

HALE CHAPEL - HALE BARNES

Report of the Trustees for the Year ended 31st December 2025

The Trustees are responsible for two trusts:

Hale Chapel -	Charity Commission Registration No. 1086832:	and
The Manse for the Minister	Charity Commission Registration No. 252897	

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2025

1. The Trustees may be contacted through their secretary:

Miss Helen Wilson, 1 Fairywell Road, Timperley, Altrincham, Cheshire, WA15 6XA

2. The Trustees who served in the year were:

Alastair Brown (Chair)
Helen Wilson (Secretary)
Neil Waller (Treasurer)
Patricia Head
Catherine Leavey
Carole Redhouse
Joanne Turner
Elizabeth Wilson
Barbara Waller

3. The Trusts' Bankers are:
Barclays Bank UK PLC, Leicester LE87 2BB

The Investment Manager:

Newton Investment Management Limited, Mellon Financial Centre, 160, Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4V 4LA.

The Independent Examiner:

Kenneth James Johnson FCA, 2 Kennerley Court, Kennerleys Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5EQ.

4. The purpose of the Chapel Trust is to hold freehold land and buildings and to make them available for use by a congregation dissenting from the Church of England. The Congregation is a member of The General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches.

The funds of the Manse for the Minister are derived from a proportion of the proceeds of sale of a manse. The income from the invested funds, amounting this year to £5,712.75 is used by the congregation to assist the Minister's work in our community.

The purposes of the Trustees of the two Trusts and the congregation are so similar that they are accounted for in one set of financial statements.

5. The Trustees take into account the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and believe that the activities of the Trusts are in line with that guidance.

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6. The Trustees maintain under constant review, risks which may arise with regard to their funds and their general activities.
7. The Trustees believe they have sufficient reserves to maintain their present activities for the foreseeable future.
8. Chapel services take place at 9.30 am each Sunday. Average attendances are 20.

There are 20 members of the congregation, many of whom support the Chapel financially through planned contributions and Gift Aid.

The Reverend Jeffrey Lane Gould was appointed Minister of Hale Chapel and of Dean Row Chapel, Wilmslow, on 1st September 2012.

The remuneration and expenses of the Minister are administered by the Haldean Committee which comprises the Officers of the two Chapels. Hale Chapel provides 45% of the costs incurred by the Haldean Committee.

9. The financial statements produced by the Trustees comprise Receipts and Payments Accounts for the Chapel's activities and for those of the Hall and John Clark Room, respectively and a Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at the end of the year.

During the year under review, Receipts exceeded Payments on Chapel activities by £8,794.44, but only because £15,000 was taken from our investments to help balance the books

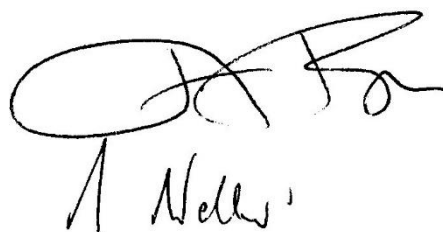
In the case of the Hall, Receipts exceeded Payments by £7,596.78, mainly due to the benefit of few major repairs this year.

There were gains on investment assets of £33,807, comprising £29,603 relating to the Manse Fund and only £3,944 to the Chapel Fund, as a result of taking £15,000 capital from the investment.

10. The report and annexed accounts have been approved by the Trustees and are signed on their behalf by the Chairperson and the Treasurer.

Alastair Brown - Chairperson

Neil Waller – Treasurer

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19 February 2026

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Hale Chapel, Hale Barns.

I report on the Financial Statements of the trusts for the year to 31st December 2025

Respective responsibilities of trustees and the examiner.

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145 (5) (b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report.

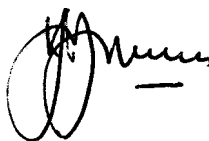
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

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
 - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
 - (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 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.

Kenneth James Johnson FCA
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Kennerleys Lane
Wilmslow
SK9 5EQ



16th February 2025

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Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025

<u>Chapel account</u>	<u>Note</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2024</u>
Receipts		£		£	
Donations, Grants & Legacies	1	14,849.55		22,282.68	
Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals	2	525.00		500.00	
Investment Income	3	24,461.88		9,153.66	
House income		<u>10,800.00</u>		<u>10,800.00</u>	
			50,636.43		42,736.34
Payments					
Ministry Cost		26,848.00		23,972.00	
Servicing the Chapel		665.70		430.88	
Maintenance of Chapel & Grounds	4	9,152.35		32,879.74	
General Assembly Quota		0.00		1,400.00	
Donations and subscriptions	5	1,021.11		1,018.37	
Miscellaneous expenses	6	0.00		2,210.22	
House expenses	7	<u>1,477.57</u>		<u>2,133.88</u>	
			<u>39,164.73</u>		<u>64,045.09</u>
Excess of receipts over payments			11,471.70		- 21,308.75
Hall Contribution to chapel			-		<u>17,817.60</u>
			<u>11,471.70</u>		- 3,491.15
Bank Balance at 31st December 2024			<u>17,601.61</u>		<u>21,092.76</u>
<u>Bank Balance at 31st December 2025</u>			<u>£29,073.31</u>		<u>£17,601.61</u>

<u>Hall Account</u>	<u>Note</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2024</u>
Receipts		£		£	
Regular Bookings		14,248.00		12,913.50	
John Clark Room bookings		10,290.00		6,072.00	
Other bookings and receipts:-		<u>892.98</u>		<u>1,074.00</u>	
			25,430.98		20,059.50
Payments					
Caretaking	8	7,215.47		7,404.00	
General repairs & maintenance	9	3,020.91		8,650.13	
Garden expenses		865.00		840.00	
Heat, light, water and insurance	10	6,492.11		4,563.67	
Performing rights		<u>240.71</u>		<u>250.03</u>	
			<u>17,834.20</u>		<u>21,707.83</u>
Excess of Receipts over Payments			7,596.78		- 1,648.33
Cash transfer to Chapel Account			-		<u>- 17,817.60</u>
			<u>7,596.78</u>		- 19,465.93
Bank Balance at 31st December 2024			<u>123.21</u>		<u>19,589.14</u>
<u>Bank Balance at 31st December 2025</u>			<u>£ 7,719.99</u>		<u>£ 123.21</u>

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31st DECEMBER 2025

	2025	2024
Freehold Land and Buildings	£	£
Chapel building and graveyard, Chapel Lane, Hale Barns	2,682,774	2,630,171
Chapel Hall and John Clark Room, Hale Road, Hale Barns	1,199,496	1,175,976
Dwelling house on Hale Road, Hale Barns	298,402	292,551
	<u>4,180,672</u>	<u>4,098,698</u>

The values stated above are those for which the buildings and their contents are insured by the Chapel and are not necessarily their value in the property market.

The Insurers have not revalued the property for 2025 but have assumed a 2% increase

	2025	2024
Investments at Market Value	£	£
Manse Fund	282,919	253,056
Chapel Fund	178,735	174,791
	<u>461,654</u>	<u>427,847</u>

Current Assets	2025	2024
Business current accounts with Barclays Bank PLC		
Chapel Account	29,073	17,602
Hall Account	7,720	123
Petty Cash	97	0
	<u>36,890</u>	<u>17,725</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>£4,679,216</u>	<u>£4,544,270</u>

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Notes to the accounts for the Chapel and the Hall

1	DONATIONS, GRANTS & LEGACIES	2025	2024
	Weekly collections	2,397.78	1,737.80
	Donations	3,439.65	2,669.40
	Donations with Gift Aid	4,454.00	5,698.00
	Membership fees and GA Quota	180.00	135.00
	Membership fees and GA Gift Aided	860.00	640.00
	Gift Aid received	2,093.25	1,183.15
	Grant from M.D.A. (the wall in 2024 and 25)	702.00	10,219.33
	Sundry receipts (Concerts)	722.87	0.00
		<u>£14,849.55</u>	<u>£22,282.68</u>
2	WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS & FUNERALS		
	Wedding fees	0.00	500.00
	Baptisms	0.00	0.00
	Funerals	525.00	0.00
		<u>£525.00</u>	<u>£500.00</u>
3	INVESTMENT INCOME		
	Chapel account (2025 Includes £15,000 from the sale of investments)	18,749.13	3,739.60
	Manse account	5,712.75	5,414.06
		<u>£24,461.88</u>	<u>£9,153.66</u>
4	MAINTENANCE OF CHAPEL & GROUNDS		
	Maintening Garden & Graves	1,695.00	1,665.00
	Insurance	4,541.55	4,734.98
	Contribution to insurance from Hall account for 2024 and 2025	-2,677.26	0.00
	Gas	1,114.31	2,030.28
	Electricity	895.62	1,014.82
	Water	582.21	487.53
	Health and Safety Checks	1,386.92	897.73
	Repairs and renewal	1,614.00	22,049.40
		<u>£9,152.35</u>	<u>£32,879.74</u>
5	DONATIONS & SUBSCRIPTIONS		
	Unitarian Christian Association	40.00	80.00
	Listed Building subscription	48.00	48.00
	Magazines	111.00	111.00
	To other Charities	724.25	653.88
	Licensing	97.86	125.49
		<u>£1,021.11</u>	<u>£1,018.37</u>

Notes to the accounts continued

	2025	2024
6 MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES		
Petty Cash	100.00	150.00
Bonus payments	200.00	200.00
Miscellaneous expenses	0.00	14.90
Legal Fees	0.00	1,845.32
Gifts for services to the Chapel	51.90	0.00
	<u>£351.90</u>	<u>£2,210.22</u>
7 HOUSE EXPENSES		
Plumbing services, Insurance and repairs	1,252.57	433.88
Electrics safety report and repairs	225.00	0.00
Building repairs	0.00	1,700.00
	<u>£1,477.57</u>	<u>£2,133.88</u>
8 HALL CARETAKING		
Caretaking	4,500.00	5,209.50
Caretaking expenses including cleaning	2,715.47	2,194.50
	<u>£7,215.47</u>	<u>£7,404.00</u>
9 HALL MAINTENANCE		
Repairs	2,350.00	8,180.00
Fire extinguisher + electrical equipment testing	670.91	470.13
	<u>£3,020.91</u>	<u>£8,650.13</u>
10 HALL SERVICES		
Insurance (owed £1326 to the Chapel for 2024)	2,677.26	0.00
Water rates	582.21	487.53
Gas	1,767.89	2,170.33
Electricity	1,464.75	1,905.81
Performing rights	240.71	0.00
	<u>£6,732.82</u>	<u>£4,563.67</u>