



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

Trustees report and accounts  
For the year ended 31st March 2023

Registered charity number 1073418

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## **Report of the trustees for the year ended 31st March 2023**

The Trustees present their annual report for the year ended 31st March 2023.

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:

David Bland

Sean Carter

Barry Cheesman

Denise Cheesman

Andrew Knight

Nicholas Vosper

Irene Webber

### **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 the 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 entirely face-to-face, with schools returning to pre-pandemic conditions. Over the year, the CYO team presented to 40+ schools (roughly 7,500 children), typically every six

weeks. Topics covered a wide range of issues, presenting Christian values at their core in a relevant educational style.

### **Lessons**

Similarly to assemblies, face-to-face lessons were back on the menu throughout the past year which resulted in effective re-engagement across all years. Mostly taking the form of interview-style lessons, our secondary schools team worked closely with RE Departments to aid GCSE students through Years 10 and 11, along with helping to cover modules on Christianity for younger years. Such is the popularity of CYO's delivery of lessons, this opened up opportunities for a number of projects which are outlined in this report.

### **Lunch Clubs**

These continue to be popular in a number of primary schools, so much that registers and a queuing system have been implemented in some cases. The weekly secondary school club at Notley High continues to see a regular weekly attendance of over 25 students spanning all year groups. The school introduced a booking-in system for all extra-curricular clubs in order to track student movement; week-on-week, this group has the highest attendance.

### **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. For this past year, the charity has mentored around 200 young people across five secondary schools, ranging from regular weekly sessions for those battling ongoing issues (eg trauma at home, behavioural difficulties, poor mental health) to times spent with those in a brief season of difficulty (eg exam worries, transition to a new school). To some degree, this increase has also been as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic which continues to have an impact. Due to this increase, further appeals were made for funding to employ more mentors and we were successful enough to appoint a new member of staff in January 2023. We are regularly asked to offer more mentoring in schools, such is the demand for the service and the quality it delivers, so we hope that future funding applications will be successful to enable expansion to be possible.

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

Returning for its fourteenth year, A-Cross The World (ATW) was presented in its traditional face-to-face format to all the local primary schools in the Halstead area and North Braintree. 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.

### **Other Projects**

Our primary schools team delivered an effective series of modules on Angels during the months of November and December, perfectly combining the Christmas message with core values.

### **Staffing**

In addition to successful grant applications enabling the appointment of a new secondary schools mentor in January (as mentioned above), we also appointed a second primary schools worker in September 2022 using existing funds. We have experienced a sharp increase in the work and calibre

that is able to be achieved in the Braintree primary schools as a result and look forward to seeing further breakthroughs over the coming months. Both of these roles are dependant on future funding, so ongoing success is to a large degree determined by this.

### **Trustees**

We were delighted to welcome two new trustees onto the board in May 2022; both have shared their skillset, one especially offering crucial support to our existing treasurer, and we look forward to see further engagement over the coming months.

### **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 2022/23 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 on accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity (“the Trust”) for the year ended 31 March 2023.

## **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity’s trustees of the Trust, 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

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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11 July 2023

# CHRISTIAN YOUTH OUTREACH BRAINTREE DISTRICT TRUST

(charity no 1073418)

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

31 MARCH 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
<b>Current assets</b>		
Bank accounts	<u>38,274</u>	<u>44,113</u>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>		
Brought forward	44,113	40,894
Net results	<u>-5,839</u>	<u>3,219</u>
Carried forward	<u>38,274</u>	<u>44,113</u>

Signed by one trustee on behalf of all the trustees:

Signature: *A.M. Webber*

Print name: IRÉNE MARY WEBBER

Date of approval: 20-7-23

# CHRISTIAN YOUTH OUTREACH BRAINTREE DISTRICT TRUST

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
<b>Income</b>		
<b>Donations</b>		
Gift aided	14,317	15,709
Churches	14,596	14,282
Business	4,560	4,560
Schools	650	1,425
Personal	2,379	2,377
	<u>36,502</u>	<u>38,353</u>
<b>Other</b>		
Grants received	6,172	7,975
Miscellaneous	914	925
Tax refund	3,874	3,721
Interest	136	3
	<u>47,598</u>	<u>50,977</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Salaries	46,937	41,655
Schools work	1,805	1,874
Office expenses	1,631	1,599
Sundry expenses	30	217
Accountancy	420	390
Employees' expenses	1,353	856
Pension cost	1,261	1,167
	<u>53,437</u>	<u>47,758</u>
<b>Net results</b>	<u><u>-5,839</u></u>	<u><u>3,219</u></u>

### Note

Grants received consist of the following:

Essex Community Foundation	6,172	5,075
Allchurches Trust	0	2,900
	<u>6,172</u>	<u>7,975</u>