



## TREASURER'S REPORT

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	2021	2020
	£	£
<b>UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
External Grants	10,650	4,000
Donations	19,211	25,780
Fund-Raising Appeals	-	707
Interest Received	881	1,666
Gift Aid	2,327	3,897
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<b>Total Income</b>	33,069	36,050
<b>Expenditure</b>	(21,820)	(25,588)
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<b>Net Incoming Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>11,249</b>	<b>10,462</b>
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<b>RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
Donations	2,602	2,600
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<b>Expenditure</b>	(2,602)	(2,725)
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<b>Net (Outgoing)/Incoming Restricted Funds</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(125)</b>
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Management and Administration	(5,218)	(6,478)
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<b>NET INCOMING/ (OUTGOING) FUNDS</b>	6,031	3,859
Total Funds brought forward	158,529	154,670
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<b>Total Funds carried forward</b>	<b>164,560</b>	<b>158,529</b>
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### BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		
Tangible Assets	-	-
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Short Term		
Investments	126,715	126,715
Cash at Bank	36,260	27,305
Debtors and prepayments	2,325	4,580
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	165,300	158,600
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Sundry Creditors	(740)	(71)
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	164,560	158,529
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<b>FUNDS</b>		
General Fund	164,560	158,529
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	<b>164,560</b>	<b>158,529</b>
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This is an extract from the full accounts available at the Annual General Meeting on 3 November 2021 or by application to the Chair or Honorary Secretary.

In the year to 31 March 2021, the charity's total income was £35,671, a small decrease compared to £38,650 in 2020. Last April, we were delighted to receive a donation of £7,650 from the Admiral Trust, a charity wanting to support organisations in the area which were seeking to mitigate the impact of the pandemic. We were grateful to Siobhain McDonagh, MP of Mitcham and Morden, who proposed us to be a recipient. We also received several generous donations from our long-standing supporters, including £3,000 from the Peter and Teresa Harris Trust.

The charity's expenditure in 2021 was £29,640 (2020: £34,791). Spending on Family Support was £15,906 (2020: £11,673) and that specifically geared towards children, such as birthdays, school uniform and outings in the holidays, was £1,446 (2020: £2,054). The lower overall expenditure is due to the charity being unable to provide a holiday for a family nor send young people to camps in summer 2020, due to COVID restrictions. The costs of the Furniture Project of £6,946 (2020: £6,079) cover running a van, renting two garages for storage and buying items which cannot be provided through donations.

I would like to record our great appreciation of those who regularly support our work, as well as of first-time donors. At 31 March 2021, the funds of the charity were £164,560 (2020: £158,529) which the Board of Trustees considers to be sufficient to enable us to continue our current level of support. We fully recognise that the continuing effects of the pandemic will not only result in intense pressure on our resources, but also reduce potential sources of income.

**Ann Thimont**

**Honorary Treasurer**

## The Baby, Children and Household Project (BCHP)

When the BCHP project was started nine years ago, it was in response to requests from families who could not afford to buy winter clothes for their children, or were facing a crisis such as eviction. The project has expanded over the years and now puts time and energy into three main areas of help for struggling families: providing clothes for children aged 2 years to 11 years, supplying basic bedding items for families experiencing housing difficulties, and giving baby clothes and baby equipment to new mothers who have no financial or family support.

What has helped the BCHP project to continue to provide the necessary clothes and bedding to families during 2021, even when the Christian CARE Office was closed, was that most of the items were ordered online, or had been stored in a private, single access storage room and then delivered by volunteers to the families in need (with due attention to safety and social distancing).

**Children's clothing** - In previous years, families who supported the local Christian CARE organisation regularly donated good quality items of children's clothes, anoraks, and Wellington boots. During the early, active stage of the pandemic, when the transmission route of the virus was not understood, most of the children's clothes were purchased on-line. The telephone calls of excited thanks from the families show what a difference it can make to the children to have clothes that give them comfort and confidence, especially if the items arrive at the time of birthdays or special celebrations.



**Bedding items** - As we try to respond swiftly to requests for bedding, it has been important to build up an easily accessible store of packaged sheets and duvet covers in different sizes. During the pandemic all bedding items were shop bought, or ordered on-line, for reasons of hygiene and safety, and children have been delighted with the colourful choices we made.



**Baby items** - At the time of writing, five separate requests had been received during 2021 for baby clothes etc., by expectant mothers who had no family support, and were anxious about being ready in time for the baby's arrival. The mothers have not only shown their pleasure with our selections of baby clothes but have also expressed their relief that they are being looked after and supported by the delivery of bedding, baby towels, bottles, steriliser, changing mats etc., to their homes.

### Expansion of the BCHP project

During the stressful months of the Covid-19 pandemic, it was useful for the stores of clothes and bedding to be held in one secure place, not just for reasons of safety and hygiene, but to ensure a rapid response from the time of a new referral to the Christian CARE Office, to the day of delivery to the family.

As the restrictions of the past year are being slowly lifted, there are discussions about the future development of the BCHP into a team operation in which two or more volunteers could take over the organisation of the bedding distribution, an easy responsibility as most of the bedding is now ordered on-line. There is also the opportunity for a new volunteer who might find the organisation of baby clothes and equipment to be a rewarding role.

At the end of this difficult year, we thank all the generous donors, church supporters, committee members, office staff, Trustees and volunteer drivers who have worked so hard to fulfil our Christian promise to support local families in need.

**Barbara Moreland**

## LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Friends

The Covid pandemic which dominated the way we lived our lives when last year's Annual Report was published continues to be a daily news item. The introduction of the first vaccines in December 2020 was something to be celebrated and as more of us have had the opportunity to be vaccinated we can be reassured that we are protecting those who are most vulnerable to the disease.

The gradual relaxing of periods of lockdown has meant that more meetings have been able to take place between befrienders and the families that Christian CARE supports. We have continued to take food parcels and supermarket tokens to the families most in need and as restrictions have been lifted, meetings and conversations have been able to take place in parks and open spaces rather than telephone calls or text messages. The Trustees are very grateful for the work and dedication of Gillian Thick and the CARE Committee who have continued to commit much time and energy in supporting the families and their different needs. The images of children at a Polka Theatre workshop and in attendance at a summer camp are good to see. Both events were much appreciated by the children who took part.

During this past year we said goodbye to Anita Harlock, the member of the CARE Committee responsible for Family Support as she moved with her husband Peter to Norfolk. We are very grateful that her role has been taken on by Rehana Edun-Noys who has settled in very quickly and has got to know different families and their requirements. It has also been good to welcome a new Trustee – David Marsden. David is a member of Holy Trinity Church,

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Wimbledon Broadway and is especially drawn to the ecumenical work which Christian CARE is committed to. It has been good to welcome both Rehana and David to the Christian CARE family.

In last year's letter I paid tribute to John Golden, who after many years involvement with Christian CARE was stepping down as a Trustee. It is therefore with much sadness that in August this year we heard that John had died. We remember John and his family in our prayers and we give thanks for his life and support with Christian CARE.



This year we are grateful to be one of the two chosen charities of the Mayor of Merton, Cllr Michael Brunt. Mike has chosen Marie Curie, a charity which gave his family support when his father was coming to the end of his life and Christian CARE as his two charities. Mike is a member of Christian CARE as is the Deputy Mayor Cllr Edith Macauley and they are both very much aware of the work of the charity. Throughout this year, Mike is hosting a number of fund-raising events when money collected will be shared between the two charities. These events are also an opportunity to raise awareness of Christian CARE with residents across Merton. It is an honour to be a chosen charity of the Mayor. We are also privileged that Mike will be coming to the AGM in November and have the opportunity of meeting with Christian CARE members who attend the meeting.

I do hope that this coming year is good for you. Many thanks for your continued support, financial, physical and in prayer. All three aspects ensure that the Charity can continue to support vulnerable members in need. It also means that at Christian CARE we can continue to aspire to live life as Paul urges us to in his letter to the Ephesians *"be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you"* (Ephesians 4.32).

With good wishes,



Jane Savill  
Chair of Trustees

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT 31 MARCH 2021

**Jane Savill** - Chair

**Pat Spencer** - Hon. Secretary

**Ann Thimont** - Hon. Treasurer

**The Revd Julian Burling**

**The Revd Tom Kavanagh, CBE**

**David Marsden**

**Dr. Ann Phillips**

### CARE COMMITTEE

**Gillian Thick** - CARE Coordinator

#### Coordinators:

Baby, Children's & Household – **Barbara Moreland**

Befrienders - **Sylvia Baxter**

Children's Activities - **Sue Boyd**

Family Support - **Rehana Edun-Noys**

Furniture Project - **Nick Wolff**

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