

**SUNDERLAND CONNECT NETWORK CIO**

Charity Reg No: 1180558

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE SEVENTEEN MONTHS TO 31 MARCH 2020**

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES & ADVISERS  
FOR THE SEVENTEEN MONTHS TO 31 MARCH 2020

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## SUNDERLAND CONNECT NETWORK CIO

### TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE SEVENTEEN MONTHS TO 31 MARCH 2020

#### STATUS

The charity was registered as Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with the Charity Commission on 5 November 2018 with registration number 1180558.

#### APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

Trustees are elected and co-opted under the terms of the charity constitution.

#### ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND DECISION MAKING

The charity is organised in such manner that permits the trustees to meet and manage its affairs. The Executive Director manages the day to day administration of the charity.

#### PRINCIPAL FUNDING

Funding has been provided mainly through voluntary donations by individuals and corporate entities, grants from establishments and gift aid

#### OBJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

The principal object is the promotion of the voluntary sector for the benefit of the public; principally, but not exclusively in the city of Sunderland and surrounding areas (The area of benefit).

To build capacity through provision of a resource base for the voluntary and community sector and provide them with support, information, and services that enable them to pursue or contribute to any charitable purpose.

To advance the Christian faith within the area of benefit by supporting local Christian organisations to promote the Christian faith in such ways that may be appropriate for local communities.

The activities for achieving its objectives include:

- Community outreach events;
- Conferences and events;
- Welfare support to members and general public; and
- Various missionary activities.

#### ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Trustees have overseen a number of initiatives that had positive impacts on the people of our city. Through the work we have delivered, there has been improvements in physical and mental health for those participating. We have worked with churches across Sunderland enabling them to support people in addiction, asylum seekers, people suffering from domestic abuse and the homeless with a more knowledgeable and professional approach. For many who would have spent Christmas in food poverty, we have provided hampers offering some luxury goods as well as many basics.

Throughout the year we have worked with churches, their communities and leaders through lunches, prayer meetings, events and social action. Through these activities, more churches have linked together to better deliver work and meet the needs of their communities.

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To achieve all the accomplishments during the period under review, we had to work with numerous partners including local authorities, private individuals and other third parties. Some of our partnership during the period of reporting include the following:

#### Health Events

Sunderland Health Champions: this was an initiative of the local authorities that we were involved with the promotion to encourage participation of churches within the locality. The event was aimed at enhancing health and wellbeing of the communities.

Mental Health First Aid Course: this was an initiative of Dave Burke and we collaborated in facilitating the attendance of 100 church leaders. It was aimed at addressing mental health issues and addiction challenge.

#### Poverty Alleviation

In conjunction with Oasis Community Housing, we welcomed Jon Kuhrt (Former CEO of West London Mission and Faith Advisor to the Government's Rough Sleeping Initiative) to Sunderland. He shared insight on tackling homelessness with church leaders.

We also supported community groups and churches with over 100 Christmas hampers for families in need during our Gift of Love hamper programme held in December 2019.

#### Families Support

Having undergone training on awareness of domestic abuse, we shared our knowledge with wider network of churches to help families grow safer, stronger, and healthier in Sunderland.

We also supported the Action Foundation in their drive to find homes for those seeking asylum

We collaborated with Pregnancy Advice Sunderland by promoting its event amongst churches. This is to provide needed advice to those with unplanned pregnancy.

#### Youth

We jointly worked with Wearside Youth for Christ to support youth in the Map Youth Provision event. This was aimed at helping church people in identifying what happenings around them. It was also aimed at linking them to the nearby churches.

#### Aspiration/Motivation

We facilitated a 3-Day Event themed Movement Day Workshops. This was aimed at engaging churches and community leaders in discussing Sunderland's heritage, history, its present and future. It was to enhance the knowledge of the people about the community with the hope of starting the transformation of the city.

Worked with Gingerbread training as well as Academy 3-13 in providing practical knowledge and applicable skills to those out of work to increase the productivity of the community.

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Supported Soul Sailors Voyage initiative to increase aspiration amongst young people.

We prayer walked the centre of Sunderland so many times in 2019.

The Trustees are indeed pleased to report that Sunderland Connect Network CIO has continued to be for the benefit of the public by addressing her charity objects of propagating the Christian faith and seeking to alleviate poverty among people, whilst enhancing the knowledge base of the people on health and lifestyle within Sunderland.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgement and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees recognise their responsibilities to keep proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charity Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity, hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The appended financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis and have been examined by an independent examiner, whose report is also appended.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Name: PHILIP DOBSON

Position: CHAIR

Signature: 

Date: 29.1.21.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF SUNDERLAND CONNECT NETWORK CIO

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the seventeen months to 31 March 2020 which is set out on pages 8 - 12.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

As the charity's trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purpose of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act").


Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the charity are not required to be audited under Section 142(2) of the Charity Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act") and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charity Act 2011 ("the Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting record were not kept as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.



29-01-2021

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE SEVENTEEN MONTHS TO 31 MARCH 2020

	Notes	2020 £
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Donations, legacies & similar incoming resources	2	24,999
Activities in furtherance of charity's object	3	<u>17,000</u>
Total Incoming Resources		<u>41,999</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Management and Governance Cost	4	4,384
Charitable Expenditure	5	<u>37,017</u>
Total Resources Expended		<u>41,401</u>
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources for the year		598
BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF THE YEAR		11,000
BALANCE AT ENDING OF THE YEAR		<u><u>11,598</u></u>

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BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31 MARCH 2020

	Notes	2020 £
FIXED ASSETS		
Tangible Assets		<u>-</u>
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtor and Prepayments		-
Cash and bank balances	6	<u>12,098</u>
		<u>12,098</u>
SHORT TERM LIABILITIES		
Creditors (amount falling due within a year)	7	<u>500</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		11,598
LONG TERM LIABILITIES		
Creditors (amount falling due after more than one year)		
NET ASSETS		<u><u>11,598</u></u>
CHARITY FUNDS		
Unrestricted Funds	8	<u>11,598</u>
		<u><u>11,598</u></u>

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Name: PHILIP DOBSON

Position: CHAIR

Signature: 

Date: 29.1.21.

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR SEVENTEEN MONTHS TO 31 MARCH 2020

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### (a) Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities Acts 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

##### (b) Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

##### (c) Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accrual basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

##### (d) Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

##### (e) Fund accounting

All the charity's funds are unrestricted and are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees for any particular purpose.

##### (f) Going concern

The Trustees do not consider there to be any known issues in respect of the going concern status of the Charity.

##### (g) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash at bank.

##### (h) Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

There are no tangible fixed assets.

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	2020
2. DONATIONS, LEGACIES AND SIMILAR	£
INCOMING RESOURCES	
Personal and Corporate Giving	23,620
Other Collections	1,379
	<u>24,999</u>
	2020
3. ACTIVITIES IN FURTHERANCE OF CHARITY OBJECT	£
Grant received - Gift Aid	-
Grant received - Others	17,000
	<u>17,000</u>
	2020
4. MANAGEMENT & GOVERNANCE COST	£
Administrative	2,420
Professional Fees	1,964
	<u>4,384</u>
	2020
5. COST OF ACTIVITIES IN FURTHERANCE OF CHARITY OBJECT	£
Travel	14
Rent	2,380
Software	486
Refreshment	490
Meetings, Training & Development	822
Stationeries, Printing & Publication	802
Salaries, Wages, PAYE & NIC	28,338
Repairs, Maintenance & Miscellaneous	983
Insurance, Licence & Legal Fee	640
Website	466
Welfare & Hospitality	1,233
Utilities	364
	<u>37,017</u>

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6. CASH & BANK BALANCES	2020
	£
Cash at hand	-
Bank Balance	12,098
	<u>12,098</u>

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNT FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2020
	£
Owing	500
	<u>500</u>

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	Balance at 01- Nov-2018	Income	Expenditure	Balance at 31- Mar-2020
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted fund	11,000	41,999	41,401	11,598
	<u>11,000</u>	<u>41,999</u>	<u>41,401</u>	<u>11,598</u>