

CHESTER SCHOOLS CHRISTIAN WORK CIO

England & Wales · Charity number 1177175

Details

Other names CSCW

Status Registered

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Registered 2018-02-15

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF BELIEFS APPEARING IN THE SCHEDULE HERETO AND IN PARTICULAR IN THE CITY OF CHESTER AND THE SURROUNDING AREA AND PRIMARILY AMONGST CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE SCHOOLS AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE SAID AREA.

Activities: Explaining the Christian message in Chester schools through assemblies, lessons and Christian Fellowship groups. Relationship and sex education. Teaching self esteem through hallmarked courses.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Cheshire West & Chester

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£72,369	£79,773	-	-
2024-08-31	£64,848	£65,606	-	-
2023-08-31	£55,501	£57,348	-	-
2022-08-31	£52,919	£52,831	-	-
2021-08-31	£59,379	£56,807	-	-
2020-08-31	£59,239	£50,432	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Lucy Metcalfe		2021-05-25
Philip Martin Goss		2018-06-06
SUZANNE KATE CHESTER		2018-02-15
Samuel Luke Fleming		2025-10-13

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Charity information

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Team Leader & High Schools Work Update

Another fantastic academic year which saw us mark 30 years of success as an organisation in serving children and young people in local school communities. A great evening of celebration marking a significant milestone.

We have benefited massively from the new team members embedding and flourishing into their roles and throughout the year we have delivered many ongoing projects as well as reestablishing and developing new projects in other schools. We have continued to facilitate young people to develop resilience, being encouraged to thrive and achieving incredible success in many areas. Over the year we have continued to support schools as an Independent Listener/mentor, been a resource and lead for Christian Unions and helped run Prayer and Reflection Spaces. We continue to deliver engaging and appropriate healthy relationship and sex education through the RSE curriculum, delivered engaging and age appropriate assemblies, facilitated several rounds of the Kintsugi Hope Mental Wellbeing Group and been a key lead in city-wide youth events. We have also delivered mentoring to individuals or small groups. The partnership with the local Children, Young People and Families Alliance continues to develop and we have been able to contribute to a key part of local research into potential changes to local youth SEND service delivery.

The Kintsugi Hope groups have continued throughout the year to over 350 students across 2 high schools and we continued to seek to deliver this much needed support in the most impactful way. We are delighted to see the work continue to develop close links with school pastoral support and act as a signpost to other school support and further mental health support.

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We delivered RSE lessons to support the PSHE curriculum to over 1000 students from Year 7 – Year 11. The feedback from students and staff is extremely positive with monitoring showing a high increase in learners understanding core objectives of the lesson.

Delivery of assemblies at Christmas were well received by staff and pupils alike with a view to deliver more throughout the year.

The city-wide youth events continue to bring young people from different schools and congregations together to equip and encourage young people in their faith. Darren continues to partner with Chester youthworkers to lead the monthly network meeting and the monthly youth event, “YthX”, as well as contributing to city-wide, mission-focused events and a joint youth weekend away. City-wide youth events are planned for the coming year (including a youth weekend away in October) and we are continuing to explore after school drop-in cafes with church partners. We have also seen an increase in volunteers from partner churches with a need to provide sufficient training. As such, we have delivered the Youthscape Essential training and will repeat that training with a new cohort this coming academic year.

We are seeking to continue to support those most in need through partnership with schools and doing all we can to Inspire HOPE and Unlock POTENTIAL in the lives of our amazing young people in Chester.

There is a continued need to focus on developing, training and equipping new volunteers as the demands continue to grow so are excited about the Youthscape Essentials youthwork training. We are looking forward to continuing to serve and support pupils, staff and whole school communities, through promoting the personal and spiritual wellbeing of children and young people in Chester in a variety of ways.

Schools Worker - Annual Update:

This year has been such a joy and a real encouragement across all areas of our work. From creative projects and mentoring to ethos groups, prayer spaces, and lunch clubs, it has been amazing to see young people engaging so openly with faith, questions, and community. Each opportunity has reminded us of the privilege it is to walk alongside schools and pupils in these ways. It is only possible because of the team we have, the openness of schools, amazing volunteers and supporters and the Grace of God.

Create:

Create is our faith through theatre group, meeting weekly at Bishop’s High School. It has been such a joy to see this group meet and grow throughout the year, becoming a safe and welcoming space where young people can chat openly, ask questions, and explore faith together.

This year we have spent time thinking about topics such as Joy and How to Be Inspired, with plenty of laughter and great conversations along the way. We’re now busy working on our latest project, The Great Christmas Adventure, which will help bring the Christmas story to life for our local primary schools.

What makes Create so great is the young people themselves. Their ideas, questions, and creativity continue to lead the way, and it has been a real privilege to journey alongside them this year.

Throughout this year our numbers have fluctuated between 5-9 young people attending.

Ethos Groups:

Our Ethos Groups have continued to thrive this year, meeting regularly in both Eccleston and Dodleston Schools, with twelve children taking part in each group. It has been such a joy to spend time with these pupils as they explore what faith looks like in their school communities. Over the past year, we've looked closely at each school's vision, created prayer spaces, prepared collective worships, and even helped to write a brand-new school prayer at Dodleston. These sessions have provided a wonderful opportunity for open and thoughtful faith conversations, where children aren't afraid to wrestle with big questions or challenge ideas as they discover what they believe together.

It's also been a great way to build relationships with the staff in both schools, offering encouragement and support as we look for small but meaningful ways to bring faith into every classroom.

One highlight from this year has been seeing the CreateKids group working with the Dodleston Ethos group to help plan and prepare a collective worship on fruits of the spirit.

Another highlight was working with Andy and Darren to bring Experience Easter to Dodleston Primary. We also piloted a very successful Christmas Journey event and will look to multiply this out to additional schools next academic year.

Mentoring:

This year began with mentoring just two girls, but we are planning to increase that in the autumn term to include mentoring of eight Year 11 pupils at Bishop's High. It has been a real joy to be invited to walk alongside these young people during such an important and often pressured stage of their lives.

Every other week we meet for half an hour — often over a hot chocolate — to talk about life, stress, anxiety, exams, and the future. Sometimes it's about managing busy minds, and other times it's simply about creating space to pause and breathe. These sessions have become a safe place for honesty and encouragement, where the focus is always on helping each pupil find perspective and confidence in who they are.

The feedback from school has already been really positive, and it's been encouraging to see how valuable this time is for the students as they continue to grow.

Prayer Spaces:

This year's Prayer Spaces for Year 7 have been such a special part of our time in schools. These days have offered pupils an opportunity to step away from busy school life and to pause, reflect, and take a breath. It's been wonderful to see how quickly they settle into the calm of the space and how open they are to engaging with the different activities.

One of the real highlights has been getting the chance to chat with the students as they explore their thoughts and questions about faith, life, and the world around them. At the end of each day, we've gathered up their prayer requests and taken time to pray through them together — something that always feels both humbling and hopeful.

Perhaps most encouraging of all has been seeing just how many of the pupils choose to engage in prayer for themselves, in a way that works for them. It is also always a joy to work alongside the youth workers who give of their time to come and support these days.

Lunch Clubs:

Our lunch clubs 'Pulse' at Bishops High School have continued to be a safe and fun space for young people to gather, chat, and unwind in the middle of a busy school day. Each week we have a "big question," which often leads to thoughtful, funny, and sometimes deeply honest conversations about life and faith. It has also been a space where we can gently signpost pupils who might need a little extra support or someone to talk to.

One of the real encouragements this year has been a group of Year 10 pupils who, after ageing out of the original lunch clubs, were keen for us to set up a new Year 10+ group. Their enthusiasm for it to continue was great to see and we enjoy meeting with them each week.

Other school opportunities:

We are so looking forward to hosting The Great Christmas Adventure this December, an immersive school's event that will help bring the Christmas story to life through creativity and storytelling. Preparations are well underway, and it has been a real joy to see everything coming together.

This year, we are delighted to be working with a wide range of schools, including some new ones who are joining us for the first time. Building these new connections and strengthening existing partnerships is such a valuable part of what we do, and it's been encouraging to see so much enthusiasm and support from schools.

We are also incredibly grateful for our fantastic team of volunteers who are giving their time and energy to help make this event possible. Their creativity, commitment, and willingness to serve are what bring events like this to life. Our partnership with Wesley Methodist Church has also been a real blessing – their generosity in opening up their space and supporting the project so wholeheartedly has made all the difference.

The Primary Schools work continues to thrive at CSCW. We are now leading Collective Worship in 12 schools either weekly or monthly including two new ones we started during the last academic year and are now fully established in them. We see approximately 1000 pupils on a weekly basis and a similar amount on a monthly basis. We visit a range of schools from C of E schools, Local Authority Schools, 2 Free Schools and 1 Independent School. Andy also continues to support other teams from churches around the city who do similar work. It's been encouraging to have 2 new volunteers help us during the academic year as they are keen to support the work we do as they really see the value in it.

We've run more Prayer Spaces in the last year than we have ever done, both Prayer Space Days in school, and also resourcing a permanent Space in one of the schools that we change each half term to reflect the school's theme for Worship that half term. We also got to lead a Prayer Space like session as part of a school's Awe and Wonder week where we visited each class in turn. We have many sessions booked in for the coming year including one in a school we haven't led one in before. As with previous years, the feedback from both staff and pupils is very positive and encouraging.

The Moving On project (a transition lesson for Year 6s to support the move to High School) ran in 23 schools with just under 1000 books given out. Feedback from the year 6s showed that over 90% felt more confident about the move to High School after the lesson. As with the previous year, we supported two local High Schools with their Year 7 Summer School, both leading sessions, or providing extra manpower to support what the school were doing. Staff and pupils were very positive about our input with a significant number of pupils saying how relaxed they felt when they knew Andy or someone else from CSCW was going to be there. A few parents Andy knew also said how pleased they were to hear that CSCW worked in the High School as they knew there would be a face their Year 7 could trust at the new school.

Investment Policy

The charity's policy is to deposit surplus funds with the Kingdom Bank to seek a reasonable interest rate.

Fund raising

The charity relies on donations from individuals, church organisations and other charitable trusts.

Restricted Funds

Funds were held by the charity for eight restricted purposes:- Primary work, purchase of "Its Your Move" booklets, prayer spaces, CU Bibles, essential equipment, projects and Kintsugi and Summer Schools. These are accounted for through the relevant Restricted Funds.

Reserves

During the year the unrestricted 'General Fund' reserves of the charity decreased from £36,038 to £26,518.

The Trustees acknowledge that the charity has experienced financial difficulties during the year, resulting in uncertainty regarding its position as an ongoing concern. In response, the Trustees have conducted a vigorous review of the charity's financial performance over the reporting year, as well as reviewing cash flow forecasts for the upcoming financial year.

Based on this evaluation, the Trustees remain satisfied that the charity retains its viability to continue operating. Since the year end, the Trustees have implemented measures to improve the charity's financial position, including monthly financial reviews, strengthened financial oversight, active fundraising efforts, and the developments of additional income streams. The charity's financial performance over the seven months to date has shown stable results, and the Trustees remain committed to monitoring cash flow and taking all necessary actions to secure the charity's long-term sustainability. Since the new financial year, the charity has seen an increase in regular giving plus a one off gift of £11,160.22.

Redundancy

In order to give some indication of the Trust's liability for statutory redundancy if it ever became necessary we calculated that if every member of staff who continued employment after 31st August 2024 had been made redundant by the Trust on 31st August 2024 the charity's liability for statutory redundancy would have been - £11,107.

Governance and internal control

Responsibility for day to day running lies with the Team Leader who works within budget constraints set by the Trustees to meet the policy objectives agreed at the Trustees' meetings, and who is accountable to the Trustees. The Team Leader and his team are the major generators of future vision and direction, with the Trustees ensuring that the Trust's activities are both in agreement with its objectives and are achievable.

Trustees are selected by the other members of the Trustee board. The Trustees will meet periodically in the year to review strategy, performance, operating plans, budgets and ministry matters.

Safeguarding

The charity has a safeguarding policy which is reviewed annually.

Volunteers

The charity is hoping both for the continuing commitment of its individual volunteers, and also that local churches will continue to allow their Youth/Children's workers to be involved in the delivery of CSCW activities free of charge. Without them our activities would be much reduced.

Public benefit

The trustees have acted according to, and in line with, the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit (including the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion) in planning the future activities of the charity.

Serious incidents

There were no serious incidents relating to the charity during the previous year that the Trustees neglected to inform the Charity Commission.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 11/6/2026

Signed  (trustee)

Printed name PHILIP GOSI

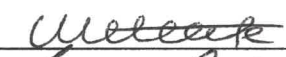

Signed  (trustee)

Printed name SUZANNE CHESTER

	Chester Schools Christian Work CIO		1177175		CC16a
	Receipts and payments accounts				
	For the period from	1st September 2024	To	31st August 2025	

Section A Receipts and payments					
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Gifts and donations from Churches	15,422	2,545	-	17,967	17,358
Gifts and donations from individuals	15,302	1,170	-	16,472	18,678
Other grants and legacies	15,700	14,985	-	30,685	19,250
Tax repayments	1,942	98	-	2,040	4,672
Fundraising events	1,644	-	-	1,644	2,813
Other events	1,284	-	-	1,284	513
Moving on donations	-	1,387	-	1,387	719
Sundry income	72	-	-	72	50
Bank interest	820	-	-	820	795
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	52,184	20,185	-	72,369	64,848
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	52,184	20,185	-	72,369	64,848
A3 Payments					
Salaries and pension	54,140	12,707	-	66,847	58,907
Other staff expenses and costs	1,454	-	-	1,454	827
Office costs	3,239	-	-	3,239	3,008
Project expenses	-	925	-	925	697
Moving on	-	1,385	-	1,385	89
Project expenses RSE	-	52	-	52	143
Events	1,494	-	-	1,494	270
Training	346	-	-	346	380
Fundraising	-	-	-	-	10
Other - equipment	-	3,000	-	3,000	-
School pastors	-	-	-	-	820
Insurance	516	-	-	516	-
Safeguarding	71	-	-	71	25
Refreshments dinners and hospitality	9	-	-	9	-
Accounts examination	330	-	-	330	300
Miscellaneous	106	-	-	106	130
Sub total	61,704	18,069	-	79,773	65,606
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	61,704	18,069	-	79,773	65,606
Net of receipts/(payments)	(9,521)	2,116	0	(7,404)	(758)
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	36,038	748	0	36,786	37,544
Cash funds this year end	26,518	2,864	-	29,382	36,786

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank of Scotland No1 Current a/c	584	-	-
	Bank of Scotland No2 Current a/c	630	-	-
	Business Bank Instant	8,424	2,864	-
	Kingdom Bank	16,731	-	-
	Cash and cheques	149	-	-
		26,518	2,864	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Details			
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval
		LUCY METCALFE		23/03/2026
		SUZANNE CHESTER		23/03/2026



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees of

On accounts for the year ended	<input type="text" value="31st August 2025"/>	Charity no	<input type="text" value="1177175"/>
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Set out on pages

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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.

Independent examiner's statement In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention ~~(other than that disclosed below *)~~

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 Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: 

Date: 4/6/26.

Name: GILES MATTOCKS.

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body: FCA.
(CAEW)

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Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

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Staffing Update

Our new part-time administrator is well established and embedded in the team and she continues to add much to the team and the organisation through her extensive skills and experience in both education and local church leadership.

We have added a new part-time schools worker to the team with extensive skills and experience in SEND, theatre and schools work. She has been involved with CSCW as a volunteer in her previous employment so was able to transition into her CSCW role extremely quickly and effectively. Her skills contribute to both primary and high school settings with opportunities developing throughout the year. Her addition to the team and organisation has been significant and the trustees are exploring further funding to offer more remuneration.

There is a continued need to focus on developing, training and equipping new volunteers as the demands continue to grow so are excited about the Essential youthwork training. We are looking forward to continuing to serve and support pupils, staff and whole school communities, through promoting the personal and spiritual wellbeing of children and young people in Chester in a variety of ways.

Review of the Year

Primary Schools Worker Report

It has been an exciting and busy year in our local Primary Schools. Andy has led teams who provide Collective Worship in 5 schools each week, meeting over 900 pupils, and 5 schools on a monthly basis meeting around 750 pupils. Andy continues to support local churches who go into their local schools meeting similar numbers of pupils.

We also saw a growth in the number of Prayer Spaces delivered, including one new school, and more in the schools we were already in. Feedback from the pupils showed well over 90% of them found it helpful and gave them a chance to think and reflect on the topic chosen by the school.

Our annual Year 6 transition project, Moving On, continues to be a valuable tool to support the excellent work schools are already doing. We delivered the session to around 1000 Year 6s, including one school we hadn't been into for over 10 years. As well as the Year 6 session, we helped out at 2 of our local High Schools with their summer school, which was aimed at the Year 6s to help with the transition to High School. At one of the schools, we ran a workshop which built on the work we were already doing. It was the only workshop that every learner attended and went down very well with learners and school pastoral staff who were in attendance. As the school has a wider catchment area than just Chester, it was good to meet some new Year 6s who we hadn't previously met and also to provide them with a book as they hadn't had our Moving On session.

Looking ahead to the next academic year, we already have a new school to start monthly Collective Worship, and at least one of our schools we are already in, have shown interest in Prayer Spaces which is exciting.

High Schools Report (from Team Leader)

Another more settled academic year benefiting from the addition of a new part-time administrator and another new schools worker from September. Throughout the year we have delivered several ongoing projects as well as reestablishing projects in another high school, facilitating young people to develop resilience, being encouraged and achieving incredible success in many areas. With the addition of another schools worker, we have seen additional projects successfully embed in schools including additional support in CU's as well as a brand new creative, theatre-based project – CREATE – which is run after school weekly. Over the year we have continued to support schools as an Independent Listener/mentor, been a resource and lead for Christian Unions and helped run Prayer and Reflection Spaces. We have delivered engaging and appropriate healthy relationship and sex education through the RSE curriculum, delivered engaging and age-appropriate assemblies, facilitated several rounds of the Kintsugi Hope Mental Wellbeing Group and been a key lead in city-wide youth events.

The Kintsugi Hope groups have continued in the newer format throughout the year with 13 groups (130 students) and we continued to seek to deliver this much needed support in the most impactful way. eg we worked with the school to release the pupils for 1 full day and

covered key topics with greater depth of conversation and relationship in making a bigger positive impact on their wellbeing. We are delighted to see the work continue to develop close links with school pastoral support and act as a signpost to other school support.

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Prayer and reflection spaces were delivered to 400 pupils this year including a new immersive experience for Year 9's, utilising Silent Disco equipment. The overall feedback from all reflection spaces is positive including those from the Christian faith, other faiths and no faith.

We delivered RSE lessons to support the PSHE curriculum to over 1000 students from Year 7 – Year 11. We reestablished connections and RSE delivery in another high school and have several lessons already planned for the coming academic year. The feedback from students and staff is extremely positive with monitoring showing a high increase in learners understanding core objectives of the lesson.

There have been several weeks of assemblies delivered at Christmas and throughout the year with more already booked for the coming academic year.

The city-wide youth events continue to bring young people from different schools and congregations together to equip and encourage young people in their faith. Darren continues to partner with Chester youthworkers to lead the monthly network meeting and the monthly youth event, "YthX", as well as contributing to city-wide, mission-focused events and a joint youth weekend away. City-wide youth events are planned for the coming year (including a youth weekend away in October) and we are exploring facilitating after school drop in cafes with church partners. We have also seen an increase in volunteers from partner churches with a need to give them sufficient training. As such, we have trained to deliver the Youthscape Essential training next year having had a high level of interest at an information evening in July.

We have also become a partner organisation of the children, youth and families alliance – part of Cheshire West Voluntary Action which is helping to develop our presence and awareness of the organisation as well as help to signpost to others. We are hoping this partnership develops to benefit the children and young people in our local school communities.

We are seeking to continue to support those most in need through partnership with schools and doing all we can to Inspire HOPE and Unlock POTENTIAL in the lives of our amazing young people in Chester.

Schools' worker report

This past academic year has been full of exciting opportunities, continued development of existing clubs and sessions and new relationships being formed with schools and organisations across the city. We have seen God on the move within our work this year and we are expectant of what will come next. Below is some categorised overview and highlights of the past academic year.

Lunch Clubs

Continuing to work in schools in this way is a joy and such a privilege. At Upton High School, we spent much of the academic year supporting upper sixth form students as they prepared for and dealt with the highs, lows, and pressures of exam season. It was good to be able to offer a safe space where they could have conversations about what was happening, offload issues and spend time stepping out of busy schedules. As we began to pray and think about what the club would look like as they move on from education, we were met with the opportunity to welcome some year nine students into the space. This has been an exciting development where a group of young people have come together for games, chat, and debate about important issues of life and faith. More recently, the group have been able to expand and be used by pupils from other year groups and we continue to explore the best way of hosting this space at Upton High.

Pulse, at Bishops, continues to be a great space in their chaplaincy programme. It is a space for good conversation, a big question each week and sometimes an opportunity to share a thought for the week. It is also a good meeting point for other activities we are involved in throughout school.

Afterschool Clubs

I have been running 'Create' afterschool club for the past 8 months at Bishops High School. It is an amazing space where creativity meets faith, and we can tackle some important topics through the accessible lens of theatre. In the past summer term, we created a short film 'life in all its fulness' together to explore what it really looks like to live life fully as someone who is known and loved by our creator. It opened great conversations and brought fresh ideas. This new academic year we will be exploring 'words are powerful' and have been included in the large carol service run by the school at the cathedral to perform an original spoken word together. The group is well attended by individuals from year 7-10 and it is a cooperative space to explore faith.

Ethos team and School Support

This past academic year I have been able to start working alongside Dodleston Primary School assisting with their ethos group and helping to prepare and run prayer and spirituality day. We ran a 'refugee prayer and awareness' day in the summer term that used prayer spaces, theatre and craft to help the learners engage in prayer and Bible stories. As we have started this year, the school have welcomed a new head, and it has been great to be invited back in and be working towards an 'experience Christmas' event in partnership with the school and local church.

A new opportunity that has also arisen this year has been to work with Dee Banks School where they offer specialist education to those with neurodiversity and learning disabilities. We will be exploring how we can help them deliver sections of their PSHE work in a school

where all work pre curriculum level. We will be using theatre practices to aid our work moving forward.

Assemblies

Although it is not a large part of my work, this past year I have been involved with assemblies at Upton High School and Bishops High School. Assisting with the Christmas assemblies has been a great opportunity and working within a team to do this has been great. I was also able to support at Bishops High with their world book day assemblies with an opportunity to talk about the link between storytelling and faith.

Prayer Spaces

It has been great to be involved with the prayer spaces at Bishops High School especially having an opportunity to try using different resources to run the spaces. Using the headphones to offer an immersive experience meant we could approach prayer spaces differently, especially with some of the older learners in School.

Extra Events/Workshops/ Neurodiversity.

One of the highlights of this past year has been the opportunity to be involved in the Neurodiversity pathway research project in partnership with CWVA. We are hoping to run the workshops and interviews in schools which we hope will not only been a great opportunity to strengthen our relationships with schools but also benefit and inform our work with those children and young people with Neurodiversity.

Involvement in the spirituality day for Sixth form at Bishops this last academic year was an exciting opportunity to continue to use creativity, specifically through spoken work, to help young people think about their faith.

My continued involvement in YTHX, partner church work and supporting local youth workers is always a joy and working so closely in partnership with other organisations and individuals wishing to have a positive and kingdom impact on Chester is exciting.

Investment Policy

The charity's policy is to deposit surplus funds with the Kingdom Bank to seek a reasonable interest rate.

Fund raising

The charity relies on donations from individuals, church organisations and other charitable trusts.

Restricted Funds

Funds were held by the charity for six restricted purposes:- Resilience, Primary work, purchase of "Its Your Move" booklets, prayer spaces, CU Bibles, and projects. These are accounted for through the relevant Restricted Funds.

Reserves

During the year the unrestricted 'General Fund' reserves of the charity decreased from £37,421 to £36,038.

Redundancy

In order to give some indication of the Trust's liability for statutory redundancy if it ever became necessary we calculated that if every member of staff who continued employment after 31st August 2024 had been made redundant by the Trust on 31st August 2024 the charity's liability for statutory redundancy would have been - £9,110

Governance and internal control

Responsibility for day to day running lies with the Team Leader who works within budget constraints set by the Trustees to meet the policy objectives agreed at the Trustees' meetings, and who is accountable to the Trustees. The Team Leader and his team are the major generators of future vision and direction, with the Trustees ensuring that the Trust's activities are both in agreement with its objectives and are achievable.

Trustees are selected by the other members of the Trustee board. The Trustees will meet periodically in the year to review strategy, performance, operating plans, budgets and ministry matters.

Safeguarding

The charity has a safeguarding policy which is reviewed annually,

Volunteers

The charity is hoping both for the continuing commitment of its individual volunteers, and also that local churches will continue to allow their Youth/Children's workers to be involved in the delivery of CSCW activities free of charge. Without them our activities would be much reduced.

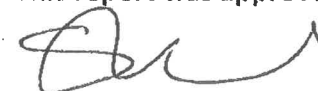
Public benefit


The trustees have acted according to, and in line with, the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit (including the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion) in planning the future activities of the charity.

Serious incidents

There were no serious incidents relating to the charity during the previous year that the Trustees neglected to inform the Charity Commission.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on


SIMON KAYE
19/11/24


LUCY METCALFE
19/11/2024



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees of **The Chester Schools Christian Work CIO**

On accounts for the year ended	31st August 2024	Charity no	1177175
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Set out on pages **11 - 13**

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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.

Independent examiner's statement In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *)

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 Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:  Date: 8/2/25


Name: Giles Mattocks

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body: FCA

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Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

	Chester Schools Christian Work CIO			1177175	CC16a
	Receipts and payments accounts				
	For the period from	1st September 2023	To	31st August 2024	
Section A Receipts and payments					
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Gifts and donations from Churches	14,838	2,520	-	17,358	16,683
Gifts and donations from individuals	17,598	1,080	-	18,678	15,067
Other grants and legacies	14,250	5,000	-	19,250	13,556
Tax repayments	4,568	104	-	4,672	858
Fundraising events	2,813	-	-	2,813	-
Other events	513	-	-	513	-
Moving on donations	-	719	-	719	355
Pastoral services supplied	-	-	-	-	8,294
Sundry income	50	-	-	50	427
Bank interest	795	-	-	795	261
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	55,425	9,423	-	64,848	55,501
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	55,425	9,423	-	64,848	55,501
A3 Payments					
Salaries and pension	50,956	7,951	-	58,907	49,153
Other staff expenses and costs	827	-	-	827	1,100
Office costs	3,008	-	-	3,008	2,609
Project expenses	82	615	-	697	330
Moving on	-	89	-	89	2,250
Project expenses RSE	-	143	-	143	31
Events	270	-	-	270	331
Training	380	-	-	380	-
Fundraising	10	-	-	10	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
School pastors	820	-	-	820	-
Insurance	-	-	-	-	517
Safeguarding	25	-	-	25	-
Refreshments dinners and hospitality	-	-	-	-	67
Accounts examination	300	-	-	300	276
Miscellaneous	130	-	-	130	684
Sub total	56,808	8,798	-	65,606	57,348
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	56,808	8,798	-	65,606	57,348
Net of receipts/(payments)	(1,383)	625	0	(758)	(1,847)
A5 Transfers between funds					
	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	37,421	123	0	37,544	39,391
Cash funds this year end	36,038	748	-	36,786	37,544

CHESTER SCHOOLS CHRISTIAN WORK CIO

England & Wales - Charity number 1177175

Accounts

**CHESTER SCHOOLS
CHRISTIAN WORK CIO**

Registered Charity No. 1177175

**Annual Report
&
Financial Statements
For the year ended
31st August 2023**

CHESTER SCHOOLS CHRISTIAN WORK CIO
Registered Charity No. 1177175

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For the period ended 31st August 2023

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CHESTER SCHOOLS CHRISTIAN WORK CIO

Charity Information For the year ended 31st August 2023

Charity Number	1177175
Working Names	Chester Schools Christian Work CSCW
Governing Instrument:	Constitution registered by the Charity Commission 5 th February 2018
Trustees	Su Chester Sue Glover Philip Goss Lucy Metcalfe Simon Kaye
Principal Address	Vicars Cross United Reformed Church Oldfield Drive Vicars Cross Chester CH3 5LL
Bankers	Bank of Scotland 33 Old Broad Street London Branch, PO Box 1000, BX2 1LB Kingdom Bank Media House Padge Road Beeston NOTTINGHAM NG9 2RS
Independent Examiners	G. Mattocks FCA, 18 Mulberry Avenue, Turnstone Business Park, WIDNES, WA8 0WN

CHESTER SCHOOLS CHRISTIAN WORK CIO

Trustees' Report for the year ended 31st August 2023

The Trustees submit their report and the financial statements for the period ended 31st August 2023.

General Information

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation, governed by a constitution registered by the Charity Commission on 5th February 2018.

The first trustees were appointed by the constitution. Subsequent appointments are made by the trustees. They serve for an indefinite period.

By an order of the Charity Commission dated 27th June 2018 the Chester Schools Christian Work Trust Charity Registration number 1041454 was authorised to transfer its assets to the CIO. On 1st September 2018 all the assets of the Chester Schools Christian Work Trust were vested in this charity. The charity is carrying on the work formerly done by the trust from 1st September 2018.

Objects of the charity as laid down by the Constitution

To advance the Christian religion in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs appearing in the Schedule to the constitution and in particular in the city of Chester and the surrounding area and primarily amongst children and young people in the schools and other educational establishments in the said area.

This has been achieved by raising money to support Christian workers to go into schools.

Review of the Year

Primary Schools Work

This academic year began positively with the regular primary school work being delivered by Andy Avery, church partners and the team of volunteers. There was a sense of delivering a year of support in a much more 'normal' routine. Andy Avery continued to lead collective worship for 5 schools - 900 pupils every week with a further 650 young people on a monthly basis in a further 5 schools. Andy has also supported partner churches to deliver collective worship to a similar number of pupils again at their local primary schools.

This year, Andy and team have delivered Prayer Spaces twice termly in a local school with a less regular Prayer Space in a second Chester school with some very positive feedback from both staff and pupils.

Other regular work includes the Moving On Project which has been as successful as ever with even more schools receiving the workshop and over 1000 pupils receiving the supporting 'It's Your Move' books across the city. As with last year, feedback from the lessons indicate that around 90% of the Year 6's felt more confident about going to High School after we had spoken with them, which continues to be really encouraging.

In addition to the usual Moving On elements, Andy also had the opportunity to be part of the team to support one high school with their Year 7 summer school and has also been invited to be a part of the welcome team on their first official day in High School.

An incredibly valuable element to Andy's work this year has been the relational support he has been able to provide, particularly in some very difficult circumstances. He provided

Chaplaincy support to staff and pupils following the unexpected death of a year 5 student as well as some significant peer support for church workers facing some very difficult changes.

Another key area of Andy's investment into the personal development of the pupils was through the support of two local schools with their residentials.

High Schools Summary

It has been a much more settled academic year with many moments of facilitating young people to develop resilience, being encouraged and achieving incredible success in many areas. Over the year we have continued to deliver mentoring to those most in need, support to schools as an Independent Listener, been a resource and lead for Christian Unions and helped run Prayer and Reflection Spaces. We have delivered engaging and appropriate healthy relationship and sex education through the RSE curriculum, delivered engaging and age-appropriate assemblies, facilitated several rounds of the Kintsugi Hope Mental Wellbeing Group and been a key lead in city-wide youth events. We have also piloted a 'School Pastor' project in a local Chester High School.

The Kintsugi Hope groups have continued in the newer format throughout the year as we continued to seek to deliver this much needed support in the most impactful way. For example, we worked with the school to release the pupils for one full day (rather than 6 sessions over a half term) and covered the key topics with greater depth of conversation and relationship in making a bigger positive impact on their wellbeing. We are delighted to see the work develop close links with school pastoral support and act as a signpost to other school support.

The city-wide youth events continue to bring young people from different schools and congregations together to equip and encourage young people in their faith. Darren continues to partner with Chester youth workers to lead the monthly youth event, "YthX", as well as contributing to city-wide, mission-focused events and a joint youth weekend away.

We utilised this network of youth workers to pilot a new pastoral initiative in a local high school to offer additional support every day during lunch breaks. The aim was to provide a pastor service in the form of a 'detached' youth team to be present in the school during recreational time to provide a positive presence in the school community, to build positive relationships with students and staff and to give students the opportunity to interact and share with trusted adults/volunteers. We were also able to provide valuable assistance with observation and support at unstructured times, to share any pertinent information with school and to contribute by recommending any further work /referrals required for individuals. This was considered a huge success in its impact and we will explore how this may continue in the new academic year.

The development and support of Christian Unions and lunchtime safe spaces continues to be important and the new lunch club launched in September is now an established element within the school. Our hope is to partner with key pupils and staff in other schools to see a CU in every High School in Chester

As well as continuing the above, we are again setting more dates for RSE lessons for all year groups throughout the coming year, have several weeks of assemblies booked throughout the year, a term of city-wide youth events including a youth weekend away in November, we're continuing to support those most in need through our mentoring programme, seeking further prayer space opportunities and doing all we can to Inspire HOPE and Unlock POTENTIAL in the lives of our amazing young people in Chester.

Staffing Update

We have had an amazing addition to our staffing, with a new part-time administrator. She adds so much to the team and the organisation through her extensive skills and experience in both education and local church leadership. It has been a fantastic year with much more stability than previous years with a real sense that we can continue to build on these great foundations this coming year. There will need to be a focus on developing, training and equipping new volunteers as the demands continue to grow. We are looking forward to continuing to serve and support pupils, staff and whole school communities, through promoting the personal and spiritual wellbeing of children and young people in Chester.

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Restricted Funds

Funds were held by the charity for five restricted purposes:- Resilience, Primary work, purchase of "Its Your Move" booklets, prayer spaces, CU Bibles, and projects. These are accounted for through the relevant Restricted Funds.

Reserves

The Trustees regularly review the reserves of the Charity and future forecasts of receipts and payments, and have concluded that the reserves are at a sufficient level to enable the CSCW CIO to continue working at its current level for at least another 24 months from 31/08/23. During the year the unrestricted 'General Fund' reserves of the charity decreased from £38,036 to £37,421.

Redundancy

In order to give some indication of the Charity's liability to statutory redundancy if it ever became necessary we calculated that if every member of staff who continued employment after 31st August 2022 had been made redundant by the Charity on 31st August 2023 the charity's liability for statutory redundancy would have been - £7,353.

Governance and internal control

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Serious incidents

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This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on

Suzanne Chester 23/3/24

SUZANNE CHESTER

Philip Goss 25/3/24.
PHILIP GOSS

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees of **The Chester Schools Christian Work CIO**

On accounts for the year ended **31st August 2023**

Charity no **1177175**

Set out on pages **9 - 11**

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Basis of independent examiner's statement

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Signed: 

Date: 26/3/24


Name: GIVES MATTOCCI

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body: FCA (ICAEW)

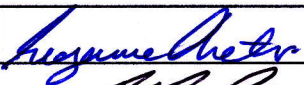

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Section B Disclosure

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	Receipts and payments accounts					CC16a
	For the period from	1st September 2022	To	31st August 2023		
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	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year	
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	
A1 Receipts						
Gifts and donations from Churches	14,213	2,470	-	16,683	17,250	
Gifts and donations from individuals	13,957	1,110	-	15,067	16,203	
Other grants and legacies	13,556	-	-	13,556	13,000	
Tax repayments	816	42	-	858	4,473	
Fund raising events	-	-	-	-	567	
Moving on donations	-	355	-	355	995	
Pastoral services supplied	8,294	-	-	8,294	-	
Sundry income	427	-	-	427	385	
Bank interest	261	-	-	261	46	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	51,524	3,977	-	55,501	52,919	
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).						
	-	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	
Total receipts	51,524	3,977	-	55,501	52,919	
A3 Payments						
Salaries and pension	46,213	2,940	-	49,153	44,793	
Other staff expenses and costs	1,100	-	-	1,100	1,213	
Office costs	2,609	-	-	2,609	2,677	
Project expenses	311	19	-	330	233	
Moving on	-	2,250	-	2,250	1,215	
Project expenses RSE	31	-	-	31	-	
Events	331	-	-	331	449	
Training	-	-	-	-	-	
Other - Gifts	-	-	-	-	178	
Scripture Union	-	-	-	-	500	
Insurance	517	-	-	517	1,017	
Staff Computers & Video Software	-	-	-	-	112	
Refreshments dinners and hospitality	67	-	-	67	28	
Accounts examination	276	-	-	276	264	
Miscellaneous	684	-	-	684	152	
Sub total	52,139	5,209	-	57,348	52,831	
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)						
	-	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	
Total payments	52,139	5,209	-	57,348	52,831	
Net of receipts/(payments)	(615)	(1,232)	0	(1,847)	88	
A5 Transfers between funds						
	-	-	-	-	-	
A6 Cash funds last year end	38,036	1,355	-	39,391	39,303	
Cash funds this year end	37,421	123	-	37,544	39,391	

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank of Scotland No1 Current a/c	271	-	-
	Bank of Scotland No2 Current a/c	548	-	-
	Business Bank Instant	10,937	123	-
	Kingdom Bank	25,467	-	-
	Cash and cheques	198	-	-
	Total cash funds	37,421	123	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval
		SUZANNE CHESTER		23/3/24
		PHILIP GOSS		25/3/24

Section C Notes on accounts					
C Movements of restricted and general funds					
	Opening	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Closing
	Balance				Balance
General Fund					
Undesignated funds	38,036	51,524	52,139		37,421
Restricted funds					
Resilience	-	-	-		-
Primary work	-	2,940	2,940		-
Moving on	(13)	367	970		(616)
Prayer spaces	1,343	-	19	(610)	714
CU Bibles	25	-			25
Projects		670	1,280	610	-
Restricted Totals	1,355	3,977	5,209	-	123
Overall totals	39,391	55,501	57,348	-	37,544
<p>The Moving On fund is showing a deficit of £610 because two years supply of books were purchased and it is hoped donations will be received in 2023-24 to cover this deficit.</p>					

CHESTER SCHOOLS CHRISTIAN WORK CIO

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Accounts

**CHESTER SCHOOLS
CHRISTIAN WORK CIO**

Registered Charity No. 1177175

**Annual Report
&
Financial Statements
For the year ended
31st August 2022**

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Charity Number	1177175
Working Names	Chester Schools Christian Work CSCW
Governing Instrument:	Constitution registered by the Charity Commission 5 th February 2018
Trustees	Su Chester Sue Glover Philip Goss Lucy Metcalfe Simon Kaye
Principal Address	Vicars Cross United Reformed Church Oldfield Drive Vicars Cross Chester CH3 5LL
Bankers	Bank of Scotland 33 Old Broad Street London Branch, PO Box 1000, BX2 1LB Kingdom Bank Media House Padge Road Beeston NOTTINGHAM NG9 2RS
Independent Examiners	G. Mattocks FCA, 18 Mulberry Avenue, Turnstone Business Park, WIDNES, WA8 0WN

CHESTER SCHOOLS CHRISTIAN WORK CIO
Trustees' Report for the year ended 31st August 2022

The Trustees submit their report and the financial statements for the period ended 31st August 2022.

General Information

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation, governed by a constitution registered by the Charity Commission on 5th February 2018.

The first trustees were appointed by the constitution. Subsequent appointments are made by the trustees. They serve for an indefinite period.

The Trust is a 'Local Mission Partner' linked to and supported by Scripture Union, a large and worldwide organization working with children, young people and families internationally.

By an order of the Charity Commission dated 27th June 2018 the Chester Schools Christian Work Trust Charity Registration number 1041454 was authorised to transfer its assets to the CIO. On 1st September 2018 all the assets of the Chester Schools Christian Work Trust were vested in this charity. The charity is carrying on the work formerly done by the trust from 1st September 2018.

Objects of the charity as laid down by the Constitution

To advance the Christian religion in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs appearing in the Schedule to the constitution and in particular in the city of Chester and the surrounding area and primarily amongst children and young people in the schools and other educational establishments in the said area.

This has been achieved by raising money to support Christian workers to go into schools.

Review of the Year

Primary Schools Work

The new academic year began positively with the regular primary school work being delivered by Andy Avery, church partners and the team of volunteers. Andy Avery continued to lead collective worship for 800 pupils every week with a further 750 young people on a monthly basis. Andy has also supported partner churches to deliver collective worship to a similar number of pupils again at their local primary schools.

In many ways, the last 12 months have been more challenging than the first 18 months of Covid as it has been really tough to get in any kind of routine. Until Easter Andy never really knew whether he would be in a school as planned or cancelled (often at the very last minute), not always knowing which year groups would be available or whether it would be held in a hall or a classroom, or on Zoom which made planning incredibly difficult!

Despite this, it has been exciting to see God working in the Primary Schools across the city. Highlights would include, starting monthly worship at one primary school which has been great, giving out over 1000 'It's Your Move' books alongside other workers across the city. Feedback from the lessons indicate that around 90% of the Year 6's felt more confident about going to High School after we had spoken with them which is really encouraging.

We also had the opportunity to support one academy for the first time and are already exploring how we can strengthen the relationship with them. It's also been exciting to start doing some Prayer Spaces again - this is something we hope to do more of in the next

academic year. Whole-school 'Prayer Spaces' were provided in 2 primary schools. There was an opportunity to restart residential trips this year.

High Schools Summary

What an amazing year full of ups and downs - along with uncertainties and challenges we can still reflect on many moments of seeing young people developing resilience, being encouraged and achieving incredible success in many areas. Over the year we have delivered hundreds of hours mentoring to those most in need, support to Christian Unions and helped run Prayer Spaces, delivered engaging and appropriate healthy relationship and sex education through the RSE curriculum, facilitated several rounds of the Kintsugi Hope Mental Wellbeing Group and been a key lead in city-wide youth events.

The Kintsugi Hope groups have changed format throughout the year as we continued to seek to deliver this much needed support in the most impactful way. eg we worked with the school to release the pupils for 1 full day (rather than 6 sessions over a half term) and covered the key topics with greater depth of conversation and relationship in making a bigger positive impact on their wellbeing. We are now discussing a regular Kintsugi Club at lunchtimes to further develop this essential area of support.

The city-wide youth events continue to bring young people from different schools and congregations together to equip and encourage young people in their faith. From May, Darren leads the monthly youth event YthX where we are partnering with Chester churches to deliver a youth service for young people, by young people. Also, Project 22 at Easter brought youth and youth workers from different churches together to deliver a mission-focused event - a massive thank you to everyone who prayed for this event - it was fantastic!

The development and support of Christian Unions and safe spaces continues to be important and we were invited into another Chester high school to lead a Christian Union with the local church, starting in September! Our hope is to partner with key pupils and staff in other schools to see a CU in every High School in Chester

As well as continuing the above, we are again setting more dates for RSE lessons for all year groups throughout the coming year, have a full week of assemblies already booked in for September, a term of city-wide youth events including a youth weekend away in November, we're continuing to support those most in need through our mentoring programme, seeking further prayer space opportunities and doing all we can to Inspire HOPE and Unlock POTENTIAL in the lives of our amazing young people in Chester.

It has been an extremely challenging year and the coming year looks to bring many new challenges too. We are looking forward to continuing to serve and support pupils in Chester schools, knowing there will be a high demand to adapt and respond quickly to developing needs in the personal and spiritual wellbeing of children and young people in Chester.

Investment Policy

The charity's policy is to deposit surplus funds with the Kingdom Bank to seek a reasonable interest rate.

Fund raising

The charity relies on donations from individuals, church organisations and other charitable trusts.

Restricted Funds

Funds were held by the charity for five restricted purposes:- Resilience, Primary work, purchase of "Its Your Move" booklets, prayer spaces, and chocs for teachers. These are accounted for through the relevant Restricted Funds.

Reserves

The Trustees regularly review the reserves of the Charity and future forecasts of receipts and payments, and have concluded that the reserves are at a sufficient level to enable the CSCW CIO to continue working at its current level for at least another 24 months from 31/08/22. During the year the unrestricted 'General Fund' reserves of the charity increased from £33,296 to £38,037, and restricted reserves decreased from £6,007 to £1,355.

Redundancy

In order to give some indication of the Trust's liability for statutory redundancy if it ever became necessary we calculated that if every member of staff who continued employment after 31st August 2022 had been made redundant by the Trust on 31st August 2022 the trust's liability for statutory redundancy would have been - £5,767.

Governance and internal control

Responsibility for day to day running lies with the Team Leader who works within budget constraints set by the Trustees to meet the policy objectives agreed at the Trustees' meetings, and who is accountable to the Trustees. The Team Leader and his team are the major generators of future vision and direction, with the Trustees ensuring that the Trust's activities are both in agreement with its objectives and are achievable.

Trustees are selected by the other members of the Trustee board. The Trustees will meet periodically in the year to review strategy, performance, operating plans, budgets and ministry matters.

Safeguarding

The charity has a safeguarding policy which is reviewed annually,

Volunteers

The charity is hoping both for the continuing commitment of its individual volunteers, and also that local churches will continue to allow their Youth/Children's workers to be involved in the delivery of CSCW activities free of charge. Without them our activities would be much reduced.



Public benefit

The Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in planning our activities.

Serious incidents

There were no serious incidents relating to the charity during the previous year that the Trustees neglected to inform the Charity Commission.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 4.1.23

 (Trustee)
 (Trustee)



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees of The Chester Schools Christian Work CIO

On accounts for the year ended	31st August 2022	Charity no	1177175
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Set out on pages 8-10

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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.

Independent examiner's statement In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *)

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 Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: C. M. M.

Date: 4/1/23

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Relevant professional qualification(s) or body: FCA
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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

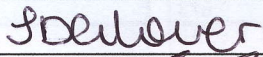



Chester Schools Christian Work CIO		1177175	CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts			
For the period from	1st September 2021	To 31st August 2022	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Gifts and donations from Churches	14,619	2,631	-	17,250	18,193
Gifts and donations from individuals	14,983	1,220	-	16,203	16,976
Other grants and legacies	13,000		-	13,000	22,000
Tax repayments	4,298	175	-	4,473	1,170
Fund raising events	567			567	
Moving on donations	-	995	-	995	958
Sundry income	385	-	-	385	13
Bank interest	46	-	-	46	69
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	47,898	5,021	-	52,919	59,379
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	47,898	5,021	-	52,919	59,379
A3 Payments					
Salaries and pension	36,412	8,381	-	44,793	49,209
Other staff expenses and costs	1,213	-	-	1,213	538
Office costs	2,677		-	2,677	2,505
Project expenses	156	77	-	233	224
Moving on		1,215	-	1,215	1,163
Project expenses RSE		-	-	-	99
Events	449	-	-	449	-
Training	-	-	-	-	105
Other - Gifts	178	-	-	178	156
Scripture Union	500	-	-	500	500
Insurance	1,017	-	-	1,017	530
Staff computers and video software	112	-	-	112	1,405
Refreshments dinners and hospitality	28	-	-	28	108
Accounts examination	264	-	-	264	240
Miscellaneous	152	-	-	152	25
Sub total	43,158	9,673	-	52,831	56,807
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	43,158	9,673	-	52,831	56,807
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,740	(4,652)	-	88	2,572
A5 Transfers between funds			-	-	
A6 Cash funds last year end	33,296	6,007	-	39,303	27,924
Cash funds this year end	38,036	1,355	-	39,391	30,496

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank of Scotland No1 Current a/c	217	-	-
	Bank of Scotland No2 Current a/c	518	-	-
	Business Bank Instant	1,852	1,355	-
	Kingdom Bank	35,286	-	-
	Church and Charity Reserve	163	-	-
	Total cash funds		38,036	1,355
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	-	-
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval
		SUSAN DAWN GLOVER		4.1.23
		PHILIP MARTIN GOSS		5.1.23
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Review of the Academic Year - September 2020 - August 2021

'Inspiring Hope and Unlocking Potential' continued to be the guiding objective for CSCW throughout the past academic year. Due to Covid-19 and other extenuating circumstances, it continued to be an extremely challenging year for CSCW. Despite the challenges, the team have continued to support schools and pupils in innovative and creative ways across both primary and high schools. The Trustees have continued to meet on zoom until the summer term and in the absence of a permanent chair, have continued rotating the role.

Autumn 2020

The academic year began like it had continued throughout 2020 and into 2021 full of uncertainties and responses to Co-vid 19 including in November 2020 a second national lockdown and measures imposed over Christmas 2020 and into the new year.

Primary

Despite this we were delighted that our primary schools worker could at last go into some primary schools albeit just two schools at first each week leading one 'bubble' in a class worship session. This increased to another school in January 2021 and then more schools began to open up to outside visitors. Other work continued via video, and he was able to help with online presence at a virtual Schools Ethos Conference as the new year dawned.

Every meeting had to be bespoke to each individual schools and had to have a different format due to the changing Covid guidelines over the first two terms. Our schools worker continued to make videos and put them on our own YouTube channel which led to some great feedback from pupils and staff. Here are just anecdotal comments we received:

'Thank you so much for your videos they have helped us as staff and pupils keep going.'
'Even though it's only on video, it's still one of the highlights of the week for the children. They are so excited when it's time to show the latest episode.'

Secondary

This second half term was one of real encouragement for the high schools work. Despite the local lockdown, there were increasing opportunities to work more closely with high schools, both in person and via online technology. We continued to ensure that all our work met recent guidelines to ensure we minimised risk as much as possible, whilst serving the needs of the school communities and young people.

RSE - Our 2 high school workers delivered RSE lessons in person in one high school in November to Year 11 groups.

Mentoring / Chaplaincy / Independent Listener 1:1 mentoring has developed also in the second half term with additional weekly mentoring at another High School.

Reflection and Prayer spaces / Assemblies

Online material suitable for the new climate was developed which could be offered to high schools. This included a variety of formats, all offering essential opportunities for young people to be mindful, to reflect, as well as an optional development to try prayer. This term we have provided a short reflection for use at one high school as part of their 'Soul Sessions' series and delivered an introductory assembly to 160 pupils and teachers at another school. Online interaction had its challenges but there were also advantages. We were able to collate immediate anonymous feedback from our online assembly when the pupils were asked to rank 6 items in order of what would be most beneficial for them. By far emotional wellbeing, relationships and mentoring came out on top of the list.

Throughout the whole term we were also able to host online trustee and prayer meetings for schools on a regular basis, attended by trustees, staff and supporters. We also thanked and said goodbye to one trustee Corentyn at the end of this term.

Spring 2021

There was a real sense of hope and expectation as we reached the new calendar year of 2021 but once again, we had to ensure that all our work met recent guidelines to ensure we minimised risk as much as possible. The team continued to support, encourage, and facilitate many young people in our schools. Despite everything, including another national lockdown and strict measures in place it was a really encouraging term with lots of opportunities. Initially only a small percentage of our work was still face to face, but the technology used actually enabled us to reach more young people and to achieve things we could not otherwise have done!

Another positive outcome from lockdown was that it enabled us to focus on specific prayer for each of the schools in Chester including regular monthly prayer meetings on Zoom and also 'prayer walking' all of the schools.

Primary

During the Spring term, our primary school worker spent two afternoons each week in one village school helping out with the key worker/vulnerable children that were still physically attending school rather than home-schooling. A weekly collective worship video was sent out and we had a really positive uptake with even more people watching them than in the first 'lockdown'. We had

a great response from the schools themselves - this is one piece of feedback we had;

'The children have enjoyed watching the videos and they are of an ideal duration for an assembly or even to be used as part of a lesson. They are vibrant, show interesting props with a mixture of dialogue and various genres, e.g. stories, a quiz as in this clip and the graphics are interesting and colourful. Which child could not like the topic of 'smelly feet'!'

Secondary

This term we offered support to high schools through online assemblies, pre-recorded videos and online RE lessons. One of the highlights this term was an RE lesson for one of our schools entitled 'Christian Beliefs and Practices'. Topics included faith, baptism, the power of prayer and the fact that Christianity is about a relationship with Jesus.

Growing Young Leaders

We worked with a number of young people helping them to make a difference in their schools in by helping them set up and run groups to demonstrate and share the love of God to others – whether interest groups, Christian Unions, or safe prayer spaces. We were encouraged at the way this continued via ZOOM.

1:1 Mentoring This has continued on a small scale during this term.

RSE A full programme of support was planned at one high school, including a 2-week block in January in 2021 for Years 8 and 9 with further dates arranged for years 7 and 11 in February. Due to restrictions this didn't take place during this term.

Prayer Space / Reflection Video

Videos for young people to use in various different situations in school were developed giving an opportunity for space and reflection,

Summer Term 2021

We were delighted to appoint two new trustees at the start of this term, who bring a wealth of legal administration, youth and also school experience with them. In June we said a sad farewell to our administrator of many years. Despite advertisement and interview we have still to appoint a suitable replacement. The term held lots of expectation that we would return to some kind of normality as restrictions in schools were relaxed. There was still a huge sigh of relief when the team could finally begin to start to go back into schools.

Primary

The main focus of the summer term, as usual, was the Moving On project with Year 6 pupils. Working in partnership with churches across the city, for the first time ever we provided lessons and books for over 1000 pupils! We were also able to get into 2 new schools this year.

A new part of the session was getting some written feedback from the pupils themselves. When asked if they felt more confident about going to High School as a result of the lesson, over 80% said yes, 15% were unsure (although a significant number of these were already feeling very confident about the move) and less than 5% said no. It was great to work in partnership with local workers and their churches in this way and we are continually very grateful to the individuals and churches who gave money to cover the cost of the Its Your Move books. Our primary school

worker also got the chance to speak at two Year 6 Leavers Services this year

Kintsugi Hope Programme

The launch of our Kintsugi Hope wellbeing groups in school has been a huge success and met a really key need for young people in the current climate. We ran 11 groups over the term for years 7-13 - each group has 6 sessions looking and discussion various mental and emotional health elements needed for a full and abundant life. Over 90% reported they found the group supportive and helpful, that they had learnt tools to help them cope with issues they were facing and that they would recommend the group to others. Here are just a few comments from some participants:

"It has really helped me with my anxiety and anger"

"I love this group; it has been so helpful". "I feel I now have a voice".

Relationship and Sex Education

We have been able to provide essential RSE support for schools and pupils this term to around 1000 pupils, covering various topics that surround healthy relationships for young people. Our aim was to encourage young people to make sound choices so they can be all that they have been made to be and to provide them with information, skills, and confidence to make those choices so that they can reach their full potential.

Prayer Space / Reflection Video

We had the privilege of supporting a physical prayer space at one high school this term and our reflection/prayer videos are now available to all on our YouTube channel. One teacher emailed:

"thank you so much as always for your support with the Online reflections. They are going down really well." - it is always great to receive encouraging feedback!

1:1 Mentoring

We have been able to deliver 1:1 mentoring in schools this term and have had some significant input into the lives of young people whose struggles have been magnified through the challenges of the year. We are so proud of each mentee who has worked through these sessions with real determination.

investment Policy

The charity's policy is to deposit surplus funds with Stewardship to seek a reasonable interest rate.

Fund raising

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Restricted Funds

Funds are held by the charity for seven restricted purposes: - Resilience, Primary work, purchase of "Its Your Move" booklets, prayer spaces, projector and PC, purchase of a laptop and chocs for teachers. These are accounted for through the relevant Restricted Funds.

Reserves

The Trustees regularly review the reserves of the Charity and future forecasts of receipts and payments and have concluded that the reserves are at a sufficient level to enable the CSCW CIO to continue working at its current level for at least another 24 months from 31/08/21. During the year the unrestricted 'General Fund' reserves of the charity decreased from £34,908 to £33,296, and restricted reserves increased from £1,823 to £6,007.

Redundancy

In order to give some indication of the Trust's liability for statutory redundancy if it ever became necessary, we calculated that if every member of staff who continued employment after 31st August 2021 had been made redundant by the Trust on 31st August 2021 the trust's liability for statutory redundancy would have been - £3.592.

Governance and internal control

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Public benefit

The Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in planning our activities.

Serious incidents

There were no serious incidents relating to the charity during the previous year that the Trustees neglected to inform the Charity Commission.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on

S. DeLover - 14/4/22

Sam Chester 15/4/22



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees of **Chester Schools Christian Work CIO**

On accounts for the year ended **31 August 2021** Charity no **1177175**

Set out on pages ~~8X~~ **10 - 12**

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an Independent examination is needed.

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to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:  Date: **26/4/22**

Name: **G. Mattocks**

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): **FCA**

Address: **Mattocks Grindley Chartered Accountants
18 Mulberry Avenue, Turnstone Business Park, Widnes, Cheshire.
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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).



Chester Schools Christian Work CIO		1177175	CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts			
For the period from	1st September 2020	To 31st August 2021	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Gifts and donations from Churches	15,475	2,718	-	18,193	18,120
Gifts and donations from individuals	16,066	910	-	16,976	17,636
Other grants and legacies	17,000	5,000	-	22,000	17,000
Tax repayments	1,133	37	-	1,170	4,743
Its your move donations	-	958	-	958	1,380
Sundry income	13	-	-	13	190
Bank interest	69	-	-	69	170
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	49,756	9,623	-	59,379	59,239
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	49,756	9,623	-	59,379	59,239
A3 Payments					
Salaries and pension	45,884	3,325	-	49,209	43,575
Other staff expenses and costs	538	-	-	538	671
Gift on termination of employment	-	-	-	-	400
Office costs	2,505	-	-	2,505	2,147
Project expenses	224	-	-	224	428
Its Your Move	105	1,058	-	1,163	1,321
Project expenses RSE	99	-	-	99	323
Fundraising	-	-	-	-	42
Training	105	-	-	105	65
Other - Gifts	113	43	-	156	136
Scripture Union	500	-	-	500	500
Insurance	530	-	-	530	511
Staff computers and video software	392	1,013	-	1,405	-
Refreshments dinners and hospitality	108	-	-	108	-
Accounts examination	240	-	-	240	240
Miscellaneous	25	-	-	25	73
Sub total	51,368	5,439	-	56,807	50,432
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	51,368	5,439	-	56,807	50,432
Net of receipts/(payments)	(1,612)	4,184	-	2,572	8,807
A5 Transfers between funds			-	-	
A6 Cash funds last year end	34,908	1,823	-	36,731	27,924
Cash funds this year end	33,296	6,007	-	39,303	36,731

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank of Scotland No1 Current a/c	330	-	-
	Bank of Scotland No2 Current a/c	334	-	-
	Business Bank Instant	3,198	-	-
	Stewardship Deposit Account	29,234	6,007	-
	Cash and cheques	200	-	-
	Total cash funds <small>(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))</small>	33,296	6,007	-

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>S. Glover</i>	SUSAN DAWN GLOVER	14/4/22
<i>S. Chester</i>	SU CHESTER	15/4/22

CHESTER SCHOOLS CHRISTIAN WORK CIO

England & Wales - Charity number 1177175

Accounts

**CHESTER SCHOOLS
CHRISTIAN WORK CIO**

Registered Charity No. 1177175

**Annual Report
&
Financial Statements
For the year ended
31st August 2020**

CHESTER SCHOOLS CHRISTIAN WORK CIO
Registered Charity No. 1177175

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CHESTER SCHOOLS CHRISTIAN WORK CIO

Charity Information For the year ended 31st August 2020

Charity Number	1177175
Working Names	Chester Schools Christian Work CSCW
Governing Instrument:	Constitution registered by the Charity Commission 5 th February 2018
Trustees	Dr Brian Bowen (Chair) (to 20 th December 2019) Su Chester Sue Glover Susan Kippax (to 7 th September 2019) Philip Goss Corentyn Smith
Principal Address	Vicars Cross United Reformed Church Oldfield Drive Vicars Cross Chester CH3 5LL
Bankers	Bank of Scotland 33 Old Broad Street London Branch, PO Box 1000, BX2 1LB Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage London, EC1Y 8AB
Independent Examiners	G. Mattocks FCA, 18 Mulberry Avenue, Turnstone Business Park, WIDNES, WA8 0WN

CHESTER SCHOOLS CHRISTIAN WORK CIO

Trustees' Report for the year ended 31st August 2020

The Trustees submit their report and the financial statements for the period ended 31st August 2020.

General Information

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation, governed by a constitution registered by the Charity Commission on 5th February 2018.

The first trustees were appointed by the constitution. Subsequent appointments are made by the trustees. They serve for an indefinite period.

The Trust is a 'Local Mission Partner' linked to and supported by Scripture Union, a large and worldwide organization working with children, young people and families internationally.

By an order of the Charity Commission dated 27th June 2018 the Chester Schools Christian Work Trust Charity Registration number 1041454 was authorised to transfer its assets to the CIO. A vesting declaration was made on 1st September vesting all the assets of the Chester Schools Christian Work Trust in this charity.

The charity is carrying on the work formerly done by the trust from 1st September 2018.

Objects of the charity as laid down by the Constitution

To advance the Christian religion in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs appearing in the Schedule to the constitution and in particular in the city of Chester and the surrounding area and primarily amongst children and young people in the schools and other educational establishments in the said area.

This has been achieved by raising money to support Christian workers to go into schools.

Review of the Year

'Inspiring Hope and Unlocking Potential' has continued to be the guiding objective for CSCW throughout the past academic year. Due to Covid-19 and other extenuating circumstances, it has been an extremely challenging year for CSCW. Despite the challenges, the team have continued to support schools and pupils in innovative and creative ways across both primary and high schools.

The new academic year began positively with the regular primary school work being delivered by Andy Avery, church partners and the team of volunteers. The new Team Leader, Darren Staunton, began to engage with high schools but sadly, due to health reasons, he was unable to continue with the work and left CSCW at the end of December 2019. Also, during this term, two trustees stepped down for personal reasons which left some key gaps in staffing and as a trustee board. After much consideration, discussion and advice, the trustees offered the vacant staff role to another candidate who had been interviewed earlier that year. The offer was accepted and after working his notice in his previous role, the trustees were delighted to welcome Darren Gerrish as the full-time Team Leader from 11th February 2020. CSCW is actively seeking new trustees and in the absence of a permanent chair, are rotating the role. From March, the situation with Covid-19 caused the charity to respond quickly to tough discussions and decisions regarding the work in response to the crisis, where some projects were put on hold and others were adapted in creative ways to still offer support to schools and pupils in extremely challenging times.

Pre-Covid (before March), the CSCW primary school teams, co-ordinated by Andy Avery continued to lead collective worship for 800 pupils every week with a further 750 young people on a monthly basis. Andy has also supported partner churches to deliver collective worship to a similar number of pupils again at their local primary schools. Whole-school 'Prayer Spaces' were provided in 2 primary schools. Sadly, there have been no opportunities for residential trips this year. In high schools, RSE (Relationship and sex education) was delivered at 3 local schools by Megan Bradburn (volunteer) and Darren Gerrish (both in his previous role as a volunteer and in his new role of Team Leader). This

In order to give some indication of the Trust's liability for statutory redundancy if it ever became necessary we calculated that if every member of staff who continued employment after 31st August 2020 had been made redundant by the Trust on 31st August 2020 the trust's liability for statutory redundancy would have been - £4,782.

Governance and internal control

Responsibility for day to day running lies with the Team Leader who works within budget constraints set by the Trustees to meet the policy objectives agreed at the Trustees' meetings, and who is accountable to the Trustees. The Team Leader and his team are the major generators of future vision and direction, with the Trustees ensuring that the Trust's activities are both in agreement with its objectives and are achievable.

Trustees are selected by the other members of the Trustee board. The Trustees will meet periodically in the year to review strategy, performance, operating plans, budgets and ministry matters.

Safeguarding

The charity has a safeguarding policy which is reviewed annually,

Volunteers

The charity is hoping both for the continuing commitment of its individual volunteers, and also that local churches will continue to allow their Youth/Children's workers to be involved in the delivery of CSCW activities free of charge. Without them our activities would be much reduced.

Public benefit

The Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in planning our activities.

Serious incidents

There were no serious incidents relating to the charity during the previous year that the Trustees neglected to inform the Charity Commission.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 26th January 2021

Trustee *Russell Dietz*
Trustee *Phil Lion*



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees of

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Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *)

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 Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: [Handwritten Signature] Date: 12/2/2021

Name: GILES MATTOCUS

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body: FCA (ICAEW)

Address: 18 Mulberry Avenue,
Turnstone Business Park
WIDNES, WA8 0WN

Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from 1st September 2019 To 31st August 2020

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Gifts and donations from Churches	15,434	2,686	-	18,120	15,556
Gifts and donations from individuals	16,956	680	-	17,636	17,700
Gifts and donations from schools	-	-	-	-	1,050
Other grants and legacies	17,000	-	-	17,000	-
Tax repayments	4,557	186	-	4,743	502
Its your move donations	-	1,380	-	1,380	434
Dinner donations	-	-	-	-	520
Sundry income	190	-	-	190	684
Bank interest	170	-	-	170	217
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	54,307	4,932	-	59,239	36,663
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	54,307	4,932	-	59,239	36,663
A3 Payments					
Salaries and pension	40,066	3,509	-	43,575	49,417
Other staff expenses and costs	671	-	-	671	577
Gift on termination of employment	400	-	-	400	-
Office costs	2,147	-	-	2,147	2,349
Project expenses	302	126	-	428	38
Its Your Move	64	1,257	-	1,321	750
Project expenses SRE	323	-	-	323	105
Events	-	-	-	-	695
Fundraising	42	-	-	42	-
Training	65	-	-	65	219
Other - Gifts	136	-	-	136	7
Scripture Union	500	-	-	500	500
Insurance	511	-	-	511	559
Recruitment	-	-	-	-	148
Refreshments and hospitality	-	-	-	-	64
Accounts examination	240	-	-	240	240
Miscellaneous	73	-	-	73	610
Sub total	45,540	4,892	-	50,432	56,278
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	45,540	4,892	-	50,432	56,278
Net of receipts/(payments)	8,767	40	-	8,807	(19,615)
A5 Transfers between funds			-	-	
A6 Cash funds last year end	26,141	1,783	-	27,924	47,539
Cash funds this year end	34,908	1,823	-	36,731	27,924

