

CONNECT SCHOOLS WORK PROJECT

England & Wales · Charity number 1200947

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2022-11-09

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE PURPOSES OF THE CONNECT SCHOOLS WORKER PROJECT ARE TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH BY APPOINTING A CHRISTIAN YOUTH WORKER SITUATED IN NAILSEA SCHOOL;- TO WORK WITH TEACHERS AND YOUNG PEOPLE ACROSS THE NAILSEA SCHOOL COMMUNITY AND COMMUNICATE EFFECTIVELY WITH THE LOCAL CHURCH COMMUNITY IN NAILSEA.- TO HELP THE SCHOOL FULFIL THEIR STATUTORY RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ASSEMBLIES AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND IN RELATED AREAS SUCH AS PERSONAL, MORAL AND SOCIAL EDUCATION, BY TAKING ASSEMBLIES AND LESSONS.- TO SUPPORT THE SCHOOL IN PROVIDING PASTORAL AND MENTAL HEALTH CARE AND MENTOR SUPPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS AND STAFF. - PROVISION OF BREAKFAST CLUB TO FEED HUNGRY STUDENTS WHO DO NOT HAVE BREAKFAST AT HOME- TO DEVELOP WAYS OF LINKING THE SCHOOL AND CHURCHES SO THAT CHRISTIAN GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS CAN SUPPORT STUDENTS AND STAFF IN INFORMED AND PRACTICAL WAYS.

Activities: Support and Christian education for young people.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Religious Activities, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- North Somerset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-30	£14,271	£10,309	-	-
2024-04-30	£47,297	£26,598	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Peter Mark James Burns BSc Hons	Chair	2022-11-09
Chris Foggin		2025-01-15
Eileen Joyce Oates		2022-11-09
JOHN DAVID PAYNE		2022-11-09
Mark Philip Rowley		2022-11-09
ROBERT ANDREW CLATWORTHY		2022-11-09
Trevor Jones		2025-01-15

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CONNECT SCHOOLS WORKER PROJECT
ANNUAL REPORT
PERIOD 01st May 2024 - 30th APRIL 2025

The trustees present their report and the financial statements of the organisation for the full year period 01st May 2024 - 30th April 2025.

Reference and Administrative Information

Trustees

Peter Burns (chair)

Bob Clatworthy (secretary)

Eileen Oates

John Payne

Mark Rowley

John Watson (*resigned wef 01November2024*)

Chris Foggin (*appointed wef 15January2025*)

Trevor Jones (Treasurer) (*appointed wef 15January2025*)

Principal office

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Bankers

Lloyds Bank, Clevedon

Structure, Governance and Management

The Connect Schools Worker project was established in 2013, working as an outreach project group within Christians Together in Nailsea and District (CTiNaD), Connect Schools Worker Project became a CIO, with its own group of trustees, wef 9th November 2022. This report covers the period of 12 months to the end of our traditional financial year on 30th April 2025

The purposes of the Connect Schools Worker Project are to advance the Christian Faith by appointing a Christian Youth Worker situated in Nailsea School;

To work with teachers and young people across the Nailsea School Community and communicate effectively with the local church community in Nailsea.

- To help the school fulfil their statutory responsibilities for assemblies and religious education and in related areas such as personal, moral and social education, by taking assemblies and lessons.
- To support the school in providing pastoral and mental health care and Mentor support for individual students and staff.
- Provision of Breakfast Club to feed hungry students who do not have breakfast at home
- To develop ways of linking the school and churches so that Christian groups and individuals can support students and staff in informed and practical ways.

This report seeks to define the specific activities of the Connect Schools Worker Project CIO for the period in question.

All the activities of the Project are intended for public benefit, both spiritual and in service to the local community of Nailsea School.

Trustees

The trustees who served the group during the period are as shown above. New trustees are representatives nominated by the supporting churches to replace members who have resigned. The expectation is that each supporting church nominate a suitable member to serve as trustee. Trustees are made aware of the financial position of the Project and of their responsibilities as trustees. This includes regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Organisation

The trustees of the Connect Schools Worker Project hold the responsibility of running its financial affairs operating within a budget approved by the trustees at the beginning of each Financial Year.

Volunteers

Almost all the activities of the Project involve substantial work by volunteers, for example as trustees, office holders, activity group leaders and helpers. We do employ one individual, currently Becky Allison, as the schools worker. She is not a trustee.

Risks

The trustees have identified the major risks to which the charity is exposed. These risks are reviewed annually, and systems have been established to mitigate the risks.

Review of Developments, Activities and Achievements

May 2024 – Apr 2025

The most significant event in the year occurred when our first Connect worker, Neil Wylie, tendered his resignation, to take effect at the end of the school year in August 2024. The trustees met to discuss the ongoing viability of the project and, after discussion with the school, concluded that there is very much an ongoing need for the work we offer. After advertising and interviewing we appointed a new Connect worker, Becky Allison who started on 08 January 2025.

Before Neil's departure, and since Becky started, assisted by a volunteer youth worker who helps for one day per week, our workers continued to meet regularly with a significant number of individuals in need of pastoral

care and mentor-type assistance. These have still included many opportunities to support the wider school pastoral care team by judicious and timely use of regular 1-to-1 meetings with students as well as times when he was called in by staff for 'one-off' assistance to combat behavioural issues.

Aided by the volunteer helper, released by one of the local churches, Neil was invited to lead assemblies at key times during the Christian calendar which were well received. To date these have paused until Becky is settled in. She has though continued to lead the school Christian Union group who have engaged well with topics studied and encourage friends to attend. As another support, the weekly Breakfast Club for hungry students continued successfully. This has proved so useful that the school now organise another Breakfast Club on a different day. The Connect worker is available to contribute to RE lessons up to GCSE level.

Financially, after the success of last year's appeal, Connect is well provided for, however reserves are now diminishing. Local churches continue to support the work, covering 40-50% of costs, the remainder is dependent on external charitable giving.

Connect is unashamedly a Christian project, where we are keen to demonstrate the love of Christ in practical care and support. The work is highly prized by the school community and local families, and we are delighted that God has faithfully provided for us in fulfilling these aims.

Financial Review

The financial review, together with independent examiner conformation is appended as a separate document.

2. Accounting Policy

The accounts are presented on a receipts and payments basis using the standard form of accounts and are independently examined.

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Jules Harris *Resigned on 23rd January 2023*

Bev Kelly *Resigned on 12th June 2023*

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Structure, Governance and Management

After 9 years of working as a group within Christians Together in Nailsea and District (CTiNaD), Connect Schools Worker Project became a CIO, with its own group of trustees, wef 9th November 2022. This report covers the period of approx. 17 months from CIO establishment to the end of our traditional financial year on 30th April 2024

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Review of Developments, Activities and Achievements

Nov 2022– Apr 2024

Following the impacts of lockdown, caused by the COVID outbreak, our Connect worker, Neil Wylie, found himself busier than ever. An increasing number of individuals in need of pastoral care and mentor-type assistance increased as Neil took on opportunities to support the wider school pastoral care team. This included a large number of regular 1-to-1 meetings with students as well as times when he was called in by staff for 'one-off' assistance to combat behavioural issues. He has also been active in reaching out to several families to support parents as they struggle with their teenagers.

During this period, Neil also investigated, and introduced, professionally produced resources to establish a better rapport with troubled pupils.

Aided by a volunteer helper one day a week, released by one of the local churches, Neil has been invited to lead assemblies at key times during the Christian calendar which have been well received. As circumstances have allowed, he also led the school Christian Union group and was encouraged by the growth in numbers. As another support, a Breakfast Club for hungry students continued together with an occasional Film Club. Neil is also a regular contributor to RE lessons up to GCSE level. During the year Neil also enjoyed some opportunities to speak at local churches outlining his role and building links.

A new initiative for this period drew upon another interest Neil had with fishing. Successfully applying for funding from The Angling Trust Neil was able to acquire equipment to take small groups of pupils fishing. This contributed to our overall aim by supporting those for whom fresh air and a re-focus helps their mental health.

Towards the end of the period, we marked a full nine years of this work and, to kick start our 10th year, a celebration evening was planned. Publicity for this, and a direct appeal for funding, resulted in a significant number of one-off donations which have placed us on a much firmer financial footing for which we praise God.

Connect is unashamedly a Christian project, where we are keen to demonstrate the love of Christ in practical care and support. The period of this report bears testament, we believe, to God's faithfulness in fulfilling these aims.

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Connect Schools Worker Project
Receipts and payments account for the period

9th Nov 2022 to 30th April 2024

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 £
A1 Receipts					
Grants from Quartet and Old Town Christian Trust	8,000	-	-	8,000	
Grants from local churches	17,342	-	-	17,342	
General Donations	20,683	-	-	20,683	
Other Fundraising	41	-	-	41	
Bank Interest	134	-	-	134	
Gift Aid	1,097	-	-	1,097	
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	47,297	-	-	47,297	
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	
Total receipts	47,297	-	-	47,297	
A3 Payments					
Salary and Pension contributions	25,575	-	-	25,575	
Other Expenses	1,023	-	-	1,023	
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	26,598	-	-	26,598	
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	
Total payments	26,598	-	-	26,598	
Net of receipts/(payments)	20,699	-	-	20,699	
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	
A6 Cash funds last year end	9,020	-	-	9,020	
Cash funds this year end	29,719	-	-	29,719	

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	
B1 Cash funds	Lloyds Bank Treasurer's Account	2,773	-	
	Lloyds Bank saver Account	26,946	-	
		-	-	
		29,719	-	
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	
		-	-	
		-	-	
B3 Investment assets	Details	-	-	
		-	-	
		-	-	
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	-	-	
		-	-	
		-	-	
B5 Liabilities	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
Signed by two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Peter Burns (Chair)	19-Nov-24	
		John Payne (Treasurer)		

Independent Examination

I have examined the accounts of the Connect Schools Work Project (Charity Number 1200947) for the period 9th November 2022 to 30th April 2024 and consider the accounts to be true and fair view of the financial position for the year. 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.

David Markall, 3 Huntley Grove, Nailsea, Bristol BS48 2UQ
13th November 2024

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	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	
Total payments	26,598	-	-	26,598	
Net of receipts/(payments)	20,699	-	-	20,699	
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	
A6 Cash funds last year end	9,020	-	-	9,020	
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