



Basingstoke Town Chaplaincy Annual Report 2020

The Chaplaincy service had to make many adjustments during 2020 as everyone suffered the disruptions caused by Covid-19. Visiting was stopped in March but restarted as soon as restrictions were lifted in June. During the summer we mainly visited outside. During the summer Chaplains were joined by Street Pastors. We opted not to visit shops so as not to disturb trading and to maintain a reasonable degree of distancing to prevent spreading the virus. We continued to visit the staff at the Magistrates' Court and extended our visits to the bus station, railway concourse and the taxi rank. Being in the streets enabled us to engage more with the community police and rangers and we were able to engage in many useful conversations with a broader range of people. Only those who were fit and able volunteered during this period and those who were in any way vulnerable were discouraged from participating. Chaplains were able to make brief visits to shops and other places of work before Christmas.

Early in the lockdown we sent cards to people working in the town and to shops to indicate our continued support of them. Christmas cards were distributed to the shops that had been visited regularly.

We supported the activities of churches in central Basingstoke. One ran a lunch service and provided food for those in need and together they organised a Living Nativity presentation where we had the opportunity to talk to passers-by.

Chaplains

During the year one Chaplain was trained and started patrolling in the summer and one Chaplain retired. Half the number of Chaplains were available to go out from June, spending around 2 hours at a time. Every weekday morning and one or two afternoons a week were covered. We noticed people we met had high levels of fear for themselves or family members and loneliness and frustration were expressed. In some cases Chaplains were able to indicate places where help could be obtained. People often welcomed prayers, praying with them or the promise to pray for them. Despite the periods of lockdown and workplaces closed to us about 1,600 hours of chaplain time was given during the year (2019: 1,860 hours).

In response to being unable to go out or to meet we arranged frequent prayer times by Zoom each week on different days to enable more Chaplains to be involved.

Informal training and regular discussions took place on different aspects of chaplaincy work. In December, we presented several showings of a guided course on suicide awareness via Zoom to which Street Pastors and members of churches also participated. We plan to continue to make the training opportunities we give to chaplains available to other Christians in the town.

Publicity

Festival Place displayed an electronic advert of our presence on two sites. We launched a Facebook page during the year and have a website. We have kept in regular contact with individual supporters and churches. Support has been maintained but financial support has changed as some churches are not able to support us financially due to their loss of lettings income during lockdowns. Additional publicity is given by One Church Basingstoke.

Future

We have renewed contact with the railway staff and seek to progress the proposal for Platform Pastors. We will collaborate with Street Pastors in this. We are researching how to keep in better contact with people who are open to engagement with the Chaplaincy, especially while there are restrictions on movement and many premises are closed.

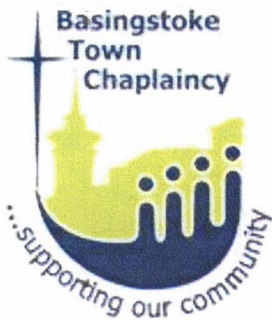
The Trust continues to employ an Administrator part-time. All Trustees and Chaplains are volunteers. Their dedication and willingness to provide additional services are much appreciated.

We are grateful to Festival Place management for providing affordable office space, which has been renewed for a further 3 years.

John Hayward

Chair of Trustees

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2020 Accounts - Notes
(registered charity number 1160005)

1. Compensation of £250 was received from Nat West Bank following the raising of a complaint via the Financial Ombudsman about the extreme delay and complications in changing signatories on the account.
2. A new 3 year lease for our offices came into effect from 26 November 2019 at a rate of £4350 + VAT per annum. This lease was not signed off until April 2020 so the payments in 2020 included the rent for the remainder of 2019 as well as for the first quarter of 2021.
3. The Utilities total of £548 includes £278 for Electricity (including charges for August to December of 2019 but excluding charges for October to December of 2020) and £270 for Telephone and Broadband. Website charges were not paid until 2021.
4. Other expenditure of £130 was incurred on subscriptions and fees. No payments were made from the restricted fund for Platform Pastors as this project is currently on hold.
5. As we do not have a credit or debit card for the charity, certain items for the Chaplaincy were purchased by individuals from their own funds and reimbursed accordingly. Overall, the following expenses were refunded to the persons below:

J, Hayward (trustee) - £729

E. Ham (administrator) - £541

Total - £1,270

J E Saunders
Treasurer

5 March 2021

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/01/2020

To

31/12/2020

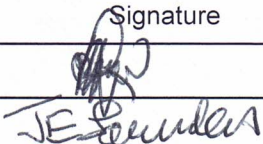
Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Personal donations	7,206	-	-	7,206	6,531
Donations from local churches	2,702	-	-	2,702	3,162
Sundry donations	170	-	-	170	620
Gift Aid reclaim	1,649	-	-	1,649	1,555
Other income (note 1)	250	-	-	250	250
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
AR)	11,977	-	-	11,977	12,118
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	11,977	-	-	11,977	12,118
A3 Payments					
Consumables and sundry items	505	-	-	505	858
Maintenance	236	-	-	236	186
Rent for offices	6,940	-	-	6,940	3,163
Training	-	-	-	-	158
Administrator's salary	4,368	-	-	4,368	4,374
Insurance	314	-	-	314	314
Utilities (note 3)	548	-	-	548	908
Equipment	795	-	-	795	678
Other payments (note 4)	120	-	-	120	157
Sub total	13,826	-	-	13,826	10,796
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	13,826	-	-	13,826	10,796
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,849	-	-	- 1,849	1,322
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	3,817	273	-	4,090	2,768
Cash funds this year end	1,968	273	-	2,241	4,090

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £

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B1 Cash funds	General fund	1,968	273	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	1,968	273	-
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		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Computers	General	-	-
	AV equipment	General	-	-
	Office furniture	General	-	-
	Telephones	General	-	-
	Uniforms	General	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Lease of offices (note 2)	General	-	
	Electricity charges (note 2)	General	-	
	Telephone and broadband contract	General	-	
	Website contract	General	-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		J HAYWARD	30/03/21	
		J E SAUNDERS	30/03/21	