

# Wooler Evangelical Church

Registered Charity Number: 1069285

**Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts  
for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024**

Trustees are appointed by the church members. Current trustees serving in the financial period reported on were: Mr. S. Hawkin, (Chairman), Mr A. Fairnington (Secretary), and Mr A. Scott.

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP**

The governing documents of the church are The Statement of Faith and The Constitution, under the supreme authority of the Bible.

The pastor is Mr Rob Parson who serves along with two other elders: Mr. S Hawkin and Mr. M. Fulton.

## **AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

The church is committed to advancing the good news of the gospel, for the benefit of mankind in general; that is, that salvation is found through faith in the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ upon the cross of Calvary; throughout Northumberland and the Borders, and further afield in the United Kingdom and the world.

## **ACTIVITIES**

There are a number of activities which reflect our commitment to these areas:

- Worship on Sundays at 10.30am and 6.00pm to which all are welcome. Sunday school and crèche facilities are also available during the morning service
- Weekly Bible study and prayer meeting on Wednesday evenings (7.30pm)
- Weekly meeting for ladies to share and encourage each other from the Bible
- Four 'Special Bible Ministry Weekends' are held each year with visiting speakers

The above meetings are publicised and are open to all. Other activities include:

- 'Friday Club' for children 5–15 years old - Bible stories, quizzes, singing and games
- 'Tots n Toys' is a well-attended, weekly mums and toddlers' group
- Christian literature is available to distribute locally and further afield

The trustees, elders and all those working with children and vulnerable adults have been subject to DBS checks.

The trustees have complied with their duty in section 4 of the Charities Act (2011) to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Receipts** for the year totalled **£47,938** (2023 - £49,138).

**Payments** for the year totalled **£61,983** (2023 - £61,376).

Excess church funds are currently held in a Virgin Money Charity Deposit Account - £84,199. Monies from the legacies received were invested on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2020 through Hubwise Securities Ltd., in BMO MM Navigator Distribution Fund C Inc. Value of this investment holding on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024 - £123,238. The church has no written reserves policy.

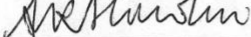
## Income & Expenditure Report: 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024

	<u>2023/24</u>	<u>2022/23</u>
INCOME	£	£
Offering	36,080.98	37,215.47
Gift Aid	5,129.00	5,589.97
Legacy Dividends & Interest	5,855.76	5,877.13
Bank Interest (Virgin Money)	872.42	335.36
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00
SUB-TOTAL	£47,938.16	£49,017.93
Room Letting - Ad Gefrin	0.00	120.00
TOTAL	£47,938.16	49,137.93
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Pastor's Salary (Incl. N.I. & Pension provision)	37,455.04	34,650.00
Pastor's Expenses & Allowances	1,597.58	2,145.01
Ministerial	1,632.00	1,863.60
Gifts	3,274.75	4,253.80
Fees	2,418.93	2,743.52
IFA & Hubwise Platform fees	1,421.57	1,360.10
Compliance & Insurance	2,319.38	3,129.89
Services [Elect, Gas, Water, Broadband]	4,178.09	2,947.13
Building Maintenance	74.99	446.96
Books & Tracts	756.53	134.40
Stationery, Advertising, etc.	734.83	869.21
Cleaning	2,576.86	2,381.16
Equipment	48.43	771.65
Youth work	971.26	527.25
Miscellaneous incl. Induction catering	2,522.69	3,152.00
TOTAL	£61,982.93	£61,375.68
Excess of Income over Expenditure	-£14,044.77	-£12,237.75

## Balance Sheet Report at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024

	2023/24		2022/23	
FIXED ASSETS	£		£	
Church premises, Wooler	310,000.00		310,000.00	
Fixed Assets	£310,000.00		£310,000.00	
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors - Legacy - Hubwise cash account	2,412.13		2,335.05	
Recoverable Gift Aid	1,590.44	4,002.57	1,681.63	4,016.68
Bank of Scotland Current a/c		29,989.95		48,415.50
Virgin Money Charity Deposit a/c		84,199.20		83,840.48
Hubwise Securities Investment		112,903.41		108,546.30
Petty Cash		0.00		27.25
		231,095.13		244,846.21
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Creditors		0.00		0.00
PAYE/NI control		0.00		-293.69
		0.00		-293.69
Net Current Assets		£231,095.13		£245,139.90
TOTAL ASSETS		£541,095.13		£555,139.90
RESERVES				
Surplus/Deficit		-14,044.77		-12,237.75
Fellowship Fund		555,139.90		567,377.65
FELLOWSHIP FUND		£541,095.13		£555,139.90
Hubwise Investment account	Units	£	Value	
Value of Investment holding 01/09/23	240,040	0.46	£110,658	
Reinvested - £4357	9,128			
Value of Investment holding 31/08/24	249,168	0.49	£123,238	11.20%

The above reports have been agreed by the Trustees of Wooler Evangelical Church:

Signed: 

Date: 09.04.25

Name: S. P. HAWKIN for, and on behalf of, the Trustees.

#### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT to the Trustees of Wooler Evangelical Church**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the period 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024.

##### **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 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

##### **Basis of independent examiner's statement**

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 the trustees regarding 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 (~~other than that disclosed below~~)\*.

*\*Please delete words in brackets if not applicable.*

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 Charities Act;
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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: MFD

Date: 18 April 2025.

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Independent Examiner's Statement contd: