

NEW CONNEXIONS FREE CHURCH ELY

England & Wales · Charity number 1175900

Details

Other names	NC@HB, NEW CONNEXIONS @ HIGH BARNS
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2017-11-23
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT ARE TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF BELIEFS APPEARING IN THE SCHEDULE HERETO IN ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE CHARITY TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT.

Activities: New Connexions is an Evangelical Church serving the community in the Barns Area of Ely

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Cambridgeshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£52	£53,310	-	-
2024-06-30	£2	£692	-	-
2023-06-30	£6,851	£4,275	-	-
2022-06-30	£17,923	£9,054	-	-
2021-06-30	£20,306	£12,524	-	-
2020-06-30	£28,301	£26,925	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
JAMES LOWMAN		2017-10-30
JOYCE TUBB		2017-10-30
RUSSELL GRIEF		2017-10-30
STUART JOHN ALDRIDGE		2017-10-30

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New Connexions Free Church Trustees Report 1st July 2023 to 30th June 2024

Finances

The members plans for the distribution of the church funds are a) the building fund to be given to Sierra Leone for the building of churches there. The general fund to be distributed between the charities that are supported already by the church. These being Barnabas Aid, Christian Concern, Tearfund and London City Mission.

UPDATE – Closure of the church

The Over 60's Fund £692.29 has been sent to support charity Ely Baby Bank in January.

An amount owed of £37.50 was sent to Queen Adelaide Village Hall for facilities

A further £53284.48 was sent to charities in October 2024 including 10% of the general fund to London City Mission, which will be in the final accounts for July 2024 to June 2025.

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Statement of Financial Activities. 1st July 2023 - 30th June 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds	
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	—	—	—	0	0	0
Income from charitable activities	—	—	—	0	6,851	6,851
Other trading activities	—	—	—	—	—	—
Investments	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other income	—	2	—	2	2	0
Total income	—	2	—	2	2	6,851
Expenditure on:						
Expenditure on charitable activities	38	692	—	730	4,150	4,150
Other expenditure	—	—	—	0	125	125
Total expenditure	38	690	—	728	4,275	4,275
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	-38	-690	—	-728	2,576	2,576
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	—	—	—	625	625
Gross transfers between funds - out	—	—	—	—	-625	-625
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	-38	-690	—	-728	2,576	2,576
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	39,518	14,904	—	54,423	51,847	51,847
Total funds carried forward	39,481	14,214	—	53,695	54,423	54,423

Notes

Restricted other income shows credits from HMRC for tax refunds or employers allowance. This information is retained in the accounts for payroll purposes.

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Members Meetings

NCHB held _ trustees' meetings 8th November 2022

NCHB held _ member's meetings 20th November 2022

The focus of our meetings at the end of the 2022 was on the closing of our church. In the members meeting Russell asked if everyone was in agreement with the church being closed. Everyone agreed apart from one abstainer.

Worship Services

There will be a Christmas Carol service on the 18th December. Also a Christmas morning service.

On the 22nd January 2023 it is thought that we have a meal together at the end of the morning service.

On the 29th January 2023 it was felt fitting to invite people who have helped the church with preaching, supporting etc to the morning service and afterwards for cake and coffee.

Finances

In the members meeting Members were informed of the plans for the distribution of the church funds. Those being a) the building fund be given to Sierra Leone for the building of churches there. The general fund be distributed between the charities that are supported already by the church. These being Barnabas Aid, Christian Concern and Tearfund. Later was also added London City Mission. When asked for a show of hands to agree with this, everyone agreed apart from one abstainer.

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Statement of Financial Activities. 1st July 2022 - 30th June 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	0	—		0	483
Income from charitable activities	6,851	0	—	6,851	17,398
Other trading activities	—	—	—	—	—
Investments	—	—	—	—	—
Other income	—	0	—	0	42
Total income	6,851	0	—	6,851	17,923
Expenditure on:					
Expenditure on charitable activities	3,650	500	—	4,150	8,754
Other expenditure	—	125	—	125	300
Total expenditure	3,650	625	—	4,275	9,054
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	3,201	-625	—	2,576	8,869
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	625	—	625	2,841
Gross transfers between funds - out	-625	—	—	-625	-2,841
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	2,576	0	—	2,576	8,869
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	36,943	14,904	—	51,847	42,978
Total funds carried forward	39,518	14,904	—	54,423	51,847

Notes

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Restricted other expenses shows payments made to non charitable organisations

Fund transfer have dropped this year as we have funded a paster

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Members Meetings

NCHB held _ trustees' meetings during the accounts period – 14.7.21

NCHB held _ member's meetings.

Regular meetings focused on praying for, planning and preparing for the future of NCHB in terms of a permanent meeting place and employment of a pastor.

Worship Services

Services remained online through July and August 2021 as Lark fields Community Centre remained closed following lockdown and repairs to the building.

A new church family home was sourced and services began on 5/9/21 at Queen Adelaide Hall. This is a temporary facility as there is limited space available for Sunday school. A permanent home is still being considered and prayed about. The NCHB trustees extend many thanks to the committee of QA Hall for making us as a church so welcome during the last year.

NCHB has held a weekly Sunday service since September 5th 2021 where time is given to worship and teaching. Services have been led by visiting speakers/pastors and members of the church. Other services have been included to celebrate the Christian festivals:

19/12/21 Candle – lit Christmas carol service

25/12/21 Christmas Day Celebration service

15/4/22 Good Friday Remembrance service

17/4/22 Easter Breakfast and Celebration service

Other Church meetings

During July and August 2021, where it was not possible to meet up in person, prayer groups and some of the house groups continued weekly using the Zoom online facility. As restrictions lifted some house groups reformed.

Since September three house groups have met weekly or fortnightly. These meetings have included bible study, fellowship and prayer. A prayer group meets weekly on a Monday night to lift many different needs into the Lord's hands.

Pastor Role

Rev Keith Waters resigned from leading NCHB in March 2020. He remained preaching and worshipping online at the church until 22nd September 2020 when he moved on to lead his new church in Carshalton, London.

NCHB pastoral committee has worked hard to secure a new pastor for the church.

Although two candidates were interviewed by the committee and sermons preached to the congregation, for different reasons no position was offered. The search for a pastor continues- we continue to prayerfully seek a new leader. Prayer and discussion is also in place to consider plans for a new church home as Larkfields, our previous venue, still has limited number access.

Outreach/Groups within the church

The Men's group has continued, where restrictions have allowed, through this period. Meetings have included group walks, evening gatherings and barbecues. These meetings have provided great opportunities for fellowship and mutual support/encouragement.

Happily, Sunday school has been able to reform. Facilities at Queen Adelaide Hall are restricted. There is no separate room for any Children's work. However, as we currently only have two younger members of Sunday school age, we have been able to teach the group within the entrance lobby and outside (when weather allows).

The ladies of the church participate in a WhatsApp group where encouragement, news and praise is shared. Plans are in place for a Ladies meeting to be re-introduced in July 2022.

Other events and outreach have been difficult to organize due to our temporary home.

Missionary Work

New Connexions continued, through this period, to support various missionary organizations in their work to provide for needs and to share the gospel. Regular donations were made to The Barnabas Fund, The Sierra Leone Mission and Tear Fund.

Finances

The finances of the church are as recorded in the accounts statement. Income came from contributions given freely by the church members and congregation. With God's grace the church was able to fully meet all its financial commitments and to donate regularly to missionary work.

19.8.22

G. Droniuk

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Statement of Financial Activities. 1st July 2021 - 30th June 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	483	—	—	483	242
Income from charitable activities	14,691	2,707	—	17,398	19,106
Other trading activities	—	—	—	—	—
Investments	—	—	—	—	—
Other income	—	42	—	42	957
Total income	15,174	2,749	—	17,923	20,306
Expenditure on:					
Expenditure on charitable activities	5,929	2,824	—	8,754	12,169
Other expenditure	—	300	—	300	355
Total expenditure	5,929	3,124	—	9,054	12,524
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	9,244	-375	—	8,869	7,782
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	2,841	—	2,841	6,075
Gross transfers between funds - out	-2,841	—	—	-2,841	-6,075
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	6,403	2,466	—	8,869	7,782
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	30,540	12,438	—	42,978	35,196
Total funds carried forward	36,943	14,904	—	51,847	42,978

Notes

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Members Meetings

NCHB held 5 trustees' meetings during the accounts period – 27.7.20, 24.9.20, 19.5.21, 16.6.21 and 14.7.21. There was a gap in meeting as trustees (October to April) due to the Covid Lockdown restrictions.

An Extraordinary Church meeting was held on 28th June 2021 for all church members. This was scheduled to chat through and make decisions about the future of the church based on difficulties faced through lockdown/ lack of pastor in leadership team. Mr. David Lockett (Trustee of the Connexions churches) was invited to attend the meeting to oversee any decisions made and to support the discussion. The church family voted to continue to worship together and to resume services at NCHB in Larkfields as soon as possible.

Worship Services

Due to Covid restrictions and the period of lockdown, weekly online services were provided during this year that included songs, prayers, a reading and a sermon. Guest speakers/ley preachers and members of the congregation lead the teaching within the church. The trustees and church family pass on their thanks for this valuable and spirit-led teaching.

Other Church meetings

During the Lockdown, where it was not possible to meet up in person, prayer groups and some of the house groups continued weekly using the Zoom online facility.

As restrictions were lifted a church picnic was organized to meet up socially as a church family. This took place in Paradise Park on June 13th 2021. It was an opportunity to fellowship together.

Pastor Role

Rev Keith Waters resigned from leading NCHB in March 2020. He remained preaching and worshipping online at the church until 22nd September 2020 when he moved on to lead his new church in Carshalton, London. The trustees thank him again for his commitment and love shown to all the church family during his time at NCHB.

Outreach/Groups within the church

Unfortunately, due to Covid guidelines, it has not been possible to provide any opportunities for Outreach. It has also not been possible to run the Sunday school groups or the Over 60's monthly meeting.

Missionary Work

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Finances

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4.8.21

G. Droniuk

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF NEW CONNEXIONS FREE CHURCH
IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2021

This report is given in respect of an examination carried out under Section 43 of the Charities Act 1993.

Respective responsibilities of officers and examiner

As the church's officers, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF OPINION

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 you as officers concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

OPINION

Nothing has come to my attention in connection with my examination;

a) which gives me any cause to doubt that in any material respect:

- i) Accountancy records have been kept in accordance with Section 41 of the Charities Act 1993.
- ii) The Statement of Accounts, as drawn up under Section 42(1) of the 1993 Act, comply with the requirements of Regulation 3, excepting the requirements specified in para 1 of Part III of Schedule 1 to those Regulations (The 1995 Regulations; S.I.2724).

b) which requires any further comment to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: *B G Mitchell*

Name: *BRIAN GEORGE MITCHELL*

Address: *1 ROBINS CLOSE*

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Qualifications: *Senior Audit Clerk*

Date : *23rd August 2021*

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	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	217	25	—	242	3,446
Income from charitable activities	17,556	1,550	—	19,106	21,769
Other trading activities	—	—	—	—	—
Investments	—	—	—	—	—
Other income	—	957	—	957	3085.48
Total income	17,773	2,532	—	20,306	28,301
Expenditure on:					
Expenditure on charitable activities	4,743	7,426	—	12,169	26,395
Other expenditure	—	355	—	355	530
Total expenditure	4,743	7,781	—	12,524	26,925
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	13,030	-5,249	—	7,782	1,376
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	6,075	—	6,075	17,641
Gross transfers between funds - out	-6,075	—	—	-6,075	-17,641
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	6,955	827	—	7,782	1,376
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	23,585	11,611	—	35,196	33,821
Total funds carried forward	30,540	12,438	—	42,978	35,196

Notes

Restricted Donations and legacies shows the money donated to support the pastor from external sources.

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Fund transfers have dropped this year as the pastor left in September