to 232 adults and 145 children from 167 different families and individuals. In addition 33 emergency food parcels were distributed to families in urgent need. In total approximately 73,000 food and non-food items were distributed to those in need.

We are thankful for the many individuals, schools, churches and businesses which continue to support the Food Bank with donations of food and also gifts of money, making the continuation of this vital project possible.

##### **Bridgnorth Youth and Schools Project**

The Youth and Schools Project completed its 12<sup>th</sup> year in July 2023 and it continues to impact many young people. 92 secondary students attended RE conferences

The manager led a whole school Easter assembly at Oldbury Wells school for the first time, as well as 17 primary school assemblies.

7 young people were mentored.

126 primary school children attended transitions workshops.

15 young people attended a STIR group and 10 went with their leaders to the Satellites Festival in the summer.

Up to 15 young people attended each of 3 STIR Gatherings in Telford.

The 'Anchored' Holiday Club was run again in October and was attended by 29 young people.

159 young people attended The Bridge Youth Centre, which is managed and run by the Project.

A more detailed report is available on the Project's website - [www.bridgnorthyouthandschoolsproject.co.uk](http://www.bridgnorthyouthandschoolsproject.co.uk)

##### **CAP Bridgnorth**

The CAP Bridgnorth project joined the Trust in August 2022. It is providing invaluable help and assistance to 2 new clients each month, helping them to resolve their debt problems and become debt free.

##### **Financial Review**

Currently most of the Trust's income is restricted, in that it is given specifically in support of one or other of the projects run by the Trust. Total income for the year was £141,882 and expenditure totalled £119,816 leaving an increase in reserves of £22,066

The total reserves stand at £48,211 at the end of the reporting year, which the trustees consider to be adequate for the trust's current operations.

The Together at Christmas, Food Bank, and CAP Bridgnorth projects are funded by donations from the public and various supporting organisations, and income continues to exceed expenditure.

Bridgnorth Youth and Schools Project is funded by local churches, the Bridgnorth Dry Bar Trust, Torchbearers Trust, Bridgnorth Parish Charity, and donations from individuals. The BYS Project currently has a commitment from Torchbearers Trust to fund any shortfall, so although the Project only has small reserves this is not in any way a threat to the continuation of the Project.

In summary the trustees are therefore confident that the Trust can continue as a going concern.

## **BRIDGNORTH COMMUNITY TRUST**

### **THE TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31<sup>st</sup> JULY 2023 - continued**

#### **Structure, Governance and Management**

##### ***Governing Document***

Bridgnorth Community Trust is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). It is governed by its constitution dated 4<sup>th</sup> April 2013 and was registered as a charity by the Charity Commission on 18th November 2013.

##### ***Appointment of Trustees***

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##### ***Trustee Induction and Training***

New trustees are given an introduction to the role of trustee and the workings of the CIO through discussion with existing trustees and by reference to relevant documents, as follows:

1. The role and responsibilities of a trustee – by reference to the relevant Charity Commission publications.
2. The Constitution – a copy is provided to each new trustee
3. Current Financial Position – through availability of a copy of the latest published accounts and subsequent management accounts.
4. Future plans and objectives are discussed before appointment and at each trustee meeting.

##### ***Organisation Structure***

The members of the CIO are its charity trustees for the time being. The only persons eligible to be members of the CIO are its charity trustees.

The trustees who have served during the year are as follows:

Keith Bowley	Chairman
Rev Simon Cawdell	Trustee (resigned 30/9/22)
Robert Andrews	Trustee
Donovan Gibbons	Trustee
George Hirsch	Trustee (appointed 15/2/23)

The trustees act in a voluntary capacity and do not receive any remuneration in their capacity as trustees.

The number of meetings held each year is at the discretion of the trustees, but their intention is to hold a minimum of two meetings each year. In practice they normally meet three times each year.

##### ***Reference and Administration Details***

CIO Name	Bridgnorth Community Trust
Charity Registration Number	1154617
Registered Office	64 Dunval Road Bridgnorth Shropshire WV16 4NB

**BRIDGNORTH COMMUNITY TRUST**

**THE TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31<sup>st</sup> JULY 2023 - continued**

***Statement of trustees' responsibilities***

The trustees are responsible for complying with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 with regard to the keeping of accounting records, the preparation and scrutiny of statements of account, and the preparation of annual reports and returns.

***Investment Powers***

The constitution gives wide investment powers to the trustees in pursuit of the objects of the CIO. In practice the funds of the CIO are such that no investments have been made. Funds are currently held in bank current and savings accounts so that they are immediately available.

***Reserves Policy***

The assets of the CIO are relatively small and consequently a reserves policy is not yet required.

**Approval**

This report was approved by the trustees on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 and signed on their behalf

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keith Bowley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K'.

Keith Bowley, Chair of Trustees

**BRIDGNORTH COMMUNITY TRUST**

***Independent Examiner's Report to The Trustees of Bridgnorth Community Trust***

I report on the accounts of Bridgnorth Community Trust for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023 which are set out on pages 7 to 8

***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;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- 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 Commission. 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 seeking 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

***Independent Examiner's Statement***

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

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
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  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- 2 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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15<sup>th</sup> April 2024

# BRIDGNORTH COMMUNITY TRUST

Registered Charity Number 1154617

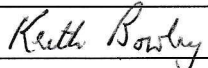
## Section A Receipts and payments for year ending 31st July 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>Receipts</b>				
Donations Received - Individuals		45,327	45,327	31,829
Grants		0	0	0
Git Aid Tax Reclaimed		8,561	8,561	0
Donations Received - Organisations		86,522	86,522	63,216
Fund Raising Activities		0	0	0
Fees for Trips and Events		1,379	1,379	570
Interest		93	93	1
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>141,882</b>	<b>141,882</b>	<b>95,616</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Grants and Donations Paid		11,520	11,520	8,235
Costs of Charitable Activities		108,296	108,296	108,334
Fund Raising Costs		0	0	0
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>119,816</b>	<b>119,816</b>	<b>116,569</b>
<b>Net movement in funds for year</b>		<b>22,066</b>	<b>22,066</b>	<b>-20,953</b>
<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>				
Cash funds last year end	2,461	23,684	26,145	47,098
Cash funds this year end	2,461	45,750	48,211	26,145

# BRIDGNORTH COMMUNITY TRUST

Registered Charity Number 1154617

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at 31st July 2023

		<b>Unrestricted funds</b> <small>to the nearest £</small>	<b>Restricted funds</b> <small>to the nearest £</small>
Cash Funds	Barclays Current Account	2,461	3,055
	Barclays Savings Account		31,707
	Lloyds BYSP Account	0	4,746
	Lloyds CAP Account	0	5,921
	Cash	0	321
Other monetary assets		0	0
Investment Assets		0	0
Assets retained for CIO's own use		0	0
Liabilities		0	0
Signed on behalf of all the trustees	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">  </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">                     Keith Bowley                 </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">                     15/4/2024                 </div>

Date of Approval

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**BRIDGNORTH COMMUNITY TRUST**

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# **BRIDGNORTH COMMUNITY TRUST**

Registered Charity Number 1154617

## **ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

**for the year ending**

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## **BRIDGNORTH COMMUNITY TRUST**

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From 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022 two further projects have been launched:

**Renew Wellbeing**, which provides a welcome space on Tuesday mornings, alongside a garden project which provides therapeutic outdoor activity.

**CAP Bridgnorth**, which provides help for those who are struggling with debt problems.

## **BRIDGNORTH COMMUNITY TRUST**

### **THE TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31<sup>st</sup> JULY 2022 - continued**

#### **Achievements during the Year**

##### **Together at Christmas**

Because of the restrictions imposed by the COVID pandemic the Christmas lunch previously provided at the Castle Hall was delivered on Christmas Day in 2020 and 2021 to about 130 people in their own homes, together with a 'goody bag' containing various Christmas items, biscuits, crackers, etc. The lunch was prepared and cooked by the staff at Mike & Sarah's butchers in Whitburn Street, Bridgnorth and a group of approximately 40 volunteers were involved in the distribution and delivery of the meals. At Christmas 2022 we were able to return to a sit-down lunch together again.

##### **Bridgnorth Food Bank**

During the year to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022 the Food Bank provided support to 173 adults and 127 children from 120 different families and individuals. In addition 36 emergency food parcels were distributed to families in urgent need. In total approximately 65,000 food and non-food items were distributed to those in need.

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##### **Bridgnorth Youth and Schools Project**

The Youth and Schools Project completed its 10<sup>th</sup> year in July 2021 and it continues to impact many young people. The 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was marked with a Celebration Service at St Mary's Church, Bridgnorth, which was attended by over 70 people, and was followed by refreshments in the Castle Hall.

324 secondary students were taught in RE lessons

189 primary school children attended Moving Up workshops or other classes.

13 young people attended a STIR group and 6 went with their leaders to the Satellites Festival in the summer.

16 young people attended STIR Gatherings in Telford.

Anchored was launched in Autumn 2021 – a new event for 8-10 year olds and was attended by 25 children.

172 young people attended The Bridge Youth Centre, which is managed and run by the Project.

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#### **Financial Review**

Currently most of the Trust's income is restricted, in that it is given specifically in support of one or other of the projects run by the Trust. Total income for the year was £95,616 and expenditure totalled £116,569 leaving a decrease in reserves of £20,953

The total reserves stand at £26,145 at the end of the reporting year, which the trustees consider to be adequate for the trust's current operations.

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***Reserves Policy***

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**Approval**

This report was approved by the trustees on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023 and signed on their behalf



Keith Bowley, Chair of Trustees

**BRIDGNORTH COMMUNITY TRUST**

***Independent Examiner's Report to The Trustees of Bridgnorth Community Trust***

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## BRIDGNORTH COMMUNITY TRUST

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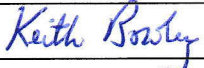
### Section A Receipts and payments for year ending 31st July 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>				
Donations Received - Individuals		31,829	31,829	43,011
Grants		0	0	5,291
Git Aid Tax Reclaimed		0	0	3,429
Donations Received - Organisations	2	63,214	63,216	53,781
Fund Raising Activities		0	0	0
Fees for Trips and Events		570	570	110
Interest		1	1	7
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>95,614</b>	<b>95,616</b>	<b>105,629</b>
<b><u>Payments</u></b>				
Grants and Donations Paid		8,235	8,235	6,671
Costs of Charitable Activities	258	108,076	108,334	86,745
Fund Raising Costs	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>116,311</b>	<b>116,569</b>	<b>93,416</b>
<b>Net movement in funds for year</b>	<b>-256</b>	<b>-20,697</b>	<b>-20,953</b>	<b>12,213</b>
<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>				
Cash funds last year end	2717	44,381	47,098	34,885
Cash funds this year end	2,461	23,684	26,145	47,098

# BRIDGNORTH COMMUNITY TRUST

Registered Charity Number 1154617

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at 31st July 2022

		<b>Unrestricted funds</b> to the nearest £	<b>Restricted funds</b> to the nearest £
Cash Funds	Barclays Current Account	2461	11487
	Barclays Savings Account		11615
	Lloyds BYSP Account	0	232
	Cash	0	350
Other monetary assets		0	0
Investment Assets		0	0
Assets retained for CIO's own use		0	0
Liabilities		0	0
Signed on behalf of all the trustees	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">  </div>	Keith Bowley	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">                     Date of Approval 17/3/2023                 </div>

### Notes to the Accounts

1. The Bridgnorth Community Trust has not given any guarantees of any description
2. The Bridgnorth Community Trust does not owe any debts secured or otherwise at 31/7/2022

**BRIDGNORTH COMMUNITY TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1154617

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# Accounts

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# **BRIDGNORTH COMMUNITY TRUST**

Registered Charity Number 1154617

## **ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

**for the year ending**

**31<sup>st</sup> JULY 2021**

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## **BRIDGNORTH COMMUNITY TRUST**

### **THE TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31<sup>st</sup> JULY 2021**

#### **Objectives and Activities**

The objects of the CIO are for the benefit of the people of Bridgnorth and the surrounding areas, and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit:-

- a) To relieve poverty, sickness and distress
- b) To advance education by such means as the trustees may consider appropriate including by means of establishing and operating any educational establishment or establishments.
- c) To advance the Christian faith

In pursuing these objects the trustees make reference to the guidance in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing aims and objectives and in planning future activities

#### **Principal Activities**

The CIO came into existence in November 2013 when it was registered by the Charity Commission. It has been created to provide a vehicle for charitable projects to be run by local Christians and others for the benefit of the local community, within the terms of its objects as stated above and in its constitution.

Each project is required to have a committee or board which is responsible for the day to day running of the project. It is a requirement that each such committee or board includes at least one trustee of the CIO. This enables the appropriate level of oversight to be maintained in the conduct of each project. Each project is required to operate entirely within the objects of the CIO, and to operate within the operating guidelines of the CIO.

During the period covered by this report the following projects have been part of the CIO:

#### **Together at Christmas**

This project brings together volunteers from across the community to provide a Christmas Day lunch for those who would otherwise be on their own or unable to provide for themselves.

#### **Bridgnorth Food Bank**

The principal purpose of the Bridgnorth Food Bank is the provision of emergency food and related assistance to people in need, and the alleviation of poverty, predominantly within Bridgnorth town and the surrounding villages. The Food Bank has its own website - [www.bridgnorthfoodbank.co.uk](http://www.bridgnorthfoodbank.co.uk) where further information is available. It also has a Facebook page providing regular information.

#### **Bridgnorth Youth and Schools Project**

The Project works with The Bridgnorth Dry Bar Trust, local churches and secondary schools in Bridgnorth to support and encourage young people in their social, emotional and spiritual development through a range of educational services and activities. The Project employs a part-time Manager, a full-time youth worker, a part-time administrator, and also has trainee youth workers and trained volunteers working as part of the team within the Project. The Project manages the Bridge Youth Centre on behalf of the Bridgnorth Dry Bar Trust, as well as delivering educational services in the local secondary and primary schools. The Project has its own website where further information is available. [www.bridgnorthyouthandschoolsproject.co.uk](http://www.bridgnorthyouthandschoolsproject.co.uk)

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#### **Achievements during the Year**

##### **Together at Christmas**

Because of the restrictions imposed by the COVID pandemic the Christmas lunch normally provided at the Castle Hall was delivered on Christmas Day 2020 to about 130 people in their own homes, together with a 'goody bag' containing various Christmas items, biscuits, crackers, etc. The lunch was prepared and cooked by the staff at Mike & Sarah's butchers in Whitburn Street, Bridgnorth and a group of approximately 40 volunteers were involved in the distribution and delivery of the meals. The same approach was again followed for Christmas 2021.

##### **Bridgnorth Food Bank**

During the year to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021 the Food Bank provided support to 181 adults and 136 children from 129 different families and individuals. In addition 93 emergency food parcels were distributed to families in urgent need. In total approximately 61,000 food and non-food items were distributed to those in need.

Thankfully the Food Bank has not seen the dramatic increase in demand during the COVID pandemic which many city food banks have experienced.

We are thankful to the many individuals, schools, churches and businesses which continue to support the Food Bank with donations of food and also gifts of money, making the continuation of this vital project possible.

##### **Bridgnorth Youth and Schools Project**

The Youth and Schools Project completed its 10<sup>th</sup> year in July 2021 and it continues to impact many young people, although COVID had a major effect on the project's ability to meet with young people face-to-face. A number of innovative services were developed and delivered on-line.

Just 4 lessons were taught in local secondary schools, but several lessons were also recorded and distributed to schools for use in RE lessons.

140 young people were taught in primary school workshops in person or on-line.

17 young people attended secondary school lunch clubs

14 students received 1-1 support from student support workers.

Over 100 young people viewed STIR Gatherings on-line.

89 young people attended The Bridge Youth Centre in the months when the Centre was able to be open, otherwise young people were supported online by the team.

A more detailed report is available on the Project's website - [www.bridgnorthyouthandschoolsproject.co.uk](http://www.bridgnorthyouthandschoolsproject.co.uk)

#### **Financial Review**

Currently most of the Trust's income is restricted, in that it is given specifically in support of one or other of the projects run by the Trust. Total income for the year was £105,629 and expenditure totalled £93,416 leaving an increase in reserves of £12,213

The total reserves stand at £47,098 at the end of the reporting year, which the trustees consider to be adequate for the trust's current operations.

The Together at Christmas and Food Bank projects are funded by donations from the public and various supporting organisations, and income continues to exceed expenditure.

Bridgnorth Youth and Schools Project is funded by local churches, the Bridgnorth Dry Bar Trust, Torchbearers Trust, Bridgnorth Parish Charity, and donations from individuals. The Project currently has a commitment from Torchbearers Trust to fund any shortfall in income, so although the Project only has small reserves this is not in any way a threat to the continuation of the Project.

In summary the trustees are therefore confident that the trust can continue as a going concern.

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#### **Structure, Governance and Management**

##### ***Governing Document***

Bridgnorth Community Trust is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). It is governed by its constitution dated 4<sup>th</sup> April 2013 and was registered as a charity by the Charity Commission on 18th November 2013.

##### ***Appointment of Trustees***

Appointment of trustees is governed by the constitution. The trustees are authorised to appoint new trustees by resolution at a meeting of the trustees. In selecting individuals to act as trustees the existing trustees will always have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

##### ***Trustee Induction and Training***

New trustees are given an introduction to the role of trustee and the workings of the CIO through discussion with existing trustees and by reference to relevant documents, as follows:

1. The role and responsibilities of a trustee – by reference to the relevant Charity Commission publications.
2. The Constitution – a copy is provided to each new trustee
3. Current Financial Position – through availability of a copy of the latest published accounts and subsequent management accounts.
4. Future plans and objectives are discussed before appointment and at each trustee meeting.

##### ***Organisation Structure***

The members of the CIO are its charity trustees for the time being. The only persons eligible to be members of the CIO are its charity trustees.

The trustees who have served during the year are as follows:

Keith Bowley	Chairman
Rev Simon Cawdell	Trustee
Robert Andrews	Trustee
Donovan Gibbons	Trustee

The trustees act in a voluntary capacity and do not receive any remuneration in their capacity as trustees.

The number of meetings held each year is at the discretion of the trustees, but their intention is to hold a minimum of two meetings each year. In practice they normally meet three times each year.

##### ***Reference and Administration Details***

CIO Name	Bridgnorth Community Trust
Charity Registration Number	1154617
Registered Office	64 Dunval Road Bridgnorth Shropshire WV16 4NB

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**THE TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2021 - continued**

***Statement of trustees' responsibilities***

The trustees are responsible for complying with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 with regard to the keeping of accounting records, the preparation and scrutiny of statements of account, and the preparation of annual reports and returns.

***Investment Powers***

The constitution gives wide investment powers to the trustees in pursuit of the objects of the CIO. In practice the funds of the CIO are such that no investments have been made. Funds are currently held in bank current and savings accounts so that they are immediately available.

***Reserves Policy***

The assets of the CIO are relatively small and consequently a reserves policy is not yet required.

**Approval**

This report was approved by the trustees on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022 and signed on their behalf

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keith Bowley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a clear, legible font.

Keith Bowley, Chair of Trustees

**BRIDGNORTH COMMUNITY TRUST**

***Independent Examiner's Report to The Trustees of Bridgnorth Community Trust***

I report on the accounts of Bridgnorth Community Trust for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021 which are set out on pages 7 to 8

***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;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- 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 Commission. 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 seeking 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

***Independent Examiner's Statement***

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

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- 2 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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26<sup>th</sup> May 2022

# BRIDGNORTH COMMUNITY TRUST

Registered Charity Number 1154617


## Section A Receipts and payments for year ending 31st July 2021

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>Receipts</b>				
Donations Received - Individuals		43,011	43,011	26,632
Grants		5,291	5,291	0
Git Aid Tax Reclaimed		3,429	3,429	3,402
Donations Received - Organisations		53,781	53,781	55,420
Fund Raising Activities		0	0	1,502
Fees for Trips and Events		110	110	462
Interest		7	7	23
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>105,629</b>	<b>105,629</b>	<b>87,441</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Grants and Donations Paid		6,671	6,671	2,007
Costs of Charitable Activities	35	86,710	86,745	75,760
Fund Raising Costs	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>93,381</b>	<b>93,416</b>	<b>77,767</b>
<b>Net movement in funds for year</b>	<b>-35</b>	<b>12,248</b>	<b>12,213</b>	<b>9,674</b>
<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>				
Cash funds last year end	2,752	32,133	34,885	25,211
Cash funds this year end	2,717	44,381	47,098	34,885

# BRIDGNORTH COMMUNITY TRUST

Registered Charity Number 1154617

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at 31st July 2021

	<b>Unrestricted funds</b> to the nearest £	<b>Restricted funds</b> to the nearest £
Cash Funds	Barclays Current Account	25681
	Barclays Savings Account	11613
	Lloyds BYSP Account	6777
	Cash	310
Other monetary assets	0	0
Investment Assets	0	0
Assets retained for CIO's own use	0	0
Liabilities	0	0
Signed on behalf of all the trustees		Date of Approval Keith Bowley 26/05/22

### Notes to the Accounts

1. The Bridgnorth Community Trust has not given any guarantees of any description
2. The Bridgnorth Community Trust does not owe any debts secured or otherwise at 31/7/2021