

Chair, Secretary and Treasurer's Annual Report 2023 – 8 Month Period

In line with Charity Commission requirements, our Trustees have ensured that our activities have the widest possible public benefit, whether in Christian or Youth Work operations. Assets and resources have been used to further the Objects of the Constitution and specified Mission Statements adopted by Trustees in past years. Funds are ethically sourced, and control of finances maintained. Open access for all our events and activities is applied in line with our Equal Opportunities policy and underlying Christian principles. Legal rules have been observed and relevant policies adopted or updated, each specifically approved by Trustees.

Councillor Darren Byford commenced the year as Chair, Lesley Harrison as Treasurer. Thanks both and to our other Officer Trustees including Heather Turner, Secretary and Safeguarding Trustee and John Walter, Business Manager. John Gallagher retired as a Trustee at the March AGM. Co-opted Trustee Advisor Joanne Davis left. Fr Daniel Heaton became a co-opted Trustee.

Great thanks to all our Trustees, Ministers, Officers, Business Committee members, Fundraising Co-ordinators Mark Hunter and John Gallagher, Gary Bentley and his Project Youth Work Staff, Volunteers, Parents and, very importantly, Church members for supporting and assisting all we do.

We have now adjusted our financial year to end on 31st August, as it matches our HBYP reporting year and major funding patterns. This has been advised the Charity Commission in line with Commission protocols.

The 2023 United Service was supported by all our churches. It took place at St Johns Church led by Father Daniel in January. A service welcomed by the small congregation. We also ran a Zoom Quiz in January led by Mark Hunter which involved 25 people in an interesting and absorbing quiz.

The February 2023 Annual Forum, at Horbury Methodist Church, had 71 attendees. Thanks to Reverend Canon Philip Hobday, Wakefield Cathedral Canon Missioner, talking about “Our Mission Together”.

On Good Friday, 7th April, we attended a thought provoking Good Friday Ecumenical service at St Lukes Church, led by Reverend Hannah Hobday with 35 attendees.

We distributed Easter eggs and HCT Leaflets in the Co-op on Easter Saturday, 8th April, to reach out to our community. We had a very good reaction to this community outreach part of our work.

Christian Aid Week in May went very well raising £1849, very similar to the 2022 total. Thanks to all the Churches for contributing and particularly to Carole Shaw, our Christian Aid Group Chair for all her hard work organising and supporting our Churches with various Christian Aid activities.

At our Free Whit Family Fun Day, on Saturday 27th May, at Horbury Academy, we again broke all our previous records with approximately 600 people attending the event, most being families wanting a great afternoon out without breaking the bank. The atmosphere was very much of community as entry, all activities and prizes won were provided free of charge. On a surprisingly kind and warm day, a Whitsuntide Community Cake 1 metre long by 30cm wide was ceremonially cut at 3pm by the Bishop of Wakefield, Tony Robinson. The huge cake was devoured in less than 60 minutes! The event included a Bar B Q, refreshments, Bouncy Castles, Archery, Field Games, Kite Making and Flying, Hook-a-Duck, Crafts, Drum Fun, Music and 3 Face painters! It needed a big effort from a large number of volunteers, our 8 churches and our sponsors, but the joy on the adults and children's faces all afternoon made it more than worthwhile.

Our Autumn Harvest singing, October popular community Quiz Night and Christmas carol singing, as a result of the changed Charity Year, did not fall in this reporting period.

Heather Turner did a first class job compiling and editing the monthly newsletter and we have continued our widened leaflet distribution so as to engage those in residential homes and some community groups. These are well received often by the very lonely in our community, pleased not to have been forgotten.

We advertised our community events on Facebook, our website and with posters via local retailers notice boards, the latter aimed at everyone, but particularly those without access to the internet.

The eight months of 2023 saw continuing effects of national Covid-19 lockdowns. Unexpected two years on, but we have seen the confidence and developmental levels in some young people (not all) behind where we would expect them to be. We see this reflected through the demand for one-to-one mentoring and small group intervention to help young people grow in confidence and self-esteem.

The highlight for this period, creating the best memories were the two residentials. One to London in April, where we travelled on the underground, visited the Sherlock Holmes Museum and the Natural History

Museum, saw the local sights, and enjoyed the Wicked theatre show! The other residential incorporated a one-night camping experience in August followed by a great day at Alton Towers.

Blessed with our grant providers security of funding, we have stability not only for the project personnel, but more importantly, for the young people's support and enjoyment through what can often be a challenging time navigating the teenage years.

As of July 2023, we were delivering 17 weekly sessions in term time, as well as holiday activities and community partnership work. These included anything from outreach in the local high school, youth clubs, planting bulbs and trees with the Friends of Green Park, archery, detached youth work, and football. At the year-end (August 2023) we had worked with 330 young people in the previous 12 months, 62% of whom were classed as disadvantaged. They took up 1,077 places, indicating that although not all local young people choose to take part in the project's activities, many do get involved in several sessions, trips, and activities throughout the year.

Income was steady throughout the first 8 months of 2023 but, despite that, reserves decreased by £7,748 to £47,122 on 31st August 2023 (12 months to December 2022: £54,870) due to increasing salary market pressures. Total Receipts for the 8 months were £80,104 (12 months to December 2022: £124,708) and included National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF) grant income of £40,500 (12 months to December 2022: £40,500), just over 50% of total receipts.

Other Donations and Grants were £21,405 (12 months to December 2022: £60,612), 27% of total receipts and included Aire Calder Methodist Circuit £2,000, Methodist District Advance Fund £5,000, Horbury Common Lands Trust £6,000, Safer Communities Fund £5,330 WMDC £2,675 and other payments £400. This report was prepared by Lesley Harrison, treasurer.

Special thanks to John Gallagher, John Walter, Mark Hunter and Gary Bentley for preparing and submitting the various grant application forms, and to all external organisations supporting us in 2023.

Regular Donations from loyal individuals and our Churches generated £10,114 (12 months to December 2022: £8,848), 13% of total receipts. A huge thank you to the individuals and our local Churches, who have continued to support 'Horbury Churches Together' throughout the report period.

Numerous Fund-raising activities and Events, including the Great North Run, Family Fun Day and Store collections, generated £2,090 (12 months to December 2022: £5,730), 3% of total receipts. Activity contributions by young people including our Holiday Activities and Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme generated £3,387 (12 months to December 2022: £3,630), 4% of total receipts. Gift Aid and Other Income generated £2,608 (12 months to December 2022: £5,387), 3% of total receipts.

Total Payments of £87,852 (12 months to December 2022: £118,216) consisted of Salaries, Pensions & NI of £64,962 (12 months to December 2022: £82,041) 74% of the total, Youth Activity costs of £11,734 (12 months to December 2022: £20,535), 13% of the total, Rent, Utilities & Office costs £9,250 (12 months to December 2022: £11,985), 11% of payments, other costs of £1,906 (12 months to 2022: £3,656) 2% of payments.

Horbury Churches Together and The Horbury Breakthrough Youth Project benefit from Trustees and individuals giving time freely and our own 8 Churches who provide free or reduced rent for meetings and youth activities at Church premises.

Our partners this year included:

Local Businesses	Horbury Academy	Leeds Trinity University
Huddersfield University	Horbury and Ossett Rotary Club	Wakefield Council
Wakefield MDC Youth Services	Cross Project	Wakefield Young Lives Consortium
The Junction (St Mary's)	The Well Project	Duke of Edinburgh Crofton team
Aire and Calder Circuit	Sitlington Parish Council	Stripes – LBGTQ+ organisation
WMDC Third Sector Framework Organisation		

Thanks to all these groups for on-going support.

Elected Trustees for 2023 were: Councillor Darren Byford – Chair, Lesley Harrison – Treasurer, John Walter- Business Manager, Heather Turner – Secretary, John Gallagher – (Part Year), Envoy Les Clarke, Reverend Kim Williams, Reverend Hannah Hobday, Father Christopher Johnson-

Co-opted Advisors– Joanne Davis, Youth Work Practitioner (Part Year), Fr Daniel Heaton (Part Year)

Prepared on behalf of the Trustees by - John Walter – Business Manager, Lesley Harrison – Treasurer, Heather Turner- Secretary and Gary Bentley – Horbury Breakthrough Youth Project Operations Manager.

Horbury Churches Together

Charity Number 1092641

Final Accounts for the period 1st January 2023 to 31st August 2023

(shortened to be in line with Academic year)

Ms L J Harrison BSc, FCCA - Treasurer

Mrs K Hulley, FCCA

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(approved by the Trustees 06/03/24)

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Horbury Churches Together

General Fund	Restricted Fund	Restricted Fund	8 Months	12 Months
(HCT)	(Youth Project)	(Benevolent Fund)		
(Pages 4&5)	(Pages 6&7)	(no movement)		

Receipts and Payments Account

Receipts	2023	2023	2023	Total	2022
Church Subscriptions & Donations	285	1,000	-	1,285	2,220
Contributions	110	5,885	-	5,995	6,195
Events & Fund Raising	899	1,191	-	2,090	5,730
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	-
Grants & General Donations	1,438	60,467	-	61,905	103,796
Individual Donations	1,496	7,333	-	8,829	6,628
Other Income	-	-	-	-	139
Total Receipts	4,228	75,876	-	80,104	124,708

Payments	2023	2023	2023	Total	2022
Events & Fund Raising	1,097	809	-	1,906	3,656
Insurance	-	1,765	-	1,765	1,536
Rent, Utilities & Office Costs	528	6,957	-	7,485	10,449
Salaries, NI & Pensions	4,917	60,045	-	64,962	82,041
Youth Work	362	11,372	-	11,734	20,534
Total Payments	6,904	80,948	-	87,852	118,216

Net Inflow / (Outflow)	(2,676)	(5,072)	-	(7,748)	6,492
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Balance Sheet

General Fund	Restricted Fund	Restricted Fund	31/08/2023	31/12/2022
(HCT)	(Youth Project)	(Benevolent Fund)	Total	Total

Cash on Hand	-	100	-	100	100
Cash at Bank	13,793	34,661	100	48,554	54,770
Current Assets	13,793	34,761	100	48,654	54,870

Creditors	-	(620)	-	(620)	-
Accrued Expenses	-	(912)	-	(912)	-
Current Liabilities	-	(1,532)	-	(1,532)	-

Total net assets / (liabilities)	13,793	33,229	100	47,122	54,870
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Opening Reserves	16,469	38,301	100	54,870	48,378
Net Inflow / (Outflow)	(2,676)	(5,072)	-	(7,748)	6,492
Closing Reserves	13,793	33,229	100	47,122	54,870

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Horbury Churches Together **General Fund 2023**

Receipts and Payments Account

Receipts	Notes	2023 (8 months)	2022 (12 months)
Church Subscriptions & Donations	1	285	320
Contributions		110	-
Events & Fund Raising	2	899	1,854
Grants & General Donations	3	1,438	571
Individual Donations		1,496	2,204
Other income		-	82
Total Receipts General Fund		4,228	5,031

Payments		2023 (8 months)	2022 (12 months)
Events & Fund raising	4	1,097	1,781
Newsletter and Website		528	361
Insurance		-	-
Salaries, NI & Pensions		4,917	5,199
Youth Work - Young Christian		362	783
Total Payments General Fund		6,904	8,124

Net Inflow / (Outflow) - General Fund	(2,676)	(3,093)
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Balance Sheet - General Fund

	Notes	31/08/2023	31/12/2022
		Total	Total
Cash on Hand		-	-
Cash at Bank		13,793	16,469
Current Assets		13,793	16,469
Creditors		-	-
Accrued Expenses		-	-
Current Liabilities		-	-
Total net assets / (liabilities)		13,793	16,469
Opening Reserves		16,469	19,562
Net Inflow / (Outflow)		(2,676)	(3,093)
Closing Reserves		13,793	16,469

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**Horbury Churches Together
General Fund 2023**

Notes to the Accounts - General Fund

1. Church Subscriptions & Donations - General Fund (Receipts)

	2023 (8 months)	2022 (12 months)
Horbury Methodist	60	60
Netherton Trinity Methodists	35	35
Salvation Army (received after date)	-	35
St Andrews	35	35
St Lukes	35	35
St Mary's	60	60
St Peter's & St John	60	60
Total Church Subscriptions & Donations - General Fund	285	320

2. Events & Fund raising - General Fund (Receipts)

	2023 (8 months)	2022 (12 months)
Awards Lunch	-	413
Christmas Dinner	-	5
Family Fun Day	526	573
Forum	373	343
Quiz Night	-	520
Total Events - General Fund	899	1,854

3. Other Donations & Grants - General Fund (Receipts)

	2023 (8 months)	2022 (12 months)
Methodist District Advance Fund	1,000	-
WMDC Family Fun Day Grant	438	571
Total Other Donations & Grants - General Fund	1,438	571

4. Events & Fund raising - General Fund

	2023 (8 months)	2022 (12 months)
Christmas Dinner	-	270
Easter Raffle	-	84
Family Fun Day	1,052	1,265
Forum	45	94
Quiz Night	-	68
	1,097	1,781

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Horbury Churches Together

Restricted Fund (Youth Project) 2023

Receipts and Payments Account

Receipts	Notes	2023 (8 months)	2022 (12 months)
Church Donations	5	1,000	1,900
Contributions		5,885	6,251
Events & Fund Raising	6	1,191	3,877
Gift Aid	7	-	2,684
Grants & General Donations (excl. NLCF)	8	19,967	60,041
Individual Donations		7,333	4,424
National Lottery Community Fund		40,500	40,500
Total Receipts - Restricted Fund		75,876	119,677

Payments	Notes	2023 (8 months)	2022 (12 months)
Events & Fund raising		809	1,875
Insurance		1,765	1,536
Rent, Utilities & Office costs		6,957	10,087
Salaries, NI & Pensions		60,045	76,843
Youth work	9	11,372	19,751
Total Payments - Restricted Fund		80,948	110,092

Net Inflow / (Outflow) - Restricted Fund	(5,072)	9,585
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Balance Sheet - Restricted Fund

	Notes	31/08/2023	31/12/2022
		Total	Total
Cash on Hand		100	100
Cash at Bank		34,661	38,201
Current Assets		34,761	38,301
Creditors		(620)	-
Accrued Expenses		(912)	-
Current Liabilities		(1,532)	-
Total net assets / (liabilities)		33,229	38,301
Opening Reserves		38,301	28,716
Net Inflow / (Outflow)		(5,072)	9,585
Closing Reserves		33,229	38,301

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Horbury Churches Together

Restricted Fund (Youth Project) 2023

Notes to the Accounts - Restricted Fund

5. Church Donations - Restricted Fund:

	2023	2022
Horbury Methodist Church	500	500
St Leonards Hospital Trust	500	1,000
St Mary's / The Junction	-	400
Total Church Donations - Restricted Fund:	1,000	1,900

6. Events & Fund Raising - Restricted Fund

	2023	2022
Great North Run	159	2,743
Store Collections	386	499
Youth Fundraising	642	562
Other income	5	73
Total Fund raising - Restricted Fund	1,191	3,877

7. Gift Aid

	2023	2022
HMRC Charities - Tax year 2020/21	-	1,124
HMRC Charities - Tax year 2021/22	-	1,560
HMRC Charities - Tax year 2022/23	-	-
Total Gift Aid - Restricted Fund	-	2,684

8. Other Donations & Grants - Restricted Fund

	2023	2022
Aire Calder Methodist Circuit	2,000	4,000
Cooperative Horbury	-	4,832
Family and Social Welfare Fund	-	5,000
The Foyle Foundation	-	5,000
Garfield Weston	-	15,000
Horbury Common Lands Trust	6,000	4,500
Leeds Methodist District Advance Fund	4,000	-
Rotary Club	400	390
Wakefield Metropolitan District Council	7,567	21,131
The Well Project	-	188
Total Other Donations & Grants - Restricted Fund	19,967	60,041

9. Youth work - Restricted Fund

	2023	2022
Bursary Giving	89	-
Duke of Edinburgh Award	2,490	1,059
General Expenses	5,222	5,206
Holiday events	2,969	11,922
Recruitment	107	156
Training	224	861
Travel expenses	271	547
Total Youth work - Restricted Fund	11,372	19,751

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

HORBURY CHURCHES TOGETHER

**On accounts for the year
ended**

PERIOD END 31 AUGUST 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1092641

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

05/03/2024

Name:

MRS KERRY HULLEY

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.