

**Trustees' Annual Report
for the period 01/08/21 to**

31/07/22

**Section A. Reference and administration
Details**

Charity name

Christians in Schools Trust

Registered charity number

Registered charity number 1019848.

Charity's principal address

The principal address for the charity is that of the
Treasurer

Mr. Joseph Alec Whetham, 35 Drayton Drive, Heald Green,
Stockport, SK8 3LE.

Office Address

Church House 99 Chatham Street Stockport SK3 9EG

Trustees

As at the end of the financial year, 31st July
2022:

Mr Stephen Innes (Trust Chairman)
Mrs Jo Lawrinson (Secretary
& Safeguarding)
Mr Joseph Alec Whetham (Trust Treasurer)
Mrs Deborah Allen
Mrs Vivienne Allen
Mrs Janet Elizabeth Ford
Mrs Christine Joyce Hall
Mrs Gill Golding

**Section B. Structure, governance and
management**

Governing document

The charity is governed by a Declaration of Trust made on 17th
March 1993.

Trustee selection methods

Clause 6 of the Declaration of Trust which governs the trustees provides for not less
than 3 nor more than 9 trustees. Each trustee is required to assent in writing to the
doctrinal basis of this trust. The appointment of new trustees is by the continuing

trustees. There are no custodian trustees. The Trustees met 7 times during the year and the average attendance was 73%. No trustee attended less than 50% of trustee meeting, Apologies were given at all times.

Review of major risks

Major risks are reviewed at trustee meetings. Systems designed to mitigate significant risks are introduced as necessary. Trust policies are reviewed and updated on a regular basis.

Section C. Objectives and activities for the public benefit

Objects of the charity

The purpose of the Trust is the advancement of Christian religion as follows:

The proclamation and furtherance of the Gospel of God concerning his Son, Jesus Christ, Our Lord and the preaching and teaching of the Christian Faith in schools throughout the Stockport area and elsewhere.

The organization, sponsorship and promotion of Inter-denominational Christian work throughout the Stockport area and elsewhere the object of which shall be to present to men, women, young people and children the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord by all possible means.

The trust

The Trust is committed to providing Christian support for schools. Funds are provided by gifts from churches and individual supporters, mainly from Stockport and the surrounding areas.

The Trustees updated our Mission Statement last year to reflect more the work that we do and how we do it.

Our mission is to:

- Share the relevance of the Christian faith with young people
- Support and promote excellence in religious education, Assemblies and Schools' work
- Partner with Christian communities in providing opportunities for children and young people to explore the Christian faith

Founded in 1993, in association with Scripture Union, the work has developed and multiplied. Support is currently being given to primary and secondary schools, local

education authorities and churches of all denominations.

Grant-making policy

The Trust does not normally make grants. A specific decision of the Trustees, following appropriate enquiries, is necessary before a grant could be made.

Investments policy

The Trust seeks funds to support its current program. It does not currently have any long-term investments. Specific investment powers are included in clause 3 of the Declaration of Trust.

Volunteers

Volunteers of the trust offer support by praying for the trust it's work and workers. They do this on their own and also through meeting together for prayer. The staff compose a regular news sheet which includes news of our work and points to pray for.

2019 saw the trust introduce "Mission Partners". These are gifted individuals who support our staff in their work in a practical way both on an ad-hoc and unpaid basis. The Trustees currently have two Volunteer Mission Partners.

Section D. Achievements and performance for the public benefit

Overview

From Sept 2021, with restrictions in place in school being removed, staff returned to work on their contracted hours. The team began to rebuild their links with schools which at times has been difficult due to the two years disruption due to COVID, school closures plus restrictions regarding outside visitors and staff furlough.

Sarah and the team have continued to update our weekly Assemblies program and they have also produced some "specials" e.g. For the Jubilee

The majority of the work in schools includes taking assemblies, supporting Christian clubs to which all pupils are welcome and involvement in the RE/PSHE curriculum at the request of the school's management.

The trustees welcomed Mrs Gill Golding as a new trustee in 2022. She attended her first meeting as a trustee in May 2022

Staffing

It has been a difficult year for the trust with considerable staff absence due to sickness. During the last year however, the staff have reengaged with schools and have therefore carried out less of their work from home. Due to the staff sickness and the demands

from schools. The trustees entered into a zero hours contact with one of our volunteers Mrs Catherine Fullalove to enable her to lead sessions independently. She has worked Add-hock hours each week since.

Secondary schools

Since September 2021 Hannah has found that the work in Secondary schools has been considerably more difficult, but has had opportunities to deliver some lunch clubs and a wellbeing discussion group. She has continued to spend time in primary schools work mainly in the “Heaton’s” area of Stockport.

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Primary schools

The Trust continues to develop its work in primary schools. Throughout 2021 and 2022 both Sarah (our Team Lead) and Hannah have produced weekly in school assemblies, lessons and projects which have been widely used and valued by many schools. Catherine has supported this work during 2022.

The trust also works in conjunction with the “Heaton’s churches Partnership” to resource and manage input into the schools there and to build links with churches. Hannah has responsibility for this.

Development work

Trust employees and some Trustees visit local churches and related organizations to promote the work of the Trust. Networking with Christian organizations and educational bodies is an important part of the Trust’s work. The Trust has played a significant part in facilitating partnership work within Stockport schools.

Over recent years the staff team have continued to develop more projects for schools. The projects that have been developed so far are aimed mainly at key stage 2 children which have been well received.

The staff have all continued to develop some sessions and projects. The staff have trialled a wellbeing project in junior schools based on the S. U. material “rooted” that was developed further in-house. The Trusts intention is that any lunch time or after School clubs will be supported by and have a link with a local church or Christian community. The Trust has introduced a “partnership agreement” to confirm appropriate safeguarding is in place for staff/volunteers from outside the Trust.

The trustees continue to make sure we comply with current Data Protection and our privacy policy, making sure both are up to date.

Christians in Schools Trust

Charity number 1019848

Financial Year

ending 31st July 2022

As a trust we are committed to having a high standard of safeguarding both for our staff and those they come in contact with. The trust has a safeguarding policy and we review this policy at regular intervals. The policy is also available on our website www.cist.org.uk

Safeguarding training for staff was completed in a local school in September of 2021 where they joined with the school staff on their safeguarding training day. The trustee's hope that staff will continue to have access to in-school training this coming academic year. Sarah and Hannah have also undergone Mental Health First Aid training with MHFA England and are now qualified Mental health First aiders. Jo Lawrinson (trustee) has continued to develop both our safeguarding policies and also "Safer Recruitment" The Trustees have also done some on-line training in "Safeguarding" and "Safer Recruitment" this year. Jo Lawrinson and Sarah have completed accredited Safer Recruitment training this year.

Through one of our trustees the trust also has representation on the local authority's [Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education](#)

Internet resources

The Christians in Schools Trust web site (www.cist.org.uk), was originally launched in September 2000. The website continues to be upgraded and developed as a point of information. Our website was redesigned, edited and our new site was launched at Easter term of 2021 and is updated by our "Team Leader"

The staff also use other social media sites such as "Facebook" and "Instagram" to keep our supporters informed on a regular basis.

Section E. Financial review

Income 2021-2022

General gifts received during the year of operation totalled £24,687 from churches and £16,891 from individuals. The total of tax recovered was £3,314.00. A further £6,800 came from the service agreement with the Heaton's' Group of Churches. The trust also received £444.00 from the Governments "Furlough" scheme

Expenditure 2021 - 2022

Employee costs totalled £25,010 for salaries and £874 for expenses. Support and Administration costs for the year were £1,050. We also gifted £1000 to St Matthews Church for the use of St Matthews Church House as an office.

Budget for 2022 - 2023

Total Assets at the start of the next year are £118,690 The trusts budget for 2022-2023 is £52,297 Our aim is to have a balanced budget for the year; however, we hold enough reserves to cover any shortfall.

Reserves policy

Trustees are alerted when funds fall to near three months working expense and appeals to supporters are initiated as required. The Trust's funds include a sum of £7,490. which covers 90 days of total salary's, our employer's financial responsibilities and any other financial commitments that the trust has.

Capital expenditure policy

Items of capital expenditure costing over £500 that have been bought for the use of the Trust and its employees are treated as investment assets and are normally depreciated in four equal annual steps of 25%.

Covid Effects

Like all charities the trust has seen a reduction in giving, but due to prudent management and a reduction in staff we are at present in a healthy place financially. We anticipate that over the next 12 month we will need to increase our staff to cope with the growing demands of the work. We have also had much less government financial support for Covid during the last year

Section G. Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustee's report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Original signed by

Mr Stephen Innes
Chairman of Trustees
8 Highfield Road
Hazel Grove
Stockport
Cheshire SK7 6NS

Mrs Deborah Allen
Trustee
118 Mile End Lane
Stockport
Cheshire SK2 6BY



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 8/1/2021	To	Period end date 7/31/2022
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
A1 Receipts				
Church Gifts	24,687	-	-	24,687
Personal Gifts	16,891	-	-	16,891
Tax Reclaimed	3,314	-	-	3,314
Other Gifts		-	-	-
Grants	767	-	-	767
Heatons Service Income	6,800	-	-	6,800
Investment Income	-	-	-	-
Sales	29	-	-	29
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	52,488	-	-	52,488
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	52,488	-	-	52,488
A3 Payments				
Employee Salaries	25,010	-	-	25,010
HMRC(includes NI)	1,859	-	-	1,859
Nest Pensions	1,125	-	-	1,125
Staff Training	143	-	-	143
Employee Expenses	874	-	-	874
Office Costs	1,031	-	-	1,031
Insurance	882	-	-	882
IT Costs	416	-	-	416
Fundraising Costs	-	-	-	-
Sub total	31,340	-	-	31,340
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
Equipment Purchase	120	-	-	120
Material costs	758	-	-	758
Sub total	878	-	-	878
Total payments	32,218	-	-	32,218
Net of receipts/(payments)	20,271	-	-	20,271
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	20,271	-	-	20,271

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current Account	53,661	-
	Deposit Account	65,029	-
		-	-
	Total cash funds	118,690	-
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Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-
			-
			-
			-
			-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-
			-
			-
			-
			-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name
Original signed by	Stephen Innes
Original signed by	Deborah Allen

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Last year

to the nearest £

24,685
17,948
3,449
12,638
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3,070
131
-
61,921

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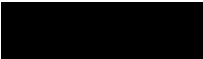
61,921

25,970
1,188
1,235
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31,645

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30,276



Endowment funds

to nearest £

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Endowment funds

to nearest £

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Current value (optional)

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Current value (optional)

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When due (optional)

Date of approval

9/5/2022

9/5/2022