



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
<b>From</b>	Day 11	Month Nov	Year 2019	<b>To</b>	Day 31	Month Dec	Year 2020

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name** The Further Faster Network

**Other names charity is known by**

**Registered charity number (if any)** 1186278

**Charity's principal address**

The Old Chapel	
Forward Green	
Stowmarket	
<b>Postcode</b>	IP14 5HP

### 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	James Gallagher	Chair		
2	Leon Evans			
3	Christopher Porter			
4	Christopher Simpkins			
5	Stephen Fenning			
6	Lane Jones			
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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 (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by the Trustees

**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.

Further Faster Network is a new charity. Its trustees are involved in the day-to-day running of the organisation. The trustees employed a part-time manager from August 2020 to assist them. The trustees have also paid for professional services to help them establish and grow the organisation.

## Section C Objectives and activities



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

The charitable objects of The Network are to the advancement of religious belief for the public good, in particular by helping to create churches in every community that unchurched people love to be part of. The Network will do this by establishing a network of founder partner Christian churches who are aligned around this object, and a partner network of autonomous Christian churches focused on reaching unchurched people and helping each other go further faster. The CIO may also engage in other activities to advance the Christian faith as agreed by the board from time to time.

**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)**

The Network was begun in early 2019. A group of UK and Irish churches had become enthusiastic about the model of church practiced by North Point Community Church in Atlanta, Georgia. The leaders of these 5 churches, all of which had already adopted many of the principles endorsed by North Point, approached North Point with a view to both better implementing North Point's principles in their own churches and helping other churches in the UK and Ireland to understand and adopt the model in a manner appropriate to the culture prevalent in their countries. North Point committed significant resource to help the Network become established, including funding, intellectual property and input from their staff. Each of the founding UK and Irish churches also committed leadership time and money to the Network

From the outset the leaders of the churches wanted the Network to be an independent charity and began the process of registering as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The CIO was registered by the Charity Commission on 11 November 2019.

Building on a highly successful conference in 2019 attended by over 150 church leaders, about 12 churches expressed an interest in becoming part of the Network. At the same time, the Network clarified its offering as coaching, community and content.

**Coaching**

**Lead Pastor Coaching:** One-to-one and peer-based group coaching calls designed to help you with your specific church leadership needs.

**Staff & Volunteer Coaching:** personalised peer based group calls for staff & volunteers in the essential ministry areas of your church. (Kids, Youth, Groups, Programming, Guest Services)

**Regular Touch-points:** Conferences, workshops, webinars and video calls that connect you to a network of like minded church leaders who do your job in other churches. We learn better together.

**Community**

**Community:** You get regular opportunities to build friendship and community with like-minded leaders via video calls and in-person at events for your entire church leadership teams.

**Regular Touch-points:** Get access to regular group calls with a small group of other leaders who have the same vision of their church that you do for yours.

**Resources:** The chance to share best ideas and materials that have worked in your church with others. Access to an ever-growing library of podcasts and training materials from both North Point and the Further Faster Network.



## Content

**Messages:** Access to a library of helpful talk outlines, series artwork, videos and small group notes from Andy Stanley, other North Point communicators and UK & Ireland Network churches.

**Training materials:** Access to a library of volunteer and staff training materials from North Point and Further Faster Network churches in the UK & Ireland.

**Tools:** A dashboard tool to help capture your metrics around attendance and giving so as you can quickly track church trends and make better informed decisions.

**Kids & Youth curriculum from Orange:** Access to world class materials for your Kids & Youth programmes.

## Covid-19

The restrictions put in place to control the Covid-19 pandemic represented a significant challenge to the Network in delivering on its charitable purpose.

As in-person meetings became increasingly difficult due to lockdown, activities were moved on-line. Coaching transferred readily online using Zoom, FaceTime and calls. At times when restrictions were eased, coaches met face to face with their contacts. Community continued almost entirely online. A number of webinars – many around the impact of the pandemic and how the church could respond – were heavily subscribed to and received very positive feedback. The Network's main repositories of content were already online.

## 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.







## Section D

## Achievements and performance

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Despite the restrictions and being unable to hold a conference in 2020, 6 churches signed up for a trial year membership of the Network in September 2020. This more than doubled the number of churches in the UK and Ireland who are members of the Network.



## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity has yet to adopt a formal reserves policy. The Trustees have agreed that reserves should be adequate to meet the charity's contractual commitments in the event of it ceasing to trade.

### 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.

The attached accounts are the first for the CIO and cover the period from incorporation on 11 November 2019 to 31 December 2020.

On incorporation, £15,404 was transferred to the CIO from The Forge Community Church ("The Forge"). The Forge had collected income and made disbursements on behalf of the Network prior to incorporation. The Charity Commission has confirmed that it has no requirement for accounts to be submitted for the period prior to incorporation since the charity was not registered prior to incorporation.

The charity received income in the period of £57,521 and incurred expenditure of £35,951, giving rise to a surplus of £21,570. Income was from founder member churches - £37,057 (64%) - from new members beginning a trial year in September 2020 - £4,660 (8%) - and from North Point Ministries in the USA - £15,803 (28%). North Point Ministries has committed to support the Network for a further 3 years beyond 2020; the amount of support will reduce year on year as the Network has opportunity to increase its financial independence. Income from founder churches is expected broadly to continue at the level reported. Income from new partners is forecast to grow, partly because the 2020 income reflects only part of the year (trial partners joined in September 2020) and because the trial partnership is offered at a significant discount to the normal membership subscription.

Expenditure was curtailed by the pandemic. International travel and in-person events were cancelled. Almost 85% of expenditure (£30,531) was incurred on fees, salaries and pension contributions to provide the trustees with dedicated support in promoting the Network and running the coaching and connection events, mostly online.

Looking ahead, the trustees are optimistic that most, if not all, the current trial partners will continue to full membership of the Network. The Network is a very new organisation and the trustees recognise that further rapid growth without consolidating the Network could prove unsustainable. They plan, therefore, to focus in 2021 on maximising the benefit of membership to all member churches, addressing the issues presented by pandemic restrictions and recovery thereafter. Mindful that the income from North Point Ministries will reduce over the next 3 years, Trustees are planning to grow the subscription base and are exploring grant funding within the UK and Ireland.

## Section F

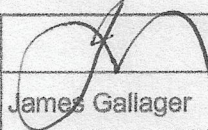
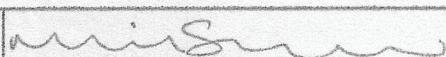
## Other optional information



## 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)	James Gallagher	Neil Serjeant
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Secretary
Date	27 October 2020	





The Further Faster Network Draft Subject to Independent Examination		No (if any) 1186278	CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts			
For the period from	11-Nov-19	To	31-Dec-20

## Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Subscriptions from Founder Members	37,057		0	37,057	
Subscriptions from Other Members	4,660		0	4,660	
Donations from North Point Ministries	15,803		0	15,803	
Grant Income	0		0	0	
Event Income	0		0	0	
Interest Income	1		0	1	
			0	0	
			0	0	
			0	0	
			0	0	
			0	0	
			0	0	
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>57,521</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>57,521</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>57,521</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>57,521</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Activities			0	0	0
Digital & Web	395		0	395	
Equipment	132		0	132	
Miscellaneous	0		0	0	
Professional Fees & Subscriptions	64		0	64	
Travel & Subsistence	2,181		0	2,181	
			0	0	
People			0	0	
Consulting Fees	15,988		0	15,988	
Salaries & National Insurance Contributions	13,098		0	13,098	
Pensions	1,445		0	1,445	
			0	0	
Events	2,402		0	2,402	
			0	0	
Trustees' Expenses	246		0	246	
			0	0	
			0	0	
			0	0	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>35,951</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>35,951</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>35,951</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>35,951</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>21,570</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21,570</b>	<b>0</b>
Funds transferred on registration	15,404		0	15,404	
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>					
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>					
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>36,974</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>36,974</b>	<b>0</b>

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	CAF Bank	36,974		-
			0	-
				-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>36,974</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				
		OK	OK	OK





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B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

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
	JAMES GALLAGHER	28/10/21
	NEIL SERITEANT	27/10/21

NOTES





**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of:**

THE FURTHER FASTER NETWORK

**On accounts for the year  
ended:**

PERIOD FROM 11 NOVEMBER 2019  
TO 31 DECEMBER 2020

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1186278

**Set out on pages:**

CC16a report (all pages)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the period ending 10 November 2019.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report:**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement:**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which 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:**

25/10/2021

**Name:**

Magdalena Shotton of ATS Accounting & Tax Solutions Ltd

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qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

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