

**CHESTER SCHOOLS  
CHRISTIAN WORK CIO**

**Registered Charity No. 1177175**

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

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## CHESTER SCHOOLS CHRISTIAN WORK CIO

### Charity Information 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 <sup>th</sup> 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
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## **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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018 the Chester Schools Christian Work Trust Charity Registration number 1041454 was authorised to transfer its assets to the CIO. On 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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

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 (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:



Date:

4/1/23

Name:

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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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
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
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>47,898</b>	<b>5,021</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>52,919</b>	<b>59,379</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>47,898</b>	<b>5,021</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>52,919</b>	<b>59,379</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
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
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>43,158</b>	<b>9,673</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>52,831</b>	<b>56,807</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>43,158</b>	<b>9,673</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>52,831</b>	<b>56,807</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>4,740</b>	<b>(4,652)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2,572</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>			-	-	
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>33,296</b>	<b>6,007</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>39,303</b>	<b>27,924</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>38,036</b>	<b>1,355</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>39,391</b>	<b>30,496</b>



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