

# KNOWLE WEST BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1173158

## Details

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**Other names** THE CAIRN, THE CAIRN COMMUNITY

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2017-05-24

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSES OF THE CHURCH ARE:-3.1.1 THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE BAPTIST DENOMINATION.3.1.2 THE CHURCH MAY ALSO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND CARRY OUT OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND/OR OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.3.2 [NOTHING IN THIS CONSTITUTION SHALL AUTHORISE AN APPLICATION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE CHURCH FOR PURPOSES WHICH ARE NOT CHARITABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 7 OF THE CHARITIES AND TRUSTEE INVESTMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 OR SECTION 2 OF THE CHARITIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2008.]

**Activities:** Conduct of public Christian worship and teaching. Assisting people in our community recover from life controlling substances.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Bristol City

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£24,811	£19,445	-	-
2023-12-31	£29,128	£31,880	-	-
2022-12-31	£24,731	£18,748	-	-
2021-12-31	£20,617	£16,623	-	-
2020-12-31	£20,688	£17,927	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Philip John Lawrence</b>	Chair	2017-05-24
ALICE LAWRENCE		2017-05-24
ANDREW STREET		2017-05-24
GRAHAM MARTIN SIMS		2017-05-24

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# Accounts

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**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT  
AND  
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**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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Our aim remains to pursue God's vision for human flourishing in Inns Court and beyond, by living faithfully at The Cairn. We have been encouraged by many positive, incremental changes, as we look to see people and place transformed. Our commitment to our faith, as expressed in this way, remains undiminished by the uncertain times in which we live.

As 2024 began, we continued with our rhythm of life around:

- 1st Sunday, **Gather**, 11am, at The Cairn, including worship, communion and lunch;
- 2nd Sunday, **Share**, encouraging our community to host or be hosted;
- 3rd Sunday, **Learn**, 11 am at The Cairn;
- 4th Sunday, **Send**, 11 am at The Cairn.

Guitar led worship and prayer was often incorporated in these times. Guitar Club continued on a weekly basis, during term times.

Our activities were consistent with this context, and fully reflected those outlined in paragraph 5.2 of our Constitution, which include:

- regular public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching and teaching;
- baptism, as defined in the Baptist Union's Declaration of Principle;
- the Communion of the Lord's Supper (now on a monthly basis);
- evangelism and mission, especially locally;
- the teaching, encouragement, welcome and inclusion of young people;
- nurture and growth of Christian disciples.
- education and training for Christian and community service;

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- giving and encouraging pastoral care;
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### **Achievements and Performance**

We continue to have a very faithful core community of around 20 local adults and two children. Around 40 local people connect with us regularly through Sunday morning, Guitar Club or our third Friday Man Friday. We are roughly half committed Christians and half those exploring faith. Phil continues to send a weekly text message (or WhatsApp) to that group and to a few others.

There was again a real sense of God's favour on our community throughout the Christmas season. We were pleased to welcome around 60 attendees at our four main Christmas events. Around 20 came along to our Sunday gathering, 15 to our Christmas Eve Celebration, 15 to Guitar Club Christmas Special and 10 to Christmas Day lunch.

This represented 45 different people, including 7 children, a HIA tenant, HIA befrienders, Cairn Trustees and other guests.

Man Friday, our men's group, continued in 2024, with around 16 men involved. Of these, 8 were already also involved in other Cairn events, 8 were not. There were also strong relational connections again with the health-funded Man Alive project, as well as with The Cairn Guitar Club and Sunday gatherings.

The Cairn celebrated its 10th Anniversary event on 30 June. We were pleased to welcome around 70 people (54 adults and 16 children) and the celebrations included four baptisms.

The Cairn website was maintained to ensure people were aware of ongoing changes to our activities.

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**Baptists Together**

**Bristol Baptist College** - we continue to welcome students from time to time.

**InHope** - Trustee involvement.

**Hope into Action** - discussions were held successfully with this new partner organisation, and a house was bought (as detailed below).

**Man Alive** – close involvement of Cairn community in this health-funded men's group.

**The Fishing Project (Hartcliffe and Withywood)**

**Haven Day Centre** - A Cairn Trustee is also a Trustee at The Haven, and there are many strong relationships.

**Lee Abbey Small Missional Community, Knowle West** – valuable, local, Christian partner.

Other Local Churches - including St Barnabas, Inns Court CFC, Victoria Park BC.

**Christian Action Bristol** - Trustee involvement.

**Counterslip Cares Foodbank** - Trustee involvement.

**Counties** - Chair of Trustees still chairs a local Counties Link Group.

**Christians Against Poverty (CAP)** – joint South Bristol churches project to support those with concerns around debt.

**Knowle West Alliance**

**Bristol Noise** – local social action project. Trustee involvement.

**Transforming Lives for Good (TLG)** - now supporting four children in a local primary school, through the coaching programme.

**Scripture Union - Go Wild!** Trustee involvement

**SAT 7** - member involvement

**Transforming Europe Network (TEN)** - member involvement

### **Financial Review**

The charity's income for the year ended 31 December 2024 was £24,811. This compared with £29,128 in 2023. Total expenditure for the year was £19,445. Expenditure for 2023 was £31,880.

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**Reserves**

The Trustees are fully aware of the need to consider an appropriate Reserves Policy as the finances and activities of the church develop. The total reserves held as at 31 December 2024 were £277,045 compared to £271,679 in 2023. The Trustees consider this to be an adequate sum. It is intended to invest the majority of this in a modern construction 2/3 bed house in the garden of the Cairn. The remainder is now invested in a part share of a Hope into Action: Bristol property, here in Knowle West.

**Plans for future periods**

The church intends to continue its activities within the community, and keep under review the viability of plans for building the manse. The church's primary source of income is, again, from the Home Mission Grant from the West of England Baptist Association, which allows for the provision of a minister, so the church is well-placed to continue sharing the gospel of hope at a time when it is most needed.

We continue to partner with Hope into Action, and InHope, in providing a house for three adult males who would otherwise be vulnerably housed, in Knowle West. This was achieved with the help of significant external investment.

We have an investment (£10,000) in the Hope into Action house (an InHope activity) and hold funds on behalf of all the investors. This is used to pay for items that the investors are responsible for. We also received the twice yearly return and distributed to the investors. These transactions are excluded from the statutory accounts. The amount received for this in 2024 was £5,813 (2023: £6,527) and the amounts paid in 2024 was £2,801 (2023: £7,495). At the year end the amounts held on behalf of HiA: investors was £4,635 (2023: £1,623).

We, as Cairn Trustees, are planning to buy some of the garden land at The Cairn, in order to build a modern construction home there, in conjunction with Agile Housing. The sale of the land will only take place once planning permission has been obtained.

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**Reference and Administrative Details**

Charity number: 1173158

Address: The Cairn, Inns Court Green, Bristol. BS4 1TF.

Bankers: Unity Trust Bank, Four Brindley Place, Birmingham.  
B1 2JB.

Trustees

The Trustees serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

P Lawrence	(Chairman)	
vacancy (was R Nott)	(Treasurer)	R Nott resigned on 17 June 2024
A Street		
G Sims		
A Lawrence		

**Structure, Governance and Management**

Governing Document

Knowle West Baptist Church was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 24 May 2017, and is governed by its Constitution adopted in February 2017. It is more commonly known as The Cairn or The Cairn Community.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

New Trustees are selected according to the experience and expertise they have, combined with their commitment to the Charity's objects and values.

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**Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

The Trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

*Philip Lawrence*

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Philip Lawrence, Chair of Trustees

Date: 21st October 2025

**Knowle West Baptist Church****YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2024****RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2024 £</b>	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>INCOME FROM:</b>				
<b>Grants and Donations</b>				
Gifts from Individuals	5,670	-	5,670	4,070
Grants from organisations	2,000	10,413	12,413	15,920
Gift Aid	759	-	759	814
<b>Investments</b>				
Interest/Return	-	5,969	5,969	8,324
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<u>8,429</u>	<u>16,382</u>	<u>24,811</u>	<u>29,128</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE FOR:</b>				
<b>Charitable Activities</b>				
Stipend paid	-	15,620	15,620	15,620
Ministry Expenses	1,030	-	1,030	1,295
Bank charges/fees/ insurance	1,065	-	1,065	352
Accountancy fees	780	-	780	-
Surveys and legal fees for capital build	-	950	950	14,613
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<u>2,875</u>	<u>16,570</u>	<u>19,445</u>	<u>31,880</u>
<b>NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)</b>	5,554	(188)	5,366	(2,752)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT START OF YEAR</b>	13,343	258,336	271,679	274,431
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<u>18,897</u>	<u>258,148</u>	<u>277,045</u>	<u>271,679</u>

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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

	2024	2024	2023	2023
	£	£	£	£
<b>Cash funds</b>				
Petty Cash		200		200
Current account		38,812		39,315
Deposit account 7 Day Notice		208,668		204,019
Deposit account 90 day Notice		29,365		28,145
		<u>277,045</u>		<u>271,679</u>
Gift Aid Debtor		-		750
Investment in HiA:B house		10,000		10,000
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Independent examiner's fee		-		(780)
Accounts preparation fee		(1,800)		-

**Note: The Charity also holds an amount of £4,635 (2023: £1,623) on behalf of HiA:B investors.**

**CASH RESERVES****Unrestricted funds**

Brought forward	13,343		9,972	
Net receipts/(payments) for the period	<u>5,554</u>		<u>3,371</u>	
		18,897		13,343

**Restricted funds**

Brought forward	258,336		264,459	
Net receipts/(payments) for the period	<u>(188)</u>		<u>(6,123)</u>	
		258,148		258,336

**Total cash reserves**

	<u>277,045</u>		<u>271,679</u>
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Signed on behalf of the trustees by:

*Philip Lawrence*

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P Lawrence, Chair of Trustees

Date: 21st October 2025

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As 2023 began, and with due regard to health and safety guidance, we continued to gather in our, by then, established pattern of life around:

**1st Sunday** - Zoom at 11am, OR

Light Lunch at The Cairn from 12.30 -1.30pm;

**2nd Sunday** - small cairns (meet in small groups, in person or on zoom);

**3rd Sunday** - social walk; pray; or prayer walk (on your own, or safely with others);

**4th Sunday** - find a friend (meet one or two for tea, coffee, and to pray).

By the end of 2023, this had evolved into a fresh rhythm of:

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G Sims	
A Lawrence	

Independent Examiner:

Joshua N Kingston, BSc, ACA  
Burton Sweet Limited  
The Clock Tower  
5 Farleigh Court  
Old Weston Road  
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*Phil Lawrence*

P Lawrence, Chair of Trustees, 11 September 2024

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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Knowle West Baptist Church**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Knowle West Baptist Church (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Charity 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 Charity'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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records

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.

*Joshua Kingston*

Joshua N Kingston, BSc., ACA  
Burton Sweet Chartered Accountants  
The Clock Tower  
5 Farleigh Court  
Old Weston Road  
Flax Bourton  
Bristol BS48 1UR

Date: 11 September 2024

# Knowle West Baptist Church

YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2023

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
<b>INCOME FROM:</b>				
<b>Grants and Donations</b>				
Gifts from Individuals	4,070	-	4,070	4,245
Grants from organisations	-	15,920	15,920	14,604
Gift Aid	814	-	814	1,739
<b>Investments</b>				
Interest/Return	134	8,190	8,324	4,143
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<u>5,018</u>	<u>24,110</u>	<u>29,128</u>	<u>24,731</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>				
<b>Charitable Activities</b>				
Stipend paid	-	15,620	15,620	14,604
Ministry Expenses	1,295	-	1,295	1,829
Bank charges/fees/ insurance	352	-	352	315
HiA:B House costs	-	-	-	200
Surveys and legal fees for capital build	-	14,613	14,613	1,800
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<u>1,647</u>	<u>30,233</u>	<u>31,880</u>	<u>18,748</u>
<b>NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)</b>	3,371	(6,123)	(2,752)	5,983
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT START OF YEAR</b>	9,972	264,459	274,431	268,448
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<u>13,343</u>	<u>258,336</u>	<u>271,679</u>	<u>274,431</u>

# Knowle West Baptist Church

YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2023

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
<b>Cash funds</b>				
Petty Cash		200		200
Current account		39,315		50,257
Deposit account 7 Day Notice		204,019		100,949
Deposit account 90 day Notice		28,145		123,025
		<u>271,679</u>		<u>274,431</u>
Gift Aid debtor		750		-
Investment in HiA:B house		10,000		10,000
<b>Total Assets</b>		<u>282,429</u>		<u>284,431</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Independent Examiner's fee		780		-

**Note: The charity also holds an amount of £1,623 (2022: £2,591) behalf of HiA:B investors**

### CASH RESERVES

#### Unrestricted funds

Brought forward	9,972		6,332	
Net receipts/(payments) for the period	<u>3,371</u>		<u>3,640</u>	
		13,343		9,972

#### Restricted funds

Brought forward	264,459		262,116	
Net receipts/(payments) for the period	<u>(6,123)</u>		<u>2,343</u>	
		258,336		264,459

#### Total cash reserves

	<u>271,679</u>		<u>274,431</u>	
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Signed on behalf of the trustees by:

*Phil Lawrence*

P Lawrence, Chair of Trustees  
11 September 2024

**KNOWLE WEST BAPTIST CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1173158

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**Objectives and activities**

As required by our constitution, The Cairn Trustees pursued the church's main purpose of advancing the Christian faith, with regard to the principles of the Baptist denomination and the beliefs in the Baptist Union's Declaration of Principle. The Trustees gave due consideration to the Commission's guidance on public benefit under the Charities Act 2011 and, in particular, the guidance for charities on the advancement of religion.

Our aim, still, is to pursue God's vision for human flourishing in Inns Court and beyond, by living faithfully at The Cairn. We have been encouraged by many positive, incremental changes, as we look to see people and place transformed. Our commitment to our faith, as expressed in this way, is undiminished by the uncertain times in which we live.

As 2022 began, and with due regard to health and safety guidance, we had re-established a pattern of life around:

**1st Sunday** - Zoom at 11am, OR

Light Lunch at The Cairn from 12.30 -1.30pm;

**2nd Sunday** - small cairns (meet in small group, in person or zoom);

**3rd Sunday** - social walk; pray; or prayer walk (on your own, or safely with others);

**4th Sunday** - find a friend (meet one or two for tea, coffee, and to pray).

We had also re-started Guitar Club on a weekly basis, but by invitation only, and with due regard to safety guidance.

This pattern continued as Covid restrictions were lifted.

Our activities were consistent with this context, and fully reflected those outlined in paragraph 5.2 of our Constitution (albeit, until lifted, with very clear regard to Government guidance on the pandemic, and as represented on the Baptists Together website), namely:

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- regular public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching and teaching;
- baptism, as defined in the Baptist Union's Declaration of Principle;
- the Communion of the Lord's Supper, most weeks (where guidance allowed);
- evangelism and mission, especially locally;
- the teaching, encouragement, welcome and inclusion of young people;
- nurture and growth of Christian disciples;
- education and training for Christian and community service;
- giving and encouraging pastoral care (where guidance allowed);
- supporting and encouraging charitable social action; and
- encouraging relationships with and supporting Baptists and other Christians.

Our missional creativity and commitment was again recognised in the awarding of a Home Mission Grant, by the West of England Baptist Association. We provided a full report to the West of England Baptist Association which further demonstrated the public benefit of our activities.

#### **Achievements and Performance**

The meeting pattern described above continued until July.

From September, we met weekly at The Cairn, on Sunday mornings at 11am. These have been significant times of praise, prayer, worship and encouragement for the Cairn Community.

We have a very faithful core community of around 20 local adults and two children. Up to 40 local people connect with us regularly through Sunday morning, Guitar Club or our third Friday Man Friday. We are roughly half committed Christians and half those exploring faith. Phil continues to send a weekly text message (or whatsapp) to that group and a few others.

As Guitar Club restarted, we were encouraged by the progress that many of our musicians had made.

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The men's work has been through a significant time of challenge and transition, but we have recently re-established Man Friday on 3rd Friday. Around 12 people (in total) have been involved in socialising, and watching an (optional) Christian film.

We were encouraged, one hot summer's day, by the Fuelcast filming of The Cairn, and its subsequent use as a resource for others in the Baptist network. Another highlight was a garden event in July, which included a local Christian band.

The Cairn website was maintained to ensure people were aware of ongoing changes to our activities.

### **Wider Partnerships**

This was another significant year for developing partnerships, Christian and secular, across Bristol and further afield. These included:

**Baptist Home Mission** - from whom we again received grant support.

**West of England Baptist Network.**

**Baptists Together.**

**Bristol Baptist College** - we welcome students from time to time, most recently by Zoom.

**inHope** - Trustee involvement.

**Hope into Action** - discussions continued successfully with this new partner organisation, and a house was bought (as detailed below).

**Man Alive** – close involvement of Cairn community in this health-funded men's group.

**The Fishing Project (Hartcliffe and Withywood).**

**Haven Day Centre** - A Cairn Trustee is also a Trustee at The Haven, and there are many strong relationships.

**Lee Abbey Small Missional Community, Knowle West** – valuable, local, Christian partner.

**Christian Action Bristol** - Trustee involvement.

**Counterslip Cares Foodbank** - Trustee involvement.

**Counties** - Chair of Trustees still chairs a local Counties Link Group.

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**Christians Against Poverty (CAP)** – joint South Bristol churches project to support those with concerns around debt.

**Knowle West Alliance.**

**The Noise** – Bristol social action project; Trustee involvement.

**Transforming Lives for Good (TLG)** - now supporting four children in a local primary school, through the coaching programme.

**Scripture Union - Go Wild!** - Trustee involvement.

### **Financial Review**

The charity's income for the year ended 31 December 2022 was £24,731. This compared with £20,617 in 2021. Total expenditure for the year was £18,748.

### **Reserves**

The Trustees are fully aware of the need to consider an appropriate Reserves Policy as the finances and activities of the church develop.

The total reserves held as at 31 December 2022 were £284,431, compared to £278,448 in 2021. It is intended to invest the majority of this in a MDM 3 bed house in the garden of the Cairn, with the remainder now invested in a part share of a Hope into Action: Bristol property, here in Knowle West.

### **Plans for future periods**

The church intends to continue its activities within the community, and keep under review the viability of plans for building the manse. We continually adapted our activities in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. The church's primary source of income is, again, from the Home Mission Grant from the West of England Baptist Association, which allows for the provision of a minister, so the church is well-placed to continue sharing the gospel of hope at a time when it is most needed.

With the help of significant external investment, we have been able to partner with Hope into Action, and inHope, in providing a house for three adult males who would otherwise be vulnerably housed.

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We have also been exploring fresh ways of providing a house in the garden at The Cairn.

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Address: The Cairn, Inns Court Green, Bristol. BS4 1TF.

Bankers: Unity Trust Bank, Four Brindley Place, Birmingham.  
B1 2JB.  
Baptists Together, Baptist House, PO Box 44,  
129 Broadway, Didcot, OX11 8RT.

Trustees

The Trustees serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

P Lawrence (Chairman)  
R Nott (Treasurer)  
A Street  
G Sims  
A Lawrence

**Structure, Governance and Management**

Governing Document

Knowle West Baptist Church was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 24 May 2017, and is governed by its Constitution adopted in February 2017. It is more commonly known as The Cairn or The Cairn Community.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

New Trustees are selected according to the experience and expertise they have, combined with their commitment to the Charity's objects and values.

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**Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

*P Lawrence*

P Lawrence, Chair of Trustees, 18 October 2023

**Knowle West Baptist Church**  
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**ACTUALS TO 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOME FROM:</b>				
<b>Grants and Donations</b>				
Gifts from Individuals	4,245	0	4,245	4,010
Grants from organisations	0	14,604	14,604	15,504
Gift Aid	1,739	0	1,739	0
<b>Investments</b>				
Interest	0	4,143	4,143	1,103
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>5,984</b>	<b>18,747</b>	<b>24,731</b>	<b>20,617</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE FOR:</b>				
<b>Charitable Activities</b>				
Stipend paid	0	14,604	14,604	14,604
Ministry Expenses	1,829	0	1,829	1,702
Bank charges/fees/ insurance	315	0	315	317
Books and resources	0	0	0	0
Food and Hospitality	0	0	0	0
HiA:B House costs	200	0	200	0
Surveys and legal fees for capital build	0	1,800	1,800	0
Cash Account	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>2,344</b>	<b>16,404</b>	<b>18,748</b>	<b>16,623</b>
<b>NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)</b>	<b>3,640</b>	<b>2,343</b>	<b>5,983</b>	<b>3,994</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT START OF YEAR</b>	<b>6,332</b>	<b>272,116</b>	<b>278,448</b>	<b>274,454</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>9,972</b>	<b>274,459</b>	<b>284,431</b>	<b>278,448</b>



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Our commitment remains to pursuing God's vision for human flourishing in Inns Court and beyond, through faithful presence at The Cairn. We look towards sustainable, incremental change, and the transformation of both people and place. Our commitment to our faith, as expressed in this way, is undiminished by the uncertain times in which we live.

Emerging from the uncertain winter of 2020/21, we took everything one week at a time, but a pattern emerged of a **weekly garden gathering at 11am**. Three event shelters were helpful to us in this process; and up to 30 people, including some children, joined us on a weekly basis. This included a few of the men (Christian and seekers), some people who had been linked through Guitar Club (which was still not able to take place), and some local Christians who were already connected here relationally. The mornings began with tea and coffee served outside, and times of worship and sharing.

Our activities were consistent with this context, and fully reflected those outlined in paragraph 5.2 of our Constitution, albeit with very clear regard to Government guidance on the pandemic, particularly as represented on the Baptists Together website, namely:

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**Achievements and Performance**

We were pleased to hold a Cairn Festival, in the Cairn garden, in early August 2021, which was attended by around 60-70 people.

Four people were baptised at this event, in a large paddling pool, two being new commitments, and two people who had been Christians for a while, but wanted to take the opportunity to make a public declaration of their faith.

Coming into the autumn, and with regard to health guidance, we re-established a small group plan as follows:

**1st Sunday** - Zoom at 11am, OR

Light Lunch at The Cairn from 12.30 -1.30pm;

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We also re-started Guitar Club on a weekly basis, but by invitation only, with due regard to safety guidance.

The idea of a **weekly text** was an initiative began before the pandemic, but which continued to prove a valuable tool for us. An encouraging text message was appreciated by around 50 people each week on a Monday; and phone contact maintained, where possible.

The Cairn website was maintained to ensure people were aware of ongoing changes to our activities.

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**Bristol Baptist College** - we welcome students from time to time, most recently by Zoom.

**Knowle West Alliance** – only set up in 2018, this is an innovative collaborative partnership of active and connected local residents bringing together the key organisations across the estate. The Chair of Trustees is involved as a volunteer resident.

**Man Alive** – close involvement of Cairn community in this health-funded men's group.

**The Fishing Project (Hartcliffe and Withywood)**

**Haven Day Centre** - A Cairn Trustee is also a Trustee at The Haven, and there are many strong relationships.

**Inns Court Centre** – good relationship with the Inns Court Centre, which adjoins The Cairn.

**Lee Abbey Small Missional Community, Knowle West** – valuable, local, Christian partner. A Cairn Trustee is co-leader of the community.

**Christian Action Bristol** - Trustee involvement.

**Counterslip Cares Foodbank** - Trustee involvement.

**Counties** - Chair of Trustees still chairs S Loader's Counties Link Group. S Loader engages in effective chaplaincy work to merchant seafarers in Avonmouth.

**Christians Against Poverty (CAP)** – joint South Bristol churches project to support those with concerns around debt.

**The Noise** – Bristol social action project. Trustee involvement.

**Transforming Lives for Good (TLG)** - mentoring in primary schools. Six mentors trained. Continuing to approach local schools.

**InHope** - Trustee involvement.

Hope into Action - discussions began with this new partner organisation about alternative possibilities for meeting our aspirations around housing.

**Scripture Union**

### **Financial Review**

The charity's income for the year ended 31 December 2021 was £20,617. This compared with £20,688 in 2020. Total expenditure for the year was £16,623.

### **Reserves**

The Trustees are fully aware of the need to consider an appropriate Reserves Policy as the finances and activities of the church develop.

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**Plans for future periods**

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We plan to pursue discussions with Hope into Action, in conjunction with InHope, about the possibility of providing housing for people who are currently vulnerably housed. We also intend to explore fresh ways of providing a house in the garden at The Cairn.

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Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

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P Lawrence  
Chair of Trustees

12 October 2022

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
<b>INCOME FROM:</b>				
<b>Grants and Donations</b>				
Gifts from Individuals	4,010	0	4,010	4,410
Grants from organisations	0	15,504	15,504	14,854
Gift Aid receivable	0	0	0	0
Other income				0
<b>Investments</b>				
Interest	0	1,103	1,103	1,424
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>4,010</b>	<b>16,607</b>	<b>20,617</b>	<b>20,688</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE FOR:</b>				
<b>Charitable Activities</b>				
Stipend paid	0	14,604	14,604	14,604
Ministry Expenses	802	900	1,702	1,645
Bank charges/fees/ insurance	317	0	317	313
Books and resources	0	0	0	380
Food and Hospitality	0	0	0	635
Surveys and legal fees for capital build	0	0	0	350
Cash Account	0	0	0	0
Governance	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>1,119</b>	<b>15,504</b>	<b>16,623</b>	<b>17,927</b>
<b>NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)</b>	<b>2,891</b>	<b>1,103</b>	<b>3,994</b>	<b>2,761</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT START OF YEAR</b>	<b>3,440</b>	<b>271,013</b>	<b>274,453</b>	<b>271,692</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>6,331</b>	<b>272,116</b>	<b>278,448</b>	<b>274,453</b>

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AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	2021	2021	2020	2020
	£	£	£	£
<b>Cash funds</b>				
Petty Cash		200		200
Current account		9,418		6,526
Deposit accounts		268,831		267,727
		<u>278,448</u>		<u>274,453</u>
Gift Aid not yet received at period end		0		0
<b>Total Assets</b>		<u>278,448</u>		<u>274,453</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Accrued expenditure				
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>278,448</u>		<u>274,453</u>
<b>CASH RESERVES</b>				
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Brought forward	3,440		2,103	
Net receipts/(payments) for the period	<u>2,891</u>		<u>1,337</u>	
		6,331		3,440
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Brought forward	271,013		269,589	
Net receipts/(payments) for the period	<u>1,103</u>		<u>1,424</u>	
		272,116		271,013
<b>Total cash reserves</b>		<u>278,448</u>		<u>274,453</u>
		0		0

Signed on behalf of the trustees on 12 October 2022

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P Lawrence  
Chair of Trustees



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The Trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2020.

**Objectives and activities**

In accordance with our constitution, The Cairn Trustees pursued the church's main purpose of advancing the Christian faith with regard to the principles of the Baptist denomination and the beliefs held in the Baptist Union's Declaration of Principle. The Trustees gave due consideration to the Commission's guidance on public benefit under the Charities Act 2011 and, in particular, the specific guidance for charities on the advancement of religion.

We remain committed to pursuing God's vision for human flourishing in Inns Court and beyond, through faithful presence at The Cairn. We look towards sustainable, incremental change, and the transformation of both people and place. Our commitment to our faith, as expressed in this way, is undiminished by the uncertain times in which we live.

The Covid pandemic has presented many challenges for us, in that all of our regular activities, such as lunches, breakfasts, guitar clubs, men's groups, and family activities, were effectively brought to an abrupt halt in March 2020.

Nonetheless, our creative flexibility, and relational approach has enabled us to continue to engage effectively with our fast changing, and challenging, urban context (among the most deprived 1% of areas nationally).

Our activities were consistent with this context, and fully reflected those outlined in paragraph 5.2 of our Constitution, albeit with very clear regard to Government guidance on the pandemic, particularly as represented on the Baptists Together website, namely:

- regular public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching and teaching;
- baptism, as defined in the Baptist Union's Declaration of Principle (although none took place in 2020);

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- the Communion of the Lord's Supper, most weeks (this being particularly difficult, for public health reasons);
- evangelism and mission, especially locally;
- the teaching, encouragement, welcome and inclusion of young people;
- nurture and growth of Christian disciples;
- education and training for Christian and community service;
- giving and encouraging pastoral care (which was sadly limited for public health reasons);
- supporting and encouraging charitable social action; and
- encouraging relationships with and supporting Baptists and other Christians.

Our missional creativity and commitment was again recognised in the awarding of a Home Mission Grant, by the West of England Baptist Association. We provided a full report to the West of England Baptist Association which further demonstrated the public benefit of our activities.

### **Achievements and Performance**

A particular challenge for us, in Knowle West, was that as many elsewhere turned to Zoom to *avoid* isolation, many of the poorest and *most* isolated could not easily access Zoom either.

Nonetheless, we were pleased to be able to gather with **up to 30 people, in the garden here**, during the summer months, **in groups of six**, over Sundays and Mondays, and on a socially distanced basis. This gathering was greatly valued by those who attended, and particularly by those with limited access to, or skills with, technology. We explored key questions arising from the Alpha booklet, 'Why Jesus'?

In addition, the idea of **a weekly text** was an initiative began before the pandemic, but which proved an extremely valuable tool for us through these times. An encouraging text message was appreciated by around 40 people each week on a Monday; and phone contact maintained, where possible.

We also tried to combine this with a very fluid, basic framework (always with regard to the pandemic health guidance). This consisted of:

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1st Sunday - Monthly Zoom at 11.00 am  
2nd Sunday - Cairn Small Groups  
3rd Sunday - Prayer walk, social walk, prayer focus  
4th Sunday - Meet for coffee and to pray

The Cairn website was reviewed, with the aim of making it more accessible and helpful to our own community and to a wider audience. A new, reflective blog was also introduced.

### **Wider Partnerships**

This was another significant year for developing partnerships, Christian and secular, across Bristol and further afield. These included:

**Baptist Home Mission** - from whom we again received grant support.

**West of England Baptist Network**

**Baptists Together**

**Bristol Baptist College** - we welcome students from time to time, most recently by Zoom.

**Knowle West Alliance** – only set up in 2018, this is an innovative collaborative partnership of active and connected local residents bringing together the key organisations across the estate. The Chair of Trustees is involved as a volunteer resident.

**Man Alive** – close involvement of Cairn community in this health-funded men's group.

**The Fishing Project (Hartcliffe and Withywood)**

**Haven Day Centre** - A Cairn Trustee is also a Trustee at The Haven, and there are many strong relationships.

**Inns Court Centre** – good relationship with the Inns Court Centre, which adjoins The Cairn.

**Lee Abbey Small Missional Community, Knowle West** – valuable, local, Christian partner. A Cairn Trustee is co-leader of the community.

**Christian Action Bristol** - Trustee involvement.

**Counterslip Cares Foodbank** - Trustee involvement.

**Counties** - Chair of Trustees still chairs S Loader's Counties Link Group. S Loader engages in effective chaplaincy work to merchant seafarers in Avonmouth.

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**Christians Against Poverty (CAP)** – joint South Bristol churches project to support those with concerns around debt.

**The Noise** – Bristol social action project. Trustee involvement.

**Transforming Lives for Good (TLG)** - mentoring in primary schools. Six mentors trained. Fresh approach made to local schools.

**InHope** - Trustee involvement.

**Scripture Union**

### **Financial Review**

The charity's income for the year ended 31 December 2020 was £20,688. This compared with £288,944 in 2019. During that year, as reported, the church received funds of £269,045 relating to the sale of the old Baptist church and manse. These funds are planned to be used for building a new manse in the garden at The Cairn. Preliminary surveys had been completed, and ongoing work continues to establish the viability of this project. Total expenditure for the year was £17,927.

### **Reserves**

The Trustees are fully aware of the need to consider an appropriate Reserves Policy as the finances and activities of the church develop.

### **Plans for future periods**

The church intends to continue its activities within the community, and keep under review the viability of plans for building the manse. We had to change the way our activities developed since March 2020, due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The church's primary source of income is from the Home Mission Grant from the West of England Baptist Association, which allows for the provision of a minister, so the church is well-placed to continue sharing the gospel of hope at a time when it is most needed.

### **Reference and Administrative Details**

Charity number: 1173158

Address: The Cairn, Inns Court Green, Bristol. BS4 1TF.

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Bankers: Unity Trust Bank, Four Brindley Place, Birmingham.  
B1 2JB.

Trustees

The Trustees serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

P Lawrence	(Chairman)	
R Nott	(Treasurer)	from September 2020
A Street		
G Sims		
A Lawrence		

**Structure, Governance and Management**

Governing Document

Knowle West Baptist Church was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 24 May 2017, and is governed by its Constitution adopted in February 2017. It is more commonly known as The Cairn or The Cairn Community.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

New Trustees are selected according to the experience and expertise they have, combined with their commitment to the Charity's objects and values.

**Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

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P Lawrence  
Chair of Trustees

5 October 2021

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**YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2020**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
<b>INCOME FROM:</b>				
<b>Grants and Donations</b>				
Gifts from Individuals	2,960	1,450	4,410	1,785
Grants from organisations	250	14,604	14,854	283,649
Other income				804
<b>Investments</b>				
Interest	-	1,424	1,424	2,706
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<u>3,210</u>	<u>17,478</u>	<u>20,688</u>	<u>288,944</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE FOR:</b>				
<b>Charitable Activities</b>				
Stipend paid	-	14,604	14,604	14,604
Ministry Expenses	195	1,450	1,645	195
Bank charges/fees/ insurance	313	-	313	309
Books and resources	380	-	380	-
Food and Hospitality	635	-	635	-
Surveys and legal fees for capital build	350	-	350	2,760
Governance	-	-	-	1,020
Other	-	-	-	113
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<u>1,873</u>	<u>16,054</u>	<u>17,927</u>	<u>19,001</u>
<b>NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)</b>	1,337	1,424	2,761	269,943
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT START OF YEAR</b>	2,103	269,589	271,692	1,749
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<u>3,440</u>	<u>271,013</u>	<u>274,453</u>	<u>271,692</u>

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## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	2020	2020	2019	2019
	£	£	£	£
<b>Cash funds</b>				
Petty Cash		200		200
Current account		6,526		6,209
Deposit accounts		267,727		266,303
		<u>274,453</u>		<u>272,712</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<u><u>274,453</u></u>		<u><u>272,712</u></u>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Accrued expenditure		-		(1,020)
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u><u>274,453</u></u>		<u><u>271,692</u></u>
<b>CASH RESERVES</b>				
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Brought forward	2,103		1,151	
Net receipts/(payments) for the period	<u>1,337</u>		<u>952</u>	
		3,440		2,103
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Brought forward	269,589		598	
Net receipts/(payments) for the period	<u>1,424</u>		<u>268,991</u>	
		271,013		269,589
<b>Total cash reserves</b>		<u><u>274,453</u></u>		<u><u>271,692</u></u>

Signed on behalf of the trustees on xx xxxxxx xxxx.