



Eden Christian Trust
Reg Charity NO. 1001961

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

for the year ended

31 DECEMBER 2022

Annual Report 2022



Introduction

The Eden Christian Trust (ECT) was established in 1990 and took its present form in 1997. It has four main objectives, namely

- To work in partnership with local churches and support them in all areas of youth work
- To encourage an understanding of the Christian faith among young people
- To provide activities and opportunities that will bring young people together and encourage "Community"
- To work with un-churched young people in the community generally.

The Trust is an inter-denominational Christian charity that works with those services that engage locally with youth activities.

Activities throughout the year.

The weekly **ECT Youth Club**, run on Friday nights in term time by the Youth Worker and volunteers, regularly attracts 40-50 youngsters. Special activities are planned for each session, such as:

Craft evenings	Themed movie nights
Trampoline park	Friendly competitions
Games evenings	Cooking sessions
Barbecue	NERF Club sessions
Disco nights	Ice Skating
Christmas party	Laser tag

Club members are offered opportunities to attend our popular annual residential camps. PULSE Camp has previously been run at Blackland Farm activity centre, and newly formed in 2021 the Satellites Festival. These two residentials saw up to 28 young people attending from the Edenbridge area.

Thankfully throughout 2022 Covid restrictions were relaxed, and ECT was able to offer all its facilities and opportunities to the young people of Edenbridge and surrounding area.

We had visits to the Youth Club from the Sevenoaks District Council Chairman as well as inspirational speaker Andy Watson who highlighted issues around drug, alcohol and solvent abuse, encouraging the youngsters to make good life choices. Further visits are planned for 2023. The young people have enjoyed the planned activity evenings as well as just being able to socialise with their friends.

One-to-One Mentoring and Support

This year we have added an additional session to our weekly mentoring offered to young people who need and want one-to-one support with a designated adult. These are organised by our ECT Youth Worker, supported by and run with a settled team of adult volunteers to provide extra support and solidity to the young people. Special activities have included swimming, crafts, a BBQ, cooking sessions, games and outdoor educational walks and activities.

School Work and Clubs

The ECT Youth Worker has established relationships with the teaching teams at 4 local primary schools in Edenbridge, Crockham Hill, Hever and Four Elms, offering various activities and participating in assemblies. The Youth Worker also supported other Edenbridge activities, including the pre-school Kidz Club group, Laser Lite for Key Stage 1 age group and Olympia Boxing Training evenings.

Church Visits and Other Activities

Our Youth Worker has regular contact with the nine churches in Edenbridge and surrounding rural villages having run the following activities throughout the year.

- Leading church services
- Church networking and support
- Messy Church planning and support for all churches in Edenbridge.
- Baptist and Church of England youth networking meetings
- Participation in local fetes.

Outreach

Throughout the year as part of ECT's commitment to the community, our Youth Worker partnered with West Kent Youth Services, also based in Edenbridge, to provide detached Youth work in the community visiting the spaces in the town where young people gather, to meet them, offering advice and support where needed. This will continue in 2023.

In addition to the above our Youth Worker was heavily involved as one of three lead partners in organising, running and hosting a Youth Café funded by Sevenoaks District Council at The Bridges Centre, in Edenbridge. This ran for thirteen weeks giving young people an opportunity to acquire life skills and work with mentors.

Plans for 2023

We are planning to run two residential camps this year and to extend our Youth Club offering by developing and running an additional Youth Club session on a separate night for school Year 9 and above.

PULSE Camp 2023

After running a successful PULSE Camp in May 2022, we are a looking to run a further one this year in July. This will be hosted at Blacklands Farm, an activity centre near East Grinstead, West Sussex. PULSE (Prepare, Unite, Love, Serve, Equip). is open to all young people associated with ECT.

Satellites Festival/Camp 2023

After a successful first visit to Satellites in 2022 we are planning to take a group of young people away to this exciting and festival / camp in August 2023. The festival is run by Youthscape, and will take place at the Bath and West Showground, Somerset.

ECT Youth Club Additional Evening Session

With the Youth Club being so busy on a Friday night we are looking to develop and offer to school Year 9+ an additional Youth Club evening on a "drop in" basis. This was launched at the beginning of Summer Term 2023.

Supporters of ECT

The Trustees thank all those who have supported ECT generously over the past year by way of finance or time including individual supporters and the following organisations:

Drake Oil Syndicate	St Johns URC, Marsh Green
Edenbridge and Westerham Rotary Club	St Peter & St Paul Church, Edenbridge
Edenbridge Hospital League of Friends	Holy Trinity Church, Crockham Hill
Kent Community Foundation	The Eden Church, Edenbridge

Trustees and Organisation

At the end of 2022 the serving Trustees were as follows:

- Tim Hill (Chairman)
- **Brigitte Hunter**
- Sheila Stapleton (Fund Raiser)
- Dorothy Sutton
- Sue White (Safeguarding Officer)
- Heidi Tanner
- Marnie Woodward (Hon Treasurer)

There is one co-opted position (non-trustee), Sue Paice, who continues as ECT Secretary.

To deliver the objectives of the Trust, the ECT employs a full-time youth worker (the only paid employee) who is supported in the youth club activities by a number of volunteer youth leaders.

Decision making is by majority vote. Trustee meetings are held monthly and are attended by the above together with a Church Leader. This important role is filled by Dave White, minister for the Grace Church, providing the additional link between the Trustees and the Churches that support the ECT. Support for the youth worker is provided internally by a line manager selected from the Trustees, with spiritual support provided by Rev David Flagg.

None of the Trustees, nor any person connected with them, are paid.

Accounts for the Year Ending December 2022

The accounts report on four areas of activity in 2022:

- Core ECT income and expenditure in support of the Youth Worker and related costs
- The "One-to-One" youth counselling scheme, which raises restricted income in support of its ring-fenced activities
- Other restricted income and expenditure
- The ECT Youth Club. Activities are funded by weekly subscriptions from the young people, refreshment purchases ('tuck'), and payments towards outings and trips.

Total income in 2022 was £33,812 slightly down on previous year (2021: £34,725). We actively fundraise and attract donations and grants from local organisations to support the core activities of the charity. Individual donations increased to £6,683 (2021: £5,039). Income from organisations remained significant, including the second tranche of a 3-year grant from the Kent Community Foundation. We continue to be supported by numerous local organisations, the local churches in Edenbridge and surrounding villages

In addition to the One-to-One programme, Other Restricted Funds were unchanged during the year:

1. Trip Sponsorship Fund – available to fund young people who otherwise could not afford the holiday camps, £69
2. Overseas Mission Fund – fund for a future overseas mission, £1,607
3. Great Stone Bridge Trust – camera equipment, £12

Total expenditure increased considerably to £46,065 (2021: £34,526). The main on-going areas of expenditure were staff costs, travel, overheads, and equipment purchases. Youth club activity resumed in full, with PULSE and Satellites summer camps, the latter subsidised from core funds.

In 2022, for the first time in several years the Trust reported a significant deficit of £12,253 (2021: surplus £199). Resulting core unrestricted funds declined to £49,652 (2021: £61,633).

Fund Balances and Reserves Policy

Total funds at year end fell considerably to £52,489 (2020: £64,742), comprised of

- ECT General funds of £24,652 plus £25,000 Designated funds
- One-to-One Restricted Funds of £648
- Other Restricted Funds of £1,688:
 - Trip Sponsorship Fund £69
 - Mission Fund £1,607
 - Great Stone Bridge Trust – camera equipment grant £12
- ECT Youth Club Designated funds of £500 towards youth club running costs.

Due to reliance on fundraised income, the Trust aims to keep sufficient reserves to support approximately six months staff and running costs. Beyond this contingency reserve, we favour the retention of additional uncommitted reserves where possible up to three further months of running costs, to provide security against fluctuations in income to cover core costs. For these purposes, the Trust has held the designated fund at £25,000. The General Fund provides additional support for all on-going activities. ECT Youth club funds are maintained to provide sufficient working capital in planning and enabling advance payments towards outings and other expenses. One-to-One manages its own fundraising and expenditure, and is considered a ring-fenced restricted fund. The Trust reviews this Reserves Policy once a year.

Accounting Policies

Income and expenditure are recorded on a cash received basis.

Public Benefit statement

In planning our activities for the year, the trustees keep in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. We believe that the activities of Eden Christian Trust benefit local young people, volunteers, and the wider community.

Risk Factors

The greatest risk facing the Trust is, and probably always will be, the inability to fund the incumbent. Over 75% of the funding received has to be researched and requested. Therefore, the capacity to fundraise effectively is essential.

To date it has been possible to retain the £25,000 allocated to designated reserves intact. This allows approximately six months direct employment costs, plus other running costs and a working capital contingency, in hand.

Also, the Trust relies on the voluntary support of youth leaders and must be able to retain a core of leaders sufficient to assure the safety of the young people who attend ECT Youth Club and other events.

Finally, the Trust must be able to maintain the capability to manage itself in accordance with all necessary regulations affecting employment, financial administration, child protection and health and safety.

Chairman's Comments

At last, in 2022 the threat of Covid restrictions and temporary closures finally lifted and ECT was able to return to offering the young people of Edenbridge and surrounding villages its full range of activities and our support to local schools and churches. It has been encouraging and rewarding to welcome back everyone and to once again meet supporters, volunteers and friends at either our regular sessions or at the local community events we have attended throughout the year. It was particularly pleasing that our 2 residential courses were so well supported

A special mention must be made of Anthony Shipwright, our Youth Worker, who has been innovative and adaptable in all he has achieved whilst also bringing a caring and supportive approach to his work.

To our supporters and donors, recognising the challenges that all face financially at this time, we are forever grateful of your support over the past year. Thanks to you all for your donations, large and small. These enable us to offer so much.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow Trustees and our volunteers who give of their time freely and willingly to make Eden Christian Trust such a vibrant caring group for the young people in our communities.

Tim Hill, Chairman, 18 May 2022



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section 4

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

EDEN CHRISTIAN TRUST

On accounts for the year
ended

31 DECEMBER 2022

Charity no (if
any)

1001961

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Respective responsibilities of
trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent
examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's
statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
 have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

5/5/23

Name:

PAULA HARDY

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body (if
any):

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Income & Expenditure for 12 months ending December 2022

	OTHER FUNDS				2022	2021
	ECT CORE	ONE TO ONE Mentoring	RESTRICTED FUNDS	ECTreme Youth Club	TOTAL	TOTAL
	Unrestricted	Restricted		DESIGNATED	to date	LAST YEAR
	£	£		£	£	£
Income						
Individual donations and Gift Aid	6,683				6,683	5,039
Donations/grants from organisations	19,917				19,917	25,113
HMRC Furlough scheme					0	2,452
Fundraising income	460				460	23
Youth Club subscriptions				1,189	1,189	675
Youth Club Tuck Income				2,109	2,109	1,141
Trips and activities				3,238	3,238	156
Interest income	217				217	126
TOTAL RECEIPTS	27,276	0	0	6,536	33,812	34,725
Expenditure						
Staff costs	29,390				29,390	27,771
Trips and Outings	0			5,318	5,318	755
Events and Activities	191	273		449	914	694
Youth Club Tuck Expenses				1,995	1,995	928
Equip / supplies	2,339			945	3,285	1,160
Fundraising exp					0	0
Travel / Sub	1,963				1,963	899
Training	134				134	80
Rent / utilities	633				633	750
Insurance	795				795	827
Telephone	250				250	238
Postage / printing / photocopying / office	1,032				1,032	
Fees / subs	358				358	424
TOTAL PAYMENTS	37,085	273	0	8,708	46,065	34,526
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	(9,809)	(273)	0	(2,172)	(12,253)	199
Opening balance - FUNDS @ 1 Jan	61,633	921	1,688	500	64,742	64,543
TR to/(from) ECTreme designated fund	(2,172)			2,172	0	0
TR between Restricted and Gen Fund					0	0
CLOSING BALANCE - Funds @ 31 Dec	49,652	648	1,688	500	52,489	64,742

Balance Sheet at December 2022

	ONE TO ONE			ECTreme	2022	2021
	ECT	Mentoring		Youth club	TOTAL	TOTAL
	Unrestricted	Restricted		Designated		
	£	£		£	£	£
NET ASSETS						
Cash and Current Accounts	4,453			700	4,092	4,092
Deposit Accounts	45,000	648	1,688	0	48,397	60,651
TOTAL BANK AND CASH	49,453	648	1,688	700	52,489	64,742
Due to/ from ECT to ECTreme	200			(200)	0	0
Less: Due to HMRC	0				0	0
NET ASSETS	49,652	648	1,688	500	52,489	64,742
REPRESENTED BY						
Restricted						
One to One		648			648	921
Great Stone Bridge-cameras grant			12		12	12
Trip sponsorship fund			69		69	69
Overseas Mission Fund			1,607		1,607	1,607
Designated	25,000			500	25,500	25,500
General	24,652				24,652	36,633
TOTAL FUNDS	49,652	648	1,688	500	52,489	64,742

TIM HILL, CHAIRMAN

18/05/2023

MARNIE WOODWARD, HON TREASURER

18/05/2023