

THE BURY PROJECT

England & Wales · Charity number 1183543

Details

Status Registered

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Registered 2019-05-23

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Activities

Objects: THE RELIEF OF POVERTY FOR PERSONS LIVING IN AND AROUND BURY AND DISTRICT, WHO ARE IN CONDITIONS OF NEED, HARDSHIP OR DISTRESS BY REASON OF THEIR SOCIAL AND OR ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES BY PROVIDING ADVICE AND OTHER SERVICES AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT. SUCH ACTIVITIES TO BE PROVIDED WITHIN A CHRISTIAN ETHOS.

Activities: A cross Bury Christian church charity with vision of creating hopes and building futures. First project is to provide a CAP Debt Centre in Bury serving individuals encountering or about to encounter personal financial difficulties

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Bury

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£25,567	£25,603	-	-
2023-12-31	£25,653	£17,242	-	-
2022-12-31	£22,441	£16,390	-	-
2021-12-31	£25,590	£23,033	-	-
2020-12-31	£20,884	£15,527	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Gordon Franklin Joyce	Chair	2025-03-27
George William Smith		2026-03-05
Kenneth Ross Grant		2025-03-27
Timothy John Boaden		2025-03-27

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Trustees Annual Report for the period ended 31 December 2024

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Trustees :

Mr G Joyce	(Re-appointed 27 th March 2025)
Mr T Boaden	(Re-appointed 27 th March 2025)
Mr G Smith	(Appointed 6 th November 2022)
Ms L Jackson	(Appointed 10 th July 2023, Resigned 1 st May 2024)
Mr K R Grant	(Appointed 27 th March 2025)

Contact : Gordon Joyce

Bankers : The Cooperative Bank plc
PO Box 101
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Trustees Report

Liz Jackson was appointed as a trustee in July 2023 and resigned in May 2024 due to having other commitments.

Ross Grant (Mr K R Grant) was appointed as trustee in March 2025.

Throughout the year the trustees continued with encouraging donors and providing support for our only current project – the Christians Against Poverty Debt Centre, Bury. There has been increasing success in attracting new individual

supporters and receiving grants from various bodies. This has enabled us to pay for increased paid hours for Gordon Clark, the Debt Centre Manager, and also for a further Debt Coach employed from June 2024 with a view to securing the longer term continuation of the project.

CAP Debt Centre Achievements and performance

The policy in 2024 was to take on between two and three new debt clients each month. Due to illness early in the year, the numbers were slightly below what we expected. The Debt Centre manager was employed for 16 hours per week rising to 24 hours per week. Although our desire is to help more people, we have to be realistic and manage the caseload wisely to provide good and appropriate ongoing support to each client. There is no doubt that cases are becoming more complex, and our local observations have been confirmed by the experience of Christians Against Poverty nationally.

The additional time required to process each case meant that typically clients had to wait two to three months for an appointment.

During 2024 a trainee Debt Coach was appointed, and then embarked on an extensive training programme. It is hoped that this will help to reinforce capacity in future years.

Referrals continue to be received from helping agencies in Bury due to the good reputation we have built in the town. These agencies often refer vulnerable people to us, for whom debt is one of many challenges. Many of our new clients in 2024 have experienced multiple challenges including serious illnesses, bereavements, relationship breakdowns, and abuse in different forms (financial, domestic and sexual).

We work with our clients in a holistic way, and to complement our debt support, we help in other practical ways, drawing on the generosity and skills of the Christians Against Poverty national charity, as well as the desire and willingness of over 25 local churches to support in various ways.

Meetings with clients can take place in their homes, or in one of the several church hubs around the time. Often it helps the client to be able to meet us in a venue where there is also food and groceries support, and where sometimes other advice agencies also run drop-ins. Those clients who are able to commit to working with us, often see their financial circumstances transformed by the support and mentoring they receive.

During 2024, the trustees and Debt Centre Manager have continued to work hard developing partnerships with local churches. Eleven (2023 : eight) church visits were undertaken by teams consisting of a trustee and/or the Debt Centre manager, who together explained the type of work undertaken, and the challenges encountered. It is pleasing to report that more churches are recognising the value of our work and are supporting in various ways.

One expression of support is for churches to provide volunteers who receive training to accompany the Debt Centre manager when meeting with clients. In 2024, twelve (2023: ten) volunteers supported in this way, provided by 9 (2023 :8) different churches, representing 5 different Christian denominations. This expression of church unity is pleasing to the charity. Support received from the 'Churches Together in Bury' network has been particularly pleasing and greatly appreciated.

During 2024, we received funding from a variety of sources, including churches, individuals, and grants or donations from other organisations. Where possible, gift aid is reclaimed on personal donations.

For this work to grow, further funding and another trained debt coach will be required. The trustees will continue to be proactive in looking for opportunities to improve the sustainability and effectiveness of the charity.

The trustees are very grateful to every individual, church, and grant provider who has donated to the work in 2024.

• **Key highlights from 2024**

- 23 new clients registered for debt help (2023: 28)
- 12 trained volunteers supported the Debt Coach at meetings with clients.
- The geographical distribution of new clients registering across the borough changed a little from 2022, with more from Radcliffe and fewer from Whitefield and Bury.3.

- Bury 10 (2023: 14)
- Prestwich 3 (2023: 1)
- Radcliffe 6 (2023: 3)
- Whitefield 2 (2023: 8)
- Ramsbottom 2 (2023: 2)

Accounts for The Bury Project

Year ending 31st December 2024

		2024			2023		
		Total	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts							
Donations		11,327	10,827	500	9,312	9,222	90
Gift Aid from donations (including GASDS)		1,338	1,338		2,305	2,305	
Grants		12,200	3,000	9,200	14,034	3,400	10,634
Bank Interest		702	702		2	2	
Sale of Fixed Assets		0	0				
Total Receipts		25,567	15,867	9,700	25,653	14,929	10,724
Payments							
Operating expenses: Wages and salaries		17,495	8,667	8,828	10,162	9,162	1,000
Travel expenses		182	182		407	407	
Administration costs:		1,204	642	562	993	592	401
Purchase of Fixed Assets		996	4	992			
Grants and Donations / Client support		326		326	280		280
CAP Central Subscription		5,400	5,400		5,400	5,400	
Total Payments		25,603	14,895	10,708	17,242	15,562	1,681
Funds Brought Forward from last year end		27,267	15,926	11,342	18,857	16,559	2,298
Net of receipts / payments		-36	971.99	-1,008	8,410	-633	9,043
Funds this year end		27,231	16,898	10,334	27,267	15,926	11,342
Assets & Liabilities (end of year)							
Liquid Assets							
Co-op Bank Current Account		£ 316.81			£ 22,265.30		
Co-op Bank Savings Account		£ 2,660.00					
KingdomBank Savings Account		£ 24,254.40			£ 5,002.05		
	Total funds	£ 27,231.21			£ 27,267.35		
Liabilities							
Invoices received but not paid		£ -			£ -		
Expenses to December 2023 - G Clark		£ 460.61			£ 693.83		
Expenses to December 2023 - J Cooke		£ -					
	Total	£ 460.61			£ 693.83		
Fixed Assets - equipment comprising:							
Drawer cabinet; filing cabinet; bluetooth speaker; pop-up banners; two printer/copiers: three laptop computers: two mobile phones; shredder.							

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Bury Project

(a Charitable Incorporated Organisation – Charity Number 1183543)

I report on the accounts of The Bury Project for the year ended 31st December 2024 which are set out on the following page.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner.

The organisation's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) 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 the independent examiner's report and examiner's statement.

I have examined the accounts with regard to section 145 of the Charities Act and the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission.

I confirm that no matter has come to my attention (in connection with the examination) which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- The accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- The accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- The accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair" view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: *Bernie R O'Donnell*

Date: *3/6/2025*

Bernie O'Donnell
46 Chelsea Avenue
Radcliffe, M26 3NF.

Former Treasurer, Bridge Methodist Church, Radcliffe (from 2008 to 2014).

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Year ending 31st December 2024

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Ms L Jackson	(Appointed 10 th July 2023, Resigned 1 st May 2024)
Mr N Thompson	(Resigned 10 th July 2023)

Contact : Gordon Joyce

Bankers : The Cooperative Bank plc
PO Box 101
1 Balloon Street
Manchester
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Trustees Report

Nigel Thompson resigned from being a Trustee in July 2023 and Gordon Joyce was appointed as Chair of the trustees in his place. Liz Jackson was appointed in July 2023 and resigned in May 2024 due to having other commitments..

Throughout the year the trustees continued with encouraging donors and providing support for our only current project – the Christians Against Poverty

Debt Centre, Bury. In particular there has been increasing success in attracting grants from various bodies which has enabled us to plan for increased paid hours for Gordon Clark, the Debt Centre Manager, and also to plan for the appointment of a further Debt Coach in order to secure the longer term continuation of the project.

CAP Debt Centre Achievements and performance

The policy in 2023 was to take on approximately two new debt clients each month. The Debt Centre manager was employed for 16 hours per week rising to 20 hours per week to cope with rising demand. Although our desire is to help more people, we have to be realistic and manage the caseload wisely to provide good and appropriate ongoing support to each client.

Demand for help from the Bury Debt Centre again remained strong throughout the year, and there was typically a two to three month wait for an appointment.

Referrals continue to be received from helping agencies in Bury due to the good reputation we have built in the town. These agencies often refer vulnerable people to us, for whom debt is one of many challenges. Many of our new clients in 2023 have experienced multiple challenges including serious illnesses, bereavements, relationship breakdowns, and abuse in different forms (financial, domestic and sexual).

We work with our clients in a holistic way, and to complement our debt support, help in other practical ways, drawing on the generosity and skills of the Christians Against Poverty national charity, as well as the desire and willingness of over 25 local churches to support in various ways. Those clients who are able to commit to working with us, often see their financial circumstances transformed by the support and mentoring they receive.

During 2023, the trustees and Debt Centre Manager continued to work hard developing partnerships with local churches. Eight church visits were undertaken by teams consisting of a trustee and/or the Debt Centre manager, who together explained the type of work undertaken, and the challenges encountered. It is pleasing to report that more churches are recognising the value of our work, and are supporting in various ways.

One expression of support is for churches to provide volunteers who receive training to accompany the Debt Centre manager when meeting with clients. In

2023, ten volunteers supported in this way, provided by 8 different churches, representing 5 different Christian denominations. This expression of church unity is pleasing to the charity. Support received from the 'Churches Together in Bury' network has been particularly pleasing and greatly appreciated.

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For this work to grow, further funding and another trained debt coach will be required. The trustees will continue to be proactive in looking for opportunities to improve the sustainability and effectiveness of the charity.

The trustees are very grateful to every individual, church, and grant provider who has donated to the work in 2023.

• **Key highlights from 2023**

- 28 new clients registered for debt help (2022: 25)
- 10 trained volunteers supported the Debt Coach at meetings with clients.
- The geographical distribution of new clients registering across the borough was broadly the same as in 2022.

- Bury 14 (2022: 14)
- Prestwich 1 (2022: 2)
- Radcliffe 3 (2022: 5)
- Whitefield 8 (2022: 4)
- Ramsbottom 2 (2022: 0)

Accounts for The Bury Project

Year ending 31st December 2023

Receipts		2023			2022		
	Total	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds		Total	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds
	£	£	£		£	£	£
Donations	9,312	9,222	90		18,205	17,140	1,065
Gift Aid from donations (including GASDS)	2,305	2,305			1,371	1,371	
Grants	14,034	3,400	10,634		2,865	500	2,365
Bank Interest	2	2					
Total Receipts	25,653	14,929	10,724		22,441	19,011	3,430
Payments							
Operating expenses: Wages and salaries	10,162	9,162	1,000		8,326	7,926	400
Travel expenses	407	407			141	141	
Administration costs:	993	592	401		543	543	
Grants and Donations Made	280		280		180		180
CAP Central Subscription	5,400	5,400			7,200	6,600	600
Total Payments	17,242	15,562	1,681		16,390	15,210	1,180
Funds Brought Forward from last year end	18,857	16,559	2,298		12,806	12,757	49
Net of receipts / payments	8,410	-633	9,043		6,051	3,802	2,250
Cash funds this year end	27,267	15,926	11,342		18,857	16,559	2,298
Assets & Liabilities (end of year)							
Assets							
Co-op Bank Current Account	£ 22,265.30				£ 18,856.88		
KingdomBank Savings Account	£ 5,002.05						
Total	£ 27,267.35						
Liabilities							
Invoices received but not paid	£ -				£ -		
Expenses to December 2023 - Gordon Clark	£ 693.83				£ 514.10		

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Signed: *Bernie R O'Donnell*

Date: *25/07/2024*

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Trustees :

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Trustees Report for the period ended 31 December 2022 (reported August 2023)

Two new trustees, Tim Boaden and Gordon Joyce, were appointed early in 2022 and later that year George Smith was appointed to replace Adele Renyard as trustee and treasurer. Nigel Thompson continued as Chair of the trustees throughout 2022 and into 2023.

Throughout the year the trustees continued with encouraging donors and providing support for our only current project – the Christians Against Poverty Debt Centre, Bury. We have been encouraged by the work carried out under the direction of Gordon Clarke, manager of the project.

CAP Debt Centre Achievements and performance

Two new debt clients were taken on each month during 2022. The Debt Centre manager was employed for 16 hours per week, and because cases are becoming increasingly complex this utilises all his available time. Although our desire is to help more people, we have to be realistic and manage the caseload wisely to provide good and appropriate ongoing support to each client. To help address this situation the manager's hours were increased to 20 hours per week from August 2023.

Demand for help from the Bury Debt Centre has remained strong throughout 2022, and there was typically a two to three month wait for an appointment.

We continue to receive referrals from agencies in Bury which recognise the quality and sensitivity of our approach. These agencies often refer vulnerable people to us, who are experiencing debt as one of many challenges. Many of our new clients in 2022 have experienced multiple challenges including serious illnesses, bereavements, relationship breakdowns, and abuse in different forms (financial, domestic and sexual).

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During 2022, much work was undertaken to further develop informal partnerships with local churches. Fourteen church visits were undertaken by teams consisting of a trustee and the Debt Centre manager, who together explained the type of work we do, and the challenges encountered. It is pleasing to report that more churches are recognising the value of our work, and are making gestures of support.

One expression of support is for churches to provide volunteers who receive training to accompany the Debt Centre manager when meeting with clients. In 2022, eleven people supported in this way, provided by 6 different churches, representing 5 different Christian denominations. This expression of church unity is pleasing to the charity. Support received from the Churches Together in Bury network has been particularly pleasing and greatly appreciated.

During 2022, we received funding from a variety of sources, including 9 churches, 18 individuals, 5 grants or donations from other organisations. Where possible, gift aid is reclaimed on personal donations.

For this work to grow, further funding and another trained debt coach will be required. The trustees will continue to look for opportunities to improve the sustainability and effectiveness of the charity.

Needless to say, the trustees are very grateful to every individual, church, and grant provider who has donated to the work in 2022.

- **Key highlights from 2022**

- 25 new clients registered for help (2021: 28)
 - 5 became debt free during in the year (2021 : 10), with some of these having started work with us in 2021. These included 4 single person households and 1 family household.
 - 11 trained volunteers supported the Debt Coach at meetings with clients.
 - The geographical distribution of new clients registering across the borough was broadly the same as in 2021.
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- Bury 14 (2021: 12)
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 - Radcliffe 5 (2021: 5)
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Trustees Report prepared in August 2023

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Signed:



Date 04/08/2023

Bernice O'Donnell
46 Chelsea Avenue
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End of Year Accounts for The Bury Project - Charity No. 1183543

	2022			2021		
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Receipts						
Donations	18,205 ✓	17,140	1,065	18,383	18,383	
Gift Aid from donations (including GASDS)	1,371 ✓	1,371		2,427	2,427	
Grants	2,865 ✓	500	2,365	4,780	4,000	780
Total Receipts	22,441	19,011	3,430	25,590	24,810	780
Payments						
Operating expenses: Wages and salaries	8,326 ✓	7,926	400	13,713	13,713	
Travel expenses	141	141		270	270	
Administration costs:	543	543		850	850	
Grants and Donations Made	180		180	1,000		1,000
CAP Central Subscription	7,200 ✓	6,600	600	7,200	7,200	
Total Payments	16,390	15,210	1,180	23,033	22,033	1,000
Funds Brought Forward from last year end	12,806	12,757	49	10,249	9,980	269
Net of receipts / payments	6,051	3,802	2,250	2,557	2,777	-220
Funds this year end	18,857	16,559	2,298	12,806	12,757	49
Assets & Liabilities						
Assets						
Bank Account (31st December)	£ 18,856.88 ✓			£ 12,805.60 ✓		
Liabilities						
Invoices received but not paid	£ -			£ -		
Expenses - Gordon Clark	£ 514.10			£ 120.54		

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Charity Information

Charity number 1183543

Trustees

Mr N Thompson
Ms A Renyard
Mr G Joyce (Appointed 1st March 2022)
Mr T Boaden (Appointed 7th January 2022)
Mr D Sutherland (Resigned 7th January
2022)

Registered office:

The Manna House
Irwell Street
Bury
BL9 0HE

Contact:

Nigel Thompson

Bankers:

The Co-operative Bank plc
PO Box 250
Skelmersdale
WN8 6WT

Independent Examiner's Report

I report on the accounts of The Bury Project for the year ended 31st December 2021 which are set out on the following page.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner.

The organisation's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) 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 the independent examiner's report and examiner's statement.

I have examined the accounts with regard to section 145 of the Charities Act and the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission.

I confirm that no matter has come to my attention (in connection with the examination) which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

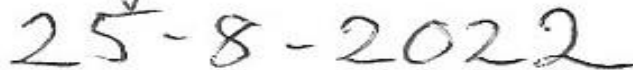
- The accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- The accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- The accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair" view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date:



George W Smith 211 Bury New Road Bolton,
BL2 6QQ

Former Treasurer, St Andrew's Church, Radcliffe (from 2011 to 2020).

Trustees' Report for the period ended 31 December 2021

During 2021 we explored the possibility of recruiting new Trustees to expand the team. At the end of 2021 it was agreed that both Gordon Joyce and Tim Boaden would officially become trustees in 2022 following a time of active engagement with both of them.

Following relocation in 2021 David Sutherland resigned as a trustee on 07/01/2022.

Like other charities funding is a very real challenge and the efforts of the trustees were focused on securing sustainable funding where we can – a plan to increase our connection with both churches and individuals being a key part of this focus.

Achievements and performance

Demand for CAP Debt services remained strong throughout the Covid pandemic, although the mode of engaging with clients had to be flexible, with many cases being conducted through video and telephone calls.

The consequence of the ending of the 2020 Forever Manchester funding was that our Debt Centre Manager reverted back to working just two days per week.

After a challenging period for funding mid-year, a number of church, individual, and fund-raised donations helped to keep the debt centre open. We are grateful to all supporters for their ongoing support. Some key highlights from 2021 were:

- 28 clients registered in 2021 (2020: 25)
- 10 became debt free in the year (2020 : 3) These included 7 single person households and 3 family households.
- 7 volunteers accompanied the Debt Coach at meetings with clients.

The geographical distribution of clients across the borough was broadly the same as in 2020.

- Bury 12 (2020: 11)
- Prestwich 6 (4)
- Radcliffe 5 (5)
- Whitefield 5 (5)

Yours

Nigel Thompson
Chair of Trustees

The Bury Project

Trustees' Certificate

for the Period Ended 31 December 2021

We certify that the books, vouchers and information from which the attached accounts have been prepared, contain a full and correct record of the charity's transactions to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Mr N Thompson
Trustee

Ms A Renyard
Trustee

Date: 13th October 2022

The Bury Project

Receipts and Payments Account for the Period Ended 31 December 2021

Receipts	2021			2020		
	Total	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations	20,810	20,810		12,071	12,071	
Grants	4,780	4,000	780	8,813	7,989	824
Total Receipts	<u>25,590</u>	<u>24,810</u>	<u>780</u>	<u>20,884</u>	<u>20,060</u>	<u>824</u>
Payments						
Operating expenses: Wages and salaries	13,713	13,713		7,137	7,137	
Travel expenses	270	270		588	588	
Administration costs:	850	850		917	917	
Grants and Donations Made	1,000		1,000	1,335		1,335
CAP Central Subscription	7,200	7,200		5,550	5,550	
Total Payments	<u>23,033</u>	<u>22,033</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>15,527</u>	<u>14,192</u>	<u>1,335</u>
Net of receipts/ payments	2,557	2,770	-220	5,357	5,869	-511
Transfers between funds	0			0		
Cash funds last year end	10,249	9,880	269	4,892	4,112	780
Cash funds this year end	<u>12,806</u>	<u>12,757</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>10,249</u>	<u>9,980</u>	<u>269</u>

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Charity Information

Charity number 1183543

Trustees

Mr N Thompson
Mrs M Smith (Resigned 15th June 2021)
Mr D Sutherland
Ms A Renyard (Appointed 16th September 2020)

Registered office:

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Irwell Street
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Contact:

David Sutherland

Bankers:

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Independent Examiner's Report

Trustees' Report for the period ended 31 December 2020

Objectives and activities

The Bury Project (TBP) was set up in Bury as a cross Christian church charity with the vision of 'creating hopes & building futures'.

Our first project is the provision of CAP (Christians Against Poverty) Debt Centre in the Bury Metro area to serve people encountering or about to encounter personal financial difficulties

We continue to explore further opportunities.

Achievements and performance

With the Covid pandemic impacting communities in 2020 we saw an increase in the services of our CAP Debt Centre which was made even more challenging with the lack of face-to-face meetings given the guidelines coupled with some people reticent to come forward in the current climate. A more flexible and creative approach was therefore needed. A very challenging time but a reminder of the importance of the need for our services.

One highlight was securing of some short funding from Forever Manchester enabling our debt centre manager to work for 3 days i.e., 1 extra day.

Ongoing challenges exist around funding with a reliance of one-off grants and donations outside of the regular church and individual supporters to meet the running costs of the Debt Centre.

Some key highlights from 2020 were:

- 25 clients registered in 2020
- 3 became debt free in the year (they started their journey in '19)
- 17 volunteers helped with the work

In terms of clients, we have a healthy geographical spread around the borough as follows:

- Bury 11
- Prestwich 4
- Radcliffe 5
- Whitefield 5

The demand for the services coming into 2021 remains strong.

Structure, governance and management

The governing document was based on the CIO Foundation Constitution with a minimum of three trustees.

Approved by the trustees on 5th August 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

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Mr N Thompson

The Bury Project

Trustees' Certificate

for the Period Ended 31 December 2020

We certify that the books, vouchers and information from which the attached accounts have been prepared, contain a full and correct record of the charity's transactions to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Mr N Thompson
Trustee

Ms A Renyard
Trustee

Mr D Sutherland
Trustee

Date: 5th August 2021

The Bury Project

Receipts and Payments Account for the Period Ended 31 December 2020

Receipts	2020			2019		
	Total	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations	12,071	12,071		5,771	5,771	
Grants	8,813	7,989	824	5,990	5,000	990
Total Receipts	20,884	20,060	824	11,762	10,771	990
Payments						
Operating expenses: Wages and salaries	7,137	7,137		6,217	6,217	
Travel expenses	588	588		272	272	
Administration costs:	917	917		170	170	
Grants and Donations Made	1,335		1,335	210		210
CAP Central Subscription	5,550	5,550		0		
Total Payments	15,527	14,192	1,335	6,870	6,660	210
Net of receipts/ payments	5,357	5,869	-511	4,892	4,112	780
Transfers between funds	0			0		
Cash funds last year end	4,892	4,112	780			
Cash funds this year end	10,249	9,980	269	4,892	4,112	780