



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date	Period end date
From	1 April 2022	To 31 March 2023

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name Heaton Churches Together

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1181717

Charity's principal address 20 Armstrong Avenue

Heaton

Newcastle upon Tyne

Postcode

NE6 5RD

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Jonathan Lawson			
2	Andrea Hayes			
3	Mark Ridyard	Treasurer		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	Constitution
How the charity is constituted	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods	Elected from Membership

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To advance the Christian religion in Heaton and its immediate surroundings
 To promote religious harmony amongst the various Christian congregations of the area and to encourage prayer, fellowship and joint action.
 To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by working with people in Heaton and its immediate surroundings to prevent people from becoming socially excluded, relieve the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assist their integration into society

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Once again in the Summer of 2023 we ran the Heaton Festival as our major object of "promoting social inclusion".
 This community festival was the sixth time we have run the event and focussed on reconnecting community and community groups after the COVID pandemic.

We continued with a similar scope to our 2019 event with a continued growth in attendance and we estimate we had 20-50% more people than ever before.

We found that several groups that had supported us in previous years no longer exist, and so we had to find some new people to get involved this time as well as continuing to experiment with a few new ideas. The following is a summary of the key activities.

Performance – Our performances this year were incredible with 2 of our stages being broadcast on local community radio. We had a main stage for established acts, a community stage for schools and local groups, mid sized and A 'Capella stages for developing groups as well as a "first" of several "pop-up acts" that appeared around the site.

Community groups – Many brilliant community organisations were again a part of the event with charities, clubs, support and action groups all being involved. The groups were able to engage the public in their activities and some of them also did some fundraising.

Local small businesses – Our market stalls were once again a great success with about half being new to the festival this time. The feedback from all of them continues to be that this event is helping them to build their business and their profile within our community.

Food – Our food providers were amazing again this year, with the vast majority of them selling out. Over 75% of the businesses were Heaton based with collective takings of over £30,000 going into the local economy and of which 10% fed back in to the festival funds.

Sports, Health and Wellbeing – The SportsZone was filled with many new groups this time helping people to learn the sort of things going on in Heaton and hopefully allowing some of them to get involved on an ongoing basis. And of course people had a lot of fun having a go on the day!

Children – Our children's zone was even more packed than usual this year and we continue to offer most of our activities for free to ensure that they are accessible for all. We had all sorts of activities including inflatables, crafts, crazy games, our local TA with a paintball range, and stands from the police and a veteran's bikers group.

Youth – Our Youth zone had a new group of coordinators this year but similar energy and enthusiasm with games, DJs, craft and a live action mystery!

Eco Zone – This year we added an Eco-zone the festival to encourage people to think about and get involved in the Environment. We had about 15 stalls with things from electric cars to things we can do at home, from beekeeping to Allotments.

Peace Walk – We continued our Peace Walk idea from previous festivals, this time standing for Peace in Ukraine, and involving many of our local schools. We finished this time on our main stage as the opening to the festival with a release of birds to symbolise us all working for that peace.

Faith and Outreach – We continue to experiment with the best way to do faith and outreach, and this year amongst the events we had the following. A “Get Connected” tent near to a seating area for coffee so that people could have a relaxed conversation about their place in the world and how faith might play into that. Biblically themed gift bags given to all our stalls so that had something to remind them of the churches and why we do such an event. 2 of the acts on the main stage with Christian music to try to weave into the main content of the day. We also found that our “place yourself on the map” activity continues to start great conversations, this year we asked “I remember...” and “I’m looking forward to...”, which often gets people thinking about the big questions in life, and we are thinking to expand on this next time.

Beyond what the general public see we had continue to need to develop our Health, Safety and Licensing efforts. We are now seen by the local council as a “tried and tested” event that they are very supportive of, although with that said, our health and safety cost rose again this year reaching £6800.

We also have continued to develop our tracking of the consequences of the festival. 95% of our contributors tell us they would attend a similar event again (up from 88%), 85% say that the event organisation exceeds their expectations (up from 57%), and many groups tell us how their particular organisation has grown in terms of awareness, community engagement and membership.

Beyond this our objectives are covered through events during the year. We continue to support several consistent events as in previous years, as well as adding a few new items.

- Christmas Card to local residents sharing all Christmas Services
- Sock and Chocs – creation of hundreds of Christmas parcels to be given to the local People’s Kitchen
- Supporting local Foodbanks and Refugee projects and also creating “Warm Spaces” in several of our churches to help with fuel price crisis.
- Several shared worship events for Lent and Easter.
- A 2 mile “walk of witness” at Easter, through the streets of Heaton and ending in an open air service with all welcome.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

HCT is fully reliant on volunteers and all our events are created and executed by members of our organisation.

For example in Heaton Festival we have about 20 volunteers who do the detailed planning for about 6-9 months before the event, about 150 volunteers who support the day, with only 3-4 paid professionals to help with Health and Safety.

With all our smaller events they are fully organised by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Social Inclusion

- Many weekly foodbank donations
- Several Community groups run and coordinated to address the key community needs.

Heaton Festival – Jun 2022

- Between 12,000 to 15,000 attendees
- Nearly 200 community organisations involved most of which see increases in participation after the festival
- For details of the individual areas see the performance measures in section C

Religious harmony amongst the various Christian congregations

- Regular sharing of events between churches to promote partnership between churches – a combination of virtual and physical events across the year with hundreds of attendees, such as Lent Lunches

Promoting the Christian Religion

- Continued to use online services to promote interest amongst those inquisitive about faith.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

HCT's major expenditure is with Heaton Festival, where the aim is to make between a £1000 loss and a £3000 surplus so that over multiple festival we will create a small reserve to cover any issues that we may have in a given festival year.

At the end of FY22-23 reserves were £13,996 with expectation that the majority of this would be spent on executing Heaton Festival 2024.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

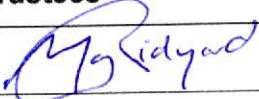

Section F**Other optional information**

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Section G**Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Mark Ridyard	Andrea Hayes
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Trustee
Date	28 January 2024	

Heaton Churches Together – Treasurer's Report FY 2022-2023

April 1 2022 to March 31 2023

Overall Summary

This is a year when HCT runs Heaton Festival. Recall that some fundraising was completed in both 2020-21 and 2021-22 and this had amounted to £13,570, with early spending (H&S and deposits) at £2,209, a surplus of £11,861.

Looking at the accounts for 22-23 the vast majority of activity was on Heaton Festival, with net loss of £6,782 for the year.

However, over the period from the 2019 festival completing payments and the 2022 festival completing payments there is a net surplus of £7,807 which gives a great start for the 2024 Festival.

Overall summary FY2223			
Row Labels	IT	Credits	Debits
⊕ Catering		4221	333
⊕ Children		685	1419
⊖ Church Contributions		1250	
HBC		500	
St Georges		500	
St Silas		250	
⊖ Ecumenical bodies		4409	
URC Northern Synod		2000	
Hospital of God at Greatham		2000	
HMC - Youth Club closure - Funds transfer		409	
⊕ Entertainment			314
⊖ External funding		2000	
Barbour Foundation		2000	
⊕ Faith and Outreach			689
⊕ Finance			50
⊕ Fundraising		1	
⊕ Health and Safety			4922
⊕ Logistics			12628
⊕ Marketing		235	841
⊖ Mini Festival - Church Contributions		70	
St Georges - Mini Festival Contribution		70	
⊕ On the day			170
⊕ Private Contribution		487	
⊕ Stalls		1400	50
⊕ Stalls - Community		70	
⊕ Stalls - info		100	
⊖ Subs		140	
St Gabriels - HCT subs		30	
St Georges - HCT subs		40	
St Silas Subs catch up		70	
⊕ Youth			437
Grand Total		15068	21850

The Account started with a Balance of £20,778 and ended with a balance of £13,996

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Heaton Festival 2022 summary

Overall, Heaton Festival had a record year with a surplus of £7,912.

We had a best ever total income from the Festival with £31,970 taken vs a previous high of £22,664

The highlights include

- Fundraising - £24,730 raised (£8870 more raised than any previous year)
 - with record amounts of external funding, both secular and ecumenical, (£15,000 vs £8000)
 - Continued support from the council ward funding at £5000 and increased church support with more churches getting involved (£4320 up from £3350)
- On the day receipts (£7,147 vs £6,403, driven by more from Food providers)

In terms of spending we spent a similar total to 2019 (£24,185 vs £25,169)

A full item by item income and expenditure is shown below. Due the multiyear nature of fundraising and expenditure, this covers items that occurred in financial years 2020-21, 21-22 and 22-23.

Catering	4221	333	Faith and Outreach	680	Stalls	1400	50
Tea Tent	1352		Lifeworlds - Donation for Booklets	200	L&S Gifts - Linda Scott	50	
Fat Hippo	381		Gift Bag purchases - to Rio Bramhall	283	Lovely Corner - W Gudel	50	
DDC Catering	450		Sainsbury's - Table Covers, Handwipes, Raisins - To Dave Lumsdon	11	Le Mini Macaron	50	
Cubanos	105		Amazon - Celebrations Chocolates - To Dave Lumsdon	60	Wood Yew Crafts	50	
Al Ices	150		Vivo - Love Hearts	10	CandyLand	50	
Sun of Seitan	100		Print Pond (AB signs and banner)	20	Evenwear Clothing	50	
Fire and Dough Pizza	559		Print Pond (Jigsaw activity sheets printing)	53	Anke Sayin Rainbow - Saynie Stall	50	
Jesmond Ice Cream Co	150		Amazon (lolly sticks for sunflower pots)	6	Alive and Kicking	50	
Panos	230		Amazon (sunflower seeds and pots) *let me know if they need a VAT receipt for this	28	Fork in the Rose	50	
Vanilla Treats	47		Home Bargains (tent supplies, compost, etc)	19	Sicru	50	
Gourmet Express Ices	100		Finance	42	Northstar Needlework	50	
CandyFloss Events	100		TSB Complaint for poor service - Recompense	42	Goodfellows	50	
Black Cat Coffee	36		Fundraising Buckets - to Mark Ridyard	1	Opal Sunshine	50	
Kombucha	37		Fundraising	1	Scentsy	50	
Parallel 7	80		DONR - Text giving	1	Susan Crame	50	
Tea Tent Consumables - Booker		266	Health and Safety	6522	Insam Haq	50	
Aprons for Tea Tent - Amazon	28		St Johns	461	Fudgetown	50	
Tea Tent cleaning supplies and tea bags - Tesco		9	Road Closure - NCC	1600	JG Windows	50	
Redheads Mac N Cheese	345		Central Insurance - Festival cover	1490	Arshita Jewellery - P Singh	50	
Tea Tent Napkins - To Victoria Screen		30	Hutton Traffic Management - Road closure signage	494	Layla's Kitchen - Y Sayed-Ahmed	50	
Children	685	1419	Urban Green - Park Fees	550	Jerjis - Heaton Acupuncture	50	
Double Deckers - Bouncy castle - Deposit		200	Central Insurance - 1 community, 4 charities and 14 acts	124	Flea Circus	50	
Temporary Tattoos - To Hannah Rai		67	NCC - Licensable activities permit (market, Music etc)	515	Flavour before Fire - Elliot Marc	50	
Double Deckers - Bouncy Castle balance		360	PFES Stewards	199	Lisa Incegreaves	50	
Circus Central		722	Newcastle City Council - Market Licence	50	Kate Brett	50	
Bouncy Castles		685	Radios	319	Sea of Rivers - Justine De Rios	50	
Lip Lee		70	Adam Hillary	720	Craft-A-Rella - B Romanis	50	
Church Contributions	4320		Logistics	13237	Festival	50	
Elim	500		C Solutions - Stalls	1656	Scentsy - refund	50	50
HBC	500		NCC - Trade Waste	359	Stalls - Community	70	
St Columba's	70		CS Event Hire - Marquees - Deposit	350	Filomvillia	20	
St Gabriels	500		CS Event Hire - Marquees	1556	St Mary's Art Club donation	20	
St Georges	500		Easy Hire - Pedestrian Fencing	372	St Oswalds	30	
St Silas	250		Tent Pegs - to Mark Ridyard	21	Stalls - Info	100	
St Teresa's	500		Castlewood Loos	890	Slimming World - A Redshaw	20	
HMC - Heaton Festival contribution		500	2x vans Luke Self drive + Petrol - to Rob Wallace	408	Magikats	20	
St Francis - Heaton Festival 2022 Contribution		500	6 Pop up Gazebos - Argos - To Andrea Hayes	369	Shared Lives	20	
Christ Church - Heaton Festival 2022 Contribution		150	Ingram AV - Main Stage and Village Green Sound	3888	Body Image Fitness	20	
Christ Church		370	3m Gazebo - TJ Hughes - to Andrea Hayes	54	North Wildlife Trust	20	
Council	5000		Lord Hire - Trolleys and Sack Barrow - To Andrea Hayes	72	Youth	437	
Newcastle City Council - Manor Park Ward Funding		1000	Stages - Airsoft	3720	A1 Bounce - Youth zone inflatable and big games	287	
Ward Funding		3000	Van Damage	625	Youth zone Consumables - Amazon - Leanne Robson	150	
Ward Funding - Additional in Error? To return?		1000	Marketing	285			
Ecumenical bodies	7909		Logobear - 25 T-shirts - to Mark Ridyard	194			
URC Northern Synod	2000		One.com - Transfer of Ownership fee - to Mark Ridyard	12			
Orphan House Trust Grant	500		Print NE - Posters	56			
PICA	1500		Print NE - Banners and Labels	288			
Hospital of God at Greatham	2000		Print NE - Ecozone Banner	32			
St Hilda's	1500		Print NE - 500 A4 Festival Guides	48			
HMC - Youth Club closure - Funds transfer	409		Print NE - Giant Maps, S A0, S A1, S A2	170			
Entertainment	314		Print NE missing VAT - Banner, Guides, Giant Maps	40			
PRPRS - Music licence	147		T-Shirt Labels	235			
Chivali Rd Band Transport		166	On the day	170			
External funding	7500		HBC Print	170			
Jolcey Trust	2500		Private Contribution	487			
Sir James Knott	1000		Bucket Donations	487			
Catherine Cookson Fund	1000						
Tesco - Groundwork Trust	1000						
Barbour Foundation	2000						