

# BRISTOL SCHOOLS CONNECTION

England & Wales · Charity number 1162067

## Details

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Other names	BSC
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2015-06-09
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO ADVANCE AND TO DEVELOP AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY ENCOURAGING AND ENABLING CHURCHES WITHIN BRISTOL CITY TO CONNECT WITH THEIR LOCAL SCHOOL COMMUNITIES IN WAYS WHICH ARE POSITIVE AND SUPPORTIVE, AND IN PARTICULAR IN LESS RESOURCED AREAS. THE CHARITY WILL FURTHER THIS PURPOSE THROUGH ACTION RESEARCH, BASED IN ONE LOCALITY, AND BY PROVIDING AN EXEMPLAR OF OUTSTANDING PRACTICE FOR OTHERS TO LEARN FROM AND ADAPT TO THEIR INDIVIDUAL CONTEXT. THESE CONNECTIONS WILL:- PROVIDE SUPPORT IN THE AREA OF SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT AND PASTORAL CARE TO STUDENTS, SCHOOL STAFF AND FAMILIES WITH THE AIM THAT THIS WILL IMPACT POSITIVELY UPON THE WELLBEING OF THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY TO THE BENEFIT OF THE STUDENTS, STAFF AND FAMILIES;- ENABLE AND CREATE SAFE AND IMAGINATIVE SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT AND LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AGES WITHIN BOTH A SCHOOL CONTEXT, AND AN ACCESSIBLE, INFORMAL CHURCH CONTEXT;- WORK WITH CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS TO CONNECT THE LIFE OF THE TWO COMMUNITIES TO THE MUTUAL BENEFIT OF BOTH; PARTICULARLY BEING MINDFUL OF HOW CHURCHES CAN POSITIVELY SERVE COMMUNITIES WHERE THE MAJORITY OF POPULATION ARE OF ANOTHER FAITH OR OF NO PARTICULAR FAITH.

**Activities:** Providing support for spiritual development and pastoral care to students, school staff and families thus impacting positively upon the school community Enabling safe and imaginative spiritual development and learning opportunities for all ages within school and informal church contexts Working with churches and schools to connect the life of the two communities to their mutual benefit

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LOCAL
- Bristol City

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£40,498	£32,248	-	-
2024-08-31	£30,128	£34,383	-	-
2023-08-31	£30,086	£30,598	-	-
2022-08-31	£31,546	£35,596	-	-
2021-08-31	£35,494	£31,554	-	-
2020-08-31	£25,113	£27,963	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
TONY MILES	Chair	2015-06-09
Emelye Margaret Chanot		2019-03-20
Jonathan Hogg		2025-03-24
Sally Jane Martin		2020-10-10
WENDY JANE MASSEY		2015-06-09

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the year

Period start date: From 1 September 2024 To 31 August 2025  
 Period end date

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name: Bristol Schools Connection

Other names charity is known by: BSC

Registered charity number (if any): 1162067

Charity's principal address: 45 Yanley Lane  
 Long Ashton  
 Bristol  
 BS41 9LR

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Anthony Miles	Chair		
2	Wendy Massey			
3	Emelye Chantot			
4	Sally Martin			
5	Jonathan Hogg		Appointed 24 March 2025	
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### Consultant Development Workers

Jane Gillis	
Simon Collins (from June 2025)	

## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	Foundation
How the charity is constituted	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods	New trustees are identified and invited to be trustees by the existing trustees

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

To advance and to develop an understanding of the Christian faith for the public benefit, in particular, but not exclusively, by encouraging and enabling churches within the City of Bristol to connect with their local school communities in ways which are positive and supportive, particularly those in less resourced areas.

The Charity will further this purpose through

- Action research (ie piloting new resources/activities), based in one locality, and by providing an exemplar of outstanding practice for others to learn from and adapt to their individual context. These connections will:
  - provide support in the area of spiritual development and pastoral care to students, school staff and families with the aim that this will impact positively upon the wellbeing of the school community to the benefit of the students, staff and families;
  - enable and create safe and imaginative spiritual development and learning opportunities for all ages within both a school context, and an accessible, informal church context;
  - work with churches and schools to connect the life of the two communities to the mutual benefit of both; particularly being mindful of how churches can positively serve communities where the majority of population are of another faith or of no particular faith.
- Providing support for spiritual development and pastoral care to students, school staff and families thus impacting positively upon the school community
- Enabling safe and imaginative spiritual development and learning opportunities for all ages within school and informal church contexts

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Commission. BSC's charitable purpose is enshrined in its objects "TO ADVANCE AND TO DEVELOP AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH". The Trustees ensure this purpose is carried out for the public benefit by making its support available to schools and churches within Bristol and particularly to those in less resourced areas.

**External External**

- We continued our consultancy work of advising/training/encouraging/coaching churches, church members and church organisations who are connecting with their local schools in the Bristol area.
- Supporting people in the Bristol area who are running Christmas in a Box and Easter in a Box – The Movie by running training sessions both online and in person, helping teams, and coaching volunteers. In its fifth year of use 'Christmas in a Box' was hosted by 21 churches in 34 local schools in the Bristol area. 'Easter in a Box – The Movie' was hosted by 15 churches in 20 schools in the Bristol area. Through our online training programme, we were able to support numerous churches across the country who offered these resources to their local schools. Once again, we received some excellent feedback.
- Working with churches to develop bespoke one off resources which effectively support their local schools with the provision of spiritual development opportunities e.g. resources for involvement in a school

multi-faith day, and prayer space activities focussed on the values of a particular school or a school celebration.

- Supporting churches who provided other Christmas/Easter resources and sessions for schools – including trails and reflective spaces.
- Championing Prayer Spaces in Schools in the Bristol area. This has included running Prayer Spaces in School Training sessions: one in person training session focusing on children's spirituality, indoor and outdoor prayer spaces; and one 'come and see session' where people could come and see a prayer space in action. We have also provided bespoke support for churches, schools and individuals. Lastly we have run training sessions for Bristol Baptist College and Trinity Theological College.
- Hosting and co-hosting (with other organisations) various gatherings / training sessions where we encourage, envision, equip churches to connect with their local schools.
- Networking and partnering with key people and organisations in the Bristol area and nationally who have similar and/or complimentary objectives.
- Encouraging churches to prioritise connecting with their local schools. This has happened through social media, speaking at denominational gatherings, church gatherings or parachurch gatherings.

#### Internal

- Our consultants receive training themselves to keep up to date and further hone their skills.
- Keeping up to date with developments in school/community work across the country, so that we can learn from and implement best practice in the Bristol area.
- Involvement in piloting new projects ('action research') to ensure that BSC consultants continue to learn and develop with regards to engaging with spiritual development in a school and its wider community context – this year the main action research projects have included: supporting churches running Jesus Out of the Box for the first time; working with Trinity Theological College to enable incumbents to creatively put children and young people at the heart of their ministry – connecting with schools and forming accessible and innovative forms of church.
- Working with Birmingham Schools Connection in their first year as a charity has also been a form of action research as we work together to discern the direction of flow for both charities. We have also worked closely with Müllers on a pilot Illuminate Schools Tour in an advisory and connecting role.

During the year to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025, BSC has successfully achieved the majority of the plans and objectives outlined in last year's annual report. We have:

- Offered and delivered successful consultancy, coaching, and training to churches and church members who are connecting with their local schools (and their associated wider communities) and heading up different school/community projects/informal expressions of church. We have connected with people and churches all over the Bristol area, often with one-off consultancy advice. We have also worked for longer periods of time with churches in the following areas: Easton, Hotwells and Harbourside, Fishponds, Bedminster, Lockleaze, Avonmouth and Lawrence Weston, Soundwell, Totterdown, Bishopston, Clifton, Stapleton and Frenchay, Claverham/Cleeve, Wick, Pucklechurch, Shirehampton, Backwell, Winterbourne, Bishopsworth, Longwell Green, Downend, Southville, and Southmead.
- We encouraged churches in the Bristol area to use our resources – Christmas in a Box and Easter in a Box. We ran several training sessions online and in person. In the Bristol area we saw a slight decrease in the number of churches delivering Easter in a Box – The Movie, due to churches choosing to vary what they were offering to schools this year – e.g. themed trails/special services. Across the country we saw an increase in the number of churches and schools taking part in both Christmas and Easter in a Box. We supported numerous churches who connected with schools in other ways during the Christmas and Easter period, for example running trails, seasonal themed prayer spaces, one off lessons, assemblies, special services. We have supplied our Christmas and Easter Trail resources to a few churches, and made these resources more readily available on our website download page.
- We have ran a couple of online training sessions on how to host a Jesus Out of the Box session in your local school. We have supported a few churches running Jesus Out of the Box for the first time in the Bristol area and from across the country. We have resourced two sets of boxes which can be loaned out to churches. The uptake for this resource has been slower than we had hoped, but the feedback from those who have run sessions has been wonderful.
- We ran a Prayer Spaces in Schools training session and also hosted 'come and see' learning session - where people could see a prayer space in action at a school. Our training focusses equally on indoor and outdoor prayer spaces. We have 35 tried and tested Outdoor Prayer Space activities, which we freely give to others – these are also on the Prayer Spaces in Schools website. Several people have been inspired by the training session and consequently have run their own prayer spaces since the training. We have journeyed with a couple of people in the process of running their first prayer space in a school. As part of a Diocesan Staff Training Day we ran an Outdoor Prayer Space which enabled the staff to experience first hand the benefits of an outdoor prayer space. We also ran a prayer spaces in schools training sessions at Trinity College, Bristol Baptist College and for a whole staff team (twilight inset) at a Primary School in South Bristol.
- We have continued to partner with Encounter Christianity to ensure that there is 'joined up thinking and strategy' with regards to Christian Schools work in the Bristol area. We have had regular contact with the lead workers, and have connected them with churches/people who could work with them in local contexts.
- We have also worked closely with Müllers and some of their network churches on a pilot Bristol Illuminate Schools Tour - in an advisory and connecting role. The Bristol Illuminate Tour is due to take place in October 2025.
- We have continued to signpost and promote other parachurch organisations with a similar heart for churches to connect with and serve their school and / or wider school community e.g. Kids Matter; Care for the Family; Transforming lives for good; Messy Church and forms of Outdoor

church; Bubble Church; Open The Book; Faraday Institute, and Prayer Spaces in Schools; Walk Through the Bible.

- We hosted a wonderful Celebration and Prayer Gathering to celebrate Bristol Schools Connection's 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday! Supporters and friends of BSC gathered to celebrate all that has happened with BSC in the last 10 years and through the network of churches across Bristol. We listened to inspiring stories, prayed together, thought more about the theology behind the work (thanks to our special guest Howard Worsley) and ate puddings!
- We have also helped to host a couple of city wide prayer gatherings with other organisations in Bristol - praying for youth, children and schools (including pupils and school staff and those working in Education). We also met online in early December to pray for those churches connecting in various ways with their local schools/school community in the run up to Christmas. This also happened in the run up to Easter.
- Over the Summer months we had a few one-to-one meetings reviewing the work they have been involved in as local church with their local school(s). These meetings have been helpful and encouraging for these people.
- Our Social media presence has been consistently good this year – we have followed a social media plan for the year, ensuring that clear messages which reinforce our vision, heart and values are communicated, amongst advertising our training events and signposting to other good initiatives for our network of people. We have made some updates to our website including a resources page for trails.
- We have supported Birmingham Schools Connection in their first year as a charity. We attended and spoke at their launch party in December 2024 and have met up regularly as consultants online and in person. The ongoing dialogue has provided mutual support, encouragement, sharing of ideas/resources – we have all benefitted hugely on this learning journey together. We have also been able to run online training sessions together for Easter in a Box – The Movie. We have more joint online training sessions planned for the year ahead 2025/6.
- Jane Gillis has had numerous opportunities to speak at various events, churches, gatherings and forums about our vision and heart as a charity. These have been online and in person. Our aim is to envision and influence the culture of the church in relation to being and doing church in the context of the school and it's wider community. We also aim to explore this in our one-to-one conversations throughout the year with church volunteers and leaders that we work with.
- We have been able (with others e.g. Bristol Chaplaincy and Bristol Diocese) to encourage the concept of school chaplaincy (formal or informal, volunteer or paid) across our network. A couple of the people we work with have embraced this concept and embodied it more in the life of the school(s) they are working with. We have been able to support newly employed chaplains in the work that they are doing in schools and their community.
- We have worked in partnership with a range of denominations – including C of E, Baptist, Free Evangelical, Methodist, Catholic, and the Müllers Network of Churches. We are frequently encouraging churches to work together in a local area to support their local schools.
- We have also been involved in the development of a new programme designed to equip incumbents to prioritise engaging with children, young people and families in their communities. The course is run and our contribution is funded by Trinity Theological College and other partner organisations. We supported the first pilot course which ran from January 2025 to June 2025 – it was incredibly successful. We have continued to be involved in the core team organizing the next programme which is running from November 2025 to July 2026.
- We are very grateful to the funding from trusts, churches and approximately 20 individual supporters. We continue to seek to expand the base of our financial support
- Jane Gillis has been the principal consultant for Bristol Schools Connection this year. The trustees have continued their 'hands on' involvement in order to support Jane's work. In June 2025, Simon

Collins has also been appointed as a freelance consultant for BSC. We have also appointed a new trustee in the spring of 2025 – Jon Hogg. We are thrilled to have both Simon and Jon on board which will enable to expand our activities in the coming year.

## Section E Financial review

### Financial performance

Following a deficit last year, BSC started 2024/25 with projected expenditure exceeding pledged income by £5,000. We are very grateful to the new individual donors and churches who, along with ongoing donors, have provided £4,000 of income over our initial projection. This income was boosted by the receipt of a second £4,000 annual grant from Christ Church Clifton. In addition, BSC received £3,600 to reimburse the cost of work undertaken at Trinity Theological College.

Total expenditure was reduced by 6% to £32,200 without the development expenses on Jesus Out of the Box arising from its launch last year. Overall there was a surplus of £8,200 (2023/24 deficit - £4,300).

We have already received a grant of £10,000 from the Burden Trust which means the trustees anticipate being able to break even in 2025/26 prior to any new areas of expenditure.

In order to fund further expansion in BSC's activities, we hope to continue to increase the number of churches which support BSC financially and that individual supporters will increase their giving in line with inflation. We remain aware of the many constraints on family budgets at this time.

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

BSC remains reliant each year on financial gifts from individuals, trusts and churches within Bristol and beyond which can be one-off, ongoing or for a limited period. Given this dependency, the trustees believe it appropriate to target reserves at approximately six months of annual expenditure plus any budgeted deficit for the next year.

The reserves at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025 were £27,000 (2024 £19,000). The projected expenditure for 2025/26 is £36,000 giving a reserves target of £18,000 given the break even budget (2024 target £21,000). Reserves therefore represented 150% (2024 90%) of target.

The trustees consider this level of reserves reasonable.

## Section F Plans and objectives for 2025/26

By 31<sup>st</sup> August 2026, BSC plans to

- Support – we will continue to support churches in less resourced areas in the City of Bristol who seek support (coaching/mentoring/training) as they make meaningful connections with their local schools and wider community. This will involve continuing to journey with churches that we have worked with for a while as well as making new connections with churches who we have not worked with before.
- Connections with Secondary Schools – we will continue to have an intentional focus on helping to support a few churches develop connections with secondary schools. We will follow up with churches who are linking with their secondary schools through the 2025 Illuminate Tour. We will offer support in an advisory and connecting capacity for the Illuminate Tour 2026.
- Research – continue to research innovative ways to create intentional spaces for spiritual dialogue within schools and their wider communities across our city.
- Christmas in a Box and Easter in a Box - Encourage and train more churches in the Bristol area to deliver Christmas in a box and Easter in a Box – The Movie in their local schools. Run several online training sessions and bespoke training sessions for church teams. Work in partnership with

Birmingham Schools Connection to run joint Bristol/Birmingham training sessions so that these resources become known and trusted in the Birmingham area.



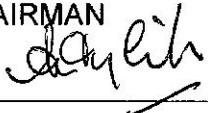

- Run a couple of new online training sessions with Birmingham Schools Connection. One focusing on 'Praying for your school' and another one focusing on 'Connecting with your local school.'
- Jesus Out of the Box – Promote, encourage and train churches in the Bristol area (and beyond) to expand the delivery of this resource. See this resource become a well used, tried and tested, effective and loved resource.
- Connecting and Networking – we will continue to encourage churches from different denominations in a local area to work together. We will play a role in connecting people from different churches and offering coaching/consultancy as they journey together to support their local schools. This will include encouraging local Christian parents / carers to get involved with this work.
- Other Seasonal Connections - Provide support for other ways that churches are connecting with schools during the Christmas and Easter period – collective worship, RE lessons, Trails, Themed Prayer Spaces. Advertise 'Christmas Through the Keyhole' and 'Easter Explored' trail resources which are available for free on our website.
- Prayer Spaces in Schools – We are going to work in partnership with the National Prayer Spaces in Schools Team to host a regional gathering at the end of February 2026 in Bristol. This event will inspire, resource and encourage those people who have been running prayer spaces for years and those who are just starting out on the journey. We will also host a couple of 'come and see' events for people to come and see a prayer space in action at a school.
- Prayer - We will host a couple of online gatherings to pray for the work of BSC and our network of people across the Bristol area. We will partner with Together4Bristol, Müllers, Encounter Christianity and others to run 3 prayer gatherings together – to pray for youth, children and schools (including those working in education) across the Bristol region.
- We will partner with Together4Bristol and others to facilitate a gathering in June 2026 for Christians working in Education in the Bristol region. This gathering will aim to inspire and encourage, and give opportunities for networking.
- Celebrate, thank, pray, and envision - We will organise an annual gathering for our main network of people and our supporters to share stories/celebrate all that has been achieved through the network of Bristol Churches connecting with their local schools.
- Partner – we will continue to partner with organisations who have a similar heart and vision to BSC and help to promote/widen their work in the Bristol area. This will involve working closely with Bristol based charities - Encounter Christianity and Müllers, and also nationwide charities.
- Birmingham Schools Connection – we will continue to journey with Birmingham Schools Connection. We will meet regularly to offer mutual support, encouragement, share ideas, pray together, and discern how we can partner together as the academic year progresses. We will run all of our online training sessions in partnership with Birmingham Schools Connection.
- Envisioning churches across Bristol – speaking at various conferences and gatherings (including various denominational gatherings) in the Bristol area and at church services influencing church vision and culture – to see connecting with schools as a priority way of being and doing church. We will also envision through one-to-one conversations with church leaders/volunteers.
- Website/Social Media – tell stories, signpost, resource, encourage/envision via social media (YouTube, Facebook, Instagram) and our website. We will aim to update our website this year with new resources and stories. We also hope to advertise our work via other organisations' social media.
- Training Colleges and Denomination Gatherings – We will continue to have an active presence at Bristol Diocese Education gatherings – both in person and online. We also hope to attend other denomination gatherings and be proactive in offering support across denominations. We will continue to be involved in the second year of the programme run by Trinity Theological College, designed to equip incumbents to prioritise engaging with children, young people and families in their communities. The programme runs from November 2025 to July 2026. We will be involved in the residential and Action Learning Sets.
- Chaplaincy in Schools – we will continue to promote the idea of chaplaincy in school, both formal and informal, paid and voluntary. We will work in partnership with the Diocese of Bristol Education Team and Bristol Chaplaincy to offer support where needed/discerned together.
- Funding strategy – continue to work with new and ongoing sources of funding. Encourage more churches and individual supporters to contribute to BSC's ministry financially.
- Resourcing – the trustees will ensure that our new consultant, Simon, is well supported as he begins to take on more work. Jane and Simon will work closely together and with the trustees, with hands on support from the trustees when needed. Mutual support and encouragement will be offered by journeying with Birmingham Schools Connection.

**Section G**

**Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	ANTHONY CROFTON MILES	SALLY MARTIN
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIRMAN  A. Crofton Miles	TRUSTEE  SALLY MARTIN
Date	16 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	

Receipts and payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 1st Sept 2024	To	Period end date 31st August 2025	For the period from	Period start date 1st Sept 2023	To	Period end date 31st August 2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>								
Donations from Individuals	13,818	-	-	13,818	11,732	-	-	11,732
Donations from churches and other charities	20,087	-	-	20,087	14,760	-	-	14,760
Fees	4,009	-	-	4,009	1,493	-	-	1,493
Gift Aid recoverable	2,584	-	-	2,584	2,143	-	-	2,143
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>40,498</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>40,498</b>	<b>30,128</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,128</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>								
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>40,498</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>40,498</b>	<b>30,128</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,128</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>								
Development workers	27,694	-	-	27,694	28,559	-	-	28,559
School 'Box' Resources	610	-	-	610	3,026	-	-	3,026
Insurance	1,771	-	-	1,771	1,679	-	-	1,679
Website and other	2,173	-	-	2,173	1,129	-	-	1,129
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>32,248</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32,248</b>	<b>34,393</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,393</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>								
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>32,248</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32,248</b>	<b>34,393</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,393</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>8,250</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,250</b>	<b>4,265</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,265</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	19,020	-	-	19,020	23,285	-	-	23,285
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>27,270</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,270</b>	<b>19,020</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>19,020</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank accounts	27,270	-	Bank account	19,020	-
		-	-		-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>27,270</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>19,020</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Gift Aid recoverable	350	-	Gift Aid recoverable	180	-
	Fees recoverable	1,817	-		-	-
		-	-		-	-
		-	-		-	-
		-	-		-	-
		-	-		-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
			-			-
			-			-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
			-			-
			-			-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
			-			-
			-			-

Signed on behalf of all the trustees

Date	Signature	Print Name
16th October 2025		Anthony Miles, Chair



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

**Bristol Schools Connection**

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>st</sup> August 2025

Charity no  
(if any)

1162067

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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

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Signed:

*Patrick F O'Conor BSc FCA*

Date:

14/10/2025

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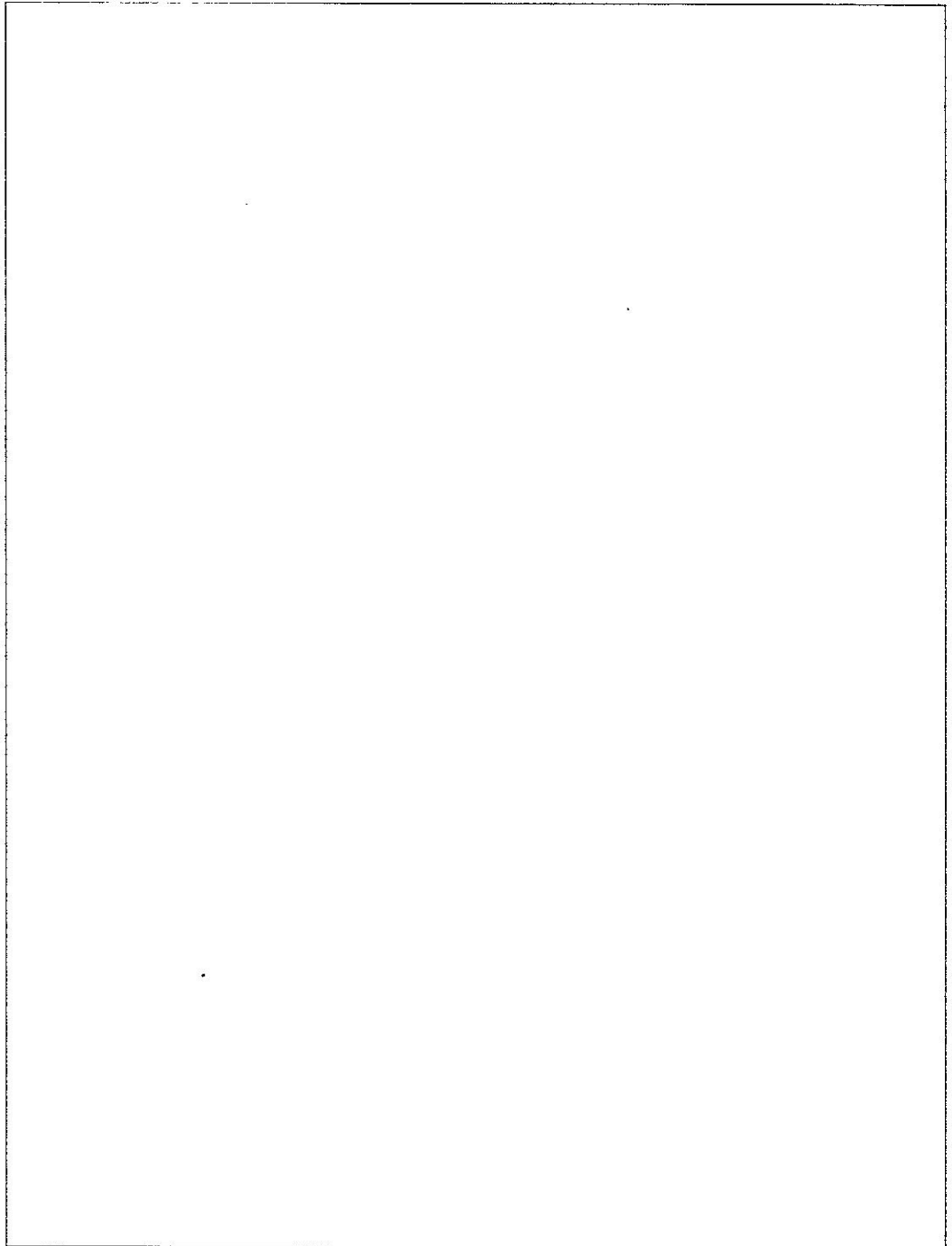
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**BRISTOL SCHOOLS CONNECTION**

England & Wales - Charity number 1162067

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the year

Period start date

Period end date

From

1

September 2023 To 31

August 2024

## Section A

### Reference and administration details

Charity name

Bristol Schools Connection

Other names charity is known by

BSC

Registered charity number (if any)

1162067

Charity's principal address

45 Yanley Lane

Long Ashton

Bristol

BS41 9LR

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
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## Section B

### Structure, governance and management

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**External**

- We continued our consultancy work of advising/training/encouraging/coaching churches, church members and church organisations who are connecting with their local schools in the Bristol area.
- Supporting people in the Bristol area who are running Christmas in a Box and Easter in a Box – The Movie, by running training sessions both online and in person, helping teams, and coaching volunteers. In its fourth year of use 'Christmas in a Box' was hosted by 20 churches in 32 local schools in the Bristol area. 'Easter in a Box – The Movie' was hosted by 20 churches in 29 schools in the Bristol area. Through our online training programme, we were able to support numerous churches across the country who offered these resources to their local schools. Once again, we received some great feedback.
- Developing resources to enable churches to effectively support their local schools with the provision of spiritual development opportunities.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

New resources produced this year have included: Jesus Out of the Box; and indoor and outdoor prayer activities.

- Supporting churches who provided other Christmas/Easter resources and sessions for schools – including trails and reflective spaces.
- Running Prayer Spaces in School Training sessions – 3 in person training sessions focusing on indoor prayer spaces. And 2 'come and see sessions' where people could come and see an indoor and an outdoor prayer space in action. We have also provided follow up support for churches and individuals.
- Hosting and co-hosting (with other organisations) various gatherings / training sessions where we encourage, envision, equip churches to connect with their local schools.
- Networking and partnering with key people and organisations in the Bristol area and nationally who have similar and/or complimentary objectives.
- Encouraging churches to prioritise connecting with their local schools. This has happened through social media, speaking at church gatherings or parachurch gatherings.

#### Internal

- Our consultants receive training themselves to keep up to date and further hone their skills.
- Keeping up to date with developments in school/community work across the country, so that we can learn from and implement best practice in the Bristol area.
- Involvement in piloting new projects ('action research') to ensure that BSC consultants continue to learn and develop with regards to engaging with spiritual development in a school and its wider community context – this year the main action research projects involved piloting our new resource Jesus Out of the Box, and several new prayer space activities.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance in the year

During the year to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024, BSC has successfully achieved the majority of the plans and objectives outlined in last year's annual report. We have:

- Offered and delivered successful consultancy, coaching, and training to churches and church members who are connecting with their local schools (and their associated wider communities) and heading up different school/community projects/informal expressions of church. We have connected with people and churches all over the Bristol area, often with one-off consultancy advice. We have also worked for longer periods of time with churches in the following areas: Easton, Avonmouth and Lawrence Weston, Soundwell, Totterdown, Clifton, Stapleton and Frenchay, Winford, Claverham/Cleeve, Wick, Pucklechurch, Shirehampton, Backwell, Winterbourne, Bishopsworth, Longwell Green, and Southmead.

- We encouraged churches in the Bristol area to use our resources – Christmas in a Box and Easter in a Box. We ran several training sessions online and in person. We saw an increase in the number of churches delivering Easter in a Box and an increase in the number of schools taking part in both Christmas and Easter in a Box. We also supported numerous churches who supported schools in other ways during the Christmas and Easter period, for example running trails, seasonal themed prayer spaces, one off lessons, assemblies, special services. We have supplied our Christmas and Easter Trail resources to a few churches, and have plans to make these more readily available on our website download page.
- We are excited to have completed the development of our new resource Jesus Out of the Box. We believe that this resource has huge potential to enable churches to provide effective and fun spaces for spiritual dialogue about Jesus in their local school(s). This resource has so far been successfully piloted with a year 6 class and also on a Christian Youth Camp. Numerous changes have been made to the resource, based on the feedback from young people and adults who have been part of the pilots. We made a promo video and developed a webpage for Jesus Out of the Box. The resource was officially launched in the summer. We ran an inperson training session in July for churches across Bristol. We also secured funding to produce a second set of resource boxes which can be loaned out to churches.
- We ran 4 Prayer Spaces in Schools training sessions: one of these involved partnering with Bristol Diocese; one involved partnering with Clifton Catholic Diocese; and the other two were 'come and see' learning opportunities, where people could see a prayer space in action at a school. Our training focusses equally on indoor and outdoor prayer spaces. We have tried and tested some new Outdoor Prayer Space activities and we now have about 35 activities, which we freely give to others. Several people have been inspired by the training sessions and consequently have run their own prayer spaces since the training – which has included several outdoor prayer spaces being run in the Bristol area. We have journeyed with several people in this process of running their first prayer space in a school. One of these was in a Secondary School.
- We partnered with Kids Matter to co-host our third taster session about Kids Matter. This was online and well attended. The session successfully enthused those who attended and will hopefully result in more churches running Kids Matter in the future.
- We have continued to partner with Encounter Christianity to ensure that there is 'joined up thinking and strategy' with regards to Christian Schools work in the Bristol area. We have had regular contact with the lead workers, and have connected them with churches/people who could work with them in local contexts.
- We have continued to signpost and promote other parachurch organisations with a similar heart for churches to connect with and serve their school and / or wider school community e.g. Transforming lives for good; Pray4schools; Messy Church and forms of Outdoor church; Make Lunch; Open The Book; Warm Welcome Spaces; Faraday Institute, and Prayer Spaces in Schools.
- We hosted a supporter and friends of Bristol Schools Connection gathering at the end of April, which was well attended. It was a chance to celebrate stories together, thank people for their involvement, encourage/envision and pray. We launched our new resource Jesus Out of the Box at the event too. We have also hosted a couple of prayer gatherings for our supporters, friends and the people we work with across the city – praying for Education in the Bristol area, the schools we work with, and Christmas and Easter connections with school.
- Over the Summer months we had numerous one-to-one meetings with the main people we have been working with in the Bristol area, to review the last academic year and look ahead. These meetings have been helpful and encouraging for these people.
- Our Social media presence has been consistently good this year – we have followed a social media plan for the year, ensuring that clear messages which reinforce our vision, heart and values are communicated, amongst advertising our training events and signposting to other good initiatives for our network of people. We have made some updates to our website and made a new webpage for Jesus Out of the Box.

- We have continued to have a dialogue with our contact in Birmingham who was hoping to replicate the model of Bristol Schools Connection. Birmingham Schools Connection (BRUMSC) has now launched as a charity in its own right.
- Our consultants have had numerous opportunities to speak at various events, churches, gatherings and forums about our vision and heart as a charity. These have been online and in person. Our aim is to envision and influence the culture of the church in relation to being and doing church in the context of the school and its wider community. We also aim to explore this in our one-to-one conversations throughout the year with church volunteers and leaders that we work with.
- We have been able (with others e.g. Bristol Chaplaincy and Bristol Diocese) to encourage the concept of school chaplaincy (formal or informal, volunteer or paid) across our network. A couple of the people we work with have embraced this concept and embodied it more in the life of the school(s) they are working with.
- Prayer – We hosted a couple of online gatherings to pray for the work of BSC and our network of people across the Bristol area. We also organized some prayer gatherings in partnership with Together4Bristol to pray for those in the Education Sphere.
- We have worked in partnership with a range of denominations – including C of E, Baptist, Free Evangelical, Methodist, and Catholic, the Müllers Network of Churches. We have also been involved in the early stages of developing a new course designed to equip vicars which will be hosted by Trinity Theological Course – focusing on how churches prioritise engaging children, young people and families in their communities. We plan to support the first pilot course which will run from Nov 2024-June 2025.
- We have continued to work on our funding strategy and to secure new and ongoing sources of funding. We are very thankful for the financial support this year of The Burden Trust, St Stephens Soundwell Bristol, Christ Church Clifton, Backwell Church, Longwell Green Church, Hope Community Church Bristol, Easton Christian Family Centre, St Nicholas with St. Leonard Educational Charity, and approximately 20 individual supporters.
- Liz Ogborne finished her work as a consultant with BSC at the end of December 2023. Jane Gillis has been the principal consultant since January 2024. Liz and Jane worked closely with the trustees, to ensure that this has been a smooth and successful transition. The trustees have increased their 'hands on' work involvement in the work of BSC in order to support Jane more.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

BSC was fortunate to receive initial seed funding from a number of trusts and individuals when it was formed in 2015.

However, BSC remains reliant each year on financial gifts from individuals, trusts and churches within Bristol and beyond which can be one-off, ongoing or for a limited period of time. Given this dependency, the trustees believe it appropriate to target reserves at approximately six months of ongoing expenditure plus the budgeted deficit for the next year before new fundraising.

The reserves at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024 were £19,000 The projected expenditure and deficit for 2024/25 before new fundraising were £34,200 and £4,100 respectively giving a reserves target of £21,200. Reserves therefore represented 90% (2023 97%) of target.

The trustees consider this level of reserves reasonable but continue to seek new sources of income in order to reduce the 2024/25 deficit.

### Financial performance

BSC started the year with projected expenditure exceeding pledged income by £7,000. We are very grateful to God for the new individual donors and churches who have supported BSC in 2023/24 with additional income of £3,600 over our initial projection. This was partly offset by additional expenditure of £800 resulting in a deficit of £4,300 (2022/23 deficit - £500).

Total expenditure increased 12% to £34,400 principally due to the expenses of Jesus Out of the Box.

We start the new financial year with a projected shortfall of £4,100.

We hope to reduce this deficit by continuing to increase the number of churches which support financially and by asking those who support BSC to increase their giving in 2024/25. We remain aware of the many constraints on family budgets at this time.

## Section F

## Plans and objectives for 2024/25

By 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025, BSC plans to

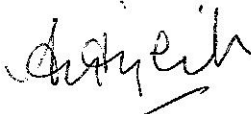


- Support – we will continue to support churches in less resourced areas in the City of Bristol who seek support (coaching/mentoring/training) as they make meaningful connections with their local schools and wider community. This will involve continuing to journey with churches that we have worked with for a while as well as making new connections with churches who we have not worked with before.
- Connections with Secondary Schools – we will have an intentional focus on helping to support a few churches develop connections with secondary schools.
- Research – continue to research innovative ways to create intentional spaces for spiritual dialogue within schools and their wider communities across our city. Jane is planning to attend a 'Space Maker' training day in October.
- Christmas in a Box and Easter in a Box - Encourage and train more churches in the Bristol area to deliver Christmas in a box and Easter in a Box – The Movie in their local schools. Run several online training sessions and bespoke training sessions for church teams.
- Jesus Out of the Box – Promote, encourage and train churches in the Bristol area (and beyond) to deliver this resource. See this resource become a well known, tried and tested, effective and loved resource by all who use it. We will develop a second set of boxes for churches across Bristol to loan and use in their own contexts.
- Other Seasonal Connections - Provide support for other ways that churches are connecting with schools during the Christmas and Easter period – collective worship, RE lessons, Trails, Themed Prayer Spaces. We aim to make Christmas Through the Keyhole and Easter Explored trail resources available for free via our website.

- Prayer Spaces in Schools - We will run a couple of training sessions focusing on Prayer Spaces in Schools, looking at how to run indoor and outdoor prayer spaces. We will also work with the Bristol Diocese and other denominations/organisations to run training sessions for people in their networks.
- Prayer - We will host a couple of online gatherings to pray for the work of BSC and our network of people across the Bristol area. We will also host a prayer gathering for the Education Sphere – focusing on those who work, volunteer and study in our Bristol schools, colleges and other Educational settings. We will partner with Pray For Schools and Together4Bristol.
- Celebrate, thank and envision - We will organise a gathering for our main network of people and our supporters to celebrate 10 years of BSC and all that has been achieved through the network of Bristol churches.
- Partner – we will continue to partner with organisations who have a similar heart and vision to BSC and help to promote/widen their work in the Bristol area. This will involve working closely with Bristol based charities - Encounter Christianity and Müllers, and also nationwide charities.
- BRUMSC – we will journey with BRUMSC as they embark on their first year as a charity. We will offer support and encouragement, and discern how we can partner together.
- Envisioning churches across Bristol – speaking at various conferences and gatherings (including various denominational gatherings) in the Bristol area and at church services influencing church vision and culture – to see connecting with schools as a priority way of being and doing church. We will also envision through one-to-one conversations with church leaders/volunteers.
- Website/Social Media – tell stories, signpost, resource, encourage/envision via social media (YouTube, Facebook, Instagram) and our website. We will aim to update our website this year with new resources and stories. We also hope to advertise our work via other organisations' social media.
- Training Colleges and Denomination Gatherings – we hope to be a part of a new training programme for vicars hosted by Trinity Theological College. We will continue to have an active presence at Bristol Diocese Education gatherings – both in person and online. We also hope to be able to run training sessions at other denomination gatherings.
- Chaplaincy in Schools – we will continue to promote the idea of chaplaincy in school, both formal and informal, paid and voluntary.
- Funding strategy – continue to work on our funding strategy with new and ongoing sources of funding. Encourage more churches to contribute to BSC's ministry financially.
- Resourcing – As previously noted, Jane Gillis is now our principal consultant. Jane will work closely with the trustees, with more hands on support from the trustees when needed.

## Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
	 ANTHONY CROFTON MILES	SALLY MARTIN
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIRMAN	TRUSTEE
Date	7 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
1st Sept 2023	1st Sept 2023		31st August 2024
For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
1st Sept 2022	1st Sept 2022		31st August 2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>								
Donations from individuals	11,732	-	-	11,732	12,737	-	-	12,737
Donations from churches and other charities	14,760	-	-	14,760	14,400	-	-	14,400
Fees	1,493	-	-	1,493	700	-	-	700
Gift Aid recoverable	2,143	-	-	2,143	2,249	-	-	2,249
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>30,128</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,128</b>	<b>30,086</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,086</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>								
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>30,128</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,128</b>	<b>30,086</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,086</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>								
Development workers	28,559	-	-	28,559	26,424	-	-	26,424
School 'Box' Resources	3,026	-	-	3,026	262	-	-	262
Insurance	1,679	-	-	1,679	1,560	-	-	1,560
Website and other	1,129	-	-	1,129	2,876	-	-	2,876
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>34,393</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,393</b>	<b>30,598</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,598</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>								
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>34,393</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,393</b>	<b>30,598</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,598</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>4,265</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,265</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>512</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>								
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>23,285</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,285</b>	<b>23,797</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,797</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>19,020</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>19,020</b>	<b>23,285</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,285</b>

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

Categories	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank accounts	19,020		
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>19,020</b>		
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				
				OK

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
Bank accounts	19,020			
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>19,020</b>			
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**B2 Other monetary assets**

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
Gift Aid recoverable	180		150	

**B3 Investment assets**

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
		-		-
		-		-
		-		-

**B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use**

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
		-		-
		-		-
		-		-

**B5 Liabilities**

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
		-		-
		-		-
		-		-

Signed on behalf of all the trustees

Date

Signature

Print Name

7th November 2024

*S. J. Martin*

Sally Martin, Trustee



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

**Bristol Schools Connection**

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>st</sup> August 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1162067

Set out on pages

1 and 2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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.

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Date:

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Relevant professional  
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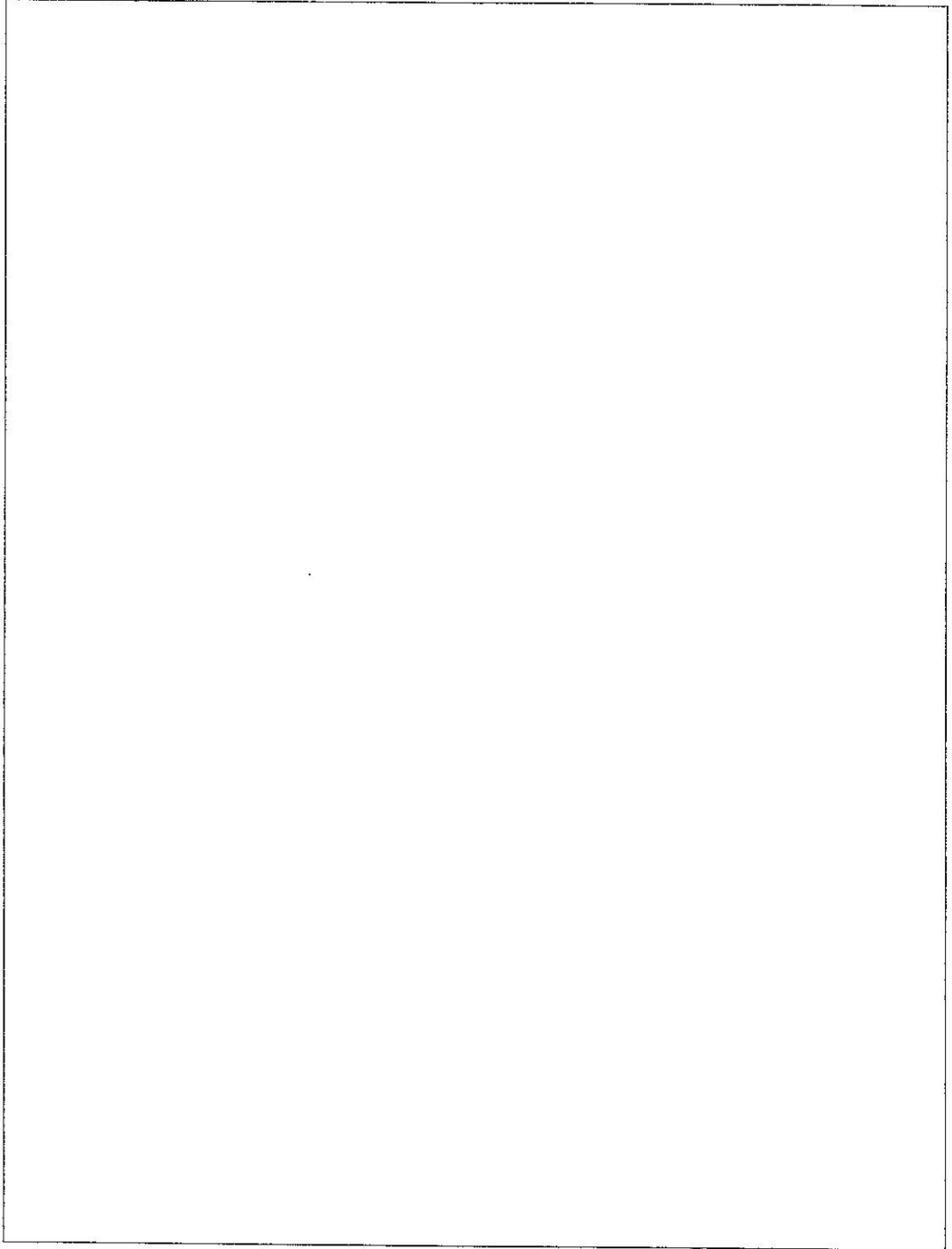
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**BRISTOL SCHOOLS CONNECTION**

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# Accounts

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year						
		Period start date			Period end date	
From	1	September	2022	To	31	August 2023

## Section A Reference and administration details

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Other names charity is known by	BSC
Registered charity number (if any)	1162067
Charity's principal address	45 Yanley Lane
	Long Ashton
	Bristol
	BS41 9LR

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

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## Section C

## Objectives and activities

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- Supporting people in the Bristol area who are running Christmas in a Box and Easter in a Box – The Movie, by running training sessions both online and in person, helping teams, and coaching volunteers. In its third year of use 'Christmas in a Box' was hosted by 21 churches in 29 local schools and one preschool in the Bristol area. 'Easter in a Box – The Movie' was hosted by 16 churches in 19 schools in the Bristol area. Through our online training programme, we were able to support numerous churches across the country who offered these resources to their local schools. Once again, we received some great

feedback.

- Supporting churches who provided other Christmas/Easter resources and sessions for schools.
- Running Prayer Spaces in School Training sessions – 3 in person training sessions focusing on indoor prayer spaces. And 2 'come and see sessions' where people could come and see an indoor and an outdoor prayer space in action.
- Hosting various gatherings / training sessions where we encourage, envision, equip churches to connect with their local schools.
- Networking and partnering with key people and organisations in the Bristol area and nationally who have similar and/or complimentary objectives.
- Encouraging churches to prioritise connecting with their local schools. This has happened through social media, speaking at church gatherings or parachurch gatherings.

#### Internal

- Our consultants receive training themselves to keep up to date and further hone their skills.
- Keeping up to date with developments in school/community work across the country, so that we can learn from and implement best practice in the Bristol area.
- Involvement in piloting new projects ('action research') to ensure that BSC consultants continue to learn and develop with regards to engaging with spiritual development in a school and its wider community context – this year the main action research projects involved trialing more of our outdoor prayer space activities. We have also started to think about our action research for a new resource – Jesus out of the Box.

## Section D Achievements and performance in the year

During the year to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023, BSC has successfully achieved the majority of the plans and objectives outlined in last year's annual report. We have:

- Offered and delivered successful consultancy, coaching, and training to churches and church members who are connecting with their local schools (and their associated wider communities) and heading up different school/community projects.  
We have connected with people and churches all over the Bristol area, often with one-off consultancy advice. We have also worked for longer periods of time with churches in the following areas: Easton, Avonmouth and Lawrence Weston, Soundwell, Totterdown, Clifton, Stapleton and Frenchay, Winford, Wick, Shirehampton, Backwell, Winterbourne, Bishopsworth, Longwell Green, and Southmead.
- We encouraged churches in the Bristol area to use our resources – Christmas in a Box and

Easter in a Box. We ran several training sessions online and in person. We saw an increase in the number of churches delivering this resource and an increase in the number of schools taking part. We also supported numerous churches who supported schools in other ways during the Christmas and Easter period, for example running trails, seasonal themed prayer spaces, one off lessons, assemblies, special services.

- We partnered with Kids Matter to co-host our second taster session about Kids Matter. This was online and well attended. The session successfully enthused those who attended and will hopefully result in more churches running Kids Matter in the future.
- We have continued to signpost and promote other parachurch organisations with a similar heart for churches to connect with and serve their school and / or wider school community e.g. Transforming lives for good; Pray4schools; Messy Church and forms of Outdoor church; Make Lunch; Open The Book; Warm Welcome Spaces; and Prayer Spaces in Schools.
- We ran 5 Prayer Spaces in Schools training sessions: 2 of these involved partnering with Bristol Diocese; 1 involved partnering with Christ Church Downend; and the other two were 'come and see' learning opportunities, where people could see a prayer space in action at a school. We have shifted our training focus to include equal weight to both indoor and outdoor prayer spaces. We have tried and tested our 32 Outdoor Prayer Space activities which we freely give to others. Several people have been inspired by the training sessions and consequently have run their own prayer spaces since the training – which has included several outdoor prayer spaces being run in the Bristol area.
- We hosted a supporter and friends of Bristol Schools Connection gathering in mid-October. This was well attended, and many people felt inspired by what was shared. We have also hosted a couple of prayer gatherings for our supporters, friends and the people we work with across the city – praying for Education in the Bristol area, the schools we work with, and Christmas and Easter connections with school.
- We hosted another connect / thank you event for the people that we have been journeying with from churches across Bristol. This event took place in the Spring. This was very much appreciated by the people that attended – everyone went away feeling valued, appreciated, encouraged and inspired.
- Over the Summer months we had numerous one-to-one meetings with the main people we have been working with in the Bristol area, to review the last academic year and look ahead. These meetings have been helpful and encouraging for these people.
- Our Social media presence has been consistently good this year – we have followed a social media plan for the year, ensuring that clear messages which reinforce our vision, heart and values are communicated, amongst advertising our training events and signposting to other good initiatives for our network of people.
- We have continued to have a dialogue with our contact in another city who is hoping to replicate the model of Bristol Schools Connection. Progress has been slow but steady.
- Our consultants have had numerous opportunities to speak at various events, churches, gatherings and forums about our vision and heart as a charity. These have been online and in person. Our aim is to envision and influence the culture of the church in relation to being and doing church in the context of the school community. We also aim to explore this in our one-to-one conversations throughout the year with church volunteers and leaders that we work with.
- We have started to develop a new resource called 'Jesus out of the Box' which aims to have a similar feel to our other resources (Christmas in a Box and Easter in a Box – The Movie). Jesus out of the Box will explore some of the surprising stories from Jesus' life, in a way which creates a fun, safe, reflective space for spiritual dialogue.
- We have been able (with others e.g. Bristol Chaplaincy) to encourage the concept of school chaplaincy (formal or informal, volunteer or paid) across our network. A couple of the people we

work with have embraced this concept and embodied it more in the life of the school(s) they are working with.

- We have worked in partnership with a range of denominations – including C of E, Baptist, Free Evangelical, Methodist, and Catholic, and also the Mullers Network of Churches.
- We have continued to work on our funding strategy and to secure new and ongoing sources of funding. We are very thankful for the support this year of The Burden Trust, St Stephens Soundwell Bristol, Christ Church Clifton, Backwell Church, Longwell Green Church, Hope Community Church Bristol, Easton Christian Family Centre and approximately 20 individual supporters.
- In recent years we have had two consultants delivering support and resources to BSC. Since Spring 2023, one consultant has been gradually reducing their BSC consultancy hours and the other consultant gradually increasing their hours. From January 2024, we will have one consultant working with us. This has been a smooth and successful transition and we are grateful to our consultants for their commitment, professionalism and creativity which has enabled this and enables BSC to be a blessing to so many.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

BSC was fortunate to receive initial seed funding from a number of trusts and individuals when it was formed in 2015.

However, BSC remains reliant each year on financial gifts from individuals, trusts and churches within Bristol and beyond which can be one-off, ongoing or for a limited period of time. Given this dependency, the trustees believe it appropriate to target reserves at approximately six months of ongoing expenditure plus the budgeted deficit for the next year before new fundraising.

The reserves at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 were £23,300. The projected expenditure and deficit for 2023/24 before new fundraising were £33,600 and £7,000 respectively giving a reserves target of £24,000. Reserves therefore represented 97% of target.

The trustees consider this level of reserves reasonable but continue to seek new sources of income in order to reduce the 2023/24 deficit.

### Financial performance

BSC started the year with projected expenditure exceeding pledged income by £9,000. We are very grateful to God for the new individual donors and churches who have supported BSC in 2022/23 with additional income of £4,000. Expenditure savings were also achieved such that the overall deficit was £500 (2021/22 deficit - £4,100).

Total expenditure reduced 14% to £30,600.

We start the new financial year with a projected shortfall of £7,000.

We hope to reduce this deficit by continuing to increase the number of churches which support financially and by asking those who support BSC to increase their giving in 2023/24. We are, however, obviously aware of the many constraints on family budgets at this time.

## Section F

## Plans and objectives for 2023/24

By 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024, BSC plans to

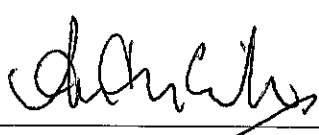
- Support – we will continue to support churches in less resourced areas in the City of Bristol who seek support (coaching/mentoring/training) as they make meaningful connections with their local schools and wider community. This will involve continuing to journey with churches that we have worked with for a while as well as making new connections with churches who we have not worked with before.
- Research – continue to research innovative ways to create intentional spaces for spiritual dialogue within schools and their wider communities across our city.
- Christmas in a box and Easter in a Box - Encourage and train more churches in the Bristol area to deliver Christmas in a box and Easter in a Box – The Movie to their local schools. Run several online training sessions and bespoke training sessions for church teams.
- Other Seasonal Connections - Provide support for other ways that churches are connecting with schools during the Christmas and Easter period – collective worship, RE lessons, Trails, Themed Prayer Spaces. We aim to make Christmas Through the Keyhole and Easter Explored trail resources available for free via our website.
- Jesus Out of the Box - We will continue to develop our new resource 'Jesus Out of the Box'. We will pilot this resource and then make any necessary changes before launching it at some point in 2024.
- Prayer Spaces in Schools - We will run a couple of training sessions focusing on Prayer Spaces in Schools, looking at how to run indoor and outdoor prayer spaces. We will also work with the Bristol Diocese and the Catholic Diocese to run training sessions for people in their networks.
- Prayer - We will host a couple of online gatherings to pray for the work of BSC and our network of people across the Bristol area. We will also host a prayer gathering for the Education Sphere – focusing on those who work, volunteer and study in our Bristol schools, colleges and other Educational settings. We will partner with Pray For Schools and Together4Bristol.

- Encourage and Thank - We will organise a gathering for our main network of people, to bless, thank and encourage them for all they do in their school communities.
- Partner – we will continue to partner with organisations who have a similar heart and vision to BSC and help to promote/widen their work in the Bristol area.
- Celebrate and Envision - Host a Supporter and Friends of BSC gathering to celebrate, share stories of encouragement, envision, and to pray together.
- Another city – we will continue to dialogue with our contact in another city as they look to replicate something similar to BSC. We will offer support and encouragement.
- Envisioning churches across Bristol – speaking at various conferences and gatherings in the Bristol area and at church services influencing church vision and culture – to see connecting with schools as a priority way of being and doing church. We will also envision through one-to-one conversations with church leaders/volunteers.
- Website/Social Media – tell stories, signpost, resource, encourage/envision via social media (YouTube, Facebook, Instagram) and our website. We will aim to update our website this year with new resources and stories. We also hope to advertise our work via other organisations' social media.
- Training Colleges and Denomination Gatherings – we hope to be able to run training sessions for the Bristol Methodist Circuit, the Catholic Clifton Diocese, Bristol C of E Diocese, and also for Trinity Theological College.
- Chaplaincy in Schools – we plan to promote the idea of chaplaincy in school, both formal and informal, paid and voluntary.
- Funding strategy – continue to work on our funding strategy with new and ongoing sources of funding
- Resourcing – As noted above, one of our consultants will be finishing her work with BSC in December 2023. Jane Gillis is going to be the principal consultant going forward, working with the trustees. We would like to extend heartfelt thanks and gratitude to Liz for all her work and expertise shared.

## Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	ANTHONY CROFTON MILES	WENDY MASSEY
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIRMAN	TRUSTEE

Date  
12<sup>TH</sup> November 2023



# Bristol Schools Connection (BSC)

1162067

## Receipts and payments accounts

## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 1st Sept 2022	To	Period end date 31st August 2023
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For the period from	Period start date 1st Sept 2021	To	Period end date 31st August 2022
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>								
Donations from individuals	12,737	-	-	12,737	-	-	-	12,737
Donations from churches and other charities	14,400	-	-	14,400	-	-	-	14,400
Fees	700	-	-	700	-	-	-	700
Gift Aid recoverable	2,249	-	-	2,249	-	-	-	2,249
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>30,086</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,086</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,086</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>								
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>30,086</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,086</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,086</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>								
Development workers	26,424	-	-	26,424	-	-	-	26,424
Christmas and Easter in a Box expenses	262	-	-	262	-	-	-	262
Insurance	1,560	-	-	1,560	-	-	-	1,560
Website and other	2,876	-	-	2,876	-	-	-	2,876
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>30,598</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,598</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,598</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>								
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>30,598</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,598</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,598</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>512</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>23,797</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,797</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,797</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>23,285</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,285</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,285</b>

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

**Categories**

**B1 Cash funds**

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
Bank accounts	23,285	-
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>23,285</b>	<b>-</b>

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
Bank account	23,797	-
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>23,797</b>	<b>-</b>

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
Gift Aid recoverable	150	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
Gift Aid recoverable	150	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-

**B2 Other monetary assets**

**B3 Investment assets**

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
		-
		-
		-

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
		-
		-
		-

**B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use**

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Amount due (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Amount due (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

**B5 Liabilities**

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
		-
		-
		-

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
		-
		-
		-

Signed on behalf of all the trustees

Date

Signature

Print Name

12th November 2023

*Anthony Miles*

Anthony Miles, Chair



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

**Bristol Schools Connection**

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>st</sup> August 2023

Charity no  
(if any)

1162067

Set out on pages

1 and 2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31.08.2023.

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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

Signed:

*Patrick F O'Connor BSc FCA*

Date:

10/10/2023

Name:

PATRICK F O'CONNOR BSc FCA

Relevant professional  
qualification:

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

Address:

51 Downs Park West

Bristol, BS6 7QL



**BRISTOL SCHOOLS CONNECTION**

England & Wales - Charity number 1162067

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the year

Period start date		Period end date	
From	1	September 2021	To 31 August 2022

## Section A Reference and administration details

<b>Charity name</b>	Bristol Schools Connection
<b>Other names charity is known by</b>	BSC
<b>Registered charity number (if any)</b>	1162067
<b>Charity's principal address</b>	45 Yanley Lane
	Long Ashton
	Bristol
	BS41 9LR

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Anthony Miles	Chair		
2	Wendy Massey			
3	Emelye Chanot			
4	Sally Martin		Appointed 10 October 2022	
5				
6				
7				
8				

### Consultant Development Workers

Jane Gillis	
Liz Ogborne	

## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	Foundation
How the charity is constituted	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods	New trustees are identified and invited to be trustees by the existing trustees

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

To advance and to develop an understanding of the Christian faith for the public benefit in particular, but not exclusively, by encouraging and enabling churches within the City of Bristol to connect with their local school communities in ways which are positive and supportive, particularly those in less resourced areas.

The Charity will further this purpose through

- Action research (ie piloting new resources/activities), based in one locality, and by providing an exemplar of outstanding practice for others to learn from and adapt to their individual context. These connections will:
  - provide support in the area of spiritual development and pastoral care to students, school staff and families with the aim that this will impact positively upon the wellbeing of the school community to the benefit of the students, staff and families;
  - enable and create safe and imaginative spiritual development and learning opportunities for all ages within both a school context, and an accessible, informal church context;
  - work with churches and schools to connect the life of the two communities to the mutual benefit of both; particularly being mindful of how churches can positively serve communities where the majority of population are of another faith or of no particular faith.
- Providing support for spiritual development and pastoral care to students, school staff and families thus impacting positively upon the school community
- Enabling safe and imaginative spiritual development and learning opportunities for all ages within school and informal church contexts

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Commission. BSC's charitable purpose is enshrined in its objects "TO ADVANCE AND TO DEVELOP AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH". The Trustees ensure this purpose is carried out for the public benefit by making its support available to schools and churches within Bristol and particularly to those in less resourced areas.

**External**

- We continued our consultancy work of advising/training/encouraging/coaching churches, church members and church organisations who are connecting with their local schools in the Bristol area. We have been able to resume face to face meetings in 2022, after nearly 2 years of connecting mainly via zoom/telephone.
- Relaunching Christmas in a Box and Easter in a Box – The Movie. In its second year of use 'Christmas in a Box' was hosted by 19 Bristol churches in 20 local schools. 'Easter in a Box – The Movie' was hosted by 15 churches in 17 schools in Bristol. Both resources are now able to be freely accessed via our website thanks to additional website development in the last year. Through our online training programme, we were able to support numerous churches all across the country who offered these resources to their local schools. Once again, we received some great feedback.
- Running Prayer Spaces in School Training sessions – online and in

person. With a particular focus on Outdoor prayer spaces over the last 2 years.

- Hosting various gatherings / training sessions where we encourage, envision, equip churches to connect with their local schools.
- Networking and partnering with key people and organisations in the Bristol area and nationally who have similar and/or complimentary objectives.

#### Internal

- Receiving training ourselves to keep up to date and further hone our skills.
- Keeping up to date with developments in school/community work across the country, so that we can learn from and implement best practice in the Bristol area.
- Involvement in piloting new projects ('action research') to ensure that BSC consultants continue to learn and develop with regards to engaging with spiritual development in a school and its wider community context – this year the main action research projects were Outdoor Prayer Spaces.
- We developed just under 30 Outdoor Prayer Space Activities and a How to Guide for Outdoor Prayer Spaces.

## Section D Achievements and performance in the year

During the year BSC has successfully achieved the majority of the plans and objectives outlined in last year's annual report. We have:

- Offered and delivered successful consultancy, coaching, and training to churches and church members who are connecting with their local schools (and their associated wider communities) and heading up different school/community projects.  
We have connected with people and churches all over the Bristol area, often with one-off consultancy advice. We have also worked for longer periods of time with churches in Easton, Avonmouth and Lawrence Weston, Totterdown, Clifton, Stapleton and Frenchay, Wick, Shirehampton, Backwell,
- We relaunched our resources – Christmas in a Box and Easter in a Box – The Movie, with updates as suggested in the feedback we received. We developed a web page for each of these resources, so that the resources can be accessed and downloaded easily and for no charge. This included developing two new promotion videos. We received very positive feedback about the webpages and the relaunched resources. We have not been able to revamp the other pages on our website due to lack of time. We hope to do this in the year ahead.
- We promoted the work of Transforming Lives for Good across Bristol and engaged in the city-wide dialogue about the involvement of churches to provide TLG to the schools that need it most (as highlighted by Bristol City Council). This has resulted in a few churches running TLG programmes.
- We have partnered with Kids Matter to co-host a taster session about Kids Matter. This was

online and well attended.

- We ran two Prayer Spaces in Schools training sessions – one indoors and one outdoors! Several people were inspired by the training sessions and consequently have run their own prayer spaces since the training. We developed just under 30 Outdoor Prayer Space activities for people to use.
- We hosted a supporter and friends of Bristol Schools Connection gathering at the end of September. This was well attended, and many people felt inspired by what was shared.
- We hosted a connect / thank you event for the people that we have been journeying with from churches across Bristol. This event took place in the Spring. It was a wonderful evening of sharing stories, praying and envisioning.
- In the Summer months we spent a good amount of time reconnecting with people in person. These were people that we have journeyed with for some time but have been unable to meet up as easily due to covid.
- We have implemented a concise social media plan throughout the year – with clear messages that reinforce our vision, heart and values.
- We have continued to have good conversations with someone who is hoping to replicate Bristol Schools Connection in another city.
- We ran training sessions for Trinity College students and Bristol Baptist Theological College students – encouraging them to prioritise the connection between church and local schools and the expressions of church that emerge from this context.
- We have deepened our connection with the Methodist Circuit. We have formed an initial connection with a network of Black-led churches.
- We have been invited to speak at various events and forums about our vision and heart as a charity. We have sought to envision and influence the culture of church in relation to being and doing church in the context of the school community.
- We have hosted a couple of prayer gatherings for supporters and friends.
- We have had numerous conversations with people/groups where we have envisioned churches to reimagine church – asking the questions about where and when can we engage with children in our communities?
- We have continued to work on our funding strategy and to secure new and ongoing sources of funding. We are very thankful for the additional support this year of The Burden Trust, St Stephens Soundwell Bristol, Hope Community Church Bristol and the Oakhill Trust. We continue to give thanks for the ongoing generous funding received from Christ Church Clifton and approximately 20 individual supporters.

## Section E

## Financial review

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However, BSC remains reliant each year on financial gifts from individuals, trusts and churches within Bristol and beyond which can be one-off, ongoing or for a limited period of time. Given this dependency, the trustees believe it appropriate to target reserves at approximately six months of ongoing expenditure plus the budgeted deficit for the next year before new fundraising.

The reserves at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022 were £23,800. The projected expenditure and deficit for 2022/23 before new fundraising were £36,000 and £9,000 respectively giving a reserves target of £27,000. Reserves therefore represented 88% of target.

The trustees consider this level of reserves reasonable but continue to seek new sources of income in order to reduce the 2022/23 deficit.

### Financial performance

BSC started the year with projected expenditure exceeding pledged income by £9,000. We are very grateful to God for existing donors who have continued to support BSC and for an additional gift of £6,000 from the Oakhill Trust. The overall deficit was £4,100.

Total expenditure increased 13% to £35,600. This was primarily due to a 16% increase in expenditure on Consultants and work on the website originally planned for 2020/21.

We again start the new financial year with a projected shortfall of £9,000. While pledged trust income has increased, for the first time in the seven years since BSC started operating, there is a reduction in ongoing giving from individuals.

We hope to reduce this deficit by increasing the number of churches which support financially and by asking those who support BSC to increase their giving in 2022/23. We are, however, obviously aware of the many constraints on family budgets at this time.

## Section F

## Plans and objectives for 2022/23

In the next year BSC plans to

- Continue to support churches in less resourced areas in the City of Bristol who seek support (coaching/mentoring/training) as they make meaningful connections with their local schools and wider community. This will involve continuing to journey with churches that we have worked with for a while, and making new connections with churches who we have not worked with before.
- Continue to research innovative ways to create intentional spaces for spiritual dialogue within schools and their wider communities across our city.
- Encourage and train more churches in the Bristol area (and beyond via zoom) to deliver Christmas in a Box and Easter in a Box the Movie to their local schools. Run several online training sessions. Run bespoke training sessions for church teams if needed.
- Provide support to any churches running a Christmas or Easter Trial.
- Partner with several organisations and help to promote/widen their work in the Bristol area – Transforming Lives for Good, Kids Matter, Walk Through the Bible.
- Prayer Spaces in Schools – continue to partner with Prayer Spaces in School and promote this valuable way for Bristol churches to serve their local schools. We will offer a couple of online training sessions and some in person training sessions, including 'Come and See' opportunities to view a prayer space in action. This will include both indoor and outdoor prayer spaces.
- Run a Bristol Schools Connection gathering for friends and supporters in October 2022 – to give thanks for the last academic year, share stories and envision churches to prioritise connecting with

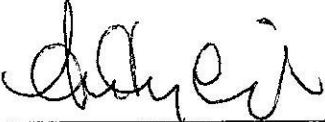
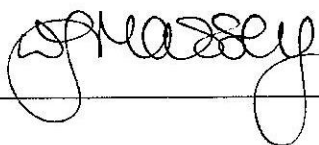
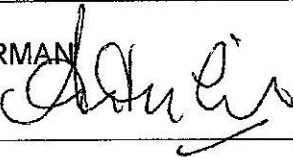
schools – being and doing church in their community.

- Host six monthly prayer gatherings online for supporters and friends. And also host one or two prayer gatherings with Together4Bristol for people involved in education in the city.
- Continue to tell stories, signpost and encourage/envision via our online/social media and website platforms. Continue to keep these platforms up to date – e.g. YouTube, Facebook, website.
- Run training sessions for Bristol Diocese, Trinity Baptist College, Bristol Baptist Theological College – focusing on ways for church to connect and serve their local school(s).
- Continuing to widen our network of church denominations that we work with e.g. Methodists, Baptists, and the Black-Led churches.
- Continue to journey with others who are looking to replicate the model of Bristol Schools Connection elsewhere.
- Envisioning churches across Bristol and influencing church vision and culture – to see connecting with schools as a priority way of being and doing church. This will happen in a range of conversations and forums e.g. speaking at church events.
- Encourage churches to connect with the Secondary Schools in the Bristol area.
- Promote the idea of informal or formal chaplaincy teams in schools. Link with Mike Haslam and his Chaplaincy Network.
- Funding strategy – continue to work on our funding strategy with new and ongoing sources of funding.

## Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	ANTHONY CROFTON MILES	WENDY MASSEY
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIRMAN 	TRUSTEE
Date	10 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 1st Sept 2021	To	Period end date 31st August 2022	For the period from	Period start date 1st Sept 2020	To	Period end date 31st August 2021
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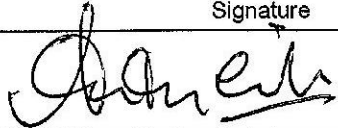
## Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>								
Donations from Individuals	10,432	-	-	10,432	13,714	-	-	13,714
Donations from churches and other charities	19,299	-	-	19,299	19,500	-	-	19,500
Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid recoverable	1,815	-	-	1,815	2,280	-	-	2,280
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>31,546</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31,546</b>	<b>35,494</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,494</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>								
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>31,546</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31,546</b>	<b>35,494</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,494</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>								
Development workers	27,383	-	-	27,383	23,751	-	-	23,751
Christmas and Easter in a Box expenses	3,281	-	-	3,281	5,404	-	-	5,404
Insurance	1,521	-	-	1,521	1,505	-	-	1,505
Website and other	3,411	-	-	3,411	894	-	-	894
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>35,596</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,596</b>	<b>31,554</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31,554</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>								
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>35,596</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,596</b>	<b>31,554</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31,554</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 4,050</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 4,050</b>	<b>3,940</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,940</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	27,847	-	-	27,847	23,907	-	-	23,907
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>23,797</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,797</b>	<b>27,847</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,847</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank accounts	23,797	-	Bank account	27,847	-
		-	-		-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>23,797</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>27,847</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Gift Aid recoverable	150	-	Gift Aid recoverable	150	-
		-	-		-	-
		-	-		-	-
		-	-		-	-
		-	-		-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
			-			-
			-			-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
			-			-
			-			-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
			-			-
			-			-

Signed on behalf of all the trustees

Date	Signature	Print Name
10th October 2022		Anthony Miles, Chair

# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

## Section A

## Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

**Bristol Schools Connection**

On accounts for the  
year ended

31<sup>st</sup> August 2022

Charity no

1162067

Set out on pages

1 and 2

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 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent  
examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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 Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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.

Signed:



Date:

10/10/2022

Name:

PATRICK F O'CONOR BSc FCA

Relevant professional  
qualification:

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

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Bristol, BS6 7QL

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**BRISTOL SCHOOLS CONNECTION**

England & Wales - Charity number 1162067

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the year

Period start date

Period end date

From

1

September 2020 To 31

August 2021

## Section A

### Reference and administration details

Charity name

Bristol Schools Connection

Other names charity is known by

BSC

Registered charity number (if any)

1162067

Charity's principal address

45 Yanley Lane

Long Ashton

Bristol

BS41 9LR

#### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Anthony Miles	Chair		
2	Wendy Massey			
3	Emelye Chanot			
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				

#### Consultant Development Workers

Jane Gillis	
Liz Ogborne	

## Section B

### Structure, governance and management

#### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

Foundation

How the charity is constituted

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Trustee selection methods

New trustees are identified and invited to be trustees by the existing trustees

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

To advance and to develop an understanding of the Christian faith for the public benefit in particular, but not exclusively, by encouraging and enabling churches within the City of Bristol to connect with their local school communities in ways which are positive and supportive, particularly those in less resourced areas.

The Charity will further this purpose through

- Action research (ie piloting new resources/activities), based in one locality, and by providing an exemplar of outstanding practice for others to learn from and adapt to their individual context. These connections will:
  - provide support in the area of spiritual development and pastoral care to students, school staff and families with the aim that this will impact positively upon the wellbeing of the school community to the benefit of the students, staff and families;
  - enable and create safe and imaginative spiritual development and learning opportunities for all ages within both a school context, and an accessible, informal church context;
  - work with churches and schools to connect the life of the two communities to the mutual benefit of both; particularly being mindful of how churches can positively serve communities where the majority of population are of another faith or of no particular faith.
- Providing support for spiritual development and pastoral care to students, school staff and families thus impacting positively upon the school community
- Enabling safe and imaginative spiritual development and learning opportunities for all ages within school and informal church contexts

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Commission. BSC's charitable purpose is enshrined in its objects "TO ADVANCE AND TO DEVELOP AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH". The Trustees ensure this purpose is carried out for the public benefit by making its support available to schools and churches within Bristol and particularly to those in less resourced areas.

We maintained most of our principal activities, albeit that many of these were undertaken in different ways due to the pandemic.

**External**

- We continued our consultancy work of advising/training/encouraging/coaching churches, church members and church organisations who are connecting with their local schools in the Bristol area. Due to the pandemic this was mainly restricted to zoom, telephone calls, emails, signposting, social media, and online training sessions. We have had some face to face meetings when restrictions have allowed. Our primary focus of helping less resourced churches/areas continues.
- Developing new innovative resources which enable churches to connect with their local schools – Christmas in a Box and Easter in a Box – the Movie. The development of these two resources have been designed so that they are flexible to work in a pandemic. The rollout of these two new resources largely replaced the assistance we

have provided to churches running Christmas and Easter trails.

- Christmas in a Box' was presented on a 'pilot basis' in at least 17 schools - 14 of which were in the Bristol region - in total reaching over 1,000 children. 'Easter in a Box – The Movie' was presented in at least 22 schools, 11 of which are in the Bristol area. It was trialled as far away as Northumberland and Guernsey! We received some great feedback
- Running training sessions (all online due to the pandemic) – this year we have focused on running training sessions for two new resources – Christmas and Easter in a Box. Over 200 people from all over the UK attended these sessions.
- Networking and partnering with key people and organisations in the Bristol area and nationally who have similar and/or complimentary objectives.
- Helping local churches to work together to support their local school(s).

#### Internal

- Receiving training ourselves to keep up to date and further hone our skills.
- Keeping up to date with developments in school/community work across the country, so that we can learn from and implement best practice in the Bristol area.
- Involvement in piloting new projects ('action research') to ensure that BSC consultants continue to learn and develop with regards to engaging with spiritual development in a school and its wider community context – this year the main action research projects were Christmas in a Box, Easter in a Box, outdoor prayer spaces.
- Ensuring that we have good working relationships/work in partnership with other organisations in the city and beyond with similar aims and objectives.
- Producing 'how to' guides for various ways that churches might connect with the local schools: e.g. Running an Outdoor prayer space
- Working with churches and schools to connect the life of both communities to their mutual benefit

During the year BSC has successfully achieved the majority of the plans and objectives outlined on last year's annual report. We have:

- Offered and delivered successful consultancy, coaching, and training to churches and church members who are connecting with their local schools (and their associated wider communities) and heading up different school/community projects.  
We have connected with people and churches all over the Bristol area, often with one-off consultancy advice. We have also worked for longer periods of time with churches in Easton, Avonmouth and Lawrence Weston, Lockleaze, Clifton, Glenfrome, Wick, Shirehampton, Stockwood.
- We developed and piloted two new resources – Christmas in a Box and Easter in Box – the Movie. Following the pilot rollouts of the new resources, we undertook a review so that we could gather feedback and tweak the resources for relaunches in 2021/22. The feedback we received was overwhelmingly positive and we are now in the process of updating the resource for relaunch.
- We developed some new outdoor prayer space activities and produced a How To guide about how to run an outdoor prayer space. We were also involved with leading some training on this with Prayer Spaces in Schools.
- We successfully handed over the project – Children Just Like Me to Bridges for Communities. It has been a joy to support them at the start of this venture and to see them developing the project further. It is now called Bristol School Linking project.
- We have continued to have a regular online presence on Facebook and our YouTube channel – posting videos, encouragements, ideas, stories – to inspire people/churches to connect with their local school – especially through the Pandemic. As noted above, there is still work to do enhancing our website.
- We ran a training afternoon with Trinity Theological college – training students and ordinands about why and how to make positive connections with their local schools and providing spiritual development opportunities in school communities.
- We ran several online supporter gatherings to share the vision, encourage, share positive stories and pray.
- We have continued to network with other organisations that have a similar heart and vision e.g. Bristol Diocese, Together4Bristol, Transforming Lives for Good, Bridges for Communities, Müllers, PAIS movement, Prayer Spaces in Schools. Where appropriate we have signposted to these organisations and promote their work/resources.
- We have continued to work on our funding strategy and to secure new and ongoing sources of funding. We have been very encouraged by the financial support received for the first time from The Burden Trust, Temple Ecclesiastical Charity, St Stephens Soundwell Bristol, Hope Community Church Bristol and Christ Church Barnet. We continue to give thanks for the ongoing generous funding received from Christ Church Clifton, the Fairfield Trust and approximately 20 individual supporters.
- We had hoped to enhance our website with all our resources being available from it as well as a general update on the BSC story. Unfortunately time did not permit us to do this and this project will roll forward into 2021/22.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

BSC was fortunate to receive initial seed funding from a number of trusts and individuals when it was formed in 2015.

However, BSC remains reliant each year on financial gifts from individuals, trusts and churches within Bristol and beyond which can be one-off, ongoing or for a limited period of time. Given this dependency, the trustees believe it appropriate to target reserves at approximately six months of ongoing expenditure plus the budgeted deficit for the next year before new fundraising.

The reserves at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 were £27,900. The projected expenditure and deficit for 2021/22 before new fundraising were £36,000 and £9,000 respectively giving a reserves target of £27,000. Reserves therefore represented 103% of target.

The trustees consider this level of reserves reasonable but continue to seek new sources of income in order to reduce the 2021/22 deficit.

### Financial performance

BSC started the year with projected expenditure exceeding pledged income by £11,000. We are very grateful to God for existing donors who have continued to support BSC and for the £18,500 of additional gifts received from trusts (£12,500), churches (£4,500) and individuals (£1,500) - leading to an overall increase in income of over 30% to £35,500 and a surplus of £4,000.

Total expenditure increased to £31,500. As explained above, most of BSC's new activities during the year related to the development and rollout of Christmas in a Box and Easter in a Box - together they accounted for approximately half of total expenditure in the year. These 'new costs' were offset by a reduction in the consultants' other activities due to the pandemic such that the 'net cost' was principally the £5,400 cost of the materials themselves.

Time did not permit the planned further development of BSC's website with planned expenditure of £3,000 rolling forward into next year.

We start 2021/22 with a projected shortfall of £9,000 including these website costs. We hope to reduce this deficit by increasing the number of churches which support financially the ongoing Christmas and Easter in a Box projects.

## Section F

## Plans and objectives for 2021/22

In the next year BSC plans to

- Continue to support churches in less resourced areas in the City of Bristol who seek support (coaching/mentoring/training) as they make meaningful connections with their local schools and wider community.
- Continue to research innovative ways to create intentional spaces for spiritual dialogue within schools and their wider communities across our city.
- Relaunch Christmas in a Box and Easter in a Box (the resources we developed and piloted last academic year) – including updating the resources based on the feedback from last year's pilot; developing new dedicated webpages on our website; running online training sessions; advertising the resources via social media and other networks; and lastly providing a set of resources for a few less resourced churches to use with their local schools.
- Provide support to any churches operating Christmas/Easter trails. Inevitably their ability to do this may well be restricted due to the pandemic.
- Continue to promote the work of Transforming Lives for Good across Bristol, with continued

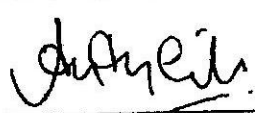
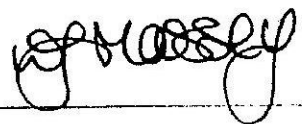
involvement with a city-wide dialogue about the involvement of churches to provide TLG to the schools that need it most (as highlighted by Bristol City Council).

- Prayer Space development - run some Prayer Spaces in Schools training sessions – including how to run outdoor prayer spaces. Continue to encourage and support churches who run prayer spaces.
- Run a Bristol Schools Connection Supporter/friends of gathering at the end of September – to envision people about churches connecting with schools and to give thanks for the last academic year.
- Prayer gatherings - host several online prayer gatherings for supporters/friends – focusing on the vision of Bristol Schools Connection. Also host a couple of prayer gatherings with Together4Bristol for people involved in education in our city.
- Reconnect in person with volunteers in churches we have worked with in the past (after meeting online during the pandemic) – continue to see how we can support them as they connect with their local schools.
- Develop and implement a concise social media plan for the year – what is our message? A few key messages that we focus on throughout the year.
- Envisioning churches to reimagine church (connecting with schools and wider community – church doesn't have to be Sunday-centric) – where and when can we do this? Looking for opportunities/forums to envision.
- Update our website to ensure our resources are readily available and to incorporate new stories etc.
- Develop our YouTube channel – add some more videos/stories
- Trinity and Bristol Baptist Theological college – offer to be involved with training students with regards to connecting with schools and their wider communities.
- Funding strategy – continue to work on our funding strategy with new and ongoing sources of funding. In particular, we hope to widen the base of churches supporting us financially.
- Continue to network with organisations locally and nationally who share a similar heart/vision.
- Connecting more with some of the church networks that we are less well connected with in the City e.g. Methodists, Baptists, and the Black-led churches.
- Think through how Bristol Schools Connection could be replicated in another city.

## Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	ANTHONY CROFTON MILES	WENDY MASSEY
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIRMAN	TRUSTEE
Date	1 <sup>st</sup> October 2021	

# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

## Section A

## Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

**Bristol Schools Connection**

On accounts for the  
year ended

31<sup>st</sup> August 2021

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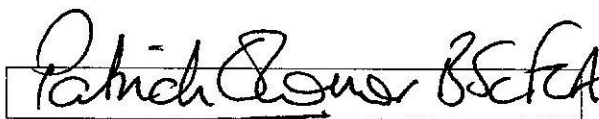
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Independent  
examiner's statement

- In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention
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  2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date:

14 November 2021

Name:

PATRICK F O'CONNOR BSc FCA

Relevant professional  
qualification:

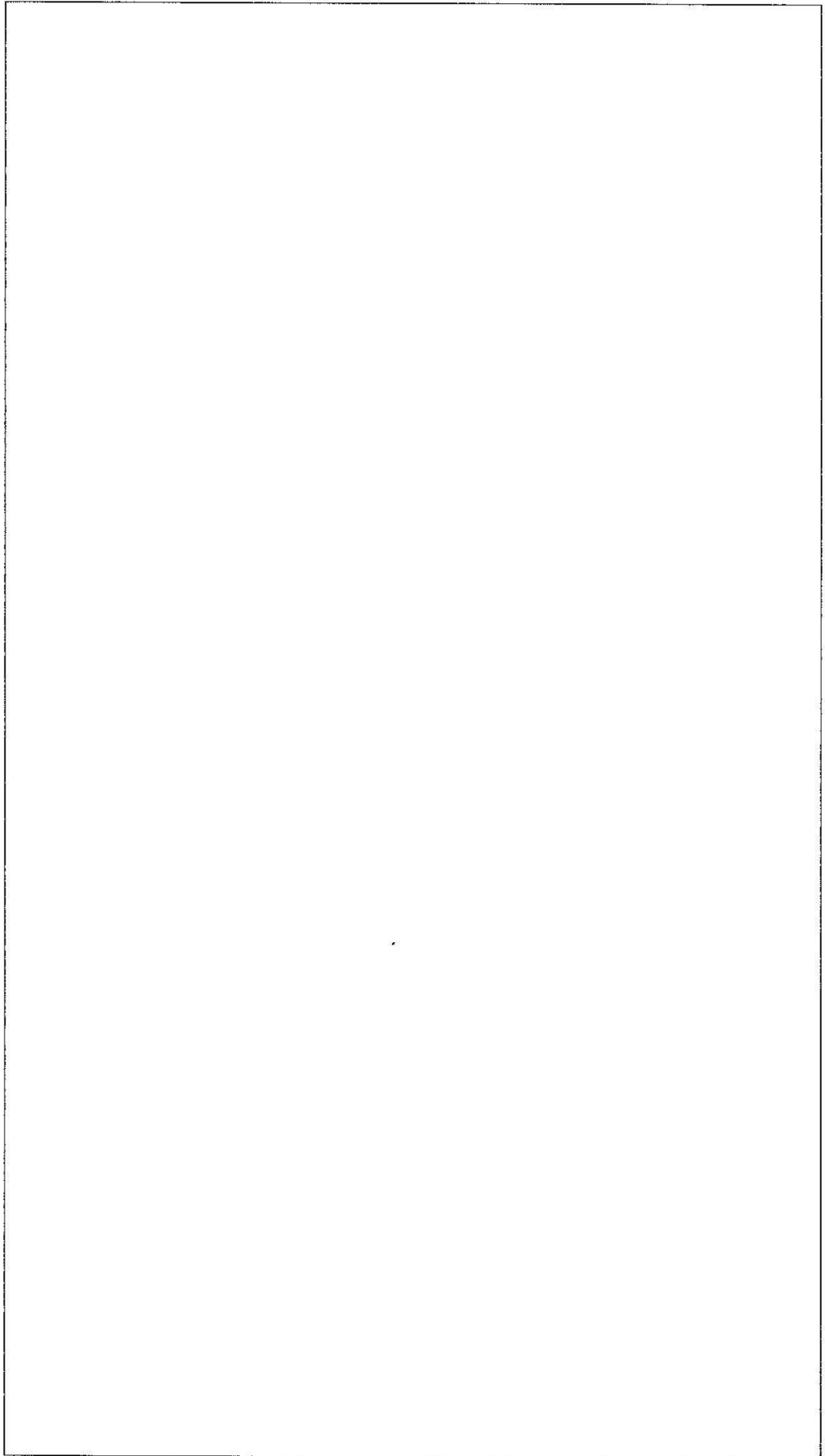
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

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Receipts and payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
1st Sept 2020	1st Sept 2020		31st August 2021
For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
1st Sept 2019	1st Sept 2019		31st August 2020

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>								
Donations from individuals	13,714	-	-	13,714	16,925	-	-	16,925
Donations from churches and other charities	19,500	-	-	19,500	5,000	-	-	5,000
Fees	2,280	-	-	2,280	684	-	-	684
Gift Aid recoverable	35,494	-	-	35,494	2,504	-	-	2,504
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>								
	35,494	-	-	35,494	25,113	-	-	25,113
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>								
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>								
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>35,494</b>			<b>35,494</b>	<b>25,113</b>			<b>25,113</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>								
Development workers	23,761	-	-	23,761	23,873	-	-	23,873
Christmas and Easter in a Box expenses	5,404	-	-	5,404	-	-	-	-
Insurance	1,505	-	-	1,505	1,807	-	-	1,807
Website and other	894	-	-	894	2,283	-	-	2,283
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>31,554</b>			<b>31,554</b>	<b>27,963</b>			<b>27,963</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>								
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>								
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>31,554</b>			<b>31,554</b>	<b>27,963</b>			<b>27,963</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>3,940</b>			<b>3,940</b>	<b>2,650</b>			<b>2,650</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>								
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>23,907</b>			<b>23,907</b>	<b>26,757</b>			<b>26,757</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>27,847</b>			<b>27,847</b>	<b>23,907</b>			<b>23,907</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank accounts	27,847	-	23,907	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>27,847</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,907</b>	<b>-</b>

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Gift Aid recoverable	150	-	150	-
		-	-	-	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

OK

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-		-
			-		-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-		-
			-		-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-		-
			-		-

Signed on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date  
1st October 2021

Signature  
*Anthony Miles*

Print Name  
Anthony Miles, Chair

**BRISTOL SCHOOLS CONNECTION**

England & Wales - Charity number 1162067

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the year

Period start date

Period end date

From

1

September 2019

To

31

August

2020

## Section A

### Reference and administration details

Charity name

Bristol Schools Connection

Other names charity is known by

BSC

Registered charity number (if any)

1162067

Charity's principal address

45 Yanley Lane

Long Ashton

Bristol

BS41 9LR

#### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Anthony Miles	Chair		
2	Wendy Massey			
3	Emelye Chanot			
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#### Consultant Development Workers

Jane Gillis	
Liz Ogborne	

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Foundation
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	New trustees are identified and invited to be trustees by the existing trustees

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## Section C Objectives and activities

### Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To advance and to develop an understanding of the Christian faith for the public benefit in particular, but not exclusively, by encouraging and enabling churches within the City of Bristol to connect with their local school communities in ways which are positive and supportive, particularly those in less resourced areas.

The Charity will further this purpose through

- Action research, based in one locality, and by providing an exemplar of outstanding practice for others to learn from and adapt to their individual context. These connections will:
  - provide support in the area of spiritual development and pastoral care to students, school staff and families with the aim that this will impact positively upon the wellbeing of the school community to the benefit of the students, staff and families;
  - enable and create safe and imaginative spiritual development and learning opportunities for all ages within both a school context, and an accessible, informal church context;
  - work with churches and schools to connect the life of the two communities to the mutual benefit of both; particularly being mindful of how churches can positively serve communities where the majority of population are of another faith or of no particular faith.
- Providing support for spiritual development and pastoral care to students, school staff and families thus impacting positively upon the school community
- Enabling safe and imaginative spiritual development and learning opportunities for all ages within school and informal church contexts

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Commission. BSC's charitable purpose is enshrined in its objects "TO ADVANCE AND TO DEVELOP AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH". The Trustees ensure this purpose is carried out for the public benefit by making its support available to schools and churches within Bristol and particularly to those in less resourced areas.

The principal activities during the year were as follows

#### External

- Consultancy/advising/training/encouraging/coaching churches and church members who are connecting with their local schools in the Bristol area. This included face to face meetings, zoom meetings, telephone calls, emails, signposting, social media, and training sessions. Our primary focus of helping less resourced churches/areas continues.
- Running training sessions (in person or online) – either general schools work training sessions, or specific training sessions e.g. how to run a prayer space in school or how to run Easter Space.
- Developing new innovative resources which enable churches to connect with their local schools. This included responding and morphing to the emerging national/local/global situation (including Covid-19).
- Networking and partnering with key people and organisations in the Bristol area and nationally who have similar and/or complimentary objectives.
- Helping local churches to work together to support their local school(s).

#### Internal

- Receiving training ourselves to keep up to date and further hone our skills.
- Keeping up to date with developments in school/community work across the country, so that we can learn from and implement best practice in the Bristol area.
- Involvement in action research projects to ensure that BSC consultants continue to learn and develop with regards to engaging with spiritual development in a school and its wider community context.
- organisations/opportunities/resources to enable an increase in good Christian engagement/support with schools. This has included the facilitating churches offering Faraday institute workshops to their local schools for January 2020.
- Ensuring that we have good working relationships/work in partnership with other organisations in the City and beyond with similar aims and objectives.
- Producing 'how to' guides for various ways that churches might connect with the local schools: e.g. Secondary RE; outdoor reflective spaces.
- Working with churches and schools to connect the life of the two communities to their mutual benefit

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

## Section D

## Achievements and performance in the year

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During the year BSC has

- Offered and delivered successful Consultancy, Coaching, and Training to churches and church members who are connecting with their local schools (and their associated wider communities) and heading up different school/community projects. These included Christmas and Easter workshops; prayer/reflective spaces (both indoors and outdoors); social action projects; supporting RE and collective worship provision. We have connected with people and churches all over the Bristol area, often with one off consultancy advice. We have also worked for longer periods of time with churches in Easton, Avonmouth, Bedminster, Stockwood, Shirehampton, Cromhall, Wick, Lockleaze, and Clifton.
- We have run various City-wide training events for churches to better enable them to connect with their local schools, and also smaller bespoke training sessions e.g. for a particular church/group of churches. This included an event in September 2019 which was well attended – we focused on people sharing their stories of how they have been connecting with their local schools, and we invited representatives from other organisations to present as well. We also ran some ‘Prayers Spaces in School’ training sessions – both in person and online (all were well attended).
- We have continued to facilitate a project called Children Just Like Me which links schools from very different areas to each other and helps to develop relations between the children so that a meaningful dialogue can happen. The project involves writing letters, hosting trips to each other’s schools/local community/places of worship. We have started to work with Bridges for communities charity on this project, with the aim of them taking ownership of this project and developing it further.
- BSC has continued to support the team delivering The Space – which is a permanent reflective space in a Secondary school in Shirehampton.
- We supported St. Francis church, Bedminster as they hosted their second Christmas workshop, and as they prepared to deliver Easter Space.
- We have continued to have a regular online presence on Facebook and have started a Youtube channel.
- During lockdown – all of our support went online. We continued to encourage and support churches to connect with their local schools during lock down. This included emails/zoom meetings/zoom training sessions/Facebook posts/Youtube story videos and training videos, and Assembly video examples.
- During lockdown we worked in partnership with ‘Prayer Spaces in School’ to produce a resource called ‘Transition space’ for year 6 leavers. We encouraged churches to offer this resource to their local schools. This was used across Bristol and beyond.
- Networking, connecting and signposting, and promoting other organisations/opportunities/resources to enable an increase in good Christian engagement/support with schools.
- We facilitated churches offering Faraday institute workshops to their local schools for January 2020.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance in the year

- We have continued to deepen our strategic connections with various organisations/networks including: Bristol Diocese; Muller Foundation; Together4Bristol; Christ Church Clifton; Alma Church; B&A church; TLG/Make Lunch; Prayer Spaces in Schools; Youth Workers Forum, God and the big bang, and the Faraday Institute. We have been able to work in partnership with these organisations/networks when appropriate and helpful. We have also made good connections with Trinity college and Bristol Baptist college and we had training sessions booked in the diary for summer 2020. These were unfortunately cancelled due to Covid-19.
- We had several meetings with key people in the City about how to get churches in the Bristol area to connect more with Secondary schools. We have been involved with forming a joint initiative with the Bristol Youth Workers Forum.
- We have continued to take an active part in the Diocese mentoring/coaching scheme – for churches who want to receive coaching about how to connect with their local school – Liz and Jane are named coaches for churches in 2 deaneries in Bristol.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

BSC was fortunate to receive initial seed funding from a number of trusts and individuals when it was formed in 2015.

However, BSC remains reliant each year on financial gifts from individuals, trusts and churches within Bristol which can be one-off, ongoing or for a limited period of time. Given this dependency, the trustees believe it appropriate to target reserves at approximately six months of ongoing expenditure plus the budgeted deficit for the next year before new fundraising.

The reserves at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020 were £23,900 The projected expenditure and deficit for 2020/21 before new fundraising were £29,000 and £11,000 respectively giving a reserves target of £25,500. Reserves therefore represented 94% of target.

The trustees consider this level of reserves reasonable but are actively seeking new sources of income in order to reduce the 2020/21 budgeted deficit.

### Financial performance

BSC started the year with projected expenditure exceeding pledged income by £9,300. We are very grateful to God for the £7,300 of additional gifts received from individuals following the appeal in autumn 2019 and for the ongoing support from supporters and the PCC of Christ Church Clifton. Total cash receipts were up 25% on 2018/19. We did not receive any trust grants.

Together with a small reduction in budgeted activity during the COVID crisis, we were able to break even in the year on a management accounts accruals basis. The attached accounts, prepared on a cash basis, show a deficit of £2,900 as last year there were accruals of £3,300 which have not repeated this year.

BSC has been able to engage Jane Gillis and Liz Ogborne, our development workers, on an 'as needed' basis as they continue the work of BSC. Total expenditure, on an accruals basis, was up 10% compared with 2018/19.

In the next year BSC plans to

- Continue to support churches and groups of Christians in less resourced areas in the City of Bristol who seek support (coaching/mentoring/training) as they make meaningful connections with their local schools and wider community.
- Continue to research innovative ways to create intentional spaces for spiritual dialogue within schools and their wider communities across our City. This will include adapting to ever changing Covid-19 requirements.
- Develop Prayer Spaces in a box, and Christmas in a box – new resources for churches to offer to schools in terms 1 and 2 – both compliant with ever changing Covid-19 requirements.
- Run an online gathering / training event in Autumn 2020 for churches in the Bristol area, sharing stories of ways that churches have connected with their local school(s) in the last year, and looking strategically at ways to connect in this academic year. Work in partnership with other networks/charities/organisations to put on this event.
- Run some other online training / in person training sessions e.g. Christmas/Easter/Prayer Spaces.
- Continue to take an active part in the Diocese of Bristol mentoring/coaching scheme, including connecting with Deanery Synods.
- Easter Space/Easter workshops – encourage/train/support churches to offer RE support about the Christian festival of Easter.
- Website and social media – add more stories to the BSC website and continue to regularly post on Facebook/Youtube/Instagram (start and Instagram account).
- Children Just like Me Project – facilitate Bridges for communities (a Bristol based charity) taking ownership of this project and developing it further.
- Produce more videos to show how different churches in the City have connected with their local school(s) and wider community. These videos can then be used to inspire and train others.
- Offer support to Trinity and Bristol Baptist theological colleges as they seek to train students and Ordinands in making positive connections with schools and providing creative spiritual development opportunities.
- Continue to work on our funding strategy to secure new and ongoing sources of funding.

**Section G****Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	ANTHONY CROFTON MILES	WENDY MASSEY
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	CHAIRMAN	TRUSTEE

**Date**  
1<sup>st</sup> October 2020

# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

## Section A

## Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

**Bristol Schools Connection**

On accounts for the  
year ended

31<sup>st</sup> August 2020

Charity no

1162067

Set out on pages

1 and 2

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 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent  
examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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 Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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.

Signed:



Date:

1st October 2020

Name:

PATRICK F O'CONNOR BSc FCA

Relevant professional  
qualification:

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

Address:

51 Downs Park West

Bristol, BS6 7QL

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

NONE

## Receipts and payments accounts

## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 1st Sept 2019	To	Period end date 31st August 2020	For the period from	Period start date 1st Sept 2018	To	Period end date 31st August 2019
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## Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>								
Donations from Individuals	16,925	-	-	16,925	11,702	-	-	11,702
Donations from churches and other charities	5,000	-	-	5,000	5,000	-	-	5,000
Fees	684	-	-	684	630	-	-	630
Gift Aid recoverable	2,504	-	-	2,504	2,607	-	-	2,607
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>25,113</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,113</b>	<b>19,939</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>19,939</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>								
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>25,113</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,113</b>	<b>19,939</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>19,939</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>								
Development workers	23,873	-	-	23,873	20,333	-	-	20,333
Insurance	1,807	-	-	1,807	1,787	-	-	1,787
Website and other	2,283	-	-	2,283	944	-	-	944
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>27,963</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,963</b>	<b>23,064</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,064</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>								
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>27,963</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,963</b>	<b>23,064</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,064</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 2,850</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 2,850</b>	<b>- 3,126</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 3,126</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	26,757	-	-	26,757	29,882	-	-	29,882
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>23,907</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,907</b>	<b>26,757</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,757</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank account	23,907	-	Bank account	26,767	-
		-	-		-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>23,907</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>26,767</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	<b>Details</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restricted funds to nearest £</b>
	Gift Aid recoverable	160	-	Gift Aid recoverable	37	-
		-	-		-	-
		-	-		-	-
		-	-		-	-
		-	-		-	-
B3 Investment assets	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>
			-			-
			-			-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>
			-			-
			-			-
B5 Liabilities	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which liability relates</b>	<b>Amount due (optional)</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which liability relates</b>	<b>Amount due (optional)</b>
			-	Outstanding Development worker expenses	1280	-
			-	Donation received in advance	2000	-

Signed on behalf of all the trustees

Date	Signature	Print Name
1st October 2020		Anthony Miles, Chair