

Report and Financial Statements for Sixty-One

Year ended 31st December 2020



“Thanks to MentorMe I do college, I’m going for my counselling degree level three, I work, I’ve got my own home, I’ve got my family back in my life. So I’m at my peak now.”

Paul (second left above), MentorMe Mentee

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Charity No. 1159302

Structure, Governance and Management

Charitable Status

Sixty-One is a CIO (number 1159302) registered in November 2014.

The Charitable Objects

The objects for which the Charity is established are as follows:

The objects of the CIO are the relief of those in need or hardship in Bristol and the surrounding region and in particular prisoners, ex-prisoners and those who are at risk of entering the prison system by (in each case in ways which are consistent with principles of the Christian faith); providing and financing a mentoring service to assist such persons in developing skills to improve their conditions of life and to advance their education; and promoting and financing such other charitable activities as the charity trustees see fit in order to relieve such persons from hardship and to improve their conditions of life.

Trustees

The charity trustees meet at least four times a year to discuss and review the work of the charity. Any new trustees are identified by the remaining trustees. The Chairman of Trustees is responsible for the induction of any new trustee. New trustees are required to gain an awareness of trustees' responsibilities, the governing document, administrative procedures, and the history and ethos of the charity.

Risk Management

The trustees have reviewed the major risks and there are systems in place to manage those risks.

Reserves Policy

The charity's aim is to have six weeks operating costs within free reserves; currently the required figure for this is £16,000. At the year end the charity held £90,601 of free reserves which is much greater than the stated policy. The target reserves of £16,000 is a minimum holding level but an ending figure of £90,601 allows the charity to scale up its activities subject to funding continuing.

In addition, the charity launched a Reserves Pledge Fund in 2019 that now holds a total of £17,500 in pledges (from supporters). These pledges will be converted to donations if the charity was to enter financial difficulties (as defined in the Pledge Fund). This improves our sustainability by underpinning the organisation with a minimum of six weeks operating costs, in addition to any cash reserves held, and is in line with the trustees' policy.

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With Thanks

Sixty-One Partnership Charities

- Bristol Together
- Changing Tunes
- inHope (formerly Crisis Centre Ministries)DHI (Developing Health and Independence)
- Emmaus Bristol
- Logos House
- New Beginnings 4 U
- Nilaari
- Prodigal Arts
- See Change (new name for Julian House in Bristol)

Sixty-One is particularly grateful for the financial support provided by the following people and Trusts:

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| • Archer Trust | • Noel Buxton Trust |
| • Burden Trust | • Patrick Rowland Foundation |
| • Charles Hayward | • Singer Foundation |
| • CLINKS - COVID19 Fund | • Sir Haley Stewart Trust |
| • CMW Trust | • SMB Trust |
| • CPF Trust | • Souter Charitable Trust |
| • Denman Charitable Trust | • Southern Coop - Safe Neighbourhoods Fund |
| • Donal Forrester Trust | • St Paul's Mission House Trust |
| • Fairfield Charitable Trust | • Temple Ecclesiastical Charity |
| • Gibbs Charitable Trust | • Trusted Executive Charitable Foundation |
| • Grace Trust | • Walter Guinness Charitable Trust |
| • Haleon Trust | • Weinstock Fund |
| • John James Bristol Foundation | • Westcroft Trust |
| • John & Ruth Howard Charitable Trust | • W F Southall Trust |
| • Keswick Enterprises | • Woodward Charitable Trust |
| • Medlock Charitable Trust | |
| • National Lottery- Community Fund | |

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Charity Information

Patron

Marvin Rees

Trustees

Andrew Street (Chair)

Paul Tipler

Sandra Sykes

John Barnett

Andrew Wood

Luke Hunka (from March 2020)

Staff

Tim Snowdon Director

Lindsay Jarman MentorMe Manager - from March 2020 (return from Maternity leave)

Esther Champion Project Liaison Officer - from March 2020 (having been MentorMe Manager covering Maternity leave)

Laura Stuckey Project Liaison Officer - until March 2020

Isobel Collinson Project Liaison Officer - from September 2020

Matthew Champion Project Liaison Officer - from September 2020

Alison Paginton Office Manager

Accountants

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Trustees Report

Our work

Sixty-One helps people in the criminal justice system lead meaningful crime free lives by inspiring, enabling and supporting the local community so they can give relational and practical support to offenders. We grew out of the local church network ⁽¹⁾, work primarily within Greater Bristol and support all types of offenders - all we seek is a genuine desire for change. Nearly all our work is done in partnership with others.

Our main projects / partnerships are:

1. **MentorMe** – enabling volunteer mentors to be able to support ex-prisoners. This involves a team of four core staff who recruit, train and support mentors, as well as identifying suitable mentees. They work closely with prisons, probation, hostels, charities, churches and the wider community. This is our largest project. We recruited two new members of staff to this team in 2020, with the aim of supporting 100 ex-prisoners by the end of this year.
2. **Christmas Gift Project**. Through working closely with a dozen local churches we enable 1,500 prisoners in three local prisons to receive a bag of simple Christmas gifts. We also use this as an opportunity to promote our other support services to prisoners/ex-prisoners.
3. We support three local churches in running mid-week **Hubs** that provide a community space for ex-prisoners to meet, learn, volunteer and share food. We plan to open a fourth Hub in 2021.
4. We have supported local businessman, Rupert Vernalls, as he took his internationally renowned **MBA Empowerment Course** into the prison environment. Having assisted with the development of this course within HMP Bristol, we are now supporting Rupert as he expands the course nationally across the prison network, using video learning.
5. We enable and support a local pastor, and leader from the black community, to run a **Constructive Masculinity** course in HMP Bristol (currently suspended due to the lockdown) and in the community.
6. We develop **Partnerships** with local churches, individuals and charities.



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A year like no other

2020 has been a difficult year for everyone. For Sixty-One this has been a time of many unknowns and challenges for our work, our team and most importantly the people we work with – most prisoners have been locked in their cells for 22/23 hours a day since the first lockdown.

Yet even though the year was at times very challenging, and continually taxing, we are encouraged with the progress we made. This could not have been achieved without the flexibility and commitment of the team, and even more importantly, the commitment of the volunteers and groups we partner with. These volunteers/partners were key to our ability to grow our work in such difficult circumstances – for example, our mentor/mentee support meetings were up 85% on the previous year.

Working in partnership with groups and individuals gave us great flexibility and enabled us to adapt to the constraints of the pandemic. This was particularly important as many ex-prisoners were not only not able to count on the same level of post-release support from statutory agencies, but were often isolated and fearful. Our volunteers/partners were able to rise to this challenge to help meet these needs.

"When I'm having a bad day, my mentor has been amazing at reminding me of all the progress I have made and encourages me to keep going. Through lockdown, having regular contact and support has made the difference between a small lapse (or no lapse) and a full relapse on drugs. Having someone who listens no matter what has really kept me going."

MentorMe Mentee



Over the course of the year we achieved the following:

In Prison

- We had referrals from **9** prisons: HMPs Bristol, Portland, Leyhill, Bullingdon, Dartmoor, Exeter, Bure, Ashfield, and Send (women).
- We worked with **7** agencies and charities whilst seeking referrals.
- Our MentorMe team met with **59** serving prisoners, holding **121** face-to-face meetings to locate suitable mentees to prepare them for their release.
- We connected with nearly **1,600** serving prisoners over the year.

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- We supported a local businessman and volunteer, Rupert Vernalls, as he delivered his MBA Empowerment course in **30** prisons through prison TV. Through this medium he reached a potential audience of 22,438 prisoners. If just 2.5% (560) complete the course, this would equate to £154,000 worth of training.
- During the first lockdown Rupert delivered his course in HMP Bristol through the provision of self-learning materials allowing the men to complete it while confined to their cells.

In the Community

- Our volunteer mentors supported **71** different mentees, meeting them a combined total of **1,032** times. This represents an **85%** increase over the previous year.
- We ran **2** four-part mentor training courses (as well as an introduction to mentoring evening), which were attended by **22** volunteers, all of whom completed the training.
- At the end of 2020 we had **68** trained volunteer mentors available.
- Just **4** mentors stopped mentoring in 2020 (*most because they moved out of area*).
- Only three (**4.2%**) of the **71** mentees we worked with last year were recalled/reoffended within the year, a **92%** reduction compared to the national average. This resulted in a saving to the taxpayer of **£2.34 million**.⁽²⁾
- **60%** of our mentoring relationships have lasted more than a year, **29%** are between 3 and 12 months and **11%** are less than three months. This is a very high engagement level for ex-prisoners.
- **16** mentees are now supported through long-term befriending by their ex-mentor.
- **1** mentee was involved with running a new Hub for female ex-prisoners.
- **3** Hubs provided over **100** mid-week meetings for **24** ex-prisoners. These are run by **3** local churches: Hope Community Church, God's House International Centre and Fishponds Baptist.
- We are in discussion with **1** further church which plans to open a new Hub in 2021.
- **16** churches have supported our work practically and **19** with funding.
- We currently have **162** people who volunteer for Sixty-One.
- **1,500** prisoners received a bag of Christmas presents through our Christmas gift project. This was fully funded by **13** churches.

⁽¹⁾ While we seek to manifest the love of Jesus practically in the world we do not seek to proselytise, but help offenders lead meaningful crime free lives.

⁽²⁾ This is based on a national first year reoffending rate of 55%, which reflects the cross-section of mentees we work with; this includes repeat offenders, offenders on short sentences and offenders with addiction issues. It is based on a first year reconviction cost of £65,000, which includes prison, police, probation, court and benefit costs. The commonly quoted £35,000 cost of imprisoning a person just covers the prison costs.

2021 Ambitions:

- Between 90 and 100 mentees will receive mentoring support (15% women)
- Over 1,200 individual mentoring sessions will be provided
- 25 – 35 new mentors will be trained

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- Start between 25 and 40 new mentoring relationships
- Less than 12% of mentees will be recalled/reoffend over the year
- Meet with more than 100 prisoners seeking suitable mentees - Covid dependent
- Raise funds for, and launch a new BAME partnership
- Re-run on a face-to-face basis the MBA empowerment course – Covid dependent
- Negotiate NOMS/Prison Service support for the MBA course
- 10 ex-prisoners will complete the MBA Empowerment Course
- TV version of the MBA course re-transmitted to 30+ prisons on a regular basis
- Expand the number of prisons receiving TV delivered MBA course to most UK prisons
- Launch a new community-based Hub for ex-prisoners
- Hubs will hold over 120 meetings
- Hubs will support more than 30 ex-prisoners
- Re-launch our Constructive Masculinity course in prison - Covid dependent
- Explore the feasibility of a MentorMe house in partnership with Hope Community Church
- 1,500 serving prisoners will receive a Christmas gift bag
- Fully fund the Christmas Gift Bag project from the local churches
- Build relationships with relevant new partner organisations
- Share mentoring learning with partner organisations through training and events

Statement of Public Benefit

The trustees have complied with their legal duty under the Charities Act to have regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

High reoffending rates of prisoners in the UK remains one of society's most intractable problems (over 60% reoffend within two years), and this is continuing to have considerable negative impact, both social and financial, within families and communities.

Long-term mentoring of individuals as provided by the MentorMe programme, which starts from within the prison walls, through to successful reintegration into the community is emerging as a highly effective model that can finally break this cycle.

In addition, our wide-ranging contacts with the church network across the greater Bristol area allows us to be able to connect ex-prisoners with supportive communities that have been trained in how to work safely with them.

The independent National Audit Office estimates that reoffending costs the tax payer £10 billion per year. Each prisoner who is sent back to jail costs the tax payer around £65,000 in their first year if police, court, benefit and prison costs are taken into account, and £38,000 in subsequent years.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these 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 judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient 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 Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed/constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed by order of the Trustees

Andrew Street, Chairman

Date: 22 April 2021

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Sixty-One

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Sixty-One (the Charity) for the year ended 31st December 2020

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Charity 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 2011 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity 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.

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Date: 22 April 2021

SIXTY-ONE**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020****RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

| | General Funds £ | Restricted MentorMe Funds £ | Restricted Christmas Gift Bag Funds £ | Total Funds 2020 £ | Total Funds 2019 £ |
|---|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| RECEIPTS | | | | | |
| Grants | 90,434 | 44,282 | 2,000 | 136,716 | 159,670 |
| Donations | 12,881 | 6,250 | 12,707 | 31,838 | 36,881 |
| Bank interest received | 48 | - | - | 48 | 30 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | 103,363 | 50,532 | 14,707 | 168,602 | 196,581 |
| PAYMENTS | | | | | |
| Costs of charitable activities | | | | | |
| Wages and other staff costs | 38,374 | 87,233 | 7,973 | 133,580 | 110,770 |
| Mentee/ Mentor costs | - | 1,926 | - | 1,926 | 1,904 |
| Event costs | - | 161 | - | 161 | 808 |
| Insurance | - | - | - | - | 1,044 |
| Office and telephone costs | 311 | 578 | - | 889 | 854 |
| Publishing and printing | 132 | 198 | - | 330 | 3,415 |
| Stationery & post | 602 | 402 | - | 1,004 | 882 |
| Bank charges | 29 | 54 | - | 83 | 79 |
| Rent | 290 | 870 | - | 1,160 | 3,360 |
| IT Consultancy | 465 | 864 | - | 1,329 | 1,300 |
| Equipment | 308 | 719 | - | 1,027 | 1,440 |
| Membership | 150 | 100 | - | 250 | 300 |
| Consultancy | 1,400 | - | - | 1,400 | 2,534 |
| Christmas Gift Packs | - | - | 9,096 | 9,096 | 6,262 |
| Accounting & Independent examination fees | 336 | 336 | - | 672 | 642 |
| Miscellaneous expenses | 429 | 1,198 | - | 1,627 | 208 |
| Costs of raising funds | | | | | |
| Fundraising costs | - | - | - | - | 1,075 |
| TOTAL PAYMENTS | 42,826 | 94,639 | 17,069 | 154,534 | 136,877 |
| NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS) | 60,537 | (44,107) | (2,362) | 14,068 | 59,704 |

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

| | 2020 £ | 2019 £ |
|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Cash funds | | |
| Current account | 90,601 | 76,533 |
| | <u>90,601</u> | <u>76,533</u> |
| Gift Aid due | - | 355 |
| Total Assets | <u><u>90,601</u></u> | <u><u>76,888</u></u> |
| Liabilities | | |
| Accruals | 702 | 680 |
| Total Liabilities | <u><u>702</u></u> | <u><u>680</u></u> |

CASH RESERVES

| | 2020 £ | 2019 £ |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| General funds | | |
| Brought forward | 76,533 | 16,829 |
| Net receipts/(payments) for the year | 60,537 | 114,308 |
| Transfer between funds | <u>(46,469)</u> | <u>(54,604)</u> |
| | 90,601 | 76,533 |
| Restricted funds | | |
| Brought forward | - | - |
| Net receipts/(payments) for the year | (46,469) | (54,604) |
| Transfer between funds | <u>46,469</u> | <u>54,604</u> |
| | - | - |
| Total cash reserves | <u><u>90,601</u></u> | <u><u>76,533</u></u> |

Signed on behalf of the trustees on 22 April 2021

A Street (Chair of Trustees)
