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Charity Commission Annual Return 2025

BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS CONNECTION
Charity registration number: 1208818

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This document is a record of the information provided in the Annual Return 2025.

PART A - Charity information

Financial period

Financial period start date

25/06/2024

Financial period end date

31/08/2025

Income and spending

Income £

£ 22,298

Spending £

£ 10,477

Number of contracts from government

How many contracts (other than grant agreements) did your charity receive from central government or a local authority during the financial period for this return?

0

Number of grants from government

How many grants did your charity receive from central government or a local authority during the financial period for this return?

0

Income breakdown

Donations and legacies (excluding Endowments Received)

£ 22,298

Charitable activities

£ 0

Other trading activities

£ 0

Investments

£ 0

Other

£ 0

Grantmaking

Is grant making the main way your charity carries out its purposes?

No

Recipients of grants

Please round all figures to the nearest pound (do not enter decimal points or commas).

Individuals

£ 0

Other charities

£ 0

Other organisations that are not charities

£ 0

Trustee payments

Excluding out of pocket expenses, for what were any of the trustees paid during the financial period for this return?

☒ e. None of the trustees have been paid

Did any of the trustees resign and take up employment with your charity in the financial period of this return?

No

Income from outside the UK

Did your charity receive income from outside of the United Kingdom in the financial period of this return?

No

Delivering activities outside the United Kingdom

Did your charity deliver charitable activities outside of the United Kingdom in the financial period of this return?

No

Spending outside of the United Kingdom

Did your charity spend funds outside of the United Kingdom in the financial period of this return?

No

Total Spending outside of the United Kingdom

£

Trading subsidiaries

Does the charity have any trading subsidiaries?

No

Employment contract types

People were permanently employed by your charity

0

People were on fixed-terms contracts with your charity

0

Self-employed people were working for your charity

2

Total overseas employees

How many of the people above work on behalf of your charity outside of the United Kingdom?

0

Total employee payroll

What was the total amount spent on employee payroll during the financial period relating to this return?

£ 0

Employees' salaries

Did any of your charity's employees receive total employment benefits of £60,000 or more in the financial period of this annual return?

No

Governance policies

Internal charity financial controls policy and procedures

No

Safeguarding policy and procedures

Yes

Financial reserves policy and procedures

No

Complaints policy and procedures

Yes

Serious incident reporting policy and procedures

Yes

Internal risk management policy and procedures

No

Trustee expenses policy and procedures

No

Trustee conflicts of interest policy and procedures

No

Investing charity funds policy and procedures

Not applicable

Campaigns and political activity policy and procedures

Not applicable

Bullying and harassment policy and procedures

No

Social media policy and procedures

No

Engaging external speakers at charity events policy and procedures

No

Safeguarding

Has your charity provided services to children and/or adults at risk in the financial period of the return?

Yes

a. Standard DBS checks have been obtained for all eligible roles

Not Applicable

b. Enhanced DBS checks have been obtained for all eligible roles

Not Applicable

c. Enhanced with Barred List(s) DBS checks have been obtained for all eligible roles

Not Applicable

External risk and impact

Donations

Unknown

Other income - grants

Unknown

Other income - contracts

Not applicable

Other income - investment

Not applicable

Expenditure on charitable activities

Negative

Expenditure on overheads

Negative

Number of volunteers

No impact

Number of employees

No impact

Number of trustees

No impact

Fundraising activities

Negative

Capacity to deliver services

No impact

Total service demand

No impact

Volunteers

Excluding trustees, provide an estimate of the number of volunteers who carried out charitable activities on behalf of your charity in the United Kingdom during the financial period of this return?

0

Privacy statement

Any information you give us will be held securely and processed only in accordance with the rule on data protection. We will not disclose your personal details to anyone unconnected to the Charity Commission unless:

- you have consented to their release; or
- we are legally obliged to disclose them; or
- we regard disclosure as either (a) necessary so that we can properly carry out our statutory functions or (b) necessary in the public interest.

We may share and disclose information about you with relevant public authorities, regulatory bodies and agencies, outside the Charity Commission but only if:

- we can lawfully do so; and
- we decide that disclosure is necessary for national security, crime detection, prevention, and law enforcement, or other issues in the public interest

Information we collect about you

We will use this information:

To enable us to carry out our statutory functions and duties;

This will include the following actions:

- (a) update, consolidate, and improve the accuracy of our records;
- (b) undertake crime detection and prevention and law enforcement and assist the third parties specified above to investigate or prevent crime and carry out law enforcement;
- (c) data analysis, testing, research, statistical and survey purposes

Information we receive from other sources.

Information we receive from other sources

We may combine this information with information you give to us and information we collect about you.

We may use this information and the combined information for the purposes set out above (depending on the types of information we receive).

We will ensure that any such disclosure and use is proportionate; considers your right to respect for your private life; and is done fairly and lawfully in accordance with the data protection principles of the Data Protection Act.

The Data Protection Act 1998 regulates the use of 'personal data', which is essentially any information, however stored, about identifiable living individuals.

As a 'data controller' under the Act, the Charity Commission must comply with it. Any changes we may make to our privacy statement in the future will be set out in the replacement version of this form.

Please check back frequently to see any updates or changes to our privacy policy.

Declaration

This annual return has not been submitted and no Declaration has been made

BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS CONNECTION

Charity Commission Number 1208818

ACCOUNTS

For

Period 25 June 2024 to 31 August 2025

(Registered Office)
773 Hagley Road West
Quinton
Birmingham
B32 1AJ

BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS CONNECTION ANNUAL REPORT

For the first period of operation 25 June 2024 to 31 August 2025

Charity Registration No. 1208818

The Trustees are:

Benjamin Ralph Collins	114 Knightlow Road, Birmingham, B17 8QA
Revd. Rachel Heathfield	773 Hagley Road West, Birmingham, B32 1AJ
Oliver Michael Phillip Huggins	104 Weoley Park Road, Birmingham, B29 5HA

The Trustees of Birmingham Schools Connection charity present their annual report and accounts for the period 25 June 2024 to 31 August 2025. The Charity was formed by a Deed of Settlement on 25 June 2024.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objectives of Birmingham Schools Connection is to advance the Christian faith in the West Midlands for the benefit of the public, by supporting churches to deliver religious education, spiritual development, pastoral care and chaplaincy services to local primary and secondary schools, in particular, but not exclusively by:

- Providing training, workshops and coaching to church leaders and volunteers to develop high quality teaching experiences for the Christian faith in line with the National Curriculum;
- Providing creative and engaging resources;
- Supporting churches with identifying, selecting and delivering short and long term projects for teaching, spiritual development and pastoral support in co-operation with local schools;
- Providing grants to other charities and organisations for activities and projects designed to further the charitable purpose.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011, and Charities SORP FRS 102, to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Commission. Birmingham Schools Connection's charitable purpose is enshrined in its objects "To advance the Christian faith in the West Midlands for the benefit of the public".

The Trustees ensure this purpose is carried out for the public benefit by making its support available to schools and churches in Birmingham and other areas in the Midlands as described in the governing document.

The principal activities during the year were as follows:

- Providing guidance, training, encouragement and coaching to churches and church members building relationships with local schools across Birmingham. This includes face-to-face and online meetings, phone calls, emails, signposting to resources, social media engagement and training sessions.
- Delivering in-person and online training on school engagement, including specific topics such as running prayer spaces and organising Easter or Christmas workshops. This also includes sourcing creative resources to help churches strengthen their links with local schools.
- Developing networks and partnerships with key individuals and organisations in Birmingham and across the UK that share similar or complementary goals.
- Supporting local churches to work together in serving and supporting their local schools.
- Staying informed about developments in school and community work nationwide so we can learn from and promote best practice across the Midlands.
- Maintaining strong working relationships with organisations in the Midlands and beyond that share similar aims and objectives.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Copies of the Accounts for the period 25 June 2024 to 31 August 2025 were circulated to the trustees in advance and the trustees met on 4 June 2026. This represents the first period of activity for the Charity since it was registered on 25 June 2024.

Since the income of the charity is below £25,000 an independent examination of the accounts is not required.

As this is the first period of operation (with movements in the General Fund being primarily related to activities post the official launch on 6 December 2024), an extended period has been presented and no prior year comparatives are available.

All gifts and grants to the charity were unrestricted in nature and hence fall under General Fund.

Receipts for the first period of operations was £22,298 with this being generated through a combination of committed regular giving and one-off gifts from individuals.

Total payments made in the period were £10,477. The principal payments of the charity were contractor costs relating to two individuals supporting with set up of the charity.

As at 31 August 2025 the Charity held cash at bank of £14,954 alongside net amounts payable to / (from) the charity of £(3,133).

The Trust does not own the freehold or leasehold in any land or buildings, have any stocks or shares and so does not derive any income from assets (other than interest on cash at bank).

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the Charity to maintain unrestricted funds at a level which provides sufficient funds to cover management and administration and support costs as well as contractor costs for three months. This is estimated to be a minimum level of £6,000.

The Trustees are satisfied that the Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2025 discloses funds adequate to fulfil the obligations of the Charity.

FUTURE PLANS

The Trustees plan to continue with their present objectives as set out in the Report.

Income from the charity is not currently sufficient to employ full time staff with this being a key objective to support further expansion of operations and objectives of the Charity. It is the intention of the trustees in the coming year to increase giving through grant applications as well as growing the current donor base so as to increase receipts.

The Charity does not currently employ any staff. As Birmingham Schools Connection becomes established the charity will look to employ staff to support with the day to day operations and objectives of the charity.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Charity is governed by a Deed of settlement 25 June 2024. Under the terms of the Settlement the Trustees are required, subject to payment of expenses, to apply the income of the Charity to advance the Christian faith in the West Midlands for the benefit of the public.

Organisational structure

All matters of policy and management are determined by the Trustees who meet 3-4 times per year and at such other times as circumstances require. The Charity does not currently employ staff and hence has no key management personnel. The day to day affairs of the Charity are administered by the Trustees and two contractors engaged to support with the set up of the Charity.

Risk Management

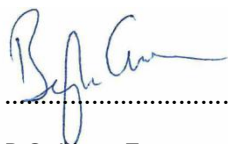
The trustees have a duty to identify and review risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. The Trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the Charity faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen these risks.

The Public Benefit

The Trustees reviewed all gifts made during the year and again satisfied themselves that they were in accordance with the requirements of Public Benefit and the objectives of this charity.

This Charity has no incidents relating to behaviour of Trustees, beneficiaries or loss of funds causing risks to beneficiaries or our reputation.

Approved by the Trustees on 4th June 2026 and signed on its behalf by

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'B Collins', is written over a horizontal dotted line.

B Collins - Trustee

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

31 August 2025

£

ASSETS

Monetary assets

Cash at bank	14,954
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Amounts owed to the charity

Income Tax still recoverable	1,676
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TOTAL ASSETS	16,631
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LIABILITIES

Contractor costs not yet paid	(4,809)
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	(4,809)
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NET ASSETS AND LIABILITIES	11,822
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INCOME and EXPENDITURE

Period to 31 August 2025

£

Receipt

Voluntary Receipts

Gift aided income 6,705

Other non-gift aided income 6,030

Income tax recovered / accrued 1,676

TOTAL RECEIPTS 22,298

Payments

Contractor costs (10,238)

Other Costs (206)

Bank Charges (33)

TOTAL PAYMENTS (10,477)

EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS 11,822

Cash and bank balances at 25 June 2024 -

Cash and bank balances at 31 August 2025 14,954