



Christian Youth Outreach Braintree District Trust

Trustees report and accounts
For the year ended 31st March 2021

Registered charity number 1073418

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Report of the trustees for the year ended 31st March 2021

The Trustees present their annual report for the year ended 31st March 2021.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act and the statement of recommended practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities".

Structure Governance and Management

The Charity was registered in January 1999. Under the constitution the power to appoint Trustees, of which there shall be at least three, is vested in the existing Trustees.

The trustees who served during the year were:

Sean Carter

Terence Clark

Andrew Knight

Irene Webber

Denise Cheesman

Barry Cheesman

Summary of Objectives

The objects of the Trust are:

- a) to advance the Christian faith particularly amongst children and young people in the schools, colleges and other educational establishments in Braintree and the surrounding area.
- b) to advance education in the said locality.

Public benefit

The Trustees have had regard to the public benefit general guidance issued by the Charity Commission. In this respect, we are committed to providing services on a fair and equitable basis, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, lifestyle, sex, sexuality, physical/mental disability, offending background or any other factor. Furthermore, we believe that the range of services delivered demonstrate the clear and obvious public benefit of our activities.

Activities

Over this past twelve months, CYO has continued to work in the primary and secondary schools around the Braintree and Halstead areas, albeit with significant restrictions due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The work consisted of:

Assemblies

All presentations were provided as online videos through the academic year, accessible to the same 40+ schools (roughly 7,500 children) CYO works in and at the same frequency (one topic per half-term, six over the academic year). All schools had the opportunity to access these assemblies via YouTube and secure download links; in some cases, the charity saw single downloads exceeding

300. As with previous years, topics varied in content but all presented Christian values in a relevant, educational style.

Lessons

The volume of lessons presented was impacted significantly during the academic year due to the majority of schools being closed to external visitors. However, our secondary schools team still presented a number of RE Lessons to students when schools were open, and our primary team recorded and shared their popular Across The World project online (see below).

Most secondary school lessons operated as an 'interview' style where students were able to discover more about the Christian faith from the views and perspectives of our staff. This is a highly-valued method by the schools and as such is proving more popular each year. Over the academic year, it is estimated around 300 students experienced lessons delivered by the CYO team, either face-to-face or remotely.

Lunch Clubs

Primary school activities unfortunately were halted during the pandemic due to restrictions around external visitors, but the weekly club at Notley High saw a regular weekly attendance of over 25 students. Due to the bubble system that was in place in most schools around the county, this activity was limited to a single year group (Year 7); the positive outcome from this was that our secondary schools team were able to build a rapport with the new intake and they had a familiar place to be each week during their first year of secondary school which brought with it much disruption and uncertainty. As with previous years, this was well supported by staff at the school and CYO's input was highly valued and appreciated.

Mentoring

CYO's demand for mentoring in secondary schools has increased year on year due to the raised awareness of mental and emotional distress being experienced by many young people. The Covid-19 pandemic saw a significant increase in mental health concerns nationally, and this was particularly noticeable in our schools. For the first term of the financial year (Summer 2020), schools were closed and therefore mentoring was not possible at all. The charity remained in regular communication with secondary schools to gauge the need for mentoring once schools resumed in September 2020. At the start of the new academic year, some schools were still closed to external visitors, but the demand for mentoring increased in others, meaning CYO's overall input remained the same. Further school closures in the Autumn and Spring Terms disrupted mentoring again, but weekly workload resumed towards the end of March 2021. Looking forward, it is expected that the need for mentoring will increase substantially. As a result, CYO is in the process of securing funding to employ at least one dedicated mentor to increase our footprint in schools. This means, along with our volunteer mentors, we hope to be able to assist more young people through mentoring and help schools manage the increase of mental health needs in young people.

Project: A-Cross The World

Returning for its twelfth year, A-Cross The World (ATW) was recorded and offered online to all the local primary schools in the Halstead area and North Braintree. A number of schools expressed their appreciation for the work spent presenting each of the eight lessons. Offering one-off lessons to these schools, ATW was a well-organised exploration of different representations of the cross by

Christian communities around the world. Schools were pleased to see the lessons achieve many objectives laid out by the Department for Education and are keen to host this project again in the future.

A number of other commitments to schools were unfortunately put on hold due to current restrictions, but we were surprised by the amount of work that was possible in comparison to similar charities around the UK. We are delighted with the impact CYO has made in schools over this past year and take pleasure in being a part of this Charity that has reached in excess of 7,500 students.

Staffing

We successfully appointed a new worker in April 2020 as a replacement to our previous primary & secondary schools worker. Her main brief was to increase mentoring in the Halstead and Hedingham schools; this was impacted significantly due to schools being closed for her first term of employment. From September 2020, she quickly made an impression and amassed a full timetable of mentoring in one of the schools. We were delighted to learn of her pregnancy early in 2021 which resulted in her giving intention to leave CYO at the end of the summer term. We intend to seek a replacement for her so that we can continue delivering the services she provided. If we are particularly successful with funding, we are open to considering employing two workers to cover a wider field of options.

COVID-19

As mentioned earlier, restrictions surrounding the Coronavirus outbreak resulted in schools being closed for the first term of the financial year (April-July). This resulted in a significant number of mentoring sessions being cancelled. We were pleased the assemblies were able to continue via recorded presentations, reducing the overall negative impact to the charity and its stakeholders.

Risk Management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Trust is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to major risks. The reserves of the Trust are maintained at a level which will support the continuance of the activities for a minimum of three months.

We consider this report to be an accurate and fair account of the Charity's activities during the 2020/21 financial year.

On behalf of the Trustees,

Barry Cheesman

Independent examiner's report on the accounts to the trustees of Christian Youth Outreach Braintree District Trust

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021, which are set out on pages 8 and 9.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which give me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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 accounts to be reached.

N K Smith FCA

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9 September 2021

CHRISTIAN YOUTH OUTREACH BRAINTREE DISTRICT TRUST
(charity no 1073418)

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

31 MARCH 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Current assets		
Bank accounts	<u>40,894</u>	<u>37,553</u>
Unrestricted funds		
Brought forward	37,553	25,387
Net results	<u>3,341</u>	<u>12,166</u>
Carried forward	<u>40,894</u>	<u>37,553</u>

Signed by one trustee on behalf of all the trustees:

Signature: *I. M. Webber*

Print name: IRÉNÉ MARY WEBBER

Date of approval: 17-9-2021

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
Income		
Donations		
Gift aided	13,748	14,659
Churches	15,413	20,511
Business	4,560	4,560
Schools	1,081	2,540
Personal	1,796	1,700
	<u>36,598</u>	<u>43,970</u>
Other		
Miscellaneous	2,666	12,776
Tax refund	3,481	3,674
Interest	13	37
	<u>42,758</u>	<u>60,457</u>
Expenditure		
Salaries	34,832	42,833
Schools work	1,469	1,619
Office expenses	1,402	1,288
Sundry expenses	0	95
Accountancy	440	490
Employees' expenses	183	940
Pension cost	1,091	1,026
	<u>39,417</u>	<u>48,291</u>
Net results	<u>3,341</u>	<u>12,166</u>