

The Banstead Five Churches Trust

This Charitable Trust was set up in October 2009, and is registered with the Charity Commission with the reg. no. 1131456. The Trust's Objects are '*the advancement of the Christian religion in Banstead and the surrounding area for the benefit of the public*', by making grants to organisations (not individuals).

The Trust was set up to receive annual funds from Open Door Enterprises which runs the Open Door Coffee Shop with the help of volunteers from the Banstead Five Churches. Its income is therefore variable, and may be between £1000 and £6000 p.a., but it cannot be guaranteed.

It may provide grants to the Banstead Five Executive Committee for the activities of the Five Churches which include youth activities, Easter and Christmas cards etc., and it also makes grants to other organisations in response to applications - e.g. it has regularly contributed to the cost of the Christmas Lunch at the Methodist Church for people on their own, and has also given to rehabilitation projects at the local prisons, refurbishing the new Guide headquarters, an Age Concern Banstead project, etc.

The Governing Document is the Trust Deed which provides for five Trustees, one representing each church of the Banstead Five Churches. They are signatories on the Trust's bank account, and they normally meet about twice a year to consider applications for grants.

Some notes on 'person specification':

1. Because the B5 Exec. Committee is a principal beneficiary, Trustees should not be members of that committee to avoid setting up conflicts of loyalties;
2. No particular qualifications¹ are required, but qualities such as integrity, good sense and calm judgement are obviously desirable;
3. Awareness of such matters as proper record-keeping, financial controls, risk management, etc. would be useful.

¹ There are some legal disqualifications, including unspent convictions for offences of dishonesty or deception, undischarged bankruptcy, unspent convictions for terrorism, money laundering and bribery, perverting the course of justice, or breaching Charity Commission orders relating to finances or property.