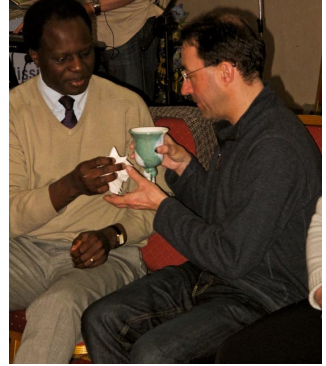




Welcome to the family





"Welcome to the family"

This booklet has been prepared for churches, ministers and leaders who are new to NWBA, to give a brief introduction to how Baptists in the North West are organised at a corporate level.

A vital feature of Baptist identity is a firm commitment to the local church as an independent fellowship that seeks to be self-governing under God. Coupled with this is a recognition of the value of associating: coming together for mutual support and to share common concerns; supporting those who face particular challenges and struggles in the work of God's Kingdom; developing expertise in particular tasks that are common to us all and able to think strategically about how we further our mission in today's world.

We are a union of local churches and our broader structures exist therefore not as an instrument of governance or oversight, but to resource and co-ordinate the mission and ministry of those churches.

The Association seeks to offer specific expertise - particularly in legal matters, management of premises, the appointment of ministers & staff, and issues of mission in wider society. We also seek to offer pastoral support to those in local church leadership, whose role sometimes requires that they look beyond the local fellowship for this. Association officers and staff also seek to represent North West Baptists in wider society when appropriate.

Our history begins in local churches, and our structures have grown out of that. For this reason, no two Regional Associations are the same and each reflects both the history of its formation and particular local concerns and priorities. NWBA is constituted as a Company limited by Guarantee and a registered charity and as such is able to act as a trustee body for church premises, capital holdings etc.

NWBA is one of 13 Regional Associations, who together with local churches and colleges comprise the Baptist Union of Great Britain. Most Baptist churches are members both of the Union and a local Association, local support is therefore a complement to this national resource, and this booklet is best read alongside relevant publications produced by the Union.

More information can be obtained from

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Baptists in the North West

There is a long tradition of Baptist life in the North Western area. From the mill towns of Lancashire to the industrial centres of the North Wales coast, Baptists have for centuries formed congregations, built chapels and sought to bear testimony to their faith in Christ.



The geographical area covered by the Association reaches from Carlisle in the North to Cheshire in the South, from Holyhead and the Isle of Man in the West to East Lancashire and Greater Manchester in the East. The North West coastline forms the natural border on the West and the Pennines on the East.

The area contains three major urban centres: Liverpool, Manchester, and Preston, as well as the Lancashire industrial heartland of Burnley, Blackburn and other East Lancashire towns.

Besides the major cities and industrial towns, the area includes some of Britain's most beautiful and unspoiled countryside. The region includes the Fylde Coast, Lake District, Ribble & Lune Valleys, and the countryside of Cheshire and Cumbria, as well as the spectacular coastline, mountains and valleys of North Wales.

Within the area, there are universities in Manchester, Liverpool, Preston and Lancaster. Manchester University full-time Free Church chaplaincy is currently provided through one of our NWBA ministers.

The most recent chapter in the life of NWBA began on 1st January 2002 when we were re-launched as one of the 13 new Regional Associations and partnerships that form the Baptist Union of Great Britain.

This was the outcome of nearly 10 years of deliberation and discussion, initiated by BUGB and worked out in numerous local situations. In NWBA those deliberations were spearheaded by the Futures Group, culminating in the production of the document *"20/21 The future vision and shape of the North Western Regional Association"*

The inspiration for 20/21 comes from the words of Jesus recorded in John's Gospel – ch 20 v 21

"As the Father has sent me, I am sending you"

20/21 is therefore more than a contemporary reminder of the need for our Association to address and be relevant to the issues of the 21st century, it is a re-statement of our primary purpose to be a missionary church, called by the risen Christ to be proclaimers of His Good News.

All of this is encapsulated in our Vision statement:

“We, the North Western Baptist Association, committed to the values of Christ’s Kingdom, exist to resource and enable each of our member churches to be more effective in their Ministry and Mission”

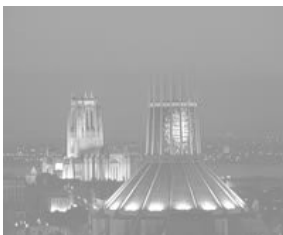


Our NWBA logo is designed to express these aims. Based around the colours and style of the BU logo it reminds us that we are part of a wider family of Baptists committed to our own identity and ready to serve alongside our fellow believers. The rainbow stretching across the North Western corner is a symbol of diversity- a broad spectrum of different kinds of churches in very different situations; covenant – a family committed to one another in Christ; new start – a people looking to the future not locked in the past.

Member churches are encouraged to use the Association logo in their own publications as a means of expressing our corporate identity to wider society. It can be obtained in electronic form by contacting the Association Office.

We summarise the aims of the Association as follows:

- To release churches to get on with those things they can best do alone
- To resource churches with those things that they might not otherwise be able to obtain
- To do on behalf of churches those things which are best achieved through corporate endeavour
- To engage churches in meaningful relationships with one another
- To direct resources to places of most need and potential impact



Organisation and Structures in NWBA

Forum and Council

The Association is its churches! It consists of local churches and exists to serve local churches in mission and ministry. By presenting the Association through its organizational structures, we do want to create an impression that we are unduly bureaucratic, but hope this is a useful way to introduce some of the key people and initiatives that make NWBA what it is.

Our primary aim is to strengthen the relationships between local congregations in order to identify and release the resources that exist for wider benefit. It follows therefore that all Association office holders, working groups and initiatives are accountable to them. In order to enable this, the Association is organised around a **FORUM** to which every church is invited to appoint two delegates.



The Forum holds two meetings each year, (normally a Saturday in March/April and October) one of which includes the Annual General Meeting of NWBA. The Forum sets the overall direction and strategy of the Association, appoints principle officer holders and is a place where key issues can be introduced and explored. Forum also receives an Annual Report which includes an overview of the Association's activities and its management accounts.

Direct oversight of the Association's activities is exercised through the Council. Council meets more frequently and consists of the following people:

- 8 Network Ministers
- Resource facilitators (normally 6)
- Officers and Association staff
- Elected representatives to BU council (up to 6)
- 2 Representatives of Northern Baptist Learning Community
- 1 BMS World Mission, regional representative
- Up to 6 co-opted members



The roles and means of appointment for these individuals is outlined in the sections that follow. Where appropriate, details of the organisation that they represent is also included.

Council is appointed for a three-year term, and the process of electing a new council takes place in the third year of each term. Full details of the various election procedures are contained within the NWBA bye-laws which can be obtained from NWBA office on request.

Local Mission Networks

For purposes of mission, local organisation and ecumenical expression, NWBA has formed geographic mission networks, to which all of its member churches are invited to affiliate. These are the only formal structures that exist, apart from the Regional Association. There are eight networks in all, covering the following areas:

- Cheshire (excluding South Manchester)
- Cumbria
- Greater Manchester North
- Greater Manchester South
- East Lancashire
- North West Lancashire
- Merseyside
- North Wales

Each network appoints a **network minister** who represents them on NWBA council and also meet regularly with the Association staff team to explore strategy and mission together. Network ministers are described as mutually recognised individuals who support the work of Regional Office holders by coordinating a number of matters more locally. These include:

- ☐ Pastoral Care of churches and ministers
- ☐ Home Mission promotion
- ☐ Home Mission Grants and visitors
- ☐ Ministerial Recognition
- ☐ Ecumenical Liaison

They also deputise for Regional Ministers in their area when they are unable to attend various meetings and events in person.

The term 'network minister' denotes the role undertaken; it does not imply that the holder of the position will be a BUGB accredited minister or a serving minister in an NWBA church. True to our Baptist tradition, any individual recognised by the churches as suitably gifted may serve in this capacity. Each network opts to appoint its network minister either at a specially convened meeting or by postal ballot. Like all council members, network ministers are appointed for a period of three years and are eligible to be re-elected.

Mission Networks may develop some informal infrastructure which will be unique to their own situation. The primary aim of the Network is to enable a strategic approach to mission.

Churches may also form clusters, local partnerships for mutual support, fellowship and to develop areas of common interest and mission. Clusters can include churches of other denominations, and there is no reason why a local church cannot belong to more than one.

Officers & Resource Facilitators

Forum appoints five officers

Regional Minister
Regional Minister (Church Life)
Regional Minister (Youth)
The Treasurer
The Moderator

Regional Ministers, one of whom acts as Team Leader are full or part-time stipendiary appointments, and are made in consultation with the Baptist Union of Great Britain. Regional ministers are appointed through a normal recruitment process as positions become vacant. The treasurer oversees the Association's finances and is also offers financial advice to churches where possible. The moderator acts as chair for meetings of Forum and council. The Officers are ex-officio members of all Association committees and working groups and have executive powers to make appropriate decisions in between meetings of council and Forum

Resource Facilitators are individuals with particular expertise or interest, appointed to oversee a specific area of Association life. Each Resource facilitator can organise committees, working groups or whatever processes are needed to enable their area of oversight to be developed. They are a key link between the staff team, volunteer activists and the structures and committees of the Association. Key responsibilities are:

Ensuring that relevant decisions are being actioned
Raising relevant issues with FORUM/COUNCIL
Developing concerns and issues identified by FORUM/COUNCIL into executable proposals

A list of current resource facilitators and their areas of responsibility is shown on the table opposite.

Members of the Staff Team

The council makes a number of staff appointments as directed by Forum. These are currently:

Regional Minister: Revd Phil Jump was appointed to this position in November 2001. The Regional Minister acts as team leader for the Association and represents NWBA on a number of BUGB committees including the National Settlement Team which facilitates the movement of ministers between churches. The Regional Minister has a co-ordinating oversight of all Association activities with specific responsibility for mission & mission strategy, settlement of ministers, communication, Independent Methodist integration, Home Mission promotion, Leadership and training. He also acts as the recognised Baptist leader for ecumenical bodies and events in Merseyside, Cheshire and North Wales. The Regional Minister is available to work with churches in developing leadership and mission strategy.

Area	Facilitator	Responsible For
Mission	Vacant	Regional Strategy: Evangelism/Mission/Church Planting Community Issues Social Action Home Mission Strategy Training for Mission Home Mission Grants
Ministry	Revd. Simon Oxley	Ministerial Recognition/Settlement Lay Ministries Regional Pastoral Committee Home Mission Grants Chaplaincies Ecumenical Matters RMS/RMP Support Groups Spiritual Development (Retreats etc) Leadership Training
Working with “3rd agers”	Vacant	Helping the Association and its churches respond to the unique challenge and opportunity of working with the recently retired. This connects with BUGB national strategy, focusing on how churches mobilise members in this age group, and how the church engages in mission to this generation..
Youth & Children's	Vacant	Youth Events Training/Support of Youth leaders Child Protection Junior Church/Children's Work BUGB Younger leaders' Forum
International	Philip Elson	Hungary Link BMS World Mission Link Other World Mission links
Health Check	Malcolm Hulse	BUGB Consultancy Programme Arranging Church Healthcheck visits Developing new Healthcheck resources

Regional Minister (Church Life): Revd. Andrew Funnell was appointed to this position in November 2003. The Regional Minister (Church life) is the key point of contact for NWBA churches and ministers, with co-ordinating oversight for pastoral care of churches and ministers and trust and legal matters. Supported by Ministry resource facilitator he oversees ministerial recognition and the mentoring and support of newly accredited ministers. He acts as the recognised Baptist leader for ecumenical bodies and events in Greater Manchester, Lancashire and Cumbria.

Regional Minister (Youth): This is a part time appointment to which Revd. Sandra Crawford was appointed in September 2004. Sandra oversees the Association's Youth strategy and organises various events for young people and their leaders throughout the year. She also offers advice and training in issues of Child Protection and is available to local churches to offer general advice on working with Young People. She also acts as a point of contact for women ministers and leads the Association's key strategy to develop the role of women in leadership.

Administration Manager: Mandy Howarth works from our Association Office in Wigan and will often be the first voice people hear when they telephone. The office is open Monday to Thursday from 9.30 am to 1.30 pm. She is responsible for a range of administrative tasks in support of the work of the various individuals and initiatives outlined within this document. Mandy is happy to help churches and leaders with various enquiries and if she cannot offer an answer herself, usually knows someone who can!

Church Life Officer: Jonathan Boyers, who is also minister at the Peoples' Church Partington fulfils this role on a part time basis. He plays an important role in co-ordinating the annual back-2-church Sunday event as well as co-ordinating the programme for Making Mission Manageable and Refreshed Renewed and Responding - details of which are included later in this brochure. Jonathan also co-ordinates BUGB Mission Grant applications and is the first point of contact for churches wishing to make enquiries about grants.

Representatives to Baptist Union council

The Association currently appoints up to 9 representatives to Baptist Union council. The Regional Minister, Regional Minister (Church life) and moderator are members of BUGB council by virtue of their office. The remaining 6 places are allocated through a process of nomination and election by local churches. A certain number of representatives must be female, and a certain number must not be ministers. In addition at least one must be under 40.



In accordance with our constitution, those individuals who are elected to BUGB council also serve on the Association council. (NB only Association elected council members serve on NWBA council; those who are appointed in some other capacity (e.g. presidents, moderators of BUGB committees etc) do not automatically qualify)

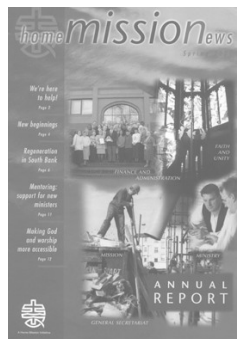
Elections to BUGB council normally take place every three years to co-incide with the three year cycle in NWBA council. By placing individuals on both BUGB council and NWBA council, we seek to ensure that there is good co-ordination between Association and Union activities and initiatives.

BUGB council meets twice yearly for a three-day residential gathering usually in March and November. Although ultimate oversight of the Union rests with Annual Assembly, much of the management and policy making of the Union is devolved to council.

Home Mission

The Home Mission fund is the lifeblood of the Baptist family. Churches pay a relatively small subscription to the Union, but are invited to further support Baptist life and witness through voluntary gifts to Home Mission. Churches are encouraged to set a giving target of around £5 per member per month, or 5% of their income.

By far the largest proportion of Home Mission giving is allocated in grants to local churches and mission situations to support the work of ministers, chaplains and other individuals engaged in evangelistic ministry. A further proportion is given to churches in **Mission Grants**. (see below) Recognising that the purpose of local Associations and Union departments is to release and enable churches in mission, Home Mission also supports Regional Ministers, Union staff etc.



NWBA has a strong commitment to **Strategic Mission** and in partnership with our local churches and other agencies have initiated two church plants and a number of other innovative projects. We are keen to develop Home Mission giving to the point where rather than simply **sustaining** our present mission initiatives we are able to **invest** in new mission opportunities. To realise this vision we are that by the end of 2012:

Every Baptist in the North West invests £5 per month in Home Mission

We are particularly committed to working with partners to develop a tangible Christian Presence in some of the many new-build estates and communities in the North West. This would enable us to fully support the equivalent of four half-time church planters.

Churches normally give to Home Mission through their local Association. The Home Mission treasurer is happy to receive contributions and to offer advice on planned giving etc. Along with other members of the Home Mission promotion team, he is also available to visit churches to explain the work of Home Mission.

Treasurers are asked to note that cheques for Home Mission should be made payable to **North Western Baptist Association**. These are paid into a separate account, and forwarded from there to the national fund.

Various posters, videos, leaflets and other resources are available direct from BUGB to assist local church representatives in the promotion of Home Mission .

Any BUGB church can apply for a Mission Grant to help support the cost of ministry. Details of current guidelines and application forms can be obtained from NWBA office. New Applications can take up to 12 months to process and these are often made following a quite lengthy period of discussion and support in developing a strategy for mission. Churches are therefore asked to contact the Association as soon as possible if they are considering applying for a grant towards ministerial stipend. Initial conversations will usually be informal.

BUGB also offers **Mission Project Grants**. These are normally one-off grants to help with the start up expenses of new projects or initiatives. They offer up to £3000 and the key emphasis is that the activities which they support must have a clear mission focus. Grants can take around 6 months to process depending upon the time of year. Enquiries should again be made to NWBA office in the first instance.



Northern Baptist Learning Community, recognised by the Baptist Union as its regional training centre in the North of England and the North Midlands, is able to make a special contribution to the life of the North Western Baptist Association from its base in Manchester. Whilst its ministry ranges across a wide geographical area, it can offer something quite unique to those who are in easy reach of its resources.

Much of the College's work is summed up by the now familiar words **Together in Mission and Ministry**, a single phrase which gathers so much of what the College is and what it is doing in and with today's churches.

As well as offering training for accredited Baptist ministry, the College now engages in many other programmes of Christian education accessible to local Christians. Much of this became possible following the innovative appointment of Regional Tutors who work with the five regional Baptist Associations of the Midlands and North.

Regionally, we now offer a rich menu of modular courses (the **TiMM** programme) to meet the learning needs of individuals and communities wanting to study locally and needing to access their on-going learning at times convenient to their own busy lives. These courses have been designed to meet the requirements of preachers and pastors on track towards local or national accreditation; but their popularity clearly shows that they are also meeting the everyday needs of individuals and groups of committed disciples keen to broaden and

deepen their grasp of Christian life and faith. In addition, the Regional Tutor will also work creatively with any local church community concerned to develop tailor-made opportunities for learning, responding to the particular realities of time of place.

In Manchester, as an affiliated College of Manchester University, made possible in partnership with other major denominational communities at Luther King House, we are now able to offer everything from an undergraduate Certificate, through Diploma, Degree, Masters and Research, right through to PhD level. All these programmes lead to Awards from the University of Manchester, and they are delivered on flexible patterns including weekdays, weekends, evenings, summer schools and special residential events. They continue to provide the core which sustains the work of ministerial training, though most ministerial students now train based in a local congregation and the College's resources have been carefully shaped to make the most of a strongly 'hands-on' approach. These university courses have also proved helpful for a good number of Baptist ministers who have been looking for a fresh challenge through in-service training.

One of the College's strengths is its networked connections into the wider Baptist community. This includes lively international partnerships with Baptists in South Africa and El Salvador, as well as links into a range of British and international agencies sharing its passion for Christian education.



At the College **in Manchester**, contacts include:

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and there is a comprehensive web-site at:

www.northern.org.uk

BMS World Mission

As an Association we greatly value our partnership with BMS world mission. This is particularly expressed through the work of our local co-ordinators who are the first point of contact for information about BMS's work in over 30 countries worldwide, and opportunities for partnership and short and long-term opportunities to serve Christ and His church overseas. Various link and partnership schemes exist to help churches meaningfully connect with the work of overseas personnel and partners along with a wide range of resources to help promote and develop a vision for international mission in your local church.

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NWBA Events

In addition to Forum and council meetings, the Association is free to arrange whatever events and meetings it seems fit. Many of these will be on an “ad-hoc” basis to meet the particular needs and opportunities that from time to time arise. However certain events normally are arranged on an annual basis, these currently include

Ministers’ Conference: A two-day residential usually held in February or March. The programme seeks to incorporate an element of professional development in an informal atmosphere, with an opportunity for pastoral support and mutual fellowship. Churches are encouraged to recognise the importance of the conference by covering the accommodation and travel costs of their minister.

Regional Resource Day: Particularly aimed at Church Secretaries and Treasurers this is a half day event is usually held on a Saturday morning in February or March. The day seeks to give key updates on legislation, BUGB &

NWBA policy, finance and trust matters and other areas that relate to the management and oversight of a local church. This is coupled with a selection of seminars aimed to offer an introduction to various initiatives and resources for mission and church life.

Regional Celebration: The Association will normally arrange some kind of major celebration during each year. These are often planned to coincide with major BUGB initiatives (e.g. sharing the dream) or particular milestones in our Association life (e.g. I.M./Baptist covenant launch)



Help I'm a deacon: This is a structured training day which is particularly aimed at Newly Appointed Deacons or teams of deacons wishing to reflect on their role and responsibilities. Although described as for deacons, it reflects on aspects of church leadership in general and is helpful for anyone engaged in this role. The event is normally arranged around once every 18 months, though can be put on at the request of a network or group of local churches.

Youth Weekend: We have a variety of events for young people and their leaders.



The largest and most popular of these is the annual activities weekend at Whittagh Park. This event is particularly planned with smaller youth groups in mind, enabling leaders to spend quality time with their young people and access an activity programme that is made possible by the combined numbers that attend.

Support Activities for Youth Leaders: NWBA offers a range of support activities for Young People and Youth Workers. Details of these can be found in a separate publication which is available from the NWBA office.

Refreshed, Renewed and Responding: This is an afternoon and evening event which is usually arranged 2-3 times per year. We invite a recognised practitioner to lead a seminar style presentation on various aspects of mission, but this is very much rooted in a context of worship and prayer ministry. The vision is that local leaders are developed through learning and reflection, but also through prayer and spiritual renewal.

Making Mission Manageable: These are practical workshops which focus on a relevant aspect of mission and church life. The key focus is on local churches learning from one another. Recent events have included Debt Support, Café Church, Ministry to men etc.

This is just an overview of the many events and activities which NWBA churches and team members are involved in arranging together. Many of these are organised in response to specific requests, so please contact us if you feel there is a need which can be best addressed by working together as a North West family.

Healthcheck Resources

NWBA has developed a significant resource known as Church Healthcheck. This incorporates BUGB Mission consultancy programme, produced in partnership with the Southern Counties Association, but also comprises several elements unique to NWBA. The resource has benefited from input by several individuals with recognised expertise in various aspects of church life.



Healthcheck consultations are available to churches who will usually need to set aside a Friday evening and full day Saturday in order to participate in the programme.

The Association offers training to individuals from member churches who are willing to act as consultants in the Healthcheck programme.

Healthcheck is one of several Church development resources available from NWBA. These cover areas such as leadership in teams, community engagement and mission strategy.

Further details of Healthcheck and associated resources are available through the NWBA office.

Managing Conflict

It is a reality of life in any community that from time to time differences in opinion and perspective can occur. This is a natural part of human experience that is usually within the ability of those affected to resolve. However situations can sometimes develop that are less easily dealt with, and churches are no exception to this experience.

An important part of the ministry of Regional and Network ministers is to support churches and their leaders in any difficulties they encounter. Churches are encouraged to be open to receive help as early as possible, and to recognise that Association officers do not represent an authority body, but will seek to offer constructive support.

The work of Regional Ministers is further supported by a small team who are trained in formal conflict resolution. This has proved an invaluable resource and can really help in times of difficulty. It is co-ordinated by Revd. Jo Williams, Associate Minister at Sion Baptist Church, Burnley who is a respected practitioner in this field.

Ecumenical relationships

Ecumenically there are five intermediate county bodies, and an intermediate body in North Wales. Regional Ministers regularly meet with their counterparts in other denominations to discuss matters of common concern and interest, and to respond strategically to the mission needs and opportunities that are apparent.



Several NWBA churches are formal, ecumenical congregations, while many others play an active role in local Churches Together groups. NWBA representatives participate in the various Sponsoring Bodies, which have co-ordinating oversight of these local initiatives. In addition, several Baptist ministers serve in ecumenical chaplaincies or hold other responsibilities with an ecumenical dimension to them. True to our Baptist identity, ecumenical participation is a matter of choice for the local congregation. Our participation at leadership level is a response to the fact that the large majority of NWBA churches are actively involved.

As well as the various county bodies, Regional Ministers are also part of the North West Church Leaders group. This was formed in response to the growing significance being placed by Government and other Statutory bodies in Regional Identity. This group has established the jointly-funded Churches Officer for the North West, an increasingly significant post currently held by Msgr. John Devine. The Regional Minister currently chairs the management group for this project.

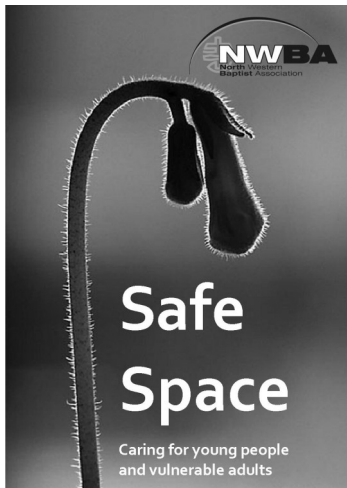
Hungarian Partnership

For some years, the Association has been developing a partnership with the Baptist Union of Hungary and its member churches. Several churches in the NWBA are twinned with Baptist churches in Hungary and we expect that this will increase significantly in the coming years.

Churches who twin pray for one another and offer each other mutual support in various ways. Exchanges take place and there are regular visits to Hungary by representatives of the NWBA.



NWBA Churches who have twinned with Hungarian Baptist churches speak enthusiastically of the value of such partnerships. More details of this initiative are available from the International facilitator, Revd. Philip Elson.



Children and Vulnerable Adults

NWBA is committed to working with local churches to develop the highest standards of care and protection for children and vulnerable adults.

The BUGB publications “Safe to Grow” and “Safe to belong” offer guidelines and sample procedures which comply to the latest relevant legislation.

As well as offering support and advice to churches, these are the standards that we apply to our activities and events.

BUGB has dedicated staff who are able to work with churches through particularly difficult issues, but most of their work is disseminated through Regional Teams. We invite churches to seek our support and advice by appointing a recognised contact who is asked to sign a written confirmation that they understand their responsibilities in this respect.

We will seek to keep the church updated with changes and developments in relevant legislation and provide information on matters of concern through the local representative. It is important that churches properly recognise that individual's role in the network that we are seeking to establish.

We are also able to offer training which meets the standards of “Safe to Grow” and “Safe to Belong”. However because of demand, we are not able to offer this on an individual church basis. You are however welcome to act as a host church for a training event for your mission network.

Look out for the logo above which is used to identify all relevant NWBA publications, events and information on this matter.

Contact Details

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Directions to Association Office

Leave M58/M6 Junction 26 and follow signs to Wigan town centre. Follow main road for approx 1/2 mile. At first Traffic light junction turn left into Fleet Street (KFC on corner). The Resource Centre is approx 400 yds down on Left Hand Side



