



## **Christian Youth Outreach Braintree District Trust**

Trustees report and accounts  
For the year ended 31st March 2022

Registered charity number 1073418

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**Legal and Administrative Details for the year ended 31st March 2022**

Registered charity number	1073418
Trustees	Sean Carter Barry Cheesman Denise Cheesman Terence Clark ( <i>resigned during the financial year</i> ) Andrew Knight Irene Webber
Director	Matt Ager
Registered address	St. Michaels Church House St. Michaels Lane Braintree Essex CM7 1EY
Bankers	Natwest
Independent Examiner	N K Smith 19 Highbury Way Great Cornard Sudbury Suffolk CO10 0HE

# **Christian Youth Outreach Braintree District Trust**

## **Report of the trustees for the year ended 31st March 2022**

The Trustees present their annual report for the year ended 31st March 2022.

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 some restrictions in the opening months due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The work consisted of:

#### **Assemblies**

Presentations were provided both as online videos and face-to-face activities due to differing restrictions between schools. These were 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 the charity's YouTube channel 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. A legacy of CYO's GSUS Live project (mentioned below) was the booking of a large number of RE Lessons at one particular school, due for presentation in the next financial year.

## **Lunch Clubs**

After almost two years of Primary school activities being halted during the pandemic due to restrictions around external visitors, it was a pleasure to reintroduce some activities in local schools with appropriate safety methods in place (eg restrictions on numbers and not visiting more than one school a day). 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) until September 2021 when it was reopened to all years. This boosted attendance figures further and continued to be a weekly activity throughout the year. 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. Mentoring was unfortunately restricted in some schools due to their policies on external visitors during the pandemic. As the year progressed, more schools opened their doors and by September 2021 the CYO mentoring team was at regular working capacity.

As predicted in the previous year, the need for mentoring increased substantially, to the point where CYO successfully secured funding to employ two mentors to increase our footprint in secondary schools (more on this in our 'staffing' section). This means, along with our volunteer mentors, we have been able to assist more young people through mentoring and help schools manage the increase of mental health needs in young people. There is still more demand for our mentoring services, such is its popularity and effectiveness, so we are looking to expand our team further in the coming months.

## **Project: A-Cross The World**

Returning for its thirteenth year, A-Cross The World (ATW) was both recorded for remote access and presented in its traditional face-to-face format 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, and the views on CYO's YouTube channel reflected how popular the videos were when accessed remotely. 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. It was a particular privilege to see our Halstead Area Primary & Secondary Schools Worker (appointed September 2021) deliver an entire ATW course over several weeks in a local school, leading to future bookings.

### **Project: GSUS LIVE**

CYO was delighted to host this interactive classroom project in three secondary schools at the end of Spring term 2022. Originally designed to work from within a 40ft lorry trailer, the system was adapted during the COVID pandemic to work within regular classrooms to reduce running costs and environmental impact. As a result of a long-standing relationship with Counties UK, the charity who own GSUS Live, CYO was invited to be one of the first areas in the country to host GSUS Live. Now running from iPads, students work in pairs to offer advice to an interactive character struggling with a chosen issue (fear, forgiveness or rejection). Accessing information on historical figures, hearing lyrics from contemporary Christian music and exploring the life and teachings of Jesus, students were able to guide their characters to a successful conclusion. Hailed as 'Outstanding' by Ofsted on many occasions over the past 20 years, CYO's experience was extremely positive and its legacy resulted in multiple RE Lesson bookings at one of the hosting schools, which are booked throughout Summer 2022. GSUS Live currently has a waiting list of around three years, so we will look forward to its return in the future.

### **Other Projects**

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**

Due to two successful grant applications, from *AllChurches Trust Limited* and *Essex Community Foundation*, we appointed two new workers in September 2021. Our first was as a dedicated secondary school mentor and the other's brief was to similarly fulfil a mentoring role while establishing fresh links with primary schools in the Halstead area. On their start date, our dedicated mentor announced she was pregnant with maternity leave planned for March 2022. A number of students we see have experienced separation and rejection in their lives, so we made sure to appoint 'short-term mentees' to her. These are students who are typically going through a transition in life and need help to adjust over the period of a few weeks. This proved to work well throughout our mentor's time with us, and we wished her farewell at the end of the Spring Term 2022. Grant awards were unaffected due to the allocations for her ending at the same time as her departure.

Our other worker has had an extremely busy and fulfilling time, to the point that we offered additional hours moving forward. Currently, she is considering this proposal. As predicted though, it has further confirmed the demand for CYO's increased input in schools is ever-present and we intend to advertise for an additional Braintree Primary Schools Worker and potentially another mentor for September 2022.

## **COVID-19**

As mentioned earlier, restrictions surrounding the Coronavirus outbreak resulted in some schools being closed at various points 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.

## **Trustees**

We sadly accepted the resignation of Terence Clark from our board of trustees due to ill health. Subsequent role-adjustments within the trusteeship ensured all areas of responsibility continued to be covered.

## **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 2021/22 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 2022, which are set out on pages 9 and 10.

## **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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14 June 2022

# CHRISTIAN YOUTH OUTREACH BRAINTREE DISTRICT TRUST

(charity no 1073418)

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

31 MARCH 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Current assets</b>		
Bank accounts	<u>44,113</u>	<u>40,894</u>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>		
Brought forward	40,894	37,553
Net results	<u>3,219</u>	<u>3,341</u>
Carried forward	<u>44,113</u>	<u>40,894</u>

Signed by one trustee on behalf of all the trustees:

Signature:



Print name:

BARRY CHESMAN.

Date of approval:

23/6/2022

# CHRISTIAN YOUTH OUTREACH BRAINTREE DISTRICT TRUST

(charity no 1073418)

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
<b>Income</b>		
<b>Donations</b>		
Gift aided	15,709	13,748
Churches	14,282	15,413
Business	4,560	4,560
Schools	1,425	1,081
Personal	2,377	1,796
	<u>38,353</u>	<u>36,598</u>
<b>Other</b>		
Grants received	7,975	0
Miscellaneous	925	2,666
Tax refund	3,721	3,481
Interest	3	13
	<u>50,977</u>	<u>42,758</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Salaries	41,655	34,832
Schools work	1,874	1,469
Office expenses	1,599	1,402
Sundry expenses	217	0
Accountancy	390	440
Employees' expenses	856	183
Pension cost	1,167	1,091
	<u>47,758</u>	<u>39,417</u>
<b>Net results</b>	<u>3,219</u>	<u>3,341</u>
<b>Note</b>		
Grants received consist of the following:		
Essex Community Foundation	5,075	
Allchurches Trust	2,900	
	<u>7,975</u>	