

BASIC INCOME RESEARCH GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1171533

Details

Other names THE CITIZEN'S BASIC INCOME TRUST

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2017-02-08

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS TO ADVANCE PUBLIC EDUCATION ABOUT THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ADVANTAGES AND FEASIBILITIES OF A CITIZEN'S BASIC INCOME: THAT IS, A PERIODIC, UNIFORM (EXCEPT BY AGE), UNCONDITIONAL CASH PAYMENT DELIVERED TO ALL ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS, WITHOUT MEANS TEST OR BEHAVIOURAL REQUIREMENT

Activities: The Basic Income Research Group undertakes and sponsors research, maintains a website and a library, publishes a newsletter, organises meetings, and responds to requests for information.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£16,430	£32,995	-	-
2024-12-31	£7,530	£65	-	-
2023-12-31	£2,095	£60	-	-
2022-12-31	£1,995	£81	-	-
2021-12-31	£2,746	£514	-	-

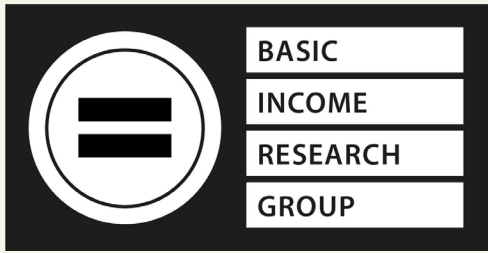
Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Matthew Thomas Johnson	Chair	2024-06-05
ANNE GLENDA MILLER		2017-02-01
Daniel Mermelstein		2024-06-05
Dr Elliott Aidan Johnson		2024-06-05
Dr John Simon Duffy		2022-10-12
Dr Remco Pieter Johan Peters		2024-06-05
Howard Robert Reed		2024-07-26
Joanna Kate Poulton		2024-10-10
Jonathan Rhys Williams		2025-11-26
Julia Elizabeth Maryke Hines		2024-10-10
Roweena Russell		2024-10-10

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for the year ending 31 December 2025

31 January 2026

Charity information

Basic Income Research Group (formally the Citizen's Basic Income Trust until 21 February 2025) was constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation whose only voting members are its charity trustees (with a 'foundation' model constitution) on 1 February 2017 and registered as a charity (no. 1171533) on 8 February 2017. Its registered address is 54 Sherwood Way, Feering, Colchester, CO5 9LJ.

Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee is appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

During 2025, officers were:

Chair: Matthew Johnson

Secretary: Elliott Johnson

Treasurer: Howard Reed

Trustees were:

Simon Duffy

Julia Hines

Elliott Johnson

Matthew Johnson

Daniel Mermelstein

Anne Miller

Remco Peters

Joanna Poulton

Howard Reed

Jonathan Rhys Williams (from 26 November)

Roweena Russell

Charity object

The object of the charity, as set out in its constitution, is 'to advance public education about the economic and social advantages and feasibilities of a Citizen's Basic Income: that is, a periodic, uniform (except by age), unconditional cash payment delivered to all on an individual basis, without means test or work requirement'.

Activities

The trustees held two meetings remotely during the year on 10 October and 26 November.

The year saw much more stability in officer and trustee composition, with the only changes being the reappointment of Simon Duffy following the expiration of his previous term and the appointment of just one additional trustee, Jonathan Rhys Williams, a senior solicitor in employment law, founding member of UBI Lab Wales a member of the Welsh Government's Technical Advisory Group for the basic income for care leavers pilot. At the 10 October trustee meeting, Annie Millier announced

that she intends to step down at the end of her term on 8 February 2026. Annie has been a trustee with the charity since its inception more than 40 years ago during which she held the role of Chair a number of times. The trustees would like to thank Annie for her immense contributions over the years which have helped to create mainstream public awareness of Basic Income.

Having formally returned to the original Basic Income Research Group (BIRG) name in February 2025, the officer group focused on enacting the trustee's strategy of returning to the charity's roots and refocusing on facilitating world-leading Basic Income research undertaken within England and Wales, particularly with regard to health, Basic Income Plus to account for diverse and additional needs, rural economies, the Net Zero transition, and pilots and trials. The first of these reports, on the perceptions of Basic Income among trade unions in relation to the net zero transition, was undertaken by UBI Lab Manchester, UBI Lab Network and the Common Sense Policy Group and published on 22 December 2025. Work on the remaining reports, with a range of partners, is ongoing with outputs due in 2026.

Administratively, a number of processes were fully implemented, including a full move of the charity's bank account from CAF to the Co-operative Bank. Daniel Mermelstein completed the move of the charity's website to <https://birg.co.uk>.

Public benefit statement

During 2025, the activities above were in accordance with the objects of the charity, that is. Outputs are freely available at <https://birg.co.uk>.

Financial report

The finances of Basic Income Research Group (known as the Citizen's Basic Income Trust until February) were stable in 2025 and regular donations enabled it to meet its obligations and deliver its strategy. Reserves were sufficient to ensure that future obligations could be met for an extended period sufficient to replace any fall in income. In line with the strategy agreed by trustees in 2024 and given a small number of administrative expenses alongside regular, larger donations, reserves were drawn down in 2025 and used to facilitate the research activity noted above in support of the charity's object. The trustees are very grateful to those individuals and organisations who gave and continue to give time, effort and financial support to its work. The trustees would like to give particular thanks to AltraLaw for their generous ongoing financial support during 2025 and beyond. The trustees also wish to express their sincere gratitude to Alexander Wright for his generous donation, and to the estate of Alice Roberts for their generous bequest. This financial support is underpinning rigorous and pioneering Basic Income research to support public education.

Accounts for the period 1 January to 31 December 2025

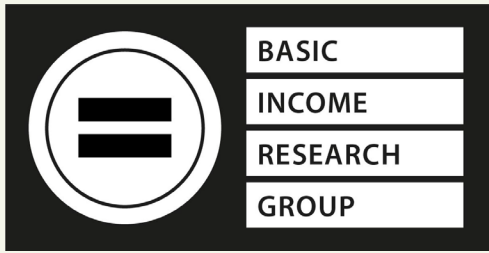
Unrestricted funds	2025	2024
Receipts		
CAF Bank	£140.61	£1,650.46
Co-operative Bank	£16,228.21	£5,820.00
PayPal	£61.20	£60.00
Total receipts	16,430.02	£7,530.46
Expenditure		
CAF Bank charges	£10.00	£60.00
PayPal fees	£4.95	£5.40
Co-operative bank charges	-	-
Donations to support object	£31,500.00	£0.00
Administrative expenses	£1,479.61	-
Total expenditure	£32,994.56	£65.40
Net of receipts/payments	-£16,564.54	£7,465.06
TOTAL (cash funds at year end)	£6,026.41	£22,590.95

This annual report for the year ending 31 December 2025 was prepared by Elliott Johnson, Secretary, and was approved by Matthew Johnson, Chair, and Howard Reed, Treasurer, on behalf of the Basic Income Research Group trustees.

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30 October 2025

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Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee is appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

During 2024, officers were:

Chair from 26 July 2024: Matthew Johnson

Secretary from 26 July 2024: Elliott Johnson

Treasurer from 10 October 2024: Howard Reed

Chair and Secretary until 26 July 2024 and Treasurer until 10 October 2024: Simon Duffy

Trustees were:

Simon Duffy

Jacob Eliot (until 5 June 2024)

Anne Gray (until 29 September 2024)

Julia Hines (from 10 October 2024)

Elliott Johnson (from 5 June 2024)

Matthew Johnson (from 5 June 2024)

Neal Lawson (until 6 March 2024)

Daniel Mermelstein (from 5 June 2024)

Anne Miller

Gareth Morgan (until 27 September 2024)

Remco Peters (from 5 June 2024)

Joanna Poulton (from 10 October 2024)

Howard Reed (from 26 July 2024)

Roweena Russell (from 10 October 2024)

Stuart White (until 26 July 2024)

Charity object

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Activities

The trustees held four full trustees' meetings remotely during the year on 6 March, 5 June, 26 July and 10 October.

The year saw a number of changes to officer and trustee composition as part of a transition plan agreed in 2023. We would like to thank all Trustees who stood down during 2024 for their contributions over the years and for initiating a transition plan that will enable the charity to build on that work. We would also like to thank Simon Duffy, in particular, for stewarding the charity through this transition period as Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

Following these changes, the strategy agreed by trustees emphasised a return to the charity's roots in its 40th year, including by reverting from the Citizen's Basic Income Trust (CBIT) to the original Basic Income Research Group (BIRG) name (formally completed early in 2025) and refocusing on facilitating world-leading Basic Income research undertaken within England and Wales, particularly with regard to health, Basic Income Plus to account for diverse and additional needs, rural economies, the Net Zero transition, and pilots and trials. Outputs were planned for 2025 and 2026.

Administratively, the new officer group overhauled a number of processes, including initiating a move of the charity's bank account from CAF to the Co-operative Bank, completed in early 2025. Daniel Mermelstein led a process of moving to a new website (<https://birg.co.uk>) to reflect the new name which was initiated in 2024 and completed in 2025.

Public benefit statement

During 2024, the activities above were in accordance with the objects of the charity, that is. Outputs are freely available at <https://birg.co.uk>.

Financial report

The finances of Basic Income Research Group (then known as the Citizen's Basic Income Trust) were stable in 2024 and regular donations enabled it to meet its obligations while increasing overall reserves. Reserves were sufficient to ensure that future obligations could be met for an extended period sufficient to replace any fall in income. As part of the 2024 strategy, given limited regular expenses and as larger donations are anticipated, trustees agreed that the majority of reserves should be drawn down in 2025 and used to facilitate research activity in support of the charity's object. The trustees are very grateful to those individuals and organisations who gave and continue to give time, effort and financial support to its work. The trustees would like to give particular thanks to AltraLaw for their very generous financial support during 2024 and beyond.

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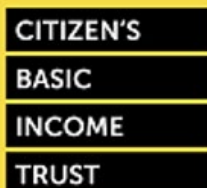
Unrestricted funds	2024	2023
Receipts		
CAF Bank	£1,650.46	£2035.47
Co-operative Bank	£5,820.00	-
PayPal	£60.00	£60.00
Total receipts	£7,530.46	£2,095.47
Expenditure		
CAF Bank charges	£60.00	£60.00
PayPal fees	£5.40	£5.40
Co-operative bank charges	£0.00	-
Total expenditure	£65.40	£65.40
Net of receipts/payments	£7,465.06	£2,030.07
TOTAL (cash funds at year end)	£22,590.95	£15,125.89

This annual report for the year ending 31 December 2024 was prepared by Elliott Johnson, Secretary, and was approved by Matthew Johnson, Chair, and Howard Reed, Treasurer, on behalf of the Basic Income Research Group trustees.

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Citizen's Basic Income Trust

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26 October 2024

Charity information

The Citizen's Basic Income Trust (CBIT) was constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 1 February 2017 and registered as a charity (no. 1171533), on 8 February 2017. Its registered address is now 54 Sherwood Way, Feering, Colchester, CO5 9LJ. In 2023, its registered address until 2 February was 106 Queens Road, Buckhurst Hill, IG9 5BS and from 2 February was 8 Oakdale Road, Sheffield, S7 1SL.

During 2023, officers were:

Chair, Secretary and Treasurer from 8 February: Simon Duffy

Chair until 8 February: Anne Miller

Secretary and Treasurer until 8 February: Mark Wadsworth

Trustees were:

Simon Duffy

Jacob Eliot

Anne Gray

Ursula Huws (until 8 February)

Neil Lawson

Anne Miller

Gareth Morgan

Mark Wadsworth (until 8 February)

Stuart White

Activities in 2023

The trustees held four full trustees' meetings remotely during the year on 8 February, 10 May, 2 August and 6 December.

2023 saw a number of significant changes to officer and trustee composition. Anne Miller stepped down as Chair, a position she had held since CBIT became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), on 8 February. Mark Wadsworth also stepped down as Secretary and Treasurer due to ill health. CBIT would like to thank both for their years of service. It would also like to send its condolences to Mark's family following his passing on 22 March. His work on Basic Income will be honoured as the organisation develops in its next period of activity.

Simon Duffy was appointed Chair, Secretary and Treasurer on 8 February and developed a plan, agreed by Trustees, covering the future role of CBIT in the new environment of multiple Basic Income advocacy organisations as well as to begin a process of transitioning to a refreshed group of Trustees in 2024. This plan included efforts to establish a more cohesive Basic Income Movement, with strong CBIT attendance at an inaugural gathering in Sheffield on 30 April. The plan indicated that CBIT should provide the evidence base from which advocacy organisations could draw.

Administratively, the new Chair continued to maintain CBIT's CAF bank account and prepare annual accounts. He also oversaw the transfer of the mail database from MailChimp to Action Network to enable distribution to a wider audience. Daniel Mermelstein, CBIT's webmaster and editor, continued to maintain the website and produce email updates.

CBIT continued to review books covering Basic Income as well as highlighting research and analysis. Old VHS films, including a documentary on Basic Income from 1991, were digitalised and shared via YouTube.

In terms of Trustee activity, Anne Miller published *Basic Income: A Short Guide* in August, providing a clear and concise introduction to the fundamentals of Basic Income at an accessible level.

Public benefit statement

During 2023, the activities above were in accordance with the objects of the charity, that is, 'to advance public education about the economic and social advantages and feasibilities of a Citizen's Basic Income: that is, a periodic, uniform (except by age), unconditional cash payment delivered to all on an individual basis, without means test or work requirement'. CBIT's publications published during 2023 are freely available on its website.

Financial report

CBIT's finances were stable in 2023 and regular donations enabled it to meet its obligations while increasing overall reserves. Reserves were sufficient to ensure that future obligations could be met for an extended period sufficient to replace any fall in income. CBIT is very grateful to those individuals and organisations who gave and continue to give time, effort and financial support to its work.

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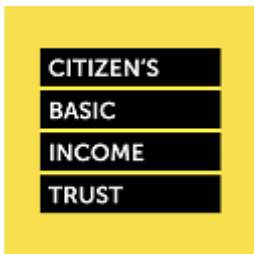
Income	
Donations	£2,095
TOTAL INCOME	£2,095
Expenditure	
Bank charges	£60
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£60
Balance	£2,035
Reserves	£14,808

This annual report for the year ending 31 December 2023 was prepared by Elliott Johnson, Secretary since 26 July 2024, and was approved by Matthew Johnson, Chair since 26 July 2024, and Howard Reed, Treasurer since 10 October 2024, on behalf of the CBIT Trustees.

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ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The Citizen's Basic Income Trust was constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on the 1st February 2017 and registered as a charity, number 1171533, on the 8th February 2017.

During 2021 officers were: Chair: Anne Miller; Treasurer: Mark Wadsworth; Secretary: Mark Wadsworth.

The trustees during the year were: Benet Brandreth (until 2 February); Simon Duffy (from 12 October); Jake Eliot; Anne Gray; Alison Griffin (until 2 February); Ursula Huws; Barbara Jacobson (until 2 February); Neal Lawson; Anne Miller; Gareth Morgan; Mark Wadsworth; Stuart White. The trustees held three full trustees' meetings remotely during the year: on the 2nd February, the 6th July, and the 12th October.

In his role as Secretary, Mark Wadsworth continued to deal with the administrative responsibilities of the Trust, from its office at his home. He responds to enquiries from individuals and organisations and maintains the twitter account. As treasurer, he also maintains CBIT's CAF account and prepares the annual accounts. Daniel Mermelstein, CBIT's webmaster and editor, maintains the website, and publishes email updates.

During the year, the Charity Commission granted permission to CBIT to change its definition in its constitution, and this now appears on the Charity Commission website.

The environment with respect to basic income in the UK has changed over recent years. For more than thirty years, until around 2017, CBIT was a lone voice educating the public about the desirability and feasibility of a basic income (BI). Since then, a research facility, The Institute for Policy Research, has been set up at the University of Bath, and a network of BI advocates has developed in several cities mainly across the north of England. The trustees affirmed CBIT's purpose, continuing its unique role of advancing public education about the desirability and feasibility of BI, including a new focus on providing high quality, clear, accurate, foundational information re BI, especially for opinion-formers and policy makers, together with analysis and comparisons of BI proposals for the UK, and responding to critics. The trustees invited its newest trustee, Dr Simon Duffy, to prepare a plan for the future role of CBIT in the new environment.

Trustees continue to make their own contributions to the basic income debate. In January, Anne Miller was invited to be part of a panel remotely interviewing two BI advocates in South Korea about their respective BI proposals associated with a candidate for the forthcoming election for the Korean President. She was also invited to contribute remotely to two conferences: to the Radical Statistics conference with the theme of 'Taxing Wealth, Reducing Inequality' on 26 February, and as one of the panellists in the Final Plenary of the annual North America Basic Income Congress on 23 June. She also provided 'An analysis of IPPR Scotland's Minimum Income Guarantee proposals'. She continues to contribute to BIEN's Clarification of the Basic Income Definition group and presented a paper on 'BI and Uniformity' to one of its Open Forums on 26 April.

The Trust's finances are stable, and, even if no grant aid is forthcoming, promised regular donations will enable the Trust to meet its obligations for the foreseeable future. The Trust is very grateful to those individuals and organisations who continue to give time, effort and financial support to its work.

Public benefit statement: During 2022, the activities above were in accordance with the objects of the charity, i.e., 'to advance public education about the economic and social advantages and feasibilities of a Citizen's Basic Income: that is, a periodic, uniform (except by age), unconditional cash payment delivered to all on an individual basis, without means test or work requirement'. All of the Trust's publications published during 2022 are freely available on its website.

Annual Report approved by Anne Miller, Chair and Mark Wadsworth Treasurer on 15th March 2023

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Income	
Donations to CAF	£1,934.41
PayPal Donations	£60.80
TOTAL INCOME	£1995.21
Expenditure	
Bank charges	£81.00
TOTAL SPENDING	£81.00
Balance	£1,914.21
Assets	£12,832

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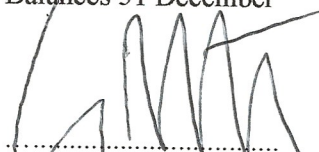
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Receipts and payments

Unrestricted Funds	CAF Donate 2021	CAF Cash 2021	Paypal 2021	Total 2021	Total 2020
Receipts	£	£	£	£	£
Donations	875	1,510	68	2,453	2,341
Gift aid	205	0	0	205	347
Publishers Licensing Society	0	0	0	0	59
Donated royalties	<u>0</u>	<u>460</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>460</u>	<u>0</u>
Total receipts	<u>1,080</u>	<u>1,969</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>3,117</u>	<u>2,746</u>
Payments					
Events attended	0	0	0	0	0
Newsletter printing	0	0	0	0	0
Trustee expenses	0	-211	0	-211	113
Events held	0	0	0	0	0
Insurance	0	96	0	96	0
Website hosting and software	0	462	0	462	280
Postage, stationery and other office costs	0	0	0	0	0
Bank charges	26	96	7	129	97
Independent examiner's fees	<u>0</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>25</u>
Total payments	<u>26</u>	<u>468</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>501</u>	<u>514</u>
Net receipts/(payments)	1,054	1,501	61	2,616	2,232
Balances 1 January	0	8,424	137	8,561	6,329
Net receipts/(payments)	1,054	1,501	61	2,616	2,232
Transfer	<u>-1,054</u>	<u>1,054</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Balances 31 December	<u>0</u>	<u>10,979</u>	<u>198</u>	<u>11,177</u>	<u>8,561</u>


 Mark Wadsworth, Treasurer

30/1/2022

The charity had no significant activities in the year apart from updating the website, so no separate Trustees' Report is included.  30/1/2022