

Southern Counties Baptist Association

Annual Review 2018



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“Growing healthy churches in relationship for God’s mission”

The Southern Counties Baptist Association (SCBA) is a family of 158 Baptist Churches spread mainly throughout located in Berkshire, Dorset, Gloucestershire, Guernsey, Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Oxfordshire and Wiltshire, covering thirteen counties in total. Each church is independent and self-governing, that work together with each other in unity in the context of the SCBA, encouraging and resourcing each other.

The SCBA aims to:
Build strong relationships
Grow healthy churches
Resource effective mission
Enable lifelong discipleship

The SCBA is one of 13 Regional Associations which, together with local churches and colleges, makes up the Baptist Union of Great Britain (BUGB).

Charity Name: Southern Counties Baptist Association

Charity Registration Number: 1091066

Company Registration Number: 4279837

Registered Office and
Operational Address: Baptist House, 129 Broadway, Didcot,
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Trustees:

Dr Mike Mortimer	Moderator of Trustees
Revd Nigel Cox	Association Treasurer
Mrs Ann Andrews	
Mr John Bragg	(from Nov 2018)
Revd Anthony Clarke	Regent's Park College Representative
Mrs Melvina Fawcett	
Revd Simon Ford	
Revd Martin Hardwidge	(from Nov 2018)
Revd Dr Colin Norris	Regional Minister Team Leader
Mrs Anne Lane	

Regional Ministry Team:

Revd Dr Colin Norris	Regional Minister Team Leader
Revd Alison Boulton	Pioneer Mission Enabler
Revd Clare Hooper	CYF Missional Developer
Revd Jonathan Hunt	Regional Minister
Revd David Llewellyn	Regional Minister

Staff Team:

Mrs Amy Allen	Administration Manager
Ms Andrea King	Safeguarding Officer (from 1 st Dec 2018)
Miss Alysen Merrill	Administration Support (from 27 th Feb 2018)

The Aims of SCBA

Short-term:

- Co-operate with churches directly and through working groups by passing appropriate resolutions to enable building development projects, including the provision of grants and loans, including Sustainable Energy Funding. Many of these projects are directly aimed at making church buildings more accessible and available to the local community.
- Assist churches and ministers that are seeking new ministries through the National Settlement process.
- Assist Individuals in exploring a call to any Baptist ministry by signposting various routes to recognised Baptist ministry, interviewing candidates, supporting ministerial candidates and providing Baptist Union approved training for lay pastors.
- Encourage dialogue within churches or between churches and their local community.
- Encourage the SCBA Grants Committee as it continues to seek creative ways of supporting churches in their mission using Baptist Home Mission, Pioneering and other Association funds.
- Receive and consider reports from the SCBA Strategy Groups and the Regional Ministers, enabling the charitable company to maintain effective governance

Long-term:

- Make Safeguarding training available on a rolling programme, encouraging and enabling members of our churches to receive training at a reduce cost or free, and ensuring that ministers have completed Level 2 & 3 training.
- Ensure, through its Staff, Finance & Administration Group, responsible and effective stewardship of the resources of the charitable company.
- Encourage churches to support Baptist Home Mission and BMS World Mission through prayer, direct partnership with mission personnel and financial gifts, so that the Gospel of Jesus Christ can continue to be shared in the UK and abroad.
- Support the staff employed by the charitable company through the provision of appropriate training and support, and provision of clear and effective staffing and other policies.
- Seek appropriate and timely legal advice on issues having a potentially wide-ranging effect with a view to mitigating risk.

The Objective of SCBA

The advancement of the Christian Faith especially by means of and in accordance with the principles of the Baptist denomination, as set out for the time being, in the Declaration of Principle of the Baptist Union of Great Britain.

SCBA Strategy Groups

Southern Counties Baptist Association seeks to carry out the aims and objective of the association through the support of the following strategy groups:

Steering & Strategy Group
(Trustees)

All other SCBA strategy groups report
back to the SSG



Staff, Finance & Administration

Leadership & Ministerial Development



Safeguarding

Children, Youth & Families



Pioneer Mission

Justice



Home Mission

Mission Development



Communications

Significant Achievements



Ministers' & Leaders' Conference

Nearly 120 ministers and leaders joined the team in February at DoubleTree by Hilton in Cheltenham for our conference, with guest speaker, Revd Dr Ian Stackhouse. There was also the opportunity for the NAMs and the chaplains/sector ministers to get together in separate meetings.

Leader's Day

The team were delighted that Dennis Pethers was able to be our guest speaker at our Leaders' Day in June to talk on "Joining Jesus in HIS Mission".

We were joined by 60 ministers and leaders at the fruitful day at Amesbury Baptist Church.



The ROOFTOP

Joining Jesus in *His* Mission



AGM & Leaders' Day

For the first time our association was invited to hold our event in the new building at Andover Baptist Church.

Our guest speaker, Brian Draper, led 130 ministers and leaders in "Finding Ways into Soulful Life & Ministry".

Gender Identity Training

Nearly 100 leaders and members of our churches attended this specific training held on two separate dates in 2018. The training was led by Natalie Collins from 'Build Your Own Compass' and provided an opportunity to understand the wider frameworks around gender identity.



GDPR Training

SCBA ran the first of the training sessions covering the new GDPR regulations including compliance and practical scenarios.

The training was carried out by the Association of Church Accountants & Treasurers and was also run in 2019.

Footsteps

Nearly 30 students attended Footsteps 1 and 2 meeting once a month on Saturdays. The year-long courses are run by Regent's Park College, Oxford. Those attending also included children, youth & families specialists following the new CYF path.



Ministerial Recognition

The testing of the call to ministry is carried out by a Ministerial Recognition Group as part of the South West Partnership and is now carried out a residential conferences within the four Associations. In 2018, eight candidates attended from SCBA.

The RMT also oversee the development of Ministers during the first three years if their ministry. Two Ministers became Fully Accredited Ministers and recognised at the Baptist Assembly, with twelve Newly Accredited Ministers gathering together on two separate occasions for reflective sessions.

Safeguarding Training

Safeguarding training is being run across the association with a trained team of Safeguarding Trainers (most of whom are volunteers) in the light of the national policies and procedures. Fifteen Safeguarding Training Sessions were held throughout the year with over 500 Church staff and volunteers from our association churches trained in Safeguarding for Children and Adults at Risk



Home Mission

The Mission Enabling Group (now Home Mission) and the Staff, Finance & Administration Group assessed and advised on the applications for Home Mission grants from eleven churches and 4 non-church organisations which were then considered and reviewed by the South West Partnership.

Settling in a New Team

The team and trustees were delighted to welcome Revd Joth Hunt and Revd Dave Llewellyn as Regional Ministers in January, having previously welcomed Revd Clare Hooper as CYF Missional Developer in November 2017. The new Regional Ministry Team spent the year making contact with their allocated churches and ministers, giving advice and support where needed, as well as attending church meetings and services.





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The full Annual Report, which incorporates financial statements is available at:
www.scba.org.uk/governance

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