

Churches Together in South Tyneside | **CHARITY OBJECTS, AIMS & VALUES**

Objects	1. The advancement of the Christian religion for the public benefit in South Tyneside. 2. The promotion of religious harmony for the benefit of the public by: a. educating the public in different religious beliefs including an awareness of their distinctive features and their common ground to promote good relations between persons of different faiths. b. promoting knowledge and mutual understanding and respect of the beliefs and practices of different religious faiths.
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Aims	Through our Christian faith in action, we aim to:
	SUPPORT <i>Support vulnerable people in local society</i>
	CONNECT <i>Connect Christian Churches through communications and events</i>
	BUILD <i>Build positive relationships between Christian Churches, other faiths and the wider community.</i>

Key Mission	We bring Churches together to serve our community through faith, hope and action.
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Full Mission Statement	We bring Churches together to serve our community through faith, hope and action. Faith, Hope and Action is demonstrated by our Christian Social Action projects for vulnerable people, special community and church events and initiatives and frequent communication between our members and beneficiaries. Church members have identified social action projects around Loneliness, Poverty, Refugees, Dementia and Street-life.
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Charity Description	Churches Together in South Tyneside began in 1997 with 70 Christian Churches joining together across South Tyneside in the industrial North East of the UK. Member churches represented concerns from their congregation about local issues and social action was born through our unique strength. The charity delivers a series of social action projects around the themes of loneliness and vulnerability, plus an important role of communication across the churches plus special events and gatherings. Happy at Home This is a project of connection for those isolated or vulnerable, by means of three sub-projects: • Happy Hubs is set in four church centres across the borough. This is a free lunch club with games, activities, singing and quizzes filled with laughter and joy. These are popular and operate with volunteers and a couple of employed staff to coordinate. • Men's Hubs is set in a sports complex and has trips and visits in addition to the Happy Hub formula, but for men. • Happy at Home is a befriending project to connect to those who are vulnerable and housebound, with volunteers going to join people in their own homes. Continued...
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	Nurturing Dementia This is a project to empower people living with dementia, and their carers by providing: • Dementia Friendly Churches delivers in partnership with existing churches developing their access to those with invisible disabilities with tailored intergenerational church services coordinated with care homes and schools. • DEEP group meets and provides a voice of those living with dementia and effects the strategy of local authority by providing lived experiences and recommendations. • Dementia Training is an offer to improve the knowledge and compassion of those supporting people living with dementia. Street Angels This project operates primarily in South Shields during the late evening/night. Angels work as a team to offer non-judgemental support to anyone vulnerable, in need, or in difficulty, on their night out. The volunteers provide compassion for those vulnerable and promote safety in the night streets, working with local Police and Door Staff. Marketing & Communications This project spreads information around member churches and the community through circulars and online on social media and our own website, including sharing special community and church events. This leads to cooperation and support across organisations, churches and individual people to support action including poverty alleviation. Events & Initiatives This project runs special events including an Easter Sunrise Service by the beach in South Shields and Christmas celebrations. Other initiatives include information sharing workshops and weekly prayer points.
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VALUES	FAITH	We seek to support our member churches through the work of Christian unity to follow Christ and be a witness to the Gospel
	HOPE	We find hope in our oneness in Christ and work together to bring the message of hope to a wounded and fractured Church and society
	LOVE	An approach founded on loving relationship underpins our working together and the concern for others reflected in that work. We demonstrate through our working together that we value our difference and diversity which enriches and strengthens our work
	JUSTICE	The commitment to Christian unity calls us to solidarity with those who are marginalised and vulnerable and to work that strengthens the Christian witness for social justice working in partnership with others
	HUMILITY	Churches Together in South Tyneside are accountable to Christ and our members, reflective in our working practice to ensure we are thinking beyond our own immediate experience
	PARTNERSHIP	As an agency of the churches of South Tyneside we aim to work in partnership and facilitate effective collaborative working. We work with the widest possible range of partners to resource the work of the churches and our projects
	CONTEXT	The strategic plan for Churches Together in South Tyneside recognises the charity is facing challenges of the reality of increasing pressures financial and human.

Straplines	• CTST • Happy at Home • Street Angels • Nurturing Dementia	• United in Spirit and Action • Reducing Loneliness through Social Connection • Non-Judgemental support to vulnerable at night • Empowering people living with Dementia
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