



# Clay Cross Community Church

## Annual Accounting Statement

For the twelve months ending 31st December 2024

Registered charity number: 1052316


Charity Name: North East Derbyshire Christian Fellowship

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## Legal and Administrative Information

Legal Charity Name:	North East Derbyshire Christian Fellowship
Known as:	C4 Church - Clay Cross Community Church
Charity Web Site:	<a href="http://www.c4-church.org">www.c4-church.org</a>
Registered charity number:	1052316
For financial year commencing:	1 January 2024
For financial year ending on:	31 December 2024
Charity's Principal Address:	75-85, Market Street, Clay Cross, Chesterfield, Derbyshire S45 9LS
Trust bankers:	T.S.B. Bank, PO Box 373, Leeds, LS14 9GQ
Independent Examiner	Grace Accounting Coventry  <b>Grace Accounting</b>

# Trustees' Annual Report

## Report to the trustees of North East Derbyshire Christian Fellowship

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The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements for the twelve months ended 31 December 2024.

The charity carries out its activities under the banner of C4 Church - Clay Cross Community Church.

### Reference and Administrative Information

**Governing Document:** The objectives, organisation, management and operations of North East Derbyshire Christian Fellowship is governed by a deed of trust, the original of which is held at Assemblies of God Property Trust in Nottingham. The trust deed is dated 15 November 1993 and amended 7 June 1997 and 10 May 2009.

**Fellowship relationship:** C4 Church remains in relationship and fellowship with the churches forming Assemblies of God in Great Britain and Ireland, whose office is located at Gf/FI2 No.1-2 The Cottages, Deva Centre, Manchester, M3 7BE.

The principal address and other statutory information about the charity is listed on the contents page.

**Holding Trustees:** The management of the trust is by a church council which has the power, by simple majority vote, to appoint holding trustees who stand possessed of all the property of the trust.

Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted, if not for whole year	Name of person entitled to appoint trustees
Mr Mathew Bollands	Chairman, Trustee		Church Council
Mr Kenneth R Allen	Treasurer / Holding Trustee		Church Council
Rebecca Ann Shaw	Trustee / Holding Trustee		

New Trustees are made aware of the work of the charity ahead of joining the board. This includes being fully briefed about the vision and purpose of the charity and being given information on the role of a trustee.

**Accounts Preparation:** The accounts are prepared on a Receipts and Payments Basis

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### Risk Management

Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects.

Due to the current size of the charity, the trustees believe the risks to the charity to be small.

Controls used by the charity include:

- Formal agendas for all Board activities
- Strategic planning, budgeting and management accounting
- Formal written policies
- Memorandums of Understanding with partner organisations
- Clear authorisation and appraisal levels

### Charitable Objectives

The main objects of the trust remain those of the proclamation and furtherance of the Christian gospel message.

In detail, the objectives are classified as follows:

- To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the church council from time to time may think fit;
- To relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind including the provision of counselling and support in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the church council from time to time think fit;
- To advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the church council from time to time may think fit.

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## Activities and achievements of the charity during the year

### General Report (2022) NEDCF (C4 CHURCH)

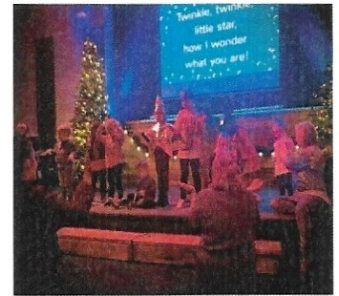
This is the general report for the Year 2024 (January 1st - December 31st)

### Overview of 2024

Over the past year, our church has continued to grow and make a positive impact in our community. We have welcomed new faces into our congregation, fostering a strong sense of belonging and shared purpose. Our men's and women's ministries have flourished, offering encouragement, support, and fellowship to many. The baby pop-up shop has remained a vital initiative, providing essential items and care to those in need, and touching the lives of hundreds within our community.



Our Kid's Church has seen encouraging growth, with new children and volunteers joining, enriching the experience for all involved. This expansion has been a testament to the commitment of our church family to nurture the next generation in their faith journey. Additionally, the relaunch of our youth group has been a great success, further strengthening engagement with young people in our church.



Throughout the year, we have been blessed to hear inspiring messages and testimonies from Africa Inland Mission who we have a connection with through members of our congregation. These stories have reminded us of our broader mission and the role we play in God's global work.

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We also celebrated significant milestones in faith, such as Easter and our annual carol service, which once again brought the community together in worship and celebration, reaffirming the unity and joy found within our church family.



As part of our commitment to serving the community, we were blessed to donate to the local food bank, helping to support individuals and families in need. In addition, our Kids Church also took part in this mission by raising money for the food bank on a separate occasion. Their enthusiasm and generosity were truly inspiring, demonstrating the heart of giving and compassion that we seek to instil in the next generation. These contributions reflect our church's dedication to making a tangible difference in the lives of those around us.



Our vision remains steadfast—to be a thriving, prayerful church with strong biblical teaching and a clear sense of purpose. We are committed to seeking God wholeheartedly and embracing the life-transforming message of the gospel. As a church, we continue to prioritise the Great Commission, encouraging each member to take ownership of their faith and grow deeper in their relationship with God.

In the aftermath of the pandemic, our church has experienced ongoing transformation. Through God's guidance, we have seen growth emerge from change, with new opportunities unfolding. While challenges have arisen, they have also served as catalysts for renewal and deeper spiritual dependence.

Our Pastor has remained actively engaged in broader church networks, attending AoG regional meetings and connecting with the Ground Level network to gain fresh insights and strengthen our church's direction. Additionally, participation in the annual Africa Inland Mission conference has further enriched our vision and commitment to global mission.

Looking back on 2024, we celebrate a year of meaningful progress, deepened faith, and strengthened unity. Our congregation continues to steadily grow in both numbers and commitment, with a shared desire to serve and see the church flourish. The challenges of the past have only solidified our faith and unity, positioning us for continued growth and impact in the years to come.

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### Music Report

Music remains a central part of our worship, drawing us closer to God and uniting us as a church family. This year, we have been encouraged to see even more people stepping forward to use their musical gifts in worship. Our singers and musicians have demonstrated incredible dedication, and their passion has deeply enriched our times of praise.



Volunteers introduced additional worship practices, allowing for greater collaboration, skill development, and spiritual connection among the team. These extra sessions have been invaluable in helping new members integrate smoothly while strengthening the overall quality of our worship.

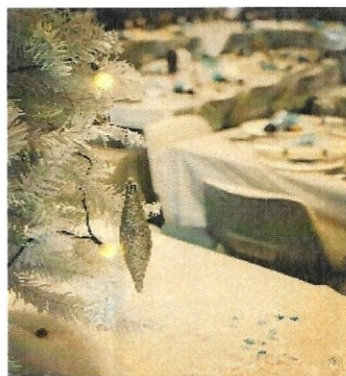
We remain committed to fostering an environment where musicians and singers can flourish, ensuring that worship continues to be a powerful and Spirit-led aspect of our church life. We are grateful for the enthusiasm and commitment shown by all involved and look forward to seeing how God continues to work through our worship ministry in the coming year.

### Parents and Toddlers Report

Our baby group continues to grow, welcoming new families each week. The sessions are filled with energy and joy, providing a space where parents and toddlers can connect, build friendships, and find support.

A highlight of the year was our Christmas party, which brought the community together for a wonderful celebration at the church. It was a joy to see so many families engaging and sharing in the festivities.

The provision of refreshments has also played a key role in creating a warm and inviting atmosphere, encouraging new attendees to feel at home. We are excited to see the ongoing growth of this ministry and the positive impact it continues to have on families in our community.



### Prayer Report

Prayer remains at the heart of everything we do, and we firmly believe in its power to bring transformation in our lives and the world around us. Throughout the year, we have held weeks of prayer and fasting, with remarkable engagement from our church community. These dedicated times of seeking God have strengthened our faith and deepened our sense of unity as a church.

We continue to receive prayer requests through our online channels, allowing us to support and uplift one another in times of need. The ongoing participation and commitment of our members in this ministry have been a great encouragement.

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Looking ahead to 2025, we are committed to being even more intentional in our approach to prayer and fasting. Recognising their vital role in spiritual growth, we plan to introduce a **weekly prayer meeting**, providing regular opportunities for our church to come together in faith, intercession, and worship.

We are grateful for the privilege of serving in this ministry and for the opportunity to stand in prayer for our congregation and beyond. As we move forward, we trust that God will continue to guide us, deepening our commitment to prayer and revealing His plans for us in even greater ways.

### Kids, youth, & young adults Report

Over the past year, our Young Adults Ministry has remained a place of connection, encouragement, and spiritual growth. Regular gatherings have strengthened relationships, providing a supportive space for one another. Our pastor has continued to offer guidance and pastoral care, not only to those actively involved in the ministry but also to young adults who may be less engaged with the church, ensuring that everyone feels valued and supported in their faith journey.

As in previous years, we have seen a natural shift within our young adult community, as many have started families. This transition has brought both challenges and incredible opportunities for growth. One of the most exciting developments has been the impact on our **Kids Church**, which has flourished as a result. The presence of more young families in our congregation has led to an increase in both children attending and volunteers stepping forward to serve, creating a vibrant and thriving environment for the next generation.

Additionally, our **Youth Hub sessions** have been going well, providing a space where young people from both the church and the wider community can come together, engage, and build relationships. It has been encouraging to see new faces getting involved and connecting through these sessions, reinforcing our commitment to reaching and supporting young people beyond our immediate congregation.

Despite these changes, our commitment to fostering a welcoming and supportive space for young adults remains strong. We recognise the vital role this ministry plays in our church and look forward to seeing how God continues to shape and grow it in the coming years. We are grateful for all who are part of this journey and pray for continued blessing over this ministry and everyone involved.

### Building Report

As part of our ongoing commitment to maintaining and improving our church building on, the trustees have continued to implement the building improvement plan developed from the Chartered Surveyors Carter Jonas report. The survey confirmed that the building has been well cared for, with no major structural concerns, but highlighted areas for future maintenance and enhancements.

This year, we have undertaken several key projects, including **completing leftover roof work at the back of the building** and carrying out **internal attic repairs**. Additionally, a **large portion of the gutters around the building has been replaced**, addressing ongoing maintenance needs and helping to prevent future water damage. We have also made various **cosmetic improvements** to enhance the overall appearance and functionality of the space.

A building committee regularly meet up to discuss and maintain the building.

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As a church, we are fortunate to have our own building, and we remain committed to its upkeep and development. While further work is planned for the future, we will continue to approach improvements as time and resources allow, ensuring our church remains a welcoming and well-maintained space for all.

### Pastor's Report

This year, our Pastor has continued to emphasise the significance of leadership development within our church. He reminds us that leaders must lead by example, demonstrating the commitment and determination required to guide others effectively. True leadership goes beyond mere guidance; it's about embodying the values that shape an impactful church community. As leaders, we are entrusted with both spiritual and practical responsibilities, ensuring that we steward the resources given to us by God with both faith and wisdom.

As we reflect on this past year, we are encouraged by the steady recovery following the challenges of COVID-19. Like many other churches, we've faced changes in attendance and the way we engage with each other. Yet, we are blessed to witness the gradual growth of our congregation. New members are joining us, bringing fresh energy and shared desire to serve, and they are becoming an integral part of the foundation upon which we will build the future of our church.

A refreshing shift is happening within our community—there is a renewed sense of purpose and unity. People are eager to contribute to our mission, and their enthusiasm is infectious. We are seeing more involvement and dedication than ever before, and this commitment is what will help us continue to grow and thrive as a church family.

The Pastor wants to express his deep gratitude for the resilience and dedication of our congregation. The unwavering commitment to our shared vision is what propels us forward, with excitement about what lies ahead for C4 Church. With faith and determination, that we will continue to fulfil the mission entrusted to us.

In 2024, we once again take the time to acknowledge the selfless individuals who dedicate their time, energy, and resources to serving in various capacities within the church. Their contributions are vital to advancing God's Kingdom and enriching the lives of those around us. We are truly blessed to have such a devoted group of individuals within our congregation.

We have cultivated a culture of passion for service and leadership. This spirit is essential for our church's future growth and expansion, and it has had a profound spiritual impact on all of us. Our members are actively involved in numerous ministries, bringing light to the lives of others. While many of these acts of service are not seen by the wider community, they are known and valued by those directly impacted.

We are reminded in 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 that "just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ." Each of us is part of the body of Christ, with different gifts and skills to contribute. As we use our unique abilities to serve, we strengthen the whole body. Whether through visible actions or quiet acts of kindness, every contribution is essential. Together, we form a unified and powerful community, and I am grateful for the diverse and vibrant ways in which each person helps us fulfil our mission.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all who serve in both seen and unseen ways—through personal visits, phone calls, or offering support in countless other forms. Your efforts are deeply appreciated, and they make a difference in the lives of so many.

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## What are our hopes for 2025?

As a church, we are deeply committed to creating a place of meaningful impact with one that looks outward and strives to build strong relationships with those around us. Forging new connections will not only benefit the church but also enrich the lives of its members. We have fresh opportunities for growth and development in 2025.

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confident that God is unlocking our potential and ushering in a new season of growth and excitement for the years ahead.

## Financial Review

### Principal Funding Sources

Total restricted and unrestricted gifts and donations in the 12 month period to 31 December 2024 amounted to £42,505 (2023: £43,892), an slight decrease of 2.2%. Unrestricted income amounted to £42,505 (2023: £43,358) and restricted income of £Nil (2023: £110).

Expenses of £42,551 (2023: £52,882) were incurred, a decrease of 19.5% of which £42,551 (2023: £52,772) related to unrestricted expenditure and £Nil (2023: £110) to restricted expenditure.

In the period to 31 December 2024, the church generated a net deficit of £46 (2023: deficit £9,414) of which £nil was restricted and £46 unrestricted. £Nil was transferred to the Restricted Fund in the year.

As at 31 December 2024, the church had total cash funds available to it of £60,496 (2023: £60,542) of which £59,040 was unrestricted and £1,456 restricted. There were no outstanding loans or mortgages owed by the charity.

Freehold land and property, relating to 75-85, Market Street, Clay Cross, Chesterfield, Derbyshire S45 9LS is capitalised on the balance sheet at £85,087. An estimated further £14,017 is held in other fixed assets.

### Investment Policy

Aside from building and retaining a prudent amount in reserves each year, most of the Charity's funds are to be spent in the short term to meet the charities objectives. Where surplus funds are held over, these will be held on deposit within the Charity's main banking facilities. If substantial funds are built up ahead of being deployed to outwork the Charity's objectives, the trustees will give consideration to low risk bank overnight depositary facilities.

### Reserves Policy

The church seeks to be prudent with its finances and is aware of the possibility of fluctuations in its income. It also wishes to have funds in reserve to take advantage of opportunities that arise to expand the work or respond to emergency needs as they arise.

For this reason, the Trustees deem it wise to set aside funds equivalent to at least three months average running costs at this time. In order to ensure that funds are kept at this level the Trustees have agreed to set aside any surplus income and pay it into the business account on a regular basis until this level is reached. The level of our reserves is monitored quarterly at the Trustees meeting.

At the balance sheet date, the church holds, in cash reserves, the equivalent of at least twelve months operating expenditure. The board of trustees have approved the report above.

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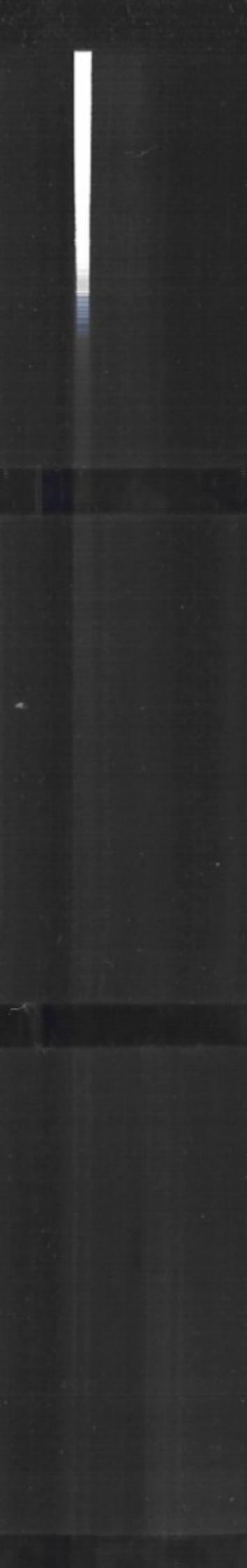
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Signed: *K Allen*

Full Name: K Allen

Position: Treasurer

Date: *25/7/25*



# Independent Examiners Report on the Annual Accounts

## Report to the trustees of North East Derbyshire Christian Fellowship

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Registered Charity number: 1052316

For accounts covering twelve-month period ended: 31 December 2024 prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to: examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act; to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached."

In connection with my examination, no other matter, except that referred to in the above paragraphs, have come to my attention:

(1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and  
(b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Grace Accounting 

Date: 4 July 2025

Address: Grace Accounting, Ryton on Dunsmore, Warwickshire

 **Grace Accounting**

# Statement of Financial Activities

For the 12 month period to 31 December 2024

C4 Church – North East Derbyshire Christian Fellowship - Charity Number 1052316

Section A		Unrestricted Funds			
Receipts	Breakdown Using Own Analysis	2024	2024	2023	2023
Gifts & Voluntary Receipts	Gifts Tithes & Offerings	32,776		32,111	
	Income Tax Recovery on Gift Aid	8,038		7,128	
	Gifts in Kind	0	40,814	0	39,239
Other Receipts	Sundry Income	1,325		3,868	
	Interest Received	366	1,691	251	4,119
TOTAL RECEIPTS			42,505		43,358
Payments	Breakdown Using Own Analysis				
Ministry & Mission Payments	Ministry Salaries & Expenses	22,467		22,647	
	Ministry Related Costs	1,809		3,784	
	Subs & Donations to UK Ministries	876		586	
	Mission trips / Overseas Donations	192		298	
	Contributions to AoG Funds	700	26,044	700	28,015
Payments for Administration, Property, Publicity and Management	Telephone Charges	691		616	
	Printing & Advertising	436		521	
	Energy & Utility costs	4,247		5,400	
	Repairs and Building Maintenance	5,643		4,878	
	Bank charges	166		164	
	Legal & Accounting Charges	467		1,355	
	Insurance	2,619		2,349	
	Cafe	242		992	
	Miscellaneous Expenses	1,363	15,874	1,308	17,583
Other Payments (Not counting as Expenditure)	Purchase of fixed assets	633		7,174	
	Mortgage Principal Repaid	0	633	0	7,174
TOTAL PAYMENTS			42,551		52,772
Net Surplus / (Deficit)			(46)		(9,414)
Transfer from/(to) Restricted Funds			0		0
Cash Funds last year end			59,086		68,500
Cash Funds this year end			59,040		59,086

The notes on page 17 form part of these financial statements

# Statement of Financial Activities

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Section B		Restricted Income Funds			
Receipts	Breakdown Using Own Analysis	2024	2024	2023	2023
Gifts & Voluntary Receipts	Missions	0		110	
	Building Fund	0		0	
	Other Designated Receipts	0		0	
	Special Offerings	0		0	
	Gifts for Minibus	0		0	
	Outings & Trips	0	0	0	110
Receipts from Trading Activities	Conference Income	0	0	0	0
Receipts earned from assets	Proceeds from Sale of Assets	0	0	0	0
Other Receipts	Grants Received	0		0	
	Other	0	0	0	0
TOTAL RECEIPTS			0		110
Payments		Breakdown Using Own Analysis			
Ministry & Mission Payments	Costs of Ministry Support	0		110	
	Missions & Relief Work Overseas	0		0	
	Donations to UK Causes	0		0	
	Outings & Trips	0	0	0	110
Payments for Administration, Property, Publicity and Management	Telephone & Postage Costs	0		0	
	Stationery & Printing	0		0	
	Rent, Rates Light & Heat	0		0	
	Equipment Repairs & Renewals	0		0	
	Miscellaneous Expenditure	0	0	0	0
Other Payments (not counting as Expenditure)	Purchase of capital items	0	0	0	0
TOTAL PAYMENTS			0		110
Net Surplus / (Deficit)			0		0
Transfer (to)/from General Funds			(0)		0
Cash Funds last year end			1,456		1,456
Cash Funds this year end			1,456		1,456

# Summary Statement of Assets

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## Section C

## Endowment Funds

*The Charity does not have any Permanent or Expendable Endowment Funds*

## Section D

## Statement of Assets and Liabilities at Year End

### Cash Funds

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
Cash in Hand	0	0	0
Balances held in Bank Account	48,923	1,353	0
Balances held in Deposit Account	10,115	103	0
Till Float	0	0	0
<b>Total Cash Funds</b>	<b>59,038</b>	<b>1,456</b>	<b>0</b>

### Other Monetary Assets

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
Income Tax Claim Due for Repayment	1,200	0	0
Recoverable Grants	0	0	0
Other Debtors & Prepayments	0	0	0
<b>Total Other Monetary Assets</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### Investment Assets

	Fund to which it belongs	Cost	Current Value
Term Deposits		0	0
Other Investments	General Funds	5,000	5,000
<b>Total Investment Assets</b>		<b>5,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>

### Assets Retained for Charity's own use

	Fund to which it belongs	Cost	Current Value
Land and Buildings	General Fund	88,924	88,924
Plant and Equipment	General Fund	35,888	449
Fixtures and Fittings	General Fund	38,320	5,684
Computer Equipment	General Fund	4,377	189
Plant and Equipment	Restricted Funds	175,487	7,695
Computer Equipment	Restricted Funds	250	0
<b>Total Retained Assets</b>		<b>343,246</b>	<b>102,941</b>

### Liabilities

	Fund to which it belongs	Amount due within one year (Current)	Balance due after one year (Long Term)
Unpaid Income Tax & N.I. due	General Fund	750	0
Unpaid Salaries & Wages	General Fund	0	0
Suppliers Accounts Due	General Fund	0	0
Independent Examiners Account Due	General Fund	315	0
Contingent Liabilities	General Fund	0	0
Other Liabilities	General Fund	0	0
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>1,065</b>	<b>0</b>

# Notes to the Financial Statements

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## 1. Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year.

### a. Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis

### b. Fund accounting

- Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.
- Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.
- Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.



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