

**BRISTOL NIGHTS**

**COMPANY NUMBER 06420241**

**ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2013**



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### **STATUTORY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2013**

#### **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

Laura R Barrow

David J Maggs

Sandra M O'Shea

Andrew Christaki

## **BRISTOL NIGHTS**

### **TRUSTEES REPORT FOR YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2013**

#### **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. 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. 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 three have become regular volunteers. Four have stepped down during the year, resulting in a total decrease in regular volunteers to 39 (40 – 2012 ). 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. The Charity also hopes to attract new Trustees, hopefully from within its present volunteer base.

#### **Financial Overview**

Annual income has fallen compared with the prior period when we received a restricted grant from the Christian Initiative Trust for the development of a night-time chaplaincy project. We have received financial support from 4 local churches within this period (5 – 2012 ). The level of expenditure for bus repairs and maintenance has been reduced from the prior period. However, costs such as fuel, employment taxes, supplies and security costs have risen in comparison.

No expenses have been paid either to or for Trustees during the year (2012 – none )

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### **TRUSTEES REPORT FOR YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2013 (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 2013. 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 2013, 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.

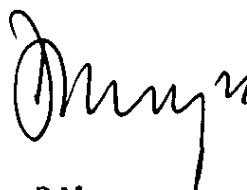
In preparing this Trustees' Report, advantage has been taken of the small companies' exemption.



**C Virgo**

Trustee

16 September 2013



**D Maggs**

Trustee

16 September 2013

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2013

	<u>Year to 31 March 2013</u>		<u>Year to 31 March 2012</u>
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	£	£	£
From supporting churches	5,512 50		5,539 00
Grant/Trust Income	0 00		3,000 00
Regular gifts	0 00		0 00
Donations	0 00		500 00
Fundraising Income	0 00		767 00
Tax refunds	0 00		0 00
Bank Interest	0 00		0 00
Other Income	56 12		0 00
 Total receipts		5,568 62	9,806 00
 <u>PAYMENTS</u>			
Staff/payroll Costs	2,038 50		879 05
Employment taxes	463 00		0 00
Bus repairs/maintenance	1,292 68		1,876 00
Fuel	681 11		347 72
Security costs	476 00		0 00
Other equip & supplies	361 42		280 05
Insurance	1,557 20		3,624 20
Administration	279 40		508 65
Fundraising costs	-		144 00
Bank charges	107 40		89 19
Other costs	256 99		95 00
Training and volunteers	713 55		80 00
Chaplaincy project	-		0 00
 Total payments		8,227 25	7,923 86
 Surplus / (Deficit)		-2,658 63	1,882 14
 Brought forward from prior year		6,271 01	4,388 87
Total assets		3,612 38	6,271 01

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2012

## ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

at period end

	<u>31-Mar-13</u>	<u>31-Mar-12</u>
	£	£
Balance at HSBC Bank	3,612 38	6,271 01
 Total assets	 3,612 38	 6,271 01
 Represented by		
Unrestricted Reserves	3,612 38	6,271 01

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 September 2013

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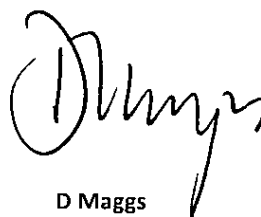
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C Virgo  
Director



D Maggs  
Director