

Church Works North Down

Northern Ireland · Charity number 100239

Details

Status Overdue

Registered 2014-11-11

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

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Activities

Purposes: Such charitable objects as shall provide social outreach to members of the community of North Down or such wider area within Northern Ireland as the committee shall from time to time deem appropriate. The objects shall include provision of services facilities or goods to the public and in addition shall include advice to churches in the greater North Down area or such other organisations which shall be charitable in their objectives which shall operate in the North Down area and shall be compatible with having a Christian ethos.

What the charity does: The advancement of religion, The advancement of citizenship or community development

How the charity works: Advice/advocacy/information, Community development, Grant making, Relief of poverty, Religious activities, Welfare/benevolent

Who the charity helps: Adult training, Asylum seekers/refugees, Older people, Specific areas of deprivation, Voluntary and community sector

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees	
2019-03-31		£200	£100	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Miss Rose Armstrong		
Mr Evan Fleming		
Mr Trevor Magee		
Rev David Stanfield		

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Accounts

BICCI ACCOUNTS from 01 April 2018 to 31 March 2019

This is a summary of receipts and payments for the above period

Opening balance at bank £252.71

Income total was £ 200, a cash donation towards cost of Christmas lunch

Expenditure total was £100 as follows

24/02/2019	Carol Duff	£100

Closing balance at Bank was £352.71

Signature
Trevor Magee PFA

Treasurer

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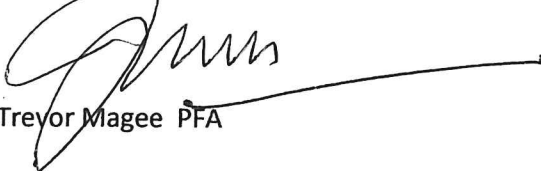
Opening balance at bank £497.58

Income total was £ zero

Expenditure total was £244.87 as follows

11.10.17	Website Hosting Big Wet Fish	53.88
19.10.17	Sarah Etheridge Flyer Design	50.00
01.11.17	Mary Braithewaite Printing Flyers	30.99
13.11.17	Website events calendar renewal	60.00
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Annual report



(FORMERLY BANGOR INTER-CHURCHES COMMUNITY INITIATIVE)

The Trustees of Church Works North Down present their annual report together with a financial statement for the year ending 31 March 2018. Church Works North Down is registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under charity number 100239.

Objectives

The objectives are set out in the constitution are as follows:

- Such charitable objects as shall provide social outreach to members of the community of North Down or such wider area within Northern Ireland as the committee shall from time to time seem appropriate;
- To engage with Christian Churches operating within the North Down area or such other organisations which shall be charitable in their objective which operate within the North Down area and shall be compatible with having a Christian ethos.

Constitution matters

As agreed at last year's Annual General meeting (AGM) the Executive Committee reviewed the Constitution during the year. Proposed amendments including the change of name to Church Works North Down, were circulated and then taken to the Annual General Meeting which was held on 21 October 2017. All amendments were agreed by the AGM. The revised Constitution was sent to the Charity Commission on 15 November 2017

There was one Trustee resignation at the AGM and one new member appointed. The remaining existing Executive members were returned unopposed. In February 2018 there were 2 further Trustee resignations. The Charity Commission was informed on 23 February. There are now four remaining Trustees in line with the amended Constitution.

Conference

We followed the AGM with a Conference entitled "Joining the dots...Life, Faith and Justice" with Dr John Kyle as the inspirational speaker. All members had been invited and about 25 attended.

Executive meetings

Church Works North Down Executive at 31 March 2018 comprises Rev David Stanfield (Chairman), Mary Braithwaite, Trevor Magee, David McClarin, Elizabeth Porter, Joy Ward, Neilson Wylie and Irene Armstrong as Secretary.

The executive met on 5 May, 26 June, 16 August and 1 December in 2017 and 2 February 2018. The main items of business during the year included the review of the Constitution, the development of Story Works on the web site, the Disability Inclusion Group and the Churches Enabling Seniors.

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The web site has good viewing figures and churches can now update their entry to the Churches Directory and a "how to" video is available to assist this. Churches can also submit events on the web. This is not used as much as it could be. Our Web site manager had to stand down, however we now have a volunteer willing to assist with the technicalities of the website. The Directory will be updated this year.

BICCI Disability Inclusion Group

This group has continued to be active in raising awareness of the need for inclusion of all peoples in churches. Members were invited to a conference in June 2017 called "Life Changes" which focussed on raising awareness of the isolation people experience, encouraging community integration and equipping the church to support young people during the transition from childhood to adulthood. A follow up meeting in November gave families and churches the opportunity to share experiences and support one another.

Churches Enabling Seniors

During the last year CES have produced a teaching resource based on the conference "Gods purpose for Seniors in our churches" held in 2016. This included a DVD of the conference message and CD with a wide range of follow up study notes, Power Point presentations and printable hand-outs. This was launched in Autumn 2017, 18 hardcopies were taken up on the day. The resource is available free at: - www.hrpc.org.uk/family-life/gods-purpose-for-seniors.php or as DVD/CD hardcopy's by contacting CES email: churchesenablingseniors@gmail.com Useful information relevant events/training/funding opportunities are sent out monthly to "CES Link" people in 22 local churches. The group continue to engage with statutory and voluntary agencies in the area of dealing with loneliness/isolation, Care home support, Community Planning and the Age Friendly Alliance.

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Other meetings of Church Works North Down members

During 2017-18 Members were also invited to meetings/events as follows:

- A Seminar on Domestic Violence Awareness
- A Conference on Life Changes
- A Lecture entitled "Ups and Downs of Bangor Abbey"
- A Fundraiser for The Accessible Bible Project
- A Meeting exploring "Answers in Genesis"
- A Training Session on Internet Safety for Parents and Grandparents
- A Syrian cultural event
- A Local Council Intergenerational Programme
- A Service for the Persecuted Church.

Storehouse North Down

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Forty seven churches, individuals and businesses support Storehouse North Down with groceries and other donations. The Charity could not exist without this support. In the year to 31 January 2018 the Charity issued 1,744 food parcels and fresh food to the value of £92,870.

A hot two course lunch is provided fortnightly on a Sunday in the local YMCA premises. This is free and enjoyed by 15-30 people. Special events are also arranged to mark occasions such as St Patrick's Day, St Valentine's Day. Other support is offered, for example, help with homework, housing problems, hospital visiting.

Christmas dinner on Christmas Day was hosted by Wesley Centenary Methodist Church, 34 people attended. Once again a great success in bringing together people who may otherwise have spent the day alone.

Declaration

This Report has been approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Rev David Stanfield Chairman

Irene Armstrong Secretary

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28.10.16	Fees for mental health conference	295.00
07.11.16	Gift for mental health conference	100.00
08.11.16	Fees for mental health conference	51.00
09.11.16	Gift for mental health conference	150.00
07.12.16	Fees for mental health conference	157.00
07.12.16	Gift for mental health conference	150.00
17.1.17	Gift for Christmas lunch	280.00
09.11.16	Book sales	53.00

Expenditure total was £1725.69 as follows

Written on 14.12.15	Lynn Johnston catering costs	22.87
Written on 15.3.16	National Autistic Society	150.00
14.4.16	Website hosting	66.00
28.6.16	Printing for mental health conference	86.00
07.11.16	Website hosting & cards	128.82
24.11.16	MHC Venue hire	500.00
07.12.16	MHC Speaker fee & book sales	253.00
11.01.17	JIM FERGUSON	243.00
20.01.17	Catering bill for Christmas lunch	276.00

Closing balance at Bank was £316.71



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BANGOR INTER-CHURCHES COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

Report 2016-17

Constitution matters

The Annual General Meeting was held on 12 May 2016. The existing Trustees remain unchanged. The existing Executive members were returned unopposed and 5 new Executive members appointed taking the Executive membership to a total of 12. The meeting agreed that the constitution should be re-examined during the year and any proposed amendments will be taken to the next AGM.

Executive meetings

BICCI Executive comprises Rev Frances Rutledge (Chairman), Mary Braithwaite, Trevor Magee, David McClarin, Helen Sloan, Gwen Patterson, Gavin Fry, Rev Sam Castles, Elizabeth Porter, Joy Ward and Rev David Stanfield, with Irene Armstrong as Secretary.

The executive met on 17 June, the main topics of discussion were:-

- Disability Inclusion Group
- Seniors Support Group
- Safe Zone

In addition a sub-group of the executive met on several occasions between September and January to take forward work on the utilisation of the web-site.

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The site has been given a new look and is visited by over 3,000 unique visitors per month. The sub-group drew up guidelines to inform the content of stories of peoples' spiritual lives and the Executive trawled for people to share such stories. The first of which was posted in October and by end of March 2017, 20 stories had been posted.

A training video will be developed to enable church administration officers to add or amend Directory entries and to share information

BICCI Disability Inclusion Group

In March, about 60 people attended a seminar entitled "Let me In" aimed at the inclusion of all people in church services with particular emphasis on those with learning disability. Feed-back was good and indicated an interest in learning more about managing issues relating to those with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD's).

Ards and North Down Council made an award of £370 towards the cost of a follow up seminar focusing on ASD's. It was held in Kings Church, on Saturday morning 14 November. The main speaker was Shirelle Stewart from the National Autistic Society (N.I.) The seminar looked at ASDs and how we in our churches can get better at including people who are living with these conditions and gave guidance about managing behaviours and becoming better at welcoming people who often feel left out.

Individual churches in Bangor are also encouraging disability inclusion in a variety of ways. In October a seminar in the series entitled "Life is a roller coaster – even for Christians" was held in West Church. This addressed the Church's response to the mental health issues of older people specifically depression and dementia.

This group has continued to be active in raising awareness for inclusion of all peoples in churches. BICCI members were invited to talks on mental health issues in September and October with follow up meetings in February and March under the banner "Journey into Wellness" health issues of older people. BICCI also invited members to consider drawing up a disability policy for churches. This will be taken forward.

Ministries to Seniors Group

This group aims to support churches working to improve provision and ministry to their senior members and to older people in the wider community. BICCI members were invited to two meetings to develop spiritual support in care homes. There is now a list of 31 people from 11 churches who are interested in further developments.

Other meetings of BICCI members

BICCI members were also invited to meetings/events as follows:

- Building meaningful relationships between faith based and business sectors in the community; and
- An International Women's Day exhibition of Art organised by Women's Aid.

Safe Zone

Safe Zone depends on volunteers from various churches who minister to the needs of mainly young people on the streets of Bangor at weekends.

Storehouse North Down

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The trustees decide on all major new initiatives such as setting up cookery classes and budgeting classes. These have proved successful in helping clients to gain back some self-respect and also to lessen their dependency on foodbanks. A new initiative which has been introduced this year is the facilitation of assembling 'welcome packs' for all new Syrian refugees coming into Northern Ireland through the 'Vulnerable Syrian Refugee Consortium'. Trustees are delighted to be able to facilitate this and to work in partnership with Kiltonga Christian Centre, Bryson (lead organisation), Barnardo's and Extern.

A hot two course lunch is provided free on a Sunday (fortnightly in a local café. 20 -25 people avail of this.

BICCI Christmas dinner on Christmas Day was hosted by Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church, 29 attended and 3 meals were sent out into the community.

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