

KNOWLE WEST BAPTIST CHURCH
(THE CAIRN) (THE CAIRN COMMUNITY)
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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(KNOWN AS THE CAIRN, THE CAIRN
COMMUNITY)**

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Charity Number: 1173158

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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 2021.

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 proper consideration to the Commission's guidance on public benefit under the Charities Act 2011 and, especially, the specific guidance for charities on the advancement of religion.

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:

- 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.

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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

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;

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 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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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.

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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The total reserves held as at 31 December 2021 were £278,433, compared to £274,453 in 2020. It's intended to invest the majority of this in a MDM 3 bed house in the garden of the Cairn, with the remainder to be 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 have had to continue to adapt 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.

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.

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)
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.

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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).

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

12 October 2022

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YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2021

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
INCOME FROM:				
Grants and Donations				
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
Investments				
Interest	0	1,103	1,103	1,424
TOTAL INCOME	4,010	16,607	20,617	20,688
EXPENDITURE FOR:				
Charitable Activities				
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
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	1,119	15,504	16,623	17,927
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)	2,891	1,103	3,994	2,761
TOTAL FUNDS AT START OF YEAR	3,440	271,013	274,453	271,692
TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	6,331	272,116	278,448	274,453

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	2021	2021	2020	2020
	£	£	£	£
Cash funds				
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
Total Assets		<u>278,448</u>		<u>274,453</u>
Liabilities				
Accrued expenditure				
Net Assets		<u>278,448</u>		<u>274,453</u>

CASH RESERVES

Unrestricted funds

Brought forward	3,440		2,103	
Net receipts/(payments) for the period	<u>2,891</u>		<u>1,337</u>	
		6,331		3,440

Restricted funds

Brought forward	271,013		269,589	
Net receipts/(payments) for the period	<u>1,103</u>		<u>1,424</u>	
		272,116		271,013

Total cash reserves		<u>278,448</u>		<u>274,453</u>
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Signed on behalf of the trustees on 12 October 2022

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P Lawrence
Chair of Trustees

