



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	11	2022		31	10	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

c/o Joanne Coleman	
17 Hillyfields	
Dunstable, Bedfordshire	
Postcode	LU63NS

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	Beverley Keble			The GBWA Council
2	Ibidunni Akinrogunde			
3	Patsy Jackson	Treasurer		
4	Lena King	Conference secretary		
5	Sandra Piggott			
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7	Joanne Coleman	Chair		
8	Emma Nash			
9	Shirley Pontin			
10	Kathryn Hanna			
11	Lynne Boyt			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

CIO

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

CIO

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Each trustee is appointed by the GBWA council with recommendation from their local church leadership.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

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

The advancement of the christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal basis primarily (but not exclusively) by training, equipping and supporting women involved in Grace Baptist Churches.

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 main focus of the GBWA is an annual conference during which women receive bible teaching, relaxation and opportunities for friendship. A magazine is produced twice a year providing a platform for women to share stories and testimonies for mutual encouragement. We have a website and facebook page to keep women informed of upcoming events, and again provide opportunities for teaching and sharing encouragements. A friendship Link enables women who might be lonely, to receive written correspondence from a fellow christian woman (like a pen-pal) A Need Fund provides financial help to women who might otherwise struggle to afford to attend the conference, and seeks to meet other financial needs on an individual basis. The GBWA also seeks to support a nominated charity each year, either in the UK or abroad, whose aims are in line with ours.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

All of our work is undertaken by volunteers. We have no paid (by GBWA) workers.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The committee continues to meet twice a year. We continue to encourage opportunities for teaching and fellowship within each of the districts represented by GBWA. A number of conferences took place throughout 2022/2023 which were very well received.

A weekend conference is planned for September 2024 at High Leigh Conference Centre. The speaker is yet to be finalised and a number of seminars and workshops will also be planned.

The Need Fund has been wound down, with a final donation going to support a refugee seeking to rescue her sons from a war-torn country. It was decided that the Need Fund was no longer viable and the account has been closed.

The Sharing magazine continues to be well received and contains good representation from women in all walks of life.

We have finished supporting Noor Ministries as our designated charity. We have now chosen to support the work of Tamer, a charity based in London supporting women involved in trafficking.

Heidi Mistry has resigned from the GBWA council. Sandra Piggott will continue to represent her area.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

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Details of any funds materially in deficit

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Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

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Section F

Other optional information

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Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Joanne Ruth Coleman	
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair	
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Date

07/08/2023