



2020-2021

E3 NORTH COAST

# ANNUAL REPORT

## DISTRICT TREASURER



COVID has caused difficulties for everyone, but E3 North Coast's work has gone well. Andrew, our E3 worker, although partially furloughed during the year, has worked very effectively (with intern, Hannah Wilson, in the Spring) providing online material for primary, post-primary and special schools and taking outdoor opportunities when available. COVID has affected our finances - none of our normal fund-raising events (the coffee morning, quizzes and concerts) took place, although visits to churches were fruitful. Support through the furlough scheme and growth in giving from churches helped, but more finance is needed.

Prayer support remains strong: monthly prayer videos are sent out and (online) prayer meetings for supporters have been reintroduced. Andrew is guided by a committed local District Support Team. Thanks are due to Mike Dickie, who stood down as its Chairman last August for all his work, and to Mark Moorhead for stepping in temporarily this year. We are currently in the process of renewing the District Support Team for the years ahead.

**John Gillespie, E3 North Coast DST Treasurer**

## E3 SCHOOLS' WORKER



*'And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.'* Galatians 6:9

What a year it has been! I have been asked on more than one occasion "How can you be a schools' worker if schools are closed?" A fair question, but in fact this year has seen E3 North Coast blessed with many opportunities to share God's Good News with pupils in our schools, which you can read about overleaf.

At times this year has felt like a struggle as we navigated lockdowns and restrictions, but we have lots to be thankful to God for. Just as the verse above reminds us, we are not to grow weary and give up...rather we remain committed to sharing with more and more pupils in our local schools and we are excited to see what God has in store in the future!

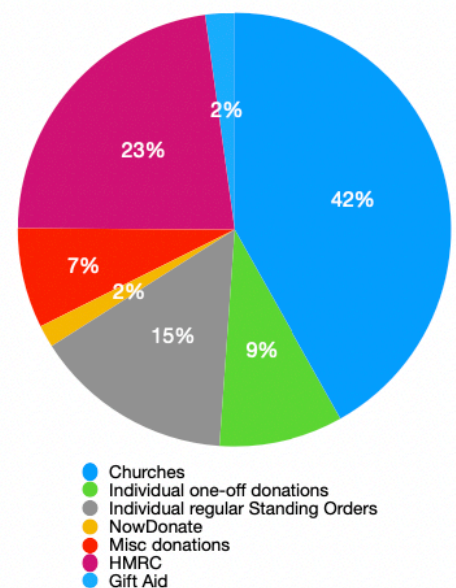
**Andrew Neill, E3 North Coast Schools Worker**

## DISTRICT FINANCES

The E3 schools project on the North Coast is usually funded entirely by the ongoing generosity of individuals and churches in the area. However this year's figures also include 'income' from HMRC's Job Retention Scheme. Therefore the total income for the financial year April 2020-March 2021 was **£28,824**.

Our Expenditure was **£25,517** leaving us with a surplus of **£3307** for the year. This is encouraging in the current climate. It should be noted that without HMRC's Job Retention Scheme we would have concluded the year in deficit. We need to continue to seek new supporters for the Project to ensure its longevity - there are many ways to give and no amount is too small. The NowDonate figure signifies donations (both regular and one-off) that have been given via online means (by visiting [www.suni.co.uk/donate](http://www.suni.co.uk/donate)). For more information please do not hesitate to get in touch with Mark Moorhead ([mark@suni.co.uk](mailto:mark@suni.co.uk)) or Ian McAvoy ([ianmcavoy@suni.co.uk](mailto:ianmcavoy@suni.co.uk))

On behalf of SUNI, **THANK YOU** for giving so generously this year! We are so aware of God's continued provision for this work.





# E3 SCHOOLS' WORKER'S HIGHLIGHTS 2020-2021

## ENGAGING

*"On behalf of everyone here, can we just say thank you so much to you and all the team for putting together these great assemblies. We are so grateful to be able to share God's word with the boys and girls in school and at home, and having these songs and messages are invaluable."*

*We trust and pray that God will continue to work in the lives of the children and the adults who listen."*

**A Local Primary School Teacher**

This year has looked a little different to say the least. Instead of being in schools daily, we faced periods where schools were closed and, when they opened again, visitations were limited. Working hard, SUNI began to develop pre-recorded online Assemblies, SU Group material and RE Lessons. I loved working as part of a group to develop Christmas and Easter Lessons and we were thrilled to see how well received these were in schools.



We also embraced the outdoor life, delivering assemblies and RE Lessons in car parks and playgrounds. With schools opening up again in Term 3, we were delighted to continue our visits (especially having the opportunity to deliver It's Your Move lessons with P7 classes). It has been a real encouragement to develop new links with schools during this time and look forward to building on them in the future.

## EQUIPPING

The E3 Schools Project aims to equip pupils and teachers to be salt and light in their school. Doing that this year has been very challenging as our usual chances to work with pupils and teachers has been seriously limited.



However, we were pleased to be able to bring our pupil leadership programme Making Your Mark online this year as a way of supporting SU leaders, many of whom met with their groups virtually this year.

It has also been brilliant to have an intern with E3 North Coast for half of the year! Hannah Wilson joined us in the Spring and it has been wonderful to see her invest herself in the preparing and delivery of programmes for pupils in the North Coast.



We love investing in and equipping young Christian leaders of the future. If you know of someone who might be interested in an internship with us email [andrew@suni.co.uk](mailto:andrew@suni.co.uk) or check out our social media pages for more information on how to apply.

## EMPOWERING

Partnering with local churches in schools ministry is a crucial aspect of the E3 Project. This year, although churches have faced some really difficult challenges, I am delighted to say that we have seen many instances when they have chosen to prioritise engaging with pupils in their local schools, both virtually and face-to-face.

We have seen ministers and youth workers recording assemblies to deliver online. It has been really great to collaborate on these projects with local volunteers and see them be so well-received in schools.



It has also been great to support local churches by sharing Youth and Children's talks which give us an opportunity to inform congregations about the Project, and pass on some points for prayer - we are so appreciative of the prayer support we receive from local churches.

*"I love helping with schools and having the opportunity to share God's word with both children and young people in our local area. I've really enjoyed and valued the partnership between Andrew and myself and his encouragement over the last year. I have benefited from spending time with him over coffee as we planned different schools activities as well as being sent resources which have massively helped me in schools."*

**Christopher Cunningham,  
Ballywillan PCI Youth Worker**

**IN 2020 -  
2021 WE...**

Physically visited schools **40** times, completed **4** series of RE lessons for national distribution, produced **112** online assemblies for PS, PPS and SEN, disseminated material to **318** schools, **78** of which were 'new' contacts.



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