

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

**From:** 1 Dec 2021 Period start date

**To:** 30 Nov 2022 Period end date

**Charity name:** Connect Group CIO

**Charity registration number:** 1171750

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The Object of the CIO is, for the public benefit, the advancement of the Christian faith in such ways as the Charity Trustees may from time to time decide.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The CIO has power to.</p> <p>5.1 work in co-operation with churches and other Christian charities;</p> <p>5.2.borrow money and to charge the whole or any part of its property as security for the repayment of the money borrowed. The CIO must comply as appropriate with sections 124 and 125 of the Charities Act 2011 if it wishes to mortgage land;</p> <p>5.3.buy, take on lease or in exchange, hire or otherwise acquire any property and to maintain and equip it for use;</p> <p>5.4.sell, lease or otherwise dispose of all or any part of the property belonging to the CIO. In exercising this power, the CIO must comply as appropriate with sections 117 and 119-123 of the Charities Act 2011;</p> <p>5.5.employ and remunerate such staff as are necessary for carrying out the work of the CIO. The CIO may employ or remunerate a Charity Trustee only to the extent that it is permitted to do so by clause 7 (Benefits and payments to Charity Trustees and Connected Persons) and provided it complies with the conditions of that clause;</p> <p>5.6.deposit or invest funds, employ a professional fund-manager and arrange for the investments or other property of the CIO to be held in the name of a nominee, in the same manner and subject to the same conditions as the trustees of a trust are permitted to do by the Trustee Act 2000; and</p> <p>5.7.do anything else within the law which is incidental and conducive to the Objects.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	All trustees have received the guidance and are aware of their responsibilities in this regard.

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

**Achievements and Performance**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The church community and the building we reside in is a vibrant and much appreciated venue for social cohesion, harmony and social care. We are often socially prescribed to offering arts and crafts, gardening and food as part of our outreach to the wider community. These are in addition to the core services we provide for our Christian community.</p> <p>We have an extensive calendar of events during the year, many are free to ensure accessibility for all. The community and youth team based at our centre also won the Queen's Award for Voluntary Services in 2022.</p>

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Our services and our community activities are in line with our objectives
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Fundraising has reduced slightly during a year of the pandemic and cost of living crisis however we saw an increase in numbers of people participating in our fundraising activities.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	No significant investments however a small grant enabled us to repair windows for a more comfortable premises for hire.
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Net surplus higher this period as less expenditure needed on the building following roof replacement last year
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves to the value of at least three months of core expenses covered
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£12K
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	-
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	-
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Donations provided by church goers, community use and income from venue hire
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Investment into the building structure has been a priority over the years in order to ensure a hireable, safe and attractive community premises
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Enforced lockdown
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<p>10.2.1. Every Charity Trustee must be a natural person.</p> <p>10.2.2. No individual may be appointed as a Charity Trustee of the CIO:</p> <p>10.2.2.1. if he or she is under the age of 18 years; or</p> <p>10.2.2.2. if he or she would automatically cease to hold office under the provisions of clause 13.1 of the Constitution</p> <p>10.2.3. No one is entitled to act as a Charity Trustee whether on appointment or on any re-appointment until he or she has expressly acknowledged, in whatever way the Charity Trustees decide, his or her acceptance of the office of Charity Trustee</p>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Trustees information on responsibilities provided as part of annual induction and as the Charity Commission advises via updates and advisory notices
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Operates as a church and venue provision for the local community
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	Part of an informal network of four churches in the Greater Manchester area.
Other		

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Connect Group CIO
Other name the charity uses	Connect Church
Registered charity number	1171750
Charity's principal address	1 Old Wellington Road, Eccles Salford M30 9NU

### 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	Ken Oldham	Chair	Since 2017	
2	William Green	Trustee	Since 2017	
3	Dorothy Huddart	Trustee	Since 2017 (Resigned April 2023)	
4	Yewande Williams	Trustee	Since 2017	
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### Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
Denise Green	Secretary	
Irena Pistun	Treasurer	

### Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
Ken Oldham		
William Green		

### Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/a
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/a
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/a

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

William Green – Pastor  
Denise Green – Spiritual advisor / counsellor

**Exemptions from disclosure**

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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**Other optional information**

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**Declarations**

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)

KEN OLDHAM	
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Position (eg Secretary,  
Chair, etc)

Ken Oldham / Chair	
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Date

22/8/2023
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## Connect Group CIO / End of Year Financial Statements / Year ending 2022

### Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total funds	Prior year total funds
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	22,763	5,840	—	28,604	22,052
Income from charitable activities	16,161	3,764	—	19,925	18,021
Other income	13,818	—	—	13,818	26,253
<b>Total income</b>	<b>52,743</b>	<b>9,605</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>62,348</b>	<b>66,326</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Expenditure on charitable activities	(12,864)	15,425	—	2,561	45,737
Other expenditure	38,988	675	—	39,664	35,619
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>26,124</b>	<b>16,101</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>42,225</b>	<b>81,356</b>
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	7,556
<b>Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer</b>	<b>26,618</b>	<b>(6,496)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>20,122</b>	<b>(7,473)</b>
<b>Other recognised gains / losses</b>					
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	3,400
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>26,618</b>	<b>(6,496)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>20,122</b>	<b>(4,073)</b>
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<b>(207,657)</b>	<b>390,805</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>183,147</b>	<b>187,221</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>(181,039)</b>	<b>384,309</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>203,270</b>	<b>183,147</b>
<b>Represented by</b>					
<b>Unrestricted</b>					
General fund	(179,341)	—	—	(179,341)	(205,407)
<b>Designated</b>					
Missions	33	—	—	33	(192)
Outreach	(1,736)	—	—	(1,736)	(2,058)
Revaluation reserves	5	—	—	5	—
<b>Restricted</b>					
Build Fund	—	380,283	—	380,283	389,438
Roof Fund	—	4,025	—	4,025	1,367

## Balance sheet

	Total funds	Prior year funds
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
Tangible assets	272,720	273,400
	<b>272,720</b>	<b>273,400</b>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash at bank and in hand	29,689	32,450
	<b>29,689</b>	<b>32,450</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	99,138	122,702
	<b>99,138</b>	<b>122,702</b>
<b>Net current assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>(69,449)</b>	<b>(90,252)</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>203,270</b>	<b>183,147</b>
<b>Total net assets less liabilities</b>	<b>203,270</b>	<b>183,147</b>
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General fund	(179,341)	(205,407)
<b>Designated</b>		
Missions	33	(192)
Outreach	(1,736)	(2,058)
Revaluation reserves	5	—
<b>Restricted</b>		
Roof Fund	4,025	1,367
Build Fund	380,283	389,438
<b>Funds of the church</b>	<b>203,270</b>	<b>183,147</b>



## Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
<b>Fixed assets - Tangible assets</b>						
Property -	(145,200)	—	415,200	—	270,000	270,000
Equipment -	2,720	—	—	—	2,720	3,400
<b>Totals</b>	<b>(142,480)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>415,200</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>272,720</b>	<b>273,400</b>
<b>Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand</b>						
Current Account Connect Church -	(62,393)	(13,347)	89,983	—	14,242	19,290
Connect Savings repay mortgage -	2,173	(354)	1,596	—	3,415	1,134
Connect Reserve Emergency Account -	25	12,005	—	—	12,030	12,025
<b>Totals</b>	<b>(60,194)</b>	<b>(1,697)</b>	<b>91,580</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>29,689</b>	<b>32,450</b>
<b>Liabilities - Agency accounts</b>						
Agency collections -	—	—	228	—	228	459
<b>Totals</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>459</b>
<b>Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year</b>						
Accounts Payable -	(23,332)	—	122,242	—	98,910	122,242
<b>Totals</b>	<b>(23,332)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>122,242</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>98,910</b>	<b>122,242</b>
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>(179,341)</b>	<b>(1,697)</b>	<b>384,309</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>203,270</b>	<b>183,147</b>

## Analysis of income and expenditure

					Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>						
<b>Donations and legacies</b>						
1001 - Gift Aid Giving	17,116	550	5,428	—	23,094	17,619
1002 - Anonymous Giving	4,922	—	412	—	5,335	4,433
1012 - Outreach	—	175	—	—	175	—
Total	22,038	725	5,840	—	28,604	22,052
<b>Income from charitable activities</b>						
1003 - Venue Hire	7,618	—	—	—	7,618	6,023
1004 - Events	—	—	483	—	483	—
1009 - OFFERINGS	8,270	273	3,281	—	11,824	11,998
Total	15,888	273	3,764	—	19,925	18,021
<b>Other income</b>						
1005 - Interest	0	5	—	—	6	1
1007 - Refunds	7,152	—	—	—	7,152	17,401
1008 - Gift Aid Rebate	6,660	—	—	—	6,660	3,662
1016 - Grants	—	—	—	—	—	5,188
Total	13,813	5	—	—	13,818	26,253
<b>INCOME TOTAL</b>	<b>51,739</b>	<b>1,003</b>	<b>9,605</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>62,348</b>	<b>66,326</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>						
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>						
2001 - Utilities	4,355	—	—	—	4,355	1,722
2012 - Food & Consumables	629	—	—	—	629	559
2014 - Building & Repairs	—	—	9,623	—	9,623	29,121
2017 - Travel	—	—	—	—	—	50
2020 - SOCIAL EXPENSE	35	—	—	—	35	—
2021 - SUNDAY SCHOOL	57	—	—	—	57	100
2022 - OUTREACH	—	—	—	—	—	19
2023 - MISSIONS	—	150	—	—	150	—
2027 - WEBSITE COST	—	—	—	—	—	19
2028 - LICENSES CCLI	87	—	—	—	87	132
2029 - DBS_POLICIES	—	—	—	—	—	129
2033 - BANK CHARGES	10	—	—	—	10	—
2034 - GARDENS	144	—	—	—	144	961
2035 - MORTGAGE	(18,726)	—	5,802	—	(12,924)	12,885
2036 - EMERGENCY NEEDS	50	300	—	—	350	—
2038 - MISCELLANEOUS	43	—	—	—	43	36
Total	(13,314)	450	15,425	—	2,561	45,737
<b>Other expenditure</b>						
2002 - Professional Fees	141	—	—	—	141	812
2003 - Office/Centre Equipment	263	—	—	—	263	304
2004 - Stationery	283	—	—	—	283	37
2005 - Security	516	—	—	—	516	543
2006 - Insurance	1,395	—	675	—	2,071	720
2007 - Fire Services	1,830	—	—	—	1,830	891
2008 - Salaries	31,610	—	—	—	31,610	31,225
2009 - Computer & Software	1,585	—	—	—	1,585	89
2010 - Telephone & Internet	431	—	—	—	431	607
2011 - Post	—	—	—	—	—	47
2040 - Refunds	930	—	—	—	930	340
Total	38,988	—	675	—	39,664	35,619
<b>EXPENDITURE TOTAL</b>	<b>25,674</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>16,101</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>42,225</b>	<b>81,356</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>26,065</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>(6,496)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>20,122</b>	<b>(15,029)</b>

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER TO THE MANAGEMENT TRUSTEES AND MEMBERS OF  
CONNECT CHURCH IN RESPECT OF  
THE ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 30TH NOVEMBER 2022

The charity's trustees are responsible for the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act:
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act. and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

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.

There are no matters that have 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 2011 Act: and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.

Name: Angela Doyle

Signature

*Angela Doyle* 19/8/2023

Address: 134 Cornishway, Wythenshaw, Greater Manchester, M22 1WN

Date:

The foregoing summary Statement of Accounts was approved by the Management Trustees of the above charity at their meeting.

Chairman

*K. O'Donoghue*

Date

20 August 2023

Secretary

*D. Green*

Date

20/8/2023