

Hastings Christian Trust

Financial Statement for the year ended 31 March 2020

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Hastings Christian Trust - Trustees' Annual Report for the period 1 August 2019 to 31 July 2020.

Charity

Name - Hastings Christian Trust

Operating name - Christian Schools Worker Hastings (CSWH) Registered Charity Number - 1024041

Trustees:

- Roger Mitchell (Chair)
- Martin Fletcher (Treasurer)
- Thomas Collins (Vice chair)
- Janet Mardell
- Elizabeth Grant
- Anne Hanney

Charity governed by Trust Deed. Trustees appointed by existing trustees.

Christian Schools Workers Hastings Annual Report for the year 2019 - 2020.

"Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:15-16

In September 2019, CSWH began the school year with Lucy Skelton as Team Leader and Sarah Brunton as Schoolworker. As Lucy is no longer in post, Tom Collins, Chair of the Management Committee (ManCom), has written the report for the period from September 2019 - February 2020, Terms 1-3.

As the school year began, we reflected upon, and gave God thanks for:

- ✓ The annual Away Day in July when we reflected on the many successes of the previous school year and planned ahead for the forthcoming one.
- ✓ The annual end of year celebration held in July when supporters were invited to join in worshipping God and giving thanks for the many successes of the school year just ended.
- ✓ The summer holiday residential visit to Soul Survivor by Link members led by Lucy, Sarah, Martin, Adrian Skelton, Mia Coe, other helpers and Janet, who was part of the catering team. The young people were very positive about their experience of their visit to Soul Survivor, which was to be the last one held. A new venue would be considered for 2020.

TERM 1

The regular activities that Lucy and Sarah would normally be involved with in schools were delayed so they could focus on running Key to Life? which was sited at Sandown Primary School and saw 410 students and 32 staff of their school attend the interactive, technological experience about the life of Jesus during the week of 9/9/19. The following week saw 191 students and 31 staff from Ore Village Primary Academy (OVPA) attend the event. Verbal and written feedback from staff and students was highly praiseworthy of Key to Life? and the presentations made by the workers. We were delighted with this outcome since these were two schools with which CSWH had had limited engagement in the past. We were indebted to the volunteers who helped with

setting up, taking down and attending the sessions and to Hastings Youth Trust who generously funded the hire costs.

Once Key to Life? ended, Lucy and Sarah commenced collective worship in Baird, Christ Church, Dudley, Hollington, and OVPA at varying intervals. JAFFA clubs began at Christ Church, Hollington, Ark Little Ridge, Robsack Wood, Sandown and St. Leonards, some at lunchtimes and some after school. The Ark Little Ridge club now fell under the full control of CSWH following a transition period whereby St. Peter and St. Paul (P+P) Church volunteers handed over the running of the JAFFA Club following five years of leading it. We were very grateful to P+P for all they had done for the children during their period of leadership. At Ark Alexandra (formerly Helenswood and William Parker), Hot Chocolate Club was run at the lower and upper school sites. Link started on Monday evenings for secondary age students and was led by Lucy, Sarah and Graham, one of our volunteers.

At the end of term 1, Lucy, Martin and Lisa Jones of Scripture Union (SU) led a party of 5 children from local JAFFA Clubs to a primary age residential at Grosvenor Hall for two nights. This joint initiative between SU and CSWH was a first and was very well received by the children who really enjoyed the activity. This activity would be well worth repeating in the future.

Lucy had applied for a job as Youth Minister with a church in Clitheroe, Lancashire and had been successful. She gave notice for 10/02/2020. It was decided to commence the recruitment process immediately for a new team leader operating to a slightly revised terms and conditions.

During term 1, CSWH engaged with 1996 young people.

TERM 2

Collective worship, Link, JAFFA and Hot Chocolate clubs continued into term 2. Hollington lunch time JAFFA club had 85 students on roll and 5 adults. The Hot-Chocolate Club at Ark Alexandra went well. Moving into December, the schools based activities were reduced as schools prepared for Christmas activities. Christingle services were held at Hollington and Ark Little Ridge.

Following the application process one applicant was taken forward for interview for the Team Leader post. As a result, Sarah Brunton was duly appointed. This was a deserved appointment and reflected Sarah's spiritual growth and increasing self-belief since starting with CSWH. Her new role would commence on 17/02/2020. It was decided to advertise for a part-time worker on a fixed term contract of 6 months to take on Sarah's role from the same date. Roger and his family and friends raised over £990 by undertaking a pier-to-pier (Hastings and Eastbourne) bike ride.

2385 students engaged with CSWH in Term 2.

TERM 3

JAFFA and Hot Chocolate Clubs and collective worship in schools recommenced in the new year, as did Link. Hot Chocolate club was experiencing some problems with so many wishing to attend.

3 applicants were interviewed for the Schoolworker post and Nairne Joyes, a schoolworker with a trust in Brighton, was appointed. We were pleased with the appointment and with the response to the advert.

ManCom held a joint meeting and presentation at St. Ethelburga Church, sharing with one of our supportive churches the background to, and current status of, the work.

CSWH organised a Youth Games which was kindly hosted by Elim Church Centre. 20 young people attended and took part in physically and mentally challenging activities led by volunteers from

CSWH and Elim. It was a very successful first time for such an event and those who attended expressed their enjoyment of it. It also raised funds for the work.

Over the term, 2582 students and young people engaged with CSWH led activities.

Sarah continues the report and will talk about the work we have been doing in Terms 4-6 (February- July 2020)

TERM 4-

Lucy Skelton left us on the 14th February and Nairne Joyes joined our team on the 17th February. Although it was sad to see Lucy leave, we were excited to have Nairne join us. Nairne was an asset to the team straight away. She was able to use her skills, gifts and experience in delivering JAFFA clubs, Worship/Assemblies, Hot Chocolate Club and Link. An evening of thanks and celebration for all that God had given to the work during Lucy's extensive commitment to over 11+ years was organised. It was well attended and gifts of thanks were given to Lucy.

During this term we were able to work with 2602 students. Praise God! We were starting to see Our Hot chocolate Club grow in numbers and we gained a very helpful volunteer- Sally Shewry. We started to make some really great relationships with the students there and we pray that we are able to do something with them again in the future. Thank you to Sally for blessing us with her time on Monday lunchtime.

We were able to regularly meet with children on a weekly basis in our JAFFA Clubs. The weekly JAFFA clubs met in St Leonards C of E primary academy, Christchurch Primary, Ark Little Ridge Primary Academy and Hollington Primary Academy. Unfortunately, due to Safeguarding rules put into place and a new after school club organiser in Sandown Primary Academy, we had to end our S club prematurely, with the hope to start back again in September. During our time at JAFFA Club, the children learned about Isaac, Jacob and Esau, Joseph and his dreams and Moses. As always, the children really enjoyed JAFFA Clubs and seemed to learn a lot. I'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of our volunteers, Rachel Woods, Margaret Balch, Matthew Foy, Diana, Luke Dean and Lesley Gilchrest for blessing us with their time, commitment and skills.

OVPA, Dudley, and Hollington were able to enjoy assemblies with us this term. The topics for assemblies were: Good Samaritan, Lent and Easter. Unfortunately, we were unable to deliver any assemblies on Easter due to Covid 19 pandemic and the national lockdown. However, praise God that we were able to go into those schools before the lockdown and show God's love.

We met with Richard White (Head Teacher at St Pauls) and Chloe Laskey (RE Lead) with the possibility to help to create a worship council which would involve the other local C of E primary schools. Such as- All saints, Christchurch and St Leonards C of E primary, this is something that will require prayer for the future.

At Link we welcomed 10 new members. These young people were currently attending Wellington Square Baptist Church and the felt that they wanted something for their own age. They had moved to Hastings seeking asylum from the Congo. Despite French being their first language, they were able to join in with the worship and bible study. We are very proud of our other members of Link for helping them and including them.

We were invited to talk about the work CSWH do at an AOG rally in Crowhurst. Tom and I shared the work that we do at CSWH and they were really pleased to hear about what God is doing in local schools and blessed us with a financial gift.

TERM 5-

Due to the risks posed by the Coronavirus pandemic, all educational establishments were closed to the majority of learners from 23/03/2020, hence, all the prayer spaces booked for term 5 and the Moving On bookings for Term 6 were cancelled. To start with, we were able to design some activity sheets and put them up on to the website for families to access. These were around stories from the bible. An email went out to all of the schools to promote this. We also created prayer space videos of activities that could be done in the home. Due to the National Lockdown, we were unable to go into schools during this time. Both Nairne and I were put onto furlough.

TERM 6-

Schools were surveyed by CSWH regarding some sort of year 6 transition work. As the response was positive, with the help of Lucy and Suzanne, we decided to adapt the 'Moving On' book. We also created a number of videos that explained the activities in the book. 1000 copies of the 'Moving On' book went out to 19 primary schools in Hastings and St Leonards (this includes Guestling and Westfield). We also gave out 161 stamped envelopes for home learners. Praise God that during this time of uncertainty, we could offer our help and support. Thank you to Lucy Skelton, Suzanne Ball, Anne O'Neil and Tom Collins for giving up their valuable time to help us to work with local schools. Thanks to God, we were blessed financially with a gift that meant that the cost of the books was covered.

1000 students were supported by CSWH's Moving On project. Over the course of the year, 10565 engaged with CSWH led activities.

As both Nairne and I are now on part-time furlough we are able to meet (via Zoom) with our Link members. This is an uncertain time for us all, so it has been amazing to offer some consistency to these young people again.

It will not be possible to hold any residential activities this summer and the annual end-of-year celebration will not take place, so this report will be shared with our supporters. This is disappointing as we would have wanted to have collectively praised and thanked God for His provision over the year. We would also have liked to publicly acknowledge the selfless work undertaken by Anne O'Neill for her volunteering work for CSWH over 11 years. She had become the 'voice of CSWH', contacting local schools persistently, yet politely, to arrange in-school bookings and appointments. This has been a thankless task at times, but a necessary one, so we are very grateful to Anne for all that she has done through her God-given commitment to the work.

In August 2020, Nairne Joyes decided not to renew her contract and so left CSWH to see what God had in store for her next.

We give thanks to God for all that we have been able to do this year and look forward to what is in store for the next.

*"And whatever you do
whether in word or deed
do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus
giving thanks to God the Father through him." Colossians 3:17*

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature 

Name Tom Collins

Position Trustee

Date 23 January 2021

Signature

Name Martin Fletcher

Position Trustee

Date 23 January 2021



Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Hastings Christian Trust

I report on the accounts of the trust for the year ended 31 March 2020 which are set out below.

Respective responsibilities of the 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(2) Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required by 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 as set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.



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Date - 23 January 2021

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2020

2020

2019

	£		£	total £
Income				
Donations	32305			46584
Gift Aid Refund	3986			2841
Interest	0			3
IYM	313	see note 1		143
Exhibitions	0	see note 1		5600
Fundraising events	1171			2306
Soul Survivor	1266	see note 1		2372
coffee mornings/teas	90			298
				0
Link	649	see note 1		0
Prayer spaces	864	see note 1		
Penny pots	1295			872
Total Incoming Resources	41939			61019

Resources used

IYM	1244	see note 1		1362
Exhibitions	1990	see note 1		5269
Fundraising events	0			431
Soul Survivor	2581	see note 1		4780
Jaffa	476			224
Prayer Spaces	1101	see note 1		1025
Link	671	see note 1		61
Travel/Entertainment	2437			1823
Printing/Stationery	1074			1411
Telephone/IT	140			523
Staff costs	43633	see note 2		40956
Insurance	759			721
Sundry Expenses	800			60
Total resources used	56906			58646
Net	-14967			2373

Reconciliation of funds

	unrestricted	restricted	unrestricted	restricted
Brought forward from 1/4/19	26126	1872	24074	1551
carried forward to 31/3/20	13031	0	26126	1872
Funds brought forward at 1/4/19	£26126			
	<u>£ 1872</u>			
	£27998			
Deficit for year	<u>£14967</u>			
Funds carried forward at 31/3/20	£13031			

Note 1

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IYM

Funds Brought forward	0
Income in year	313
	313
spent in year	1244
restricted funds c/f	0

Exhibitions

Funds Brought forward	1872
Income in year	0
	1872
spent in year	1990
restricted funds c/f	0

Soul Survivor

Funds Brought forward	0
Income in year	1266
	1266
spent in year	2581
restricted funds c/f	0

Link

Funds Brought forward	0
Income in year	649
	649
spent in year	671
restricted funds c/f	0

Prayer spaces

Funds Brought forward	0
Income in year	864
	864
spent in year	1101
restricted funds c/f	0

Total restricted funds c/f	0
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The balance of expenditure was met from unrestricted funds.

Note 2

No trustees have received any remuneration.

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Balance Sheet

31 March 2020

Balance sheet at 31 March 2020

	31-Mar-20		31-Mar-19	
	£	£	£	£
Current assets				
Debtors		3986		2841
cash		561		
Nat West		<u>8484</u>		<u>28157</u>
		<u>13031</u>		<u>27998</u>
Represented by				
Unrestricted fund		13031		26126
restricted fund		<u>0</u>		<u>1872</u>
		<u>13031</u>		<u>27998</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 23 January 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

Signatures *Thomas R. Collins*

A. S. Hester

Date 23 January 2021