

## **Index to Legal and Operations (BUC) Guideline Leaflets**

This is an Index of the leaflets created to help local Baptist Churches with legal, property issues, and charity law.

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<b>T11</b>	<a href="#">Baptist Trusts for Manses 2004</a>	January 2022

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The staff in the Legal and Operations Team at Baptist House (or your regional Trust Company) will be very pleased to answer your queries and help in any way possible. It helps us to respond as efficiently as possible to the many churches in trust with us if you write to us and set out your enquiry as simply as possible.

The Legal and Operations Team also support churches that are in trust with the East Midland Baptist Trust Company Limited.

**If your holding trustees are one of the other Baptist Trust Corporations you must contact your own Trust Corporation for further advice. A list of contact details is provided above. If you have private trustees they too should be consulted as appropriate.**

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