

KNOWLE WEST BAPTIST CHURCH
(THE CAIRN) (THE CAIRN COMMUNITY)
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

**KNOWLE WEST BAPTIST CHURCH
(KNOWN AS THE CAIRN, THE CAIRN
COMMUNITY)**

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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 2022.

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.

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.
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.

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

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
INCOME FROM:				
Grants and Donations				
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
Investments				
Interest	0	4,143	4,143	1,103
TOTAL INCOME	5,984	18,747	24,731	20,617
EXPENDITURE FOR:				
Charitable Activities				
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		200	0
Surveys and legal fees for capital build	0	1,800	1,800	0
Cash Account	0	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	2,344	16,404	18,748	16,623
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)	3,640	2,343	5,983	3,994
TOTAL FUNDS AT START OF YEAR	6,332	272,116	278,448	274,454
TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	9,972	274,459	284,431	278,448

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £
Cash funds				
Petty Cash		200		200
Current account		50,258		9,418
Deposit accounts		223,974		268,831
		<u>274,432</u>		<u>278,448</u>
Investment in HiA:B house		10,000		0
Total Assets		<u>284,432</u>		<u>278,448</u>
Liabilities				
Accrued expenditure		0		0
Net Assets		<u>284,432</u>		<u>278,448</u>

CASH RESERVES

Unrestricted funds

Brought forward	6,332		3,441	
Net receipts/(payments) for the period	<u>3,640</u>		<u>2,891</u>	
		9,972		6,332

Restricted funds

Brought forward	272,116		271,013	
Net receipts/(payments) for the period	<u>2,343</u>		<u>1,103</u>	
		274,459		272,116

Total cash reserves		<u>284,431</u>		<u>278,448</u>
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Signed on behalf of the trustees on 3 October 2023

P Lawrence