



2020 / 2021

ANNUAL REPORT



FOCUSING ON THE NEEDS
te arotahi ki nga hiahia

ABOUT US

The Community Focus Trust was established in 2014 after seeing a need within the community and with discussions with Empower Church leadership. The Community Focus Trust was then formed and is seen as the heartbeat of the church in the community.

The Community Focus Trust gained its registration as a non-profit charity with the Charities Commission in May 2016.

STAFF, VOLUNTEERS AND TRUST BOARD

We have 1 full-time staff member, who is employed as the Trust Manager, overseeing all the operations of the organisation.

There are over 60 volunteers across all our activities throughout the year, with a number of base volunteers being part of our regular projects and services.

Our board trustees consist of 5 members, who are Maurice Austin (Chair), Heather McQuilkan (Treasurer), Alan Buffham (Trustee), Emily Bosworth (Trustee) & Sara Brown (Trustee).

The Board's main function is to provide direction and input in the following areas: strategic planning, core values, legal, financial, and be health and safety compliant, with appropriate delegation of management functions.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR TRUST MANAGER

What a year it has been... like many, we have seen the impact that numerous lockdowns have had on our community, and as we focus on helping where we can, we are grateful for the support from others, especially our volunteers, who have helped us during this time.

As we continuing looking forward, we are excited that there will be impacting opportunities this year, that will help equip, empower and engage our communities. We have seen the effects that 2020 has had on families, so we are committed to continuing to focus on the needs.

What 2020 has shown us, is that whatever happens, it is the values and the mana of a community that brings out the best, connecting each other, helping build strong communities.

Mark Hudson - Trust Manager

COVID-19 Food Response

We have been working with the Ministry of Social Development, with the COVID-19 Food Response, focusing on supporting other organisations with food relief. We have developed relationships with MG Marketing, Foodtogether & PaknSave Moorhouse, with the logicians of providing fresh and nutritious food & produce, to those in need.

Our commitment to delivering a service that provides food security tools is our ultimate goal with this project, where we can connect and build sustainable communities.

MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS THIS YEAR



WOW WHAT AN AMAZING COMMUNITY EVENT

This year we took our Community Gala, which was held in the past at Empower Church to St Alban's Park and turned it into the new event of 'St Albans Community Day'. Our thanks to everyone who helped us put on this amazing event for the community, which of course will now be an annual event.

This event was supported by many groups and our special thanks to The Neighbourhood Trust, for helping us in so many ways putting this together. We wanted this event to be for the community and for a place that everyone could feel safe and enjoy, which was seen by the number of the local community supporting this event, on such a great day. So look out for this event in February 2022.



St Albans Community Day

VISION

focusing on the needs in our community, so that everyone can be connected and feel part of a community

MISSION

to facilitate practical support and social services to our community, based on the needs as we find them

VALUES

equip, empower and collaborate to build stronger communities.

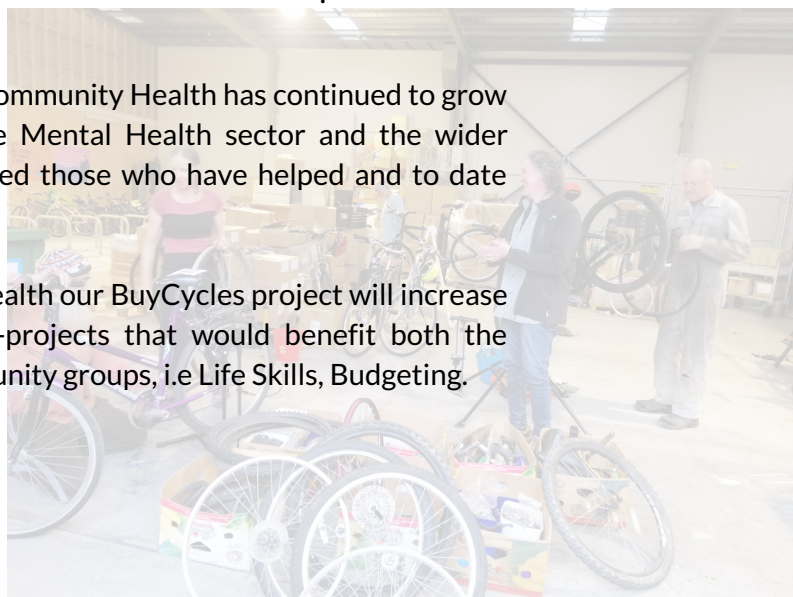
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A SNAP SHOT OF OUR YEAR

BuyCycles

This exciting project in collaboration with Canterbury Community Health has continued to grow numbers and offer bikes to those in need, within the Mental Health sector and the wider community. Over the past 12 months we have increased those who have helped and to date have given bikes to 280 people in need.

As we continue to work with Canterbury Community Health our BuyCycles project will increase as we work with other organisations, to develop co-projects that would benefit both the community and a working partnership with other community groups, i.e Life Skills, Budgeting.



Community Kai Network - All Things Food

This is everything we do around food, connecting our community through kai.

We have many areas that we are involved in within the community, which include- Workplace Fruit delivering fruit to help healthy eating within a business, Community Food Response helping connect those in need through produce and essential party boxes, Fruit In Schools promoting healthy eating for our next generation, Community Garden a place to connect and enjoy while learning the ease to grow and enjoy an edible garden.



Vege Co-Op

This is our social enterprise where over the past 12 months we have supplied just under 5000 produce packs at affordable cost, giving families and individuals value for money, with healthy eating options. This is our 5th year operating this social enterprise and we supply other organisations with these packs, along with as our local community.

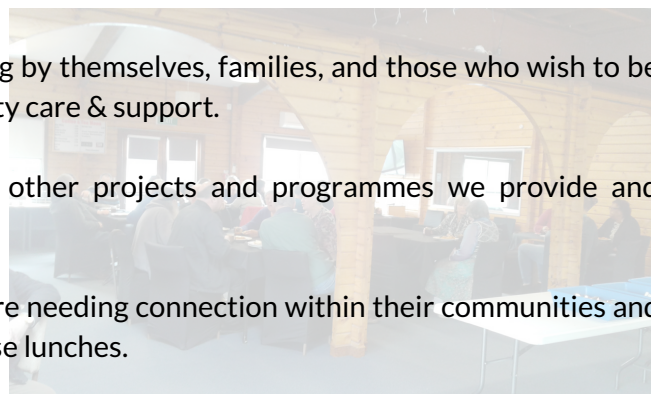
Our average customer base was 100 per week and we operate 46 weeks of the year, with a break over Christmas. We promote our projects and programmes through these bags and the social media platform.

Community Lunches

These lunches connect people who are living by themselves, families, and those who wish to be connected by providing a sense of community care & support.

We provide this service to also highlight other projects and programmes we provide and upcoming events.

We found that during COVID-19, people are needing connection within their communities and this is one area we are focusing on, with these lunches.



Loopy Tunes St Albans

We continue to work in collaboration with Empower Church with Loopy Tunes Music & Movement for preschoolers, which is held on Thursdays, during the term time. This is allowing families in our surrounding community, come together to meet and connect during this time.

On average we see around 25-35 preschool children and their parents/caregivers attend each week, promoting a fun environment with a cultural-based programme around music movement.



Kidsfest

We hosted 2 Kidsfest events with Elgregoe The Magician, who performed a magic show with 180 children and their parents/caregivers attending, with a Messy Play Days, with a total of 250 attending Kidsfest 2021.

This is an annual event as part of the Christchurch City Council, July school holiday programmes.

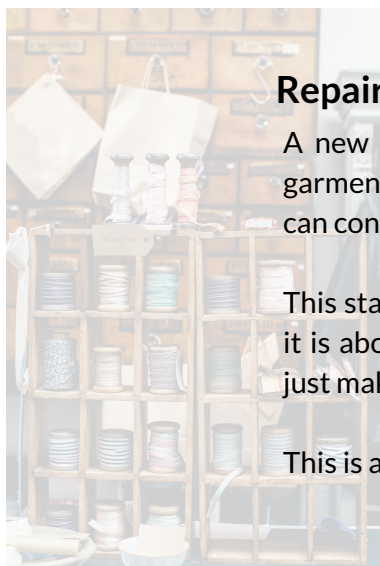


Repair Cafe

A new monthly initiative that was started from a conversation, where it can help you with garment alterations or repairing clothing, along with some craft making. This is a time where we can connect with our community, giving some basic life skills at the same time.

This started with small numbers but will build over time as part of our core programmes, where it is about bringing together, those who want some connection over a cuppa, while knitting or just making some crafts.

This is a monthly event.



OUR PEOPLE OUR COMMUNITY

He aha te mea nui o te ao?

WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN THE WORLD?

He tangata, he tangata, he tangata

IT IS PEOPLE, IT IS PEOPLE, IT IS PEOPLE



THANK YOU

Community Focus Trust could not do what it does without the support and backing from our funders and supporters, who give generously to our work.



STATEMENT OF SERVICE PERFORMANCE 2021

What we have achieved in the community this year

Area of Volunteering	Community Participation	Total Volunteers	Volunteer Hours
St Albans Fruit & Vege Co-Op	5000	12	1380
Community Lunches	200	6	200
BuyCycles	100	4	300
Helping Hands Projects	N/A	30	300
Community Events	1000	30	700
COVID-19 Response	2000	45	2000
Board Volunteer Time	N/A	5	40
Totals	8300	132	4920