

BRISTOL NIGHTS

COMPANY NUMBER 06420241

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2012

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BRISTOL NIGHTS

STATUTORY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2012

Administrative Information:

Company Registration Number 06420241

Bristol Nights was incorporated on 7 November 2007 as a private company limited by guarantee and registered as a charity on 17 April 2008, charity number 1123738. Liability is limited to £10 per member

Correspondence address and registered office:

91A Parry's Lane

Stoke Bishop

Bristol

BS9 1AN

Company Secretary Caroline J Virgo

In the last financial period the Trustees, who are also Directors under Company Law, were

Caroline J Virgo

David J Maggs

Sandra M O'Shea

Laura Barrow

Andrew Christaki

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TRUSTEES REPORT FOR YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2012

Aim and Purposes:

The charity exists to provide a Christian presence and listening service to the night-time economy in the city centre of Bristol

Objectives, Activities and Achievements:

The charity has now been established for hour and a half years, during which time 41 regular volunteers have been involved in the work of the charity. A hospitality and listening service has been provided to the night-time economy of central Bristol on Friday and Saturday nights, covering a total of 48 weekend nights during the last 12 months, and serving somewhere in the region of six to seven thousand hot-drinks during the year. The service has been used by young people, sometimes needing significant support, public servants and other night-time workers. These activities have been endorsed by the Police and Safer Bristol Partnership as a useful contribution to creating a positive and safer atmosphere.

Future Developments and Objectives.

To continue to meet its objectives, the Charity plans to continue maintenance of the bus, from which hot drinks are currently served, to maintain the safety and efficiency of the vehicle. In addition, the Charity has been in discussion with another Christian project in Bristol, in respect of the hire of their vehicle and sharing resources in the future. The Charity also intends to continue investing in volunteer training and support, to maintain and develop its volunteer base, with the aim that the project will eventually be able to operate on more Friday and Saturday evenings, if practical. We have also invested in bus driver training, with the aim of providing more volunteer drivers to cover and support our existing drivers and provide drivers for new regular teams in the future. This charity is exploring working in partnership with other agencies to develop a new night-time chaplaincy, as well as investigating other partnerships with local agencies. The Charity intends to continue working with local churches to develop sustainable volunteer teams and financial support.

Volunteers:

A number of new volunteers have been trained during the year, of which 2 have become regular volunteers. Six have stepped down during the year, resulting in a total decrease in regular volunteers to 40 (45 – 2011). The Trustees wish to thank all those who have supported the Charity as volunteers, without whose support the Charity would not be able to operate.

Financial Overview:

Annual income has risen compared with the prior period, given a restricted grant from the Christian Initiative Trust for the development of a night-time chaplaincy project. The level of financial support from local churches has increased significantly, from 5 churches (4 – 2011). The level of expenditure for bus repairs and maintenance has been reduced from the prior period. However, our insurance costs have risen in comparison.

In November 2011, we employed a new part-time administrator to provide an administration, finance and co-ordination role and to facilitate future training and development of the Charity. We have thus incurred staff and payroll costs this year compared with £nil for 2011.

No expenses have been paid either to or for Trustees during the year (2009-11 – none)

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TRUSTEES REPORT FOR YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2012 (Continued)

Reserves Policy:

The Trustees monitor the level of free reserves, with the aim to have sufficient reserves in place to cover operating costs for the Charity for up to six months at any given time. At the end of the year, the Charity had sufficient reserves to cover costs for up to five months, based on expenditure to 31 March 2011. The Trustees have identified a need for additional income, or resource sharing partnerships, if the organisation is to develop in line with its strategic plan. Any future development will therefore only be undertaken if appropriate funding can be secured.

Public Benefit:

When planning activities for the year, the Trustees have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. As outlined in the charitable objectives of the organisation, Bristol Nights exists for the benefit of the public and during the year it has acted in accordance with Christian principles to promote and preserve good health and relieve sickness and financial hardship, particularly by means of providing volunteers and a vehicle during night-time hours and by the provision of support in Bristol, in the form of refreshments and a listening service in the centre of Bristol on a weekend evening.

The Charity is committed to serve the community without discrimination of religion, race, nationality, culture, age or on any other basis.

Structure, Governance and Management

Trustees are appointed in line with the articles of association and meet on a regular basis to make decisions on all matters of general concern, including deciding how the funds of the Charity are to be spent. New Trustees are recruited as the need arises, on the basis of experience and understanding of the Charity and the sector in which it operates.

Audit and Trustee Responsibilities

For the year ended 31 March 2011, the Company was entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. The members have not required the Company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with Section 476.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

In preparing this Trustees' Report, advantage has been taken of the small companies' exemption.



C Virgo

Trustee

12 November 2012



D Maggs

Trustee

12 November 2012

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2012

	<u>Year to 31 March 2012</u>		<u>Year to 31 March 2011</u>
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	£	£	£
From supporting churches	5,539 00		3,963 95
Grant/Trust Income	3,000 00		2,017 20
Regular gifts	0 00		0 00
Donations	500 00		50 00
Fundraising Income	767 00		0 00
Tax refunds	0 00		0 00
Bank Interest	0 00		0 00
Other Income	0 00		0 00
 Total receipts		9,806 00	6,031 15
 <u>PAYMENTS</u>			
Staff/payroll Costs	879 05		0 00
Employment taxes	0 00		0 00
Bus repairs/maintenance	1,876 00		2,865 50
Fuel	347 72		195 25
Security costs	0 00		543 33
Other equip & supplies	280 05		336 43
Insurance	3 624 20		351 00
Administration	508 65		755 00
Fundraising costs	144 00		212 58
Bank charges	89 19		91 08
Other costs	95 00		0 00
Training and volunteers	80 00		472 00
Chaplaincy project	0 00		29 00
 Total payments		7,923 86	5,851 17
 Surplus / (Deficit)		1,882 14	179 98
 Brought forward from prior year		4,388 87	4,208 89
Total assets		6,271 01	4,388 87

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2012**ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

at period end

	<u>31-Mar-12</u>	<u>31-Mar-11</u>
	£	£
Balance at HSBC Bank	6,271 01	4,388 87
 Total assets	 6,271 01	 4,388 87
 Represented by		
Unrestricted Reserves	6,271 01	4,388 87

These financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with the companies' act and in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime

The accounts were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 16 July 2012

For the year ending 31 March 2012 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime



C Virgo
Director



D Maggs
Director