



Gateway People's Centre

Report and Financial Statements

Year Ended 30th June 2024

Charity Number: 1054333



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Legal and administrative information

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Report of the trustees for the year ended 30th June 2024

The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30th June 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)

Constitution and objects

Gateway People's Centre is an Assemblies of God Church and is constituted under the Assemblies Of God Model Constitution adopted 11th July 1993 and is a registered charity number 1054333.

The objects of the charity are the promotion of the Christian faith based on sound scriptures and to reach the world for Jesus Christ. The motto of the charity is “A PLACE OF LOVE IN A TROUBLED WORLD”. The charity is seeking to make a positive impact upon the borough of Thurrock, by becoming a Thurrock wide family centre where all are welcome, and where individuals and families can grow and flourish in faith and discover God's plan for their lives.

Organisation

The trustees who have served during the year and since the year end are set out on page 1.

Core activities

Sunday morning service – our Sunday morning service begins with joyous songs of praise, with prayers and worship by the entire congregation as we minister to our God. Worship is more than singing songs during our Sunday service. Worship is a lifestyle that reflects God's heart and love. Worship directs our thoughts and our action bringing to fruition an attitude of service for our Lord Jesus Christ! During our Sunday morning service, we pray for the sick, comfort the hurting and sorrowful, encourage the weak and weary, reach out in love to those who need the touch of a friend. Our congregation comprised people from all walks of life and nationalities. There are altogether more than twenty different nationalities attending our Sunday service, making the charity a truly multinational church.

Midweek group meetings – such meetings are to provide additional support and teaching for the church body. There are also ample opportunities for fellowship. The main purpose of your group meetings is to foster and promote the spirit of individual support of one another. Activities during such meetings include themed bible studies, group prayers and obviously fellowship. The intention is to have a first century church atmosphere



One Way Kidz (pre secondary school age) – provides children with the opportunity to explore and discuss the bible in age directed classes. Children are free to express themselves in times of praise and worship. All volunteers involved in children's work have been subjected to checks carried out by the Disclosure and Barring Service and our child protection policy encompasses the following principles:-

- the welfare of the child is paramount
- all children without exception have the right to protection from abuse
- all suspicions and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately
- all the charity's trustees, staff and volunteers have a responsibility to report concerns

Younger youth - the younger youth comprise children attending secondary schools between the ages of eleven and sixteen. Meetings are held 2 to 3 times a month. Fortnightly Zoom meetings on Sunday evenings are the norm. The aim of the group is to learn about Jesus Christ from the bible and help children grow their faith by learning about stories and concepts in the bible. The main aim is to inspire and instruct younger youths to grow spiritually in the Christian faith and display Godly attributes of love, joy, peace, forgiveness, kindness etc in their lives. Each session is run by a teacher and an assistant who are DBS checked. Social events like going to the cinema, baking and so on are quite common activities.

Youth Group (YG) – this group is attended by the older youths, namely the A-level students to university undergraduates. The group shares many common themes and activities with the younger youth with the main aim of providing the “older” youth the opportunity to study, learn and discuss the bible and life topics in a Christian context. The life pressures facing “older youths” today are immense and the group hopes to help “older” youth to make the transition to mature Christian adulthood.

Community clothing – we are extremely proud of the work we do at our clothing bank. Run by a small but dedicated team of volunteers, it has made a real and significant impact on the community here. Our clothing bank is truly an example of love in action. We are extremely grateful that the majority of items received from local residents have been high quality and hardly used items that we have been able to distribute to residents in need. We are also extremely grateful for contributions of clothing from some very well-known high street names. Reuse and recycle with us to protect the environment, while helping us transform lives in Thurrock.

Food bank – our centre also serves as a hub for the regional foodbank. No one in our community should have to face hunger and our team of volunteers worked hard to ensure this is not the case in providing emergency food and support to local people who have been referred to us. Our aim is to combat poverty and hunger across Thurrock.



Financial Review

The funding for the pursuit of the charity's objects and activities is through tithes from its congregation and some occasional and incidental fund raising activities. In the year under review, income resources exceeded resources expended resulting in a surplus as set out in the accounts on pages 5 to 12.

Reserves policy

The trustees have established a policy to maintain unrestricted funds, which are the free reserves of the charity, at a level which equates to approximately two years unrestricted expenditure, which equates to £50,000 in general fund. At this level, the trustees feel that they should be able to continue the current activities of the charity in the event of a significant drop in funding. Unrestricted funds were maintained at this level during the year under review.

Risk Management

The trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the charity faces and confirms that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen these risks. These systems and procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they still meet the needs of the charity.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The law applicable to charities in England Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provision of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare the financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Jacintah Ngobese

Date: 13th April 2025



Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Accruals Accounts

Report to the trustees/members of Gateway People's Church

Registered Charity Number 1054333

On the accounts for the year ended 30th June 2024

Set out on the following pages

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. 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;
follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
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 Commissioners. 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 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.

Signed *L A Silver*

Date: 2 April 2025

Luke Silver, HNC Business & Finance

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 30th June 2024

		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	Notes	£		£	£	£
Incoming resources						
Donations	2	64,364	-	8,000	72,364	36,990
Activities to further the charity's objects:						
Conference and evangelism		-	-	-	-	-
Income from activities for generating funds	3	1,336	-	-	1,336	1,634
Investment income and interest	4	27,834	-	-	27,834	27,025
Total incoming resources		<u>93,534</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,000</u>	<u>101,534</u>	<u>65,649</u>
Resources expended						
<i>Charitable expenditure</i>						
Costs of activities for charitable objectives	5	4,243	2,310	-	6,553	9,413
Support costs	6	39,567	-	13,790	53,357	27,587
Management and administration	7	1,840	-	-	1,840	1,882
Total resources expended		<u>45,650</u>	<u>2,310</u>	<u>13,790</u>	<u>61,750</u>	<u>38,882</u>
Net incoming resources/ (resources expended)	8	47,884	(2,310)	(5,790)	39,784	26,767
Transfer between funds		(4,672)	1,882	2,790	-	-
Balance at 1 July 2023		<u>855,563</u>	<u>428</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>832,224</u>	<u>832,224</u>
Balance at 30 June 2024	15	<u>898,775</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>898,775</u>	<u>858,991</u>

Movement in funds are disclosed in Note 16 to the financial statements on page 11



Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2024

		2024	2023
		£	£
	Notes		
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	11	765,888	766,433
Current assets			
Debtors	12	27,873	19,901
Cash at bank and in hand		106,581	74,390
		134,454	94,291
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	1,567	1,733
		132,887	92,558
Net assets	14	898,775	858,991
Unrestricted funds			
Designated funds		-	428
General funds		898,775	855,563
		898,775	855,991
Restricted funds	15	-	3,000
		898,775	858,991

Approved by the trustees on 13th April 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Mrs J Ngobese



**Notes forming part of the financial statements
For the year ended 30th June 2024**

1. Accounting policies

(a) Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommend Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in according with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic or Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

(b) Income

Voluntary income is received by way of donations, offerings and gifts and is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

Income resources from other activities are included when receivable.

(c) Resources expended

Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred. Resources expended include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.

Resources expended are allocated to the particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity.

(d) Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life, which in all cases other than freehold and leasehold properties is estimated at 5 years.

(e) Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

(f) Designated funds

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes. Designated funds may be use in the future by the trustees for any purpose.

(g) Restricted funds

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund

(h) Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

(i) Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.



Notes forming part of the financial statements
For the year ended 30th June 2024

2. Donations

	2024		2023
	£		£
Donations and offerings for general purposes	55,323		33,006
Donation received for carpet – restricted	8,000		-
Gift aid tax	9,041		3,984
	72,364		36,990

3. Incoming resources from activities for generating funds

	2024		2023
	£		£
Use of hall	1,336		1,634
	-		-
	-		-
	1,336		1,634

4. Investment income

	2024		2023
	£		£
Rental Income	27,660		26,775
Interest on cash deposits	174		250
	27,834		27,025



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5. Costs of activities in furtherance of the charity's objects

	2024	2023
	£	£
Sunday services	3,881	3,867
Mission support & visiting speakers-designated	2,310	5,197
Children & youth activities-	362	349
Outreach and community related activities	-	-
Kingdom women	-	-
	6,553	9,413

6. Support costs of charitable activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
New carpet - restricted	13,790	-
Salaries costs	15,618	12,566
Expenditure on manse	1,136	903
Expenditure on church premises	11,807	4,970
Service and communal charges and ground rent on flat	1,328	1,487
Printing & stationery	725	873
Postages	17	20
Broadband and telephone	1,049	990
Insurance	2,254	2,102
AOG contribution	200	600
Staff development and subsistence	1,434	500
Travel accommodation & community support	-	-
Bank charges	79	-
AOG National conference	1,184	2,576
Minister in training	2,736	-
	53,357	27,587

7. Management and administration expenditure

	2024	2023
	£	£
Data protection	-	35
Letting fees	1,080	1,080
Children protection – safe guarding	163	170
Independent examiner's fee	597	597
	1,840	1,882



Notes forming part of the financial statements
For the year ended 30th June 2024

8. Net incoming resources (expended) for the year

This is stated after charging

	2024		2023
	£		£
Independent examiner's fee	597		597
Depreciation	545		546

9. Staff costs and numbers

Staff costs were as follows:

	2024		2023
	£		£
Salaries and wages	15,200		12,200
Social security & pension costs	418		366
	15,618		12,566

The average weekly number of employees during the year	2023		2023
	1		1

No employees received remuneration amounting to more than £50,000 in either year.

10. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no remuneration (2023 - £Nil).

Mrs J Ngobese received a remuneration of £2000 as a Minister in training. (2023 - £Nil)



Notes forming part of the financial statements
For the year ended 30th June 2024

11. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land & buildings	Leasehold Property	Sound & PA Equipment	Music Equipment	Fixtures & Fittings	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cost and valuation:						
At 1st July 2023	601,151	164,737	10,137	1,702	3,714	781,441
Additions during the year	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals during the year	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 30th June 2024	601,151	164,737	10,137	1,702	3,714	781,441
Depreciation						
At 1st July 2023	-	-	9,592	1,702	3,714	15,008
This year	-	-	545	-	-	545
On disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 30th June 2024	-	-	10,137	1,702	3,714	15,553
Net Book Value:						
At 30th June 2024	601,151	164,737	-	-	-	765,888
At 30th June 2023	601,151	164,737	545	-	-	766,433

12. Debtors: Amounts falling due with one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other debtors	25,452	17,188
Prepayments	2,421	2,714
	27,873	19,902

13. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	238	894
Other creditors	488	-
Accruals and accrued income	841	839
	1,567	1,733



Notes forming part of the financial statements
For the year ended 30th June 2024

14. Analysis of net assets between funds

	General Funds		Designated Funds		Restricted Funds		Total Funds
	£		£		£		£
Tangible fixed assets	765,888						765,888
Current assets	134,454						134,454
Current liabilities	(1,567)						(1,567)
Net assets at 30 June 2024	898,775						898,775

15. Movements in funds

	At 1 July 2023 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	At 30 June 2024 £
Restricted funds:					
Property	-	-	-	-	-
Carpet	3,000	8,000	13,790	2,790	-
D Jupp Memorial	-	-	-	-	-
Total Restricted funds	3,000	8,000	13,790	2,790	-
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds:					
Mission, speakers & donations	428	-	2,310	1,882	-
General funds	855,563	93,534	45,650	(4,672)	898,775
Total unrestricted funds	855,991	93,534	45,650	(2,790)	898,775
Total funds	858,991	101,534	59,440	-	898,775