

River Christian Centre Limited

Report and Accounts
Year ended 31 March 2021

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RIVER CHRISTIAN CENTRE LIMITED
COMPANY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Trustees	Nigel Weekes Sarah Odell Rev David Gill L Akanro P Arias D Kennedy P Peters I Rathbone S Jones	resigned 18/9/21 resigned 31/1/21 resigned 12/9/21 resigned 31/1/21 resigned 18/10/21 resigned 28/9/21
Governing Document	Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 30 June 1958	
Company Registration Number	00596599	
Charity Registration Number	231370	
Registered Office	Vincent Street Canning Town London E16 1LZ	
Independent Examiner	Lourens du Plessis ACA CA(SA) Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage London EC1Y 8AB	
Bankers	The Co-operative Bank	

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Directors Report for 2021 Annual Accounts

Report from the Directors for the year ended 31st March 2021

The trustees, who are the charity's directors for the purposes of company law, have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year.

Structure, Governance and Management

Responsibility for setting policy and for determining the parameters within which the charity should operate and for making operating decisions rests with the trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the charity. Responsibility for the day-to-day operation of the charity is with the trustees. There are currently no employees of the charity, with trustees and volunteers supporting with the delivery of activities.

In previous years, the trustees set up a formal Finance Committee, comprising three directors and the finance officer, to help deal with challenges caused by increases in expenditure. Due to internal issues within the charity, this committee no longer operates. All decisions are made by the full board regarding financial and other matters.

Trustees are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Articles of Association. As part of our governance policy, three trustees resign and stand for re-election each year. There have been no new trustees for some time, however, following the resignation of several trustees in 2021, new trustees will need to be appointed.

Moving forward, we also recognise the need to better align the River Church and River Christian Centre (RCCL) charities and ensure greater unity between the two. For this reason, the next intake of new trustees for the charity will come from the River Church congregation. A full review of trustee skill sets, and gaps will be undertaken to ensure we have the appropriate governance to move the charity forward and build a stronger board.

New policies and procedures for trustees, including accountability and decision making will be put in place to ensure that we avoid the situation that has happened with trustees making decisions and carrying out actions without the full backing of the board. Training will be offered to trustees where required and appropriate and we will ensure all trustees understand the importance of their role.

All staff are appointed in line with minimum wage requirements (and where possible living wage) and comparable market values according to this sector and location. This includes key senior management staff.

The charity has been the sole corporate trustee of the previously linked charity RCC Foundation, for which it holds the deeds to the site on trust for the Foundation. In 2018 the charity brought the asset value of the RCC Foundation into the charity accounts on the advice of our former accountants in preparation for the long-term redevelopment of the site. The charity is also the 100% subsidiary of the RCC Design and Build Ltd company set up in 2019 relating to the redevelopment. Disputes around who the trustees of the Foundation and subsidiary of the Design and Build company is currently in dispute and detailed later in this report.

Objectives

Our primary objective of the charity: "The advancement of the Christian religion by all means and in particular by the encouragement of religious thought and manner of living on the common basis of Christian fellowship."

The primary goal is at the core of everything we do. Our faith provides motivation and volunteers that have the energy and zeal to deliver excellence in service and care for our community. The trustees have, over the years, formulated a clear means of delivering this primary objective by developing clear vision, mission, and values.

Vision: "Creating a vibrant global community bringing lasting transformation to Canning Town, London and the world."

Mission: "To Reach, Resource and Release our staff, volunteers, partners and local people by directly providing help, advice, services and training to give hope, meet felt needs and build confidence and competency towards self-determination."

Values: "Our values derive from our Christian Faith ethos which motivate us to serve our community with love, compassion and skilfulness."

Redevelopment Vision: "To create a state-of-the-art church and community facilities in Canning Town for our family of charities that are fit for purpose and enabling delivery of transformational direct public benefit services of quality and sensitivity to the existing and new families in the community."

Activities for Achieving Objectives

In planning the activities, the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Introduction

Over the last two years, we have gone through an extremely challenging period and have battled internal disputes and power struggles which have threatened the future of the charity. This has been down to the actions of certain individuals. There have been decisions made by individual members of the charity that do not reflect the wider trustees' views, and several decisions that need to be reversed. The impact of these actions by individuals means that there are several key statements from the 2020 accounts that need to be retracted and made right in this set of accounts.

The signing off the 2020 accounts by the former chair was not approved by the wider trustees and these were made public without full trustee knowledge. Since being aware of the actions that have been undertaken by individuals, remaining trustees have done all that they can do rectify the situation, report wrongdoings to appropriate authorities and challenge individuals on their actions. This includes seeking legal counsel.

Clarification on 2020 Accounts

It is correct that 2020 was a challenging time for the charity and cash-flow has been an issue we have had to repeatedly manage, into 2021. We continue to monitor and review the financial situation closely and put measures in place to address issues such as agreeing payment plans where there are outstanding bills.

However, there are some inaccuracies that we address here. Page five, under 'Long-Term Goals' the report states that *"as part of the restructuring in 2021, the charity retired as trustee of RCC Foundation in July 2021, and new trustees appointed to act as trustees of RCC Foundation – the charities will no longer be linked for registration and accounting purposes."*

This statement is untrue. There has been no such restructuring process and the charity did not retire as trustee of the RCC Foundation. A move by individual members sought to make

this happen by providing, in our belief, false and misleading information and individuals even went as far as de-linking the charities, which they did not have authority to do. We are currently disputing this with the Charity Commission and are seeking legal counsel to ensure that actions made in July 2021 are reversed. The two charities do legally remain de-linked; however, it is our assertion and understanding that the River Christian Centre remains the sole corporate trustee of the RCC Foundation charity.

On page 10 under 'Going Concern' the report states that *"As part of the review of the operations and financial stability of the charities going forward in the light of the redevelopment plan, the trustees decided in their meeting dated 29th June 2021, to place River Christian Centre Ltd into members voluntary liquidation."*

This statement is untrue. A resolution to enter a member's voluntary liquidation (MVL) was brought to the trustees meeting in June 2021 and was initially passed on the first vote. However, with further questioning, lack of sufficient evidence, questions over the integrity and accuracy of information, and conflicts of interests, trustees reversed this vote, and the charity continues to operate. The charity retains that the meeting on 29th June 2021 was invalid anyway as due process was not correctly followed.

We continue to battle the fall out of actions undertaken by individual trustees. Despite this we have managed to pay, in full, the settlement agreement for staff (because of their wrongful termination of contracts by individual members of the trust) as well as all outstanding bills and debts that the charity owed, demonstrating that the charity is in fact solvent and continues to operate. The charity continues to make the Charity Commission known of all actions in our dispute with former trustees and seek advice from our legal counsel.

Public Benefit – Specific Community Activity

The charity continues to review the effectiveness of its delivery of public benefit. As with 2020, this year has seen a continued reduction of community services, partly due to COVID19 and partly due to efforts by individuals to wind down the charity. However, we continue reach out to our community and look for new ways at how we can provide public benefit and respond to specific needs people here face.

On Sundays we continue to see people using facilities through the church congregation and we are gradually building back in numbers. Our service on Sundays includes specific provision for young people for which no charge is made and all are welcome.

Abrahams Care, our day nursery and afterschool kids club were running with about 50 children until it closed with the first national lockdown. Abrahams Care reopened with numbers around 20 children until December 2021 when individual trustees closed the service. Abrahams Care provided much needed and affordable childcare provision to working families in the Canning Town area. As part of our long-term vision, we have a fully costed business plan to get this service running again.

We operate a weekly foodbank, which was initially established in the beginning of the first lockdown in April 2020 but has continued in response to local need. We were initially approached by Newham Council to help in an emergency, and in partnership with St Luke's and helped by St Mathias and Ascension Churches, and members of the community, particularly Tom Booker and PEACH, we were able to develop the community Foodbank.

Nigel Weeks was key to keeping the Foodbank running through the lockdown and so we want to say a huge thank you to him because in the beginning it was a big job. We ran five days a week, before reducing to four days in August 2020, and then two days in the last period of lockdown. In the first months the aim (as set out by Newham Council) was to try to

provide a week's shopping for all who approached us. Newham Council supplied us with food alongside Fairshare. Substantial food boxes were produced and distributed consisting of frozen meat, bread, milk, cereals, tinned foods, fresh vegetables and fruit, toiletries, kids, and baby supplies where needed etc.

To fund the Foodbank, we received an initial grant of £4,000 part from Newham to assist in the first month with staff costs, general supplies and running costs. We have had support with food supplies from Newham and other local sources including food gifts from St Luke's, St Mathias, and East Ham Elim.

In general, we began with almost daily receptions of foods and distributions. After the first three months we were receiving weekly food drops on a Monday and packages were collected or delivered on a Monday or Tuesday. After the initial lockdown ended, we sought to move away from the total deliveries, and this resulted in a dropping off for some but then an increasing service as word began to get around that we were still going once people began mixing again. The support has and continues to be an essential service for many.

The Cooper Street building is a fully licensed HMO for up to 17 people. Run by the charity Just Homes, it houses people from Newham who are homeless and who are being given assistance to become independent, find work and new independent accommodation.

The Vincent Street building is also a fully licenced HMO and houses various individual tenants living on our site, paying an affordable rent.

Office space in the Vincent Street building was occupied by a combination of our own charity and church staff, and rental to other local charities. In line with the Development Agreement, office space is now being occupied and managed by IXO Guardians as we prepare for the redevelopment.

We currently have no paid staff, with all activities being run by volunteers or by partner charities. We continue to thank God for his provision of people who volunteer their time to support our work in the community.

Long-term goals

The trustees continue to receive professional advice on the redevelopment of the site, and we are grateful to IXO and their team for their partnership with us.

We continue to keep in mind the long-term site redevelopment, which is now progressing well, and we continue to ensure the work of the charity falls in line with the vision for this site. In time there will require a restructuring of the charity, but this has not yet happened. This review will include a name change for the charity as we look to a new period this charity's 125 year old history in the Canning Town community.

The trustees continue to monitor performance and management of the charity on a regular basis.

Achievements and Performance

Financial performance

Improvements in income/expenditure are dependent on getting income generating activities operational again, in particular Abrahams Care, which before COVID19 accounted for at least half of the charity's income. Other possibilities are also being explored, particularly around youth, as this has been historically a key area of the charity's work.

The most challenging areas going forward will be the expenditure on salaries as we appoint staff again, energy, business rate and general business maintenance, however, part of the forward funding from the redevelopment has been put in place to support this whilst we build up activities and income.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity to build up a reserve of at least three months salaries (our goal). In the current climate this has been very challenging. We continue in the process of trying to build up a reserve month by month and continue to review spending to ensure that available cash is not exceeded.

Going concern

As noted in the accounting policy note and elsewhere in the accounts, the charity has approximately £54,000 in current assets at year-end. However, this substantially represents an intercompany debtor from RCC Design & Build Ltd, a wholly owned-subsiidiary of RCCL. As noted in this report, the trustees are in dispute with the charity's former trustees as to the ownership of RCC Design & Build. Given the ongoing dispute, and the various uncertainties surrounding it, there is a level of uncertainty as to the charity's ability to continue as a going concern should the dispute not be settled in the charity's favour.

Review of activities

Abrahams Care on last inspection (2018) received a 'Good' and we will continue to develop and improve our offering before being able to provide brand new facilities once the redevelopment is complete. We are grateful to all the staff who have been part of the Abrahams Care team since its beginning and who have helped make it the successful service it is, and we look forward to seeing it up and running again.

Numerically we have around 1,500 people through the site on average each week, mostly relating to the foodbank and the varied church services.

Wider regeneration of the area continues at a rapid pace bringing new people into the area and with those new needs and opportunities. We continue to work with Newham Council Regeneration Team with their masterplan for this part of Canning Town to ensure we have proposals lined up with both theirs and our requirements.

Future Developments

We have been on a long and challenging journey to secure the long-term future of our suite of buildings across the site. Despite this, the redevelopment is moving closer to happening and reaching a major milestone in planning permission. The main achievement this year was the completion of the Exclusivity Agreement (EA) and Development Agreement (DA) with our development partner IXO. The completion of the EA saw an initial £400,000 released to the charity for the sale of the Hunt building in July 2020. The completion of the DA in March 2021 saw the release of £2million to the RCC Design and Build account. The signing of the agreements demonstrates the commitment of our development partner to take our redevelopment forward to planning permission. Income from the agreements will be used to fund costs associated with the development (such as planning fees) as well as support the charity's operating costs in the lead up to the new development.

The RCC Design and Build Ltd company was set up to manage this funding and has been accounted for in our company accounts, however, as part of this there is monies owed to RCCL which were not accounted for in the 2020 RCCL accounts.

Trustees continue to review the long-term structure of the charity to see the completion of the redevelopment plan. The trustees are currently reviewing the governance model of the RCCL charity and the RCC Foundation charity for which we maintain our belief that we are

the sole corporate trustee. The two charities are currently de-linked, and trustees will review decisions to later relink them.

Key risks and uncertainties

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the company is exposed, in particular those related to operations and finances of the company and are satisfied that we have put in place suitable systems and procedures to mitigate our exposure to major risks.

We recognise that, until resolved, the internal dispute puts a risk to the charity. However, we are taking legal advice on our position and how we should move forward to fight the claims and actions against the charity. Having sought professional advice, we believe we are able to demonstrate that not only we are still a viable operating charity, but that we legally remain the sole trustee and subsidiary of the RCC Foundation and RCC Design and Build company respectively. We have kept records of all our correspondence and have done all we can to put things right.

We also recognise that income over the last few years has been a challenge and has been a major risk to the charity. The combination of the Covid19 pandemic and the actions to close income generating activities by former trustees have resulted in a loss of income which we have not yet got back. We achieved a major milestone in 2021 in the completion of the development agreement with IXO which saw the release of vital forward funding. As part of this there continues to be the promise of further forward funding to help the charity manage until the redevelopment has been completed.

The trustees continue to closely monitor all income and expenditure closely to ensure that the charity operates within its means. We have paid all outstanding debts and there are plans to restart the nursery in 2023 as we seek to both increase community provision as well as income generating activities.

Responsibilities of trustees under company law

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

1. select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
2. observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
3. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
4. state whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
5. prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approval

This report, which has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies, was approved by the trustees, and signed on their behalf by:

Sarah Odell

Sarah Odell, Chair of Trustees

Date: 15 December 2022

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
RIVER CHRISTIAN CENTRE LIMITED
(‘the Company’)**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2021 on pages 10 to 22 following, which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on pages 14 to 15.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity’s trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (‘the 2006 Act’).

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity’s accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (‘the 2011 Act’). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner’s statement

Since the Company’s gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The charity ended the year with unrestricted net current assets of £53,840. This is substantially represented by an intercompany debtor from a subsidiary, the control over which is disputed by the current and former trustees. In this context, and as the charity is involved in an ongoing dispute, with a significant development project in place, there is material uncertainty as to whether the charity is a going concern. I draw attention to Note 1 to the accounts and section headed ‘Going Concern’ in the directors’ annual report, which sets out the directors’ reasons for believing that the charity can continue to operate and for using the going concern basis in the preparation of these financial statements. On the basis for these representations, and after considering the directors’ plans and expectations, I have not modified my statements in paragraphs 3 and 4 above in respect of this matter.

The trustees further dispute actions taken by the previous trustees to remove this charity as the sole corporate trustee of the charity owning the property in question.

Other than the matters referred to in the above paragraph, 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 financial statements to be reached.

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Date: 15 December 2022

RIVER CHRISTIAN CENTRE LIMITED
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations	3	225,283	12,290	237,573	11,621
Charitable activities	4	185,331	-	185,331	542,903
Investments	5	5	-	5	427
Other income	6	450,000	-	450,000	-
Total income and endowments		860,619	12,290	872,909	554,951
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities	7	504,187	12,290	516,477	564,725
Development expenses	8	212,784	-	212,784	-
Total expenditure		716,971	12,290	729,261	570,084
Net income/(expenditure)		143,648	-	143,648	(15,133)
Transfers between funds	17	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		143,648	-	143,648	(15,133)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		92,993	11,804	104,797	119,931
Total funds carried forward	17	236,641	11,804	248,445	104,798

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing operations.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account required by the Companies Act 2006.

The notes on page 14-21 form part of these accounts.

RIVER CHRISTIAN CENTRE LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	9	182,800	-	182,800	188,000
Fixed asset investment	10	1	-	1	1
		<u>182,801</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>182,801</u>	<u>188,001</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	11	67,846	-	67,846	42,324
Cash at bank and in hand	12	5,346	11,804	17,150	5,183
		73,192	11,804	84,996	47,507
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	13	(19,351)	-	(19,351)	(73,368)
Net current assets / (liabilities)		<u>53,840</u>	<u>11,804</u>	<u>65,645</u>	<u>(25,861)</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>236,641</u>	<u>11,804</u>	<u>248,446</u>	<u>162,140</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year	14	-	-	-	(57,343)
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>236,641</u>	<u>11,804</u>	<u>248,446</u>	<u>104,797</u>
FUND BALANCES	17				
Unrestricted Funds					
General funds		<u>236,641</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>236,641</u>	<u>92,992</u>
		<u>236,641</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>236,641</u>	<u>92,992</u>
Restricted Funds		<u>-</u>	<u>11,804</u>	<u>11,804</u>	<u>11,804</u>
		<u>236,641</u>	<u>11,804</u>	<u>248,445</u>	<u>104,796</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 however, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an independent examiner and their report has been included in these financial statements.

The directors (who are the charitable company's trustees for the purposes of charity law) acknowledge their responsibilities

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its net income or expenditure for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and were signed on its behalf by:

Sarah Odell

Sarah Odell

Date: 15 December 2022

Company number: 00596599

Charity number: 231370

The notes on page 14-21 form part of these accounts.

RIVER CHRISTIAN CENTRE LIMITED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021
CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	a	<u>82,510</u>	<u>(22,955)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		5	-
Investment in subsidiary		-	1
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Repayments of borrowing		(70,549)	(5,216)
Cash inflows from new borrowing		-	15,000
interest paid		-	(408)
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities		<u>(70,549)</u>	<u>9,376</u>
Change in cash and equivalents in the reporting period		<u>11,966</u>	<u>(13,578)</u>
Cash and equivalents at the beginning of the year	b	<u>5,184</u>	<u>18,762</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	b	<u>17,150</u>	<u>5,184</u>

Analysis of changes in net debt:

	At start of year £	Cash-flows £	At end of year £
Cash	5,184	11,966	17,150
Bank loans:			
Falling due within one year	(5,624)	(2,724)	(2,900)
Falling due after one year	(57,343)	(57,343)	-
Concessionary loans:			
Falling due within one year	(20,000)	(15,000)	(5,000)
Falling due after one year	-	-	-
Total net funds / (debt)	<u>(77,783)</u>	<u>(63,102)</u>	<u>9,250</u>

RIVER CHRISTIAN CENTRE LIMITED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021
NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT

Note a: Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities

	2021 £	2020 £
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	143,648	(15,134)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges and provisions for impairment	5,200	5,200
(Gains)/losses on investments	-	-
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(5)	-
Interest expense	-	408
Interest accrued but not yet paid	-	4,951
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(25,522)	(37,892)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(40,811)	19,512
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>82,510</u>	<u>(22,955)</u>

Note b: Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2021 £	2020 £
Cash at bank with immediate access	17,150	5,174
Notice deposits (with a term of three months or less)	-	10
Petty cash	-	-
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>17,150</u>	<u>5,184</u>

RIVER CHRISTIAN CENTRE LIMITED
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1 Statutory Information

The charity is a charitable company limited by guarantee and is incorporated in the United Kingdom. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the Company Information page.

2 Accounting Policies

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the "Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) ("the Charities SORP")", with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102"), with the Companies Act 2006 and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

The principles adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

a) Going concern

The trustees (who are the charitable company's directors for the purposes of company law) have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In particular the trustees have considered the charity's forecasts and projections and the possible implications should projected income and / or expenditure vary unexpectedly. The trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future, as has been evidenced in the period since the financial year-end to date, and credible expectations of increased funding in the near future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

b) Income

Income including investment income is recognised in the period in which the charity becomes entitled to receipt, the amount receivable can be measured with reasonable certainty, and receipt is probable. For the most part, income is generally recognised when it is received. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

Income from donations includes:

- i) Recoverable gift aid. This is recognised when the related donation is received. Gift aid that has not been recovered by the balance sheet date is included as a debtor.
- ii) Donated facilities, services and goods. Goods donated for distribution to beneficiaries are recognised as income when receivable at fair value (being an estimate of the amount it would cost to purchase those items). Facilities, services and goods donated for the charity's own use are recognised as income when receivable at their value to the charity.

The charity relies on volunteers to carry out many of its activities. However, in accordance with the SORP, the value of these services has not been included in these financial statements as they cannot be reliably measured.

Income from charitable activities represents income receivable from goods, services and facilities supplied in furtherance of the charity's charitable objects. It includes income from community outreach programmes.

Investment income represents income generated by the charity's assets and includes income from bank interest.

c) Expenditure

Expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, is recognised when it is incurred or, if earlier, when a legal or constructive obligation for a payment arises provided that it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

The charity makes grants to other institutions and individuals to further its charitable objectives. Grants payable are recognised as constructive obligations arise, which is generally when the charity expresses a commitment to the recipient that can be measured reliably and then only to the extent that any conditions associated with the grant are outside of the control of the charity.

Governance costs, which are included in expenditure on charitable activities but are identified separately in the notes to the accounts, includes costs associated with the independent examination of the financial statements, compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements and any other expenditure incurred on the strategic management of the charity.

d) Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

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e) Tangible fixed assets

Items purchased or donated for the charity's own use are capitalised when the cost of purchased items, or the fair value of donated items, is more than £5,000 and the item is expected to benefit the charity over more than one accounting period. Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis so as to write down the value of each asset to its estimated residual value (if any) over its expected useful economic life. To achieve this objective the following rates of depreciation are charged:

Freehold buildings	Over 50 years straight line basis
plant and machinery	Over 5 to 10 years straight line basis.
Motor vehicles	25% reducing balance

The carrying values of tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment in periods when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

f) Investments

Fixed asset investments are held to generate income and / or for their investment potential. Current asset investments are investments that are held specifically for sale or are investments that the charity expects to sell by the next balance sheet date. Investments, other than social investments (see below), are valued as follows:

- i) Investment property and listed investments are valued at their market value (fair value) at the balance sheet date.
- ii) Unlisted investments are measured at cost less impairment where it becomes apparent that the amount that could be realised is less than cost.

g) Pension scheme arrangements

The charity operates defined contribution pension schemes for its employees. Obligations for contributions to these schemes are recognised as an expense when the liability arises. The assets of these schemes are held separately from those of the charity in independently administered funds.

h) Taxation

The company is a registered charity; it has taken advantage of the various reliefs from taxation available to charities and no tax is payable on the charity's income.

i) Financial instruments

The charity's financial assets and financial liabilities all qualify as basic financial instruments, as defined by FRS102. Except for loans, creditors and debtors are measured at their expected settlement value (normally the amount of cash that the charity expects to pay or receive). The charity recognises liabilities for the principal of those loans that remains outstanding at the year end (i.e. the liabilities exclude any interest chargeable on the loans in future years).

j) Exemption from preparing a cashflow statement

The charity has taken advantage of an exemption conferred by the Charities SORP and has not prepared a cash flow statement.

k) Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

In preparing financial statements certain judgements, estimates and assumptions have to be made that affect the amounts recognised in the financial statements. The trustees consider the following to be significant:

- i) The annual depreciation charge for property, plant and equipment is sensitive to changes in the estimates for useful economic life and residual value. These estimates are reassessed annually and, when necessary, adjusted to reflect current circumstances.
- ii) In the previous period, these accounts included a linked charity. These charities have been delinked, and the comparatives presented only include the figures for this charity. The delinking is being disputed by the trustees, but represents the current legal position which is reflected in these accounts. See note 17 and the Trustees' Report for further information.

l) Activity reporting

The trustees take the view that the charity has only one activity, in line with its charitable object, and therefore no activity reporting analysis is provided in these notes.

3 Donations

	2021	2020
	£	£
Donations of cash and similar	1,305	1,621
Donations in kind (note 3a)	73,000	-
Government grants (Job Retention Scheme)	150,470	-
Other grants receivable	12,798	10,000
	<u>237,573</u>	<u>11,621</u>

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a	Donations in kind comprise:	2021 £	2020 £
	Goods donated for Foodbank	73,000	-
	Distribution to beneficiaries	<u>73,000</u>	<u>-</u>
4	Income from charitable activities		
		2021 £	2020 £
	Community outreach programs	185,331	542,903
		<u>185,331</u>	<u>542,903</u>
5	Investment income		
		2021 £	2020 £
	Bank interest	5	52
	Investment income - other local unlisted	-	375
		<u>5</u>	<u>427</u>
6	Other income		
		2021 £	2020 £
	Income from development contracts (see note 16 below)	450,000	-
		<u>450,000</u>	<u>-</u>
7	Charitable expenditure		
		2021 £	2020 £
a	Costs incurred directly on specific activities		
	Nursery/Kids Club expenditure	23,141	48,144
	Foodbank expenses	3,841	-
	Foodbank donations in kind expensed	73,000	-
	Gifts and Grants	1,200	5,753
b	Charitable activities		
	Support costs		
	Insurance	21,227	22,568
	Light, Heat and power	49,158	31,585
	Rates (general and water)	7,017	23,796
	Repairs and maintenance	11,067	14,946
	Telephone	3,837	5,971
	Postage and stationery/office supplies	11,159	10,999
	Professional fees	755	2,757
	Accountancy	-	3,934
	Vehicle expenses	50	1,343
	Travel and general expenses	6,306	13,327
	Bank charges	502	861
	Sundry expenses	534	429
	Wages and salaries	285,126	345,476
	National insurance	-	17,347
	Pension cost	8,918	5,488
c	Governance costs		
	Auditors remuneration	-	4,800
	Examination fee	4,440	-
	Depreciation - tangible fixed assets	5,200	5,200
	Total expenditure	<u>516,478</u>	<u>564,724</u>

The fee payable to the independent examiner for preparing and examining the accounts was £4,440 (2020 audit fee: £4,800).

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c Grants payable

	Institutions £	Individuals £	2021 £
Grants for the relief of poverty	-	1,200	1,200
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,200</u>

8 Development expenses

	2021 £	2020 £
Development expenditure (see note 16)	210,440	-
Interest payable	2,344	5,359
	<u>212,784</u>	<u>5,359</u>

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Property £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Vehicles £	Total 2021 £
Cost				
At 1 April 2020	260,000	153,685	27,920	441,605
At 31 March 2021	<u>260,000</u>	<u>153,685</u>	<u>27,920</u>	<u>441,605</u>
Accumulated depreciation				
At 1 April 2020	72,000	153,685	27,920	253,605
Charge for the year	5,200	-	-	5,200
At 31 March 2021	<u>77,200</u>	<u>153,685</u>	<u>27,920</u>	<u>258,805</u>
Net book value				
At 31 March 2021	<u>182,800</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>182,800</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>188,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>188,000</u>

10 Fixed asset investments

Shares in group undertakings

	Unquoted Investments	2021 £	2020 £
Cost or fair value brought forward	1	1	-
Investment at cost	-	-	1
Cost or fair value carried forward	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

Subsidiary undertakings

The following were subsidiary undertakings of the charity:

Name	Holding
RCC Design and Build Ltd	100%

11 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	12,130	42,324
RCC Design and Build Ltd	55,716	-
Total debtors	<u>67,846</u>	<u>42,324</u>

12 Cash at Bank and in Hand

13 Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year

14 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

15 Loans and finance leases

	Otherwise than by instalments	By instalments	Other loans 2021 £	2020 £
Repayable:				
Within one year	-	-	-	-
Between one and five years	-	-	-	55,549
After five years	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>55,549</u>

The concessionary loans referred to in the above notes are unsecured and interest-free.

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16 Pension commitments

During the year employer's pension contributions totalling £1,318 (2021: £5,469) were payable to defined contribution personal pension schemes.

17 Funds

During the year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2021 £	Incoming resources 2021 £	Outgoing resources 2021 £	Transfers in the year 2021 £	Gains and losses 2021 £	Closing balance 2021 £
<i>General Unrestricted Funds</i>	92,993	860,619	(716,971)	-	-	236,641
Total Unrestricted Funds	92,993	860,619	(716,971)	-	-	236,641
<i>Restricted Funds</i>						
Foodbank	-	12,290	(12,290)	-	-	-
New equipment fund	2,571	-	-	-	-	2,571
Youth/Big Brother and other communit	7,393	-	-	-	-	7,393
Other events fund	899	-	-	-	-	899
Aston Mansfield fund	333	-	-	-	-	333
Boiler replacement fund	348	-	-	-	-	348
Hackney parochial	43	-	-	-	-	43
Lottery First World War	249	-	-	-	-	249
Swan Foundation	(32)	-	-	-	-	(32)
	11,804	12,290	(12,290)	-	-	11,804
Aggregate of funds	104,797	872,909	(729,261)	-	-	248,445

Analysis of net assets by fund

The assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	182,800	-	-	182,800
Debtors	67,846	-	-	67,846
Cash at bank and in hand	5,346	-	11,804	17,150
Creditors falling due within one year	(19,351)	-	-	(19,351)
	236,641	-	11,804	248,445

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In the previous year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2020 £	Incoming resources 2020 £	Outgoing resources 2020 £	Transfers in the year 2020 £	Gains and losses 2020 £	Closing balance 2020 £
<i>General Unrestricted Funds</i>	108,127	554,950	(570,084)	-	-	92,993
Total Unrestricted Funds	108,127	554,950	(570,084)	-	-	92,993
<i>Restricted Funds</i>						
New equipment fund	2,571	-	-	-	-	2,571
Youth/Big Brother and other communiti	7,393	-	-	-	-	7,393
Other events fund	899	-	-	-	-	899
Aston Mansfield fund	333	-	-	-	-	333
Boiler replacement fund	348	-	-	-	-	348
Hackney parochial	43	-	-	-	-	43
Lottery First World War	249	-	-	-	-	249
Swan Foundation	(32)	-	-	-	-	(32)
	11,804	-	-	-	-	11,804
Aggregate of funds	119,931	554,950	(570,084)	-	-	104,797

Analysis of net assets by fund

In the previous year, the assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	2020 £
Tangible fixed assets	188,000	-	-	188,000
Debtors	42,324	-	-	42,324
Cash at bank and in hand	(6,621)	-	11,804	5,183
Creditors falling due within one year	(73,368)	-	-	(73,368)
Creditors falling due after one year	(57,343)	-	-	(57,343)
	92,992	-	11,804	104,796

The NewEquipment Fund' purpose is to assist with the purchase of equipmet for the River Christian Centre
The Youth/Big Brother and other community fund provides funds for youth work
The Other Events fund provides funds for youth work
The Aston Mansfield fund provides funds for youth work
The Boiler Replacement Fund was established to provide a replacement boiler in the Vincent street building.
The Hackney Parochial Fund was established to help with work with the homeless.
The Lottery First World War fund wass established to fund a first world war exhibition.
The Swan Foundation fund provides funding for youth work.

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15 Transactions with related parties

During the year the charity also made the following payments to, or for, related parties:

- a) M Gill, who is closely related to David Gill, who is a trustee, received employment benefits totalling £31,991 for providing services to the charity.

There have been no other transactions with related parties during the year.

16 Building Development

In 2019 the charity entered into an Exclusivity Agreement, jointly with RCC Foundation, to develop the land on which it occupies buildings. The contract was replaced by a Development Contract in July 2020. Under these two contracts the charity received income of £450,000 in 2020 and 2021. It is due to receive further income in 2022 and 2023. The charity has incurred costs of £210,000 in connection with the development of the site.

17 Events since the year end

As described in the trustees' report, the charity is in dispute with former trustees of the charity on a number of matters:

- In prior years the charity was linked with RCC Foundation, a registered charity. Former trustees of the charity have applied to the Charity Commission to de-link the two charities. This de-linking is challenged by the current trustees of River Christian Centre Ltd.
- In prior years the charity was the sole trustee of RCC Foundation, a registered charity. Former trustees of RCC Ltd acted to retire this charity as sole trustee of RCC Foundation, and registered themselves as trustees of RCC Foundation. The current trustees of RCC Ltd are challenging the legality of these actions.
- The charity established a 100% subsidiary to manage the develop the site that the charity occupies. Former trustees are seeking to control RCC Design and Build Ltd, and have caused significant sums to be spent by RCC Design and Build Ltd that have not been authorised by the trustees of this charity.

The trustees have filed Serious Incident Reports to notify the Charity Commission of the matters in dispute and have sought legal advice to resolve these matters as soon as possible.

18 Members

Each member of the company commits to contribute if the charity is wound up an amount of £10.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES WITH COMPARATIVES
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Note	Unrestricted funds				Unrestricted funds			
	General	Designated	Restricted	Total	General	Designated	Restricted	Total
	2021	2021	2021	2021	2020	2020	2020	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:								
Donations	225,283	-	12,290	237,573	11,621	-	-	11,621
Charitable activities	185,331	-	-	185,331	542,903	-	-	542,903
Investments	5	-	-	5	427	-	-	427
Other income	450,000	-	-	450,000	-	-	-	-
Total income and endowments	860,619	-	12,290	872,909	554,950	-	-	554,950
EXPENDITURE ON:								
Charitable activities:	504,187	-	12,290	516,478	564,725	-	-	564,725
Development expenses	212,784	-	-	212,784	5,359	-	-	5,359
Total Expenditure	716,971	-	12,290	729,261	570,084	-	-	570,084
Net income/(expenditure)	143,648	-	-	143,648	(15,134)	-	-	(15,134)
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	143,648	-	-	143,648	(15,134)	-	-	(15,134)
Reconciliation of funds:								
Total funds brought forward	92,993	-	11,804	104,797	108,127	-	11,804	119,931
Total funds carried forward	236,641	-	11,804	248,445	92,993	-	11,804	104,797