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North East Churches Acting Together

Annual Report and Financial Statements

Year ended: 31 August 2022

Charity no: 1157138

North East Churches Acting Together

Reports and Financial Statements

Year ended: 31 August 2022

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Legal and administrative information

Trustees:	Dr MA Bonnington Mrs R Maudslay Mr W Offler Mr D Pigeon Rt Revd M Wroe
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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 August 2022

The Trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31 August 2022

Reference and Administrative Details

Name of the charity	North East Churches Acting Together
Charity number	1157138
Registered office	30 Fieldhouse Lane Durham DH1 4LT

The Trustees

The Trustees who served the Charity during the year ended 31 August 2022 were:

Dr MA Bonnington
Mrs R Maudsley
Mr W Offler
Mr D Pigeon
Rt Revd M Wroe

Regional Officer & Secretary	Revd J Thorns (Resigned 31/08/22)
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Structure, Governance and Management

North East Churches Acting Together (NECAT) was registered as a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) on 21st May 2014. The governing documents are the memorandum and articles of association of the CIO.

Organisational Structure

The Trustees consist of nominated trustees representing the Churches Together groups, the regional denominational ecumenical officers and the Northern Church leaders as well as other appointed Trustees. The Trustees who have served during the year and since the year end are set out on page two. Trustees usually meet four times each year and are responsible for formally monitoring the Charity. Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefit from the Charity. No expenses were reclaimed by Trustees from the Charity during the year.

Tees Valley Ministry

Oversight and financial guidance of Tees Valley Ministry is the responsibility of NECAT.

Objectives

To advance the Christian religion and the promotion of the churches mission in the North East of England for the benefit of church members, local churches, the wider church, and the public generally through:

- identifying opportunities for prayer and worship.
- promoting spirituality and theological reflection.
- providing advice, support and training to local churches, local churches together groups and other ecumenical bodies.
- identifying priorities and managing resources.
- bringing together statutory, voluntary, community, commercial, artistic, and cultural agencies in a common attempt to advance the churches mission.
- interpreting key social and economic trends and issues from the perspective of the Christian faith and developing appropriate responses.
- promoting religious harmony for the benefit of the common good.

NECAT is an ecumenical body in the North East of England, serving a region with a distinct culture, spiritual life and self-awareness. NECAT was formed as a result of a review of the ecumenical structures in the North East and a combining of North East Christian Churches Together (NECCT) and The Churches' Regional Commission in the North East (CRCNE).

NECAT seeks to serve the Kingdom of God in the North East by being a partnership of churches and Christian organisations dedicated to answering the call of Jesus Christ and working ecumenically for the renewal of the region through specific and local action to bring about change for the common good.

NECAT's aim and method of working is to encourage and support churches to work together and with other partners both locally and regionally and to identify and release resources which will bring tangible benefits especially to communities and churches working with vulnerable people and groups. Its process within the rich inheritance of the Christian tradition is for action-reflection aimed to bring about changes which will improve the lives of people in local communities and the region. NECAT will offer a voice for the region and its ecumenical vision in national and inter-regional forums. NECAT will be about action to encourage renewal, and the action being undertaken with others wherever possible. Working together will be a catalyst for talking together. Reflection and analysis will follow practical actions benefitting local communities across the region.

North East Churches Acting Together works to support the churches of the North East in their relationships with one another and in their wider mission in the world. Our aim is to work in partnership and help to encourage partnership working with churches, voluntary agencies and other public bodies. Churches Together Groups in the region hold a key role in contributing to the work of the church locally. They and other Ecumenical agencies are supported by the Regional Officer and denominational Ecumenical Officers who together with representation from the Northern Church Leader's Group form the Local Ecumenical Group (LEG).

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Churches Together

We currently have 72 Churches Together groups formally registered with NECAT, these vary from large groups, who are in themselves separate charities, to small local alliances and fellowship groups. We know that churches and Churches Together groups are finding the current post-lockdown situation difficult. The continued impact of the pandemic has meant that many groups struggled to meet, had to cancel events and are now seeing reduced numbers of volunteers returning. Working ecumenically is primarily about building relationships and the lack of face-to-face meetings and the reduction in events has made sustaining relationships more difficult and making new relationships even more so. The pandemic and other world events have meant that there has been even more need in our communities and there are many examples of the amazing work Churches Together groups are doing to support those in need and offer a safe space for people to meet. Numbers accessing Food banks have increased and groups have expanded their provision to provide additional support, also providing debt advice, clothing banks, warm food and other support. Other groups have responded by providing Holiday Fun and Food, working together to provide food and activities, After School or breakfast clubs or by going into local schools to deliver 'Open the Book' sessions or Collective Worship or to offer volunteer time to support children with reading. I have been able to visit 'Drop ins' and Luncheon clubs where there is always a warm welcome. In other areas groups have adapted to people not meeting in person and set up delivery services to get food to those who need it. There are more of our Churches Together groups running some sort of night-time support in our towns and cities, with Street Pastor schemes operating often with the support of volunteers from a wide range of churches. There are many more examples of churches working together to deliver support for Asylum Seekers and Refugees, support for Ukrainians arriving in the UK, support to young people needing housing, support the homeless and providing a warm, welcoming space. Groups have reopened their regular activities such as Toddler groups, Messy Church, Coffee mornings and are meeting together in person again for prayer, Bible Study and worship. Recently, there has also been discussions about how we support people during the winter months with the increase in energy costs and churches are talking together about opening 'Warm Hubs' over the winter months.

The Churches Together groups have been very active and innovative in working to provide fellowship and opportunities to learn, pray and worship together and to continue to provide much needed support for their local communities. It was good this year to see groups returning to hosting services of prayer and worship for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in person and a privilege for me to be able to attend some of them. We recognise the good missional work that Churches acting together do, the huge range of activities they provide and give thanks for all of those who volunteer with them and support the work and operation of their local churches Together group.

Church Leaders

The North East Ecumenical Church Leaders group continues to meet online to pray together, discuss local and national issues and to liaise with one another across the churches. I thank them for the warm welcome they have extended to me as Regional Officer to be part of those meetings.

Reverend Paul Revill is to leave his role with the Northern Baptist Association in the Autumn, Paul has been a great supporter of our Ecumenical work across the region, including chairing the Local Ecumenical Group, we thank him for all he has done and wish him well in his future ministry. Reverend David Herbert has announced his intention to stand down as Moderator of the Northern Synod in 2023. It has also been announced that The Right Reverend Helen Ann Hartley will become the next Bishop of Newcastle and is to be installed in early 2023.

Tees Valley Ministry (TVM)

TVM is a charity set up to work in the Tees Valley to promote and support workplace chaplaincy by supporting volunteer chaplains and being an advocate of the Christian in the workplace. It has been part of NECAT since 2015 and NECAT are working with Regional Church leaders to discern the future direction and projects of TVM.

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Ecumenical Officers and the Local Ecumenical Group

NECAT acts as the sponsoring body for the formal ecumenical structures in the North East including the Local Ecumenical Group which, on behalf of the denominations, is available to support Local Ecumenical Partnerships and initiate reviews. The Denominational Ecumenical Officers (DEO) and I continue to meet regularly and to offer that support to LEPs, Covenant Partnerships and other ecumenical structures. Revd. Paul Revell acts as Chair of the LEG group on behalf of the Church Leaders, he steps down from this role in 2022. The number of denominational Ecumenical officers has reduced considerably, we only have one paid officer and 3 volunteer officers as well as the Regional Officer. This does mean that it is difficult to give the support that we would like to and we are having to rethink the way in which we have worked and are trying to build up a team of volunteers able to help with reviews. The LEG has expressed concern about the future sustainability of the group and its ability to deliver the required support and the possibility of loss of Ecumenical expertise as we look to the future. Churches Together in England have produced a toolkit, 'A New Framework for Local Unity' which helps local groups ask the right questions as to what might be a good partnership model for them, enabling them to do what is needed with the minimal amount of bureaucracy, but ensuring the right documentation is in place to support their work and fellowship. Over this year we have facilitated a number of Staffing Advisory Groups and Local Advisory Groups for existing Local Partnerships as well as offering advice and support to some new groups looking at whether a partnership is right for them. We have also been involved in advice on constitutions and on reviews about future direction for existing groups. We also share with one another updates on ecumenical partnerships and how we can best support ecumenical mission initiatives throughout the region.

As Regional Officer I have represented the region on the Enabling group of Churches Together in England, attending the two national meetings and other consultations and training events held this year. CTE has held consultations and training events around the issues of Racial Justice and Asylum Seekers and Refugees. They formed a national group, which I was part of, to support churches as they responded to the crisis in Ukraine and the Homes for Ukraine scheme. CTE are committed to look at the issues facing Intermediate Ecumenical bodies such as NECAT and have established a working group to look at the issues and best ways of supporting, I have been part of that group over the last year. A highlight of the year was the Churches Together in England forum which took place in March. Over 300 people attended the forum which focused on reconciliation and had some excellent speakers on issues such as Racial Justice, Climate issues and social justice as well as input from the CTE Presidents. Paul Goodliff, the General Secretary of CTE stood down at the forum and Mike Royal took over the role. Jenny Bond, who has been a member of CTE staff for many years also retired this year with Doral Hayes being appointed to support Intermediate Ecumenism.

The Northern group of Regional and County Ecumenical officers have also continued to meet, with support from the staff of CTE, sharing resources and advice from across the North of England.

Ecumenical Initiatives

North East Churches Acting Together is committed to working in partnership and trying to operate as a link or build networks between different churches and denominations and between churches and other agencies.

As Regional Officer I have been privileged to be invited to denominational Synods and Assemblies, it had been wonderful to get to know people and to hear stories from churches and projects across the region. There have been many highlights but I would mention the 50th Anniversary celebrations of the Northern Synod which culminated in a family fun day at Beamish in the summer, ending with a celebratory service in a tent on the show field.

We have developed an Ecumenical Environment group, with members from each of the denominations. The group has been working to raise the profile of Environmental issues and sharing information and advice from their own denominations. As a team we have held online webinars about reducing energy use in home, church and in person taster practical session for those interested in beginning Forest Church. The group shares information about events being hosted by other churches or organisations which then enable them to be advertised widely within our denominations. NECAT is a supporter of the North East of England Climate Coalition, alongside a number of our regional denominational churches and the North East Church Leaders Group. In November, Glasgow hosted COP26 and the North East welcomed two pilgrimages on their way to Glasgow. The Youth Climate Change Network began walking in Cornwall and stopped over in the region for a week, with main events in Teesside, Durham, Newcastle and Holy Island as well as being welcomed by others as they walked. A second Ecumenical European pilgrimage arrived in North Shields and were shown hospitality by churches on their route and held events to raise awareness of the climate situation.

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Other events were held across the region to raise awareness and pray for the conference, including a funeral of the planet by Bishop Auckland Fellowship of churches. It is hoped that we can continue to build on this work as we look to the future, working better together to make this region 'the greenest region'.

Churches Together continue to raise awareness and to act on other issues that affect us, such as Dementia Friendly churches, reducing isolation, Covid recovery, mental health, community resilience etc. I continue as a Trustee at the North East Religious Resources Learning Centre, promoting the use of the Resources Centre across all denominations and schools.

Citizens Tyne and Wear, a local chapter of national Citizens UK, has churches and other faith organisations in membership and I work alongside them supporting their Living Wage team. We have worked to raise the issues around low pay and particularly this year, levels of pay amongst key workers such as carers, cleaners and other key workers. The number of accredited living wage employers have continued to increase across the region and this year we have seen Sunderland City Council become the first local Authority in the region to accredit as well as Sunderland University. Sunderland has declared that it will work to become a Real Living Wage City. I have also worked with the 'Just Change' team to encourage schools and meal suppliers to look at how they operate the system and ensure those on Free School Meals get all that they are entitled to.

NECAT secured some funding to undertake a feasibility study around the use of church land and buildings to provide affordable and secure accommodation. The Archbishop of Canterbury's 'Coming Home' report, published in 2021, highlighted housing issues nationally and suggested ways in which the churches may be able to help. We have been working with members of the Archbishop's Housing Commission and other denominational partners to look at some of our particular regional issues. Funding was received from Big Society Capital's Social Impact Fund which enabled us to do some further thinking on the issue including what might be needed to establish a social investment fund to support development. We used some of the funding to commission a report looking more in depth at three possible sites to ask questions about costs, feasibility, funding and sustainability. The report highlighted issues around capacity and funding that churches looking at major development projects face and the issue of finding investment finance being aggravated by relatively low land prices in the region. This is an area that needs more work and support, but could make a difference in finding affordable accommodation in particular communities.

We have continued to support work with Asylum Seekers and refugees. This year the war in Ukraine has seen many more people being displaced from their homes. The Government introduced the Homes for Ukraine scheme to help house thousands of Ukrainians needing safety and matching with rooms offered around the country. As Churches Together we have supported those offering as hosts, collected items to be sent to Ukraine or to be given to those evacuated and held events for prayer and awareness raising. NECAT began to host a weekly online drop in for hosts to offer support and has been part of local and national conversations about how the church can best offer support. The situation for Asylum Seekers and Refugees in this country is critical, thousands are still in hotels, or even homeless, and in desperate need of practical support and friendship. The voluntary sector, often local Churches Together groups like STARCH in South Tyneside or Walking With in North Tyneside are offering support and help while other churches offer buildings for meetings or English classes, arranging collections, offering volunteers and other levels of support. We are also working with Church Leaders and other partners in raising awareness of the Refugee and Asylum system and campaigning, as needed, to change aspects of the system.

As part of the Covid Recovery program in County Durham the Local Authority have arranged a fund to help church halls used by the community to re-open after lockdown. The fund gives small grants to help with any additional costs incurred to reopen and NECAT was asked to manage those applications. We were able to award 33 grants from the initial fund and then a further 12 grants in a second wave of funding to help with energy reduction measures.

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Plans for future periods

It was announced in the summer that I would be leaving my role as Regional Officer for NECAT. I have been in the role for 8 years and have loved being able to share my passion for working together and for this region. I have met and worked with some amazing people and have heard so many stories of the great work that is happening in churches across our region. It has been a privilege to represent the North East both at Churches Together in England and other national events, and I hope that I have raised the profile of this wonderful and often overlooked region. Working ecumenically and in partnership with others is always first and foremost about building relationships and trust, this can take time and be hard work, but is the root of our journey together. I know that sometimes working ecumenically can be frustrating and that sometimes regulations and consultations can feel like an added burden but where churches come together in prayer and fellowship, we do see things change and great things emerging. There is a much-quoted African saying *"If you want to walk fast, walk alone. But if you want to walk far, walk together."* In working together ecumenically we are thinking to the future and building sustainable relationships. We can do so much more together than we can do apart.

The NECAT trustees are considering the best way forward for NECAT and for the Regional Officer role and will be able to update you in due course. I want to thank them for all of their support over the last 8 years.

Our website www.necat.co.uk or on the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/northeastchurchesactingtogether>

Mission Fund

All Churches Together Groups and informal ecumenical groups are able to submit applications for funding for work they may wish to do in the local communities. Further information and advice can be obtained from the following email address regionalofficer@necat.co.uk.

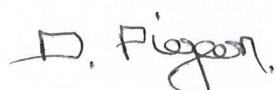
Financial review

The Charity's work is entirely reliant on income provided in the form of grants received from the Church Denominations and donations received from the Churches Together Groups in the North East.

Reserves policy

The Trustees aim to maintain reserves in a restricted fund at a level which equates to approximately six months of unrestricted charitable expenses. The Trustees consider that this will provide sufficient funds to ensure that support and governance costs are covered. Total reserves at 31 August 2022 amounted to £136,194 (2021: £102,834) of which £82,771 (2021: £44,059) were restricted.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 09/02/2023



Mr D Pigeon (Trustee & Treasurer)

North East Churches Acting Together

Year ended: 31 August 2022

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of North East Churches Acting Together

I report to the Charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity (number 1157138) for the year ended 31 August 2022 which are set out on pages 9 to 14.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 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 respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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 09/02/23

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Statement of Financial Activities including summary income and expenditure account for the year ended 31 August 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Income from:						
Churches and denominations		26,729	0	0	26,729	36,467
Churches together groups		770	0	0	770	920
Sundry Income		330	0	0	330	846
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme Grant		0	0	0	0	6,061
Other Grants		0	0	88,500	88,500	0
Donations	3	0	0	100	100	0
Investment income - Bank interest	4	2	0	45	47	41
Investment income - Dividends		0	0	611	611	589
Total		27,831	0	89,256	117,087	44,924
Expenditure on:						
NECAT operation	5	41,433	0	0	41,433	38,711
Mission	5	0	300	0	300	0
Refugee and Asylum Seekers	5	0	0	172	172	0
Covid Recovery	5	0	0	39,908	39,908	0
Big Society	5	0	0	98	98	0
TVM operation	5	0	0	250	250	250
Total		41,433	300	40,428	82,161	38,961
Net incoming resources / (resources expended) before transfers		(13,602)	(300)	48,828	34,926	5,963
Transfers between funds		16,000	(7,000)	(9,000)	0	0
Net incoming resources/(resources expended)		2,398	(7,300)	39,828	34,926	5,963
Realised (loss)/gain on investment assets		0	0	(1,116)	(1,116)	2,786
Net incoming resources / (resources expended) including realised gains on investments		2,398	(7,300)	38,712	33,810	8,749
Unrealised gain on investment assets		0	0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		2,398	(7,300)	38,712	33,810	8,749
Fund balances brought forward at 1 September 2020		28,835	29,490	44,059	102,384	93,635
Fund balances carried forward at 31 August 2021		31,233	22,190	82,771	136,194	102,384

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. All gains and losses recognised in the year are included above.

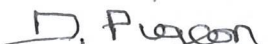
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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2022

	Notes	Charity 2022 £	Charity 2022 £	Charity 2021 £	Charity 2021 £
Fixed assets					
Investments	6		20,732		21,847
			<u>20,732</u>		<u>21,847</u>
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand			116,104		156,167
			<u>116,104</u>		<u>156,167</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7		(642)		(75,630)
Net current assets			<u>115,462</u>		<u>80,537</u>
Net assets			<u>136,194</u>		<u>102,384</u>
Funds:					
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	8		31,233		28,835
Designated funds					
Mission fund	8	2,190		2,490	
Reserve fund	8	20,000	22,190	27,000	29,490
Total unrestricted funds			<u>53,423</u>		<u>58,325</u>
Restricted funds					
Publicity fund	8	614		614	
Refuges and asylum seekers fund	8	1,525		1,597	
Covid recovery fund	8	30,092		0	
Big Society fund	8	9,402		0	
TVM fund	8	41,138	82,771	41,848	44,059
Total funds	8		<u>136,194</u>		<u>102,384</u>

The financial statements on pages 9 to 14 were approved by the Executive Committee and authorised for issue by the trustees on 9 February 2023 and signed on their behalf by:


Dr MA Bonnington
Chairman


Mr D Pigeon
Trustee & Treasurer

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2022

Accounting policies

(a) Basis of preparation and going concern

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £1.

The Charity constitutes a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

(b) Fund accounting

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 and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds have been transferred from unrestricted funds for a particular purpose and are to be used in accordance with that purpose as imposed by the trustees.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for a particular purpose. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund.

Investment income and gains are allocated to the appropriate fund.

(c) Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Gifts in kind donated for distribution are included at valuation and recognised as income when they are distributed to the projects. Gifts donated for resale are included as income when they are sold. Donated facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified and a third party is bearing the cost. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

(d) Grant income

Grants and contributions received for current year expenditure are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which they are received, provided that the conditions for receipt have been complied with. Where income is received in advance for expenditure in a future accounting period, it is deferred and recognised in the future period to which it relates.

(e) Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

(f) Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals throughout the year.

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(g) Defined contribution pension scheme

Existing employees of the Charity were entitled to join NEST which is funded by contributions from the employee and employer. New and existing employees were automatically enrolled into the master trust with the option to opt out should they choose to do so.

2 Related party transactions and trustees' expenses and remuneration

The trustees give freely their time and expertise without any form of remuneration or other benefit in cash or kind (2021: £nil). Expenses, in respect of travel and subsistence, paid to trustees in the year totalled £nil (2021: £nil).

3 Donations and gifts

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Individuals	0	0	100	100	0

4 Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Interest receivable - Barclays Active Saver a/c	2	0	0	2	13
Interest receivable - CBF Deposit a/c	0	0	45	45	28
	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>41</u>

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5 Resources expended

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Stationery and printing	38	0	0	38	34
Necat management fee	0	0	250	250	250
Computer software/website	332	0	0	332	806
Telephone - emails	286	0	0	286	279
Travel and subsistence	1,154	0	0	1,154	133
Training	69	0	0	69	0
Office allowance	306	0	0	306	204
Conferences and courses	0	0	0	0	180
Subscriptions	1,400	0	0	1,400	0
Insurance	458	0	0	458	447
Salaries	34,330	0	0	34,330	33,889
Employers pension payment	1,694	0	0	1,694	1,694
Sundries	0	0	0	0	0
Wages/NEST processing	723	0	0	723	412
Independent examination	642	0	0	642	630
Refugees and asylum seekers	0	0	172	172	0
Covid recovery	0	0	39,908	39,908	0
Big society	0	0	98	98	0
Mission	0	300	0	300	0
	<u>41,433</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>40,428</u>	<u>82,161</u>	<u>38,961</u>

The average number of employees during the year was 1 (2021: 1) with all employee time involved in providing either support to the governance of the charity or support services to charitable activities. The total employment benefits including employer pension contributions of the key management personnel were £1,694 (2021: £1,694). No employees had employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) in excess of £60,000 (2021: £nil).

6 Fixed asset investments

	2022 £	2021 £
Within the UK		
Church of England Investment Fund at market value	<u>20,732</u>	<u>21,847</u>

7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2022 £	2021 £
Accruals - accountancy	642	0	642	630
Deferred income - covid recovery grant	0	0	0	75,000
	<u>642</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>642</u>	<u>75,630</u>

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2022

8 Statement of funds

	At 1 Sept 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Investment gains £	Transfers £	At 31 August 2022 £
Unrestricted						
General fund	28,835	27,831	(41,433)	0	16,000	31,233
Designated funds:						
Mission fund	2,490	0	(300)	0	0	2,190
Reserve fund	27,000	0	0	0	(7,000)	20,000
Total unrestricted funds	58,325	27,831	(41,735)	0	9,000	53,423
Restricted funds:						
Publicity fund	614	0	0	0	0	614
Refugees and asylum seekers fund	1,597	100	(172)	0	0	1,525
Covid recovery fund	0	75,000	(39,908)	0	(5,000)	30,092
Big society fund	0	13,500	(98)	0	(4,000)	9,402
TVM fund	41,848	656	(250)	(1,116)	0	41,138
Total restricted funds	44,059	897,256	(40,428)	(1,116)	(9,000)	82,771
Total funds	102,384	117,085	(82,163)	(1,116)	0	136,194

General 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.

Mission funds provide small grants to Local Churches Together and similar groups such as Regional bodies/initiatives and ad hoc groups formed for a particular event.

Designated reserve funds are to be used to pay expenses due should the aims and objectives of NECAT, as originally envisaged, cease resulting in the cessation of NECAT.

Publicity funds are for the purpose of publicising NECAT and /or regional events.

Refugees and asylum seekers funds seek to provide support and integration into the community.

Covid recovery fund gives support to community buildings and church halls of all denominations across County Durham. Initially to help with the re-opening post covid, but this was extended to include funding works that would improve the energy efficiency of a building and make community space more sustainable.

Big society fund is a social impact fund which looks into the feasibility of using church land and buildings to provide affordable housing. It supports a feasible project's further planning and securing its financing where appropriate.

TVM fund operates in the Tees Valley to promote and support workplace chaplaincy by supporting volunteer chaplains and being an advocate of the Christian in the workplace.