

## **Chair, Secretary and Treasurer's Annual Report 9.2023-8.2024**

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. Our other Officer Trustees were Heather Turner, Secretary and Safeguarding Trustee and John Walter, Business Manager. Reverends Andrew Atkins and Jacob Kaiga became Trustees replacing Reverend Kim Williams whose role moved from the area. Father Daniel Heaton became a 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.

Our activities this year began with Autumn Harvest singing which took place in September 2023 at the local Co-op, well received by shoppers and customers. In September, we held our annual and popular community Quiz Night at St Johns Church, led by our quizmaster, Mark Hunter with its biggest ever attendance of 63. The evening brings people together in a fun and challenging way.

Christmas carol singing took place in the Co-op, where we reach out to the community and hand out service times and chocolates for the children. Always a joyous occasion at the end of our years calendar of events. The 2024 United Service was supported by all our churches. It took place at Netherton Trinity Methodist Church led by Reverend Andrew Atkins in January. A service welcomed by the small congregation.

The February 2024 Annual Forum, at Horbury Methodist Church, had 65 attendees. Thanks to Pat Langham, former Headmistress at Wakefield Girls High School, talking about her life and experiences.

Through our great relationship with the local Coop, on Good Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> March, we distributed Easter Crosses and HCT Leaflets, and on Easter Saturday we distributed Easter eggs and HCT Leaflets to reach out to local people. We had a very good reaction to this community outreach part of our work.

Christian Aid Week in May went very well raising £1577, slightly down on our 2022 total. Thanks to all the Churches for contributing and particularly to Carole Shaw, our retiring Christian Aid Group Chair for all her hard work organising and supporting our Churches with various Christian Aid activities.

Our Free Whit Family Fun Day, on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May, at Horbury Academy, achieved another bumper attendance, approximately 575 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 perfect day, a Whitsuntide Community Cake 1 metre long by 30cm wide was ceremonially cut at 3pm by the Wakefield Mayor Darren Byford. The free event included a Bar B Q, refreshments, Bouncy Castles, Archery, Field Games, Donkey rides, Hook-a-Duck, Crafts, 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.

Heather Turner again did a first class job compiling and editing the monthly newsletter. We have continued to widen leaflet distribution including more local shops as well as those in residential homes and some community groups. Well received often by those lonely, or feeling forgotten in our community.

For our Horbury Breakthrough Youth Project 2023-24 was a great year of growth, with 458 young people accessing the project through various sessions. Over the year we ran a wide variety of support and activities including Archery; Duke of Edinburgh; Dodgeball; Girls' Group and Lads' Group aimed at specific issues with particular needs; as well as youth clubs in three locations; outreach in the local high school at lunchtimes; detached youth work in public areas known for young people hanging out; Cooking Corner; Football; Chess Club; a self-esteem / confidence boosting group called Bravery and mentoring in the local high school. Our chess club is doing really well – seeing over 200 young people access this lunchtime club across three lunch breaks in Horbury Academy.

One of the highlights was the sponsored walk along 17km of Hadrian's Wall in July. Six young people and three leaders took in the fantastic views and historic sites including the Chesters, Vindolanda fort and museum, and Roman army museum. Young people got a great experience, creating lasting memories. During this year, we received a great deal of interest from the new year 7 students, which will go a long way in helping us to support the young people as they move through their formative years into adulthood. We have continued to stay under budget, despite a challenging year including high Duke of Edinburgh Award demand and transport hiring costs for expeditions and holiday activities, due to process delays at the Traffic Commissioners office in providing a Section 19 Permit for our in-house drivers. Once again, we have seen a significant turnover in staff this year. However, we are thrilled with the high-calibre individuals who joined the project in 2023-24 who were instrumental in seeing 32 young people through the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and in delivering high quality youth provision throughout the project.

Income was as budgeted for the 12 months to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024 and reserves increased modestly by £2,831 to £49,953 on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024 (8 months to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023: £47,122).

Total Receipts for the 12 months were £139,830 (8 months to August 2023: £80,104) and included National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF) grant income of £82,500 (8 months to August 2023: £40,500), just over 59% of total receipts.

Other Donations and Grants were £36,366 (8 months to August 2023: £21,405), 26% of total receipts and included Aire Calder Methodist Circuit £2,000, Methodist District Advance Fund £5,000, Horbury Common Lands Trust £6,000, Family and social Welfare Fund £5,000, NOVA Wakefield £6,866, WMDC £11,201 and other payments £299.

Regular Donations from loyal individuals and our Churches generated £7,625 (8 months to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023: £10,114), 5% 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 £4,848 (8 months to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023: £2,090), 3% of total receipts. Activity contributions by young people including our Holiday Activities and Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme generated £7,887 (8 months to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023: £3,387), 6% of total receipts. Gift Aid and Other Income generated £604 (8 months to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023: £2,608), 1% of total receipts.

Total Payments of £136,999 (8 months to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023: £87,852) consisted of Salaries, Pensions & NI of £95,959 (8 months to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023: £64,692) 70% of the total, Youth Activity costs of £20,094 (8 months to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023: £11,734), 15% of the total, Rent, Utilities & Office costs £18,153 (8 months to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023: £9,250), 13% of payments, other costs of £2,803 (8 months to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023: £1,906) 2% of payments. 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 2024.

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
The Youth Association	Horbury and Ossett Rotary Club	Prosper/NOVA Wakefield
Wakefield MDC Youth Services	Cross Project	Wakefield Young Lives Consortium
The Well Project	WMDC Duke of Edinburgh team	Aire and Calder Circuit
Sitlington Parish Council	Stripes – LBGTQ+ organisation	
WMDC Third Sector Framework Organisation	West Yorkshire Police – through Safer Communities	

Thanks to all these groups for on-going support.

**Elected Trustees for 2023/2024 were:** Councillor Darren Byford – Chair, Lesley Harrison – Treasurer, John Walter- Business Manager, Heather Turner – Secretary, Reverend Jacob Kaiga (part year) Reverend Hannah Hobday, Father Christopher Johnson, Reverend Andrew Atkins (part year), Father Daniel Heaton (part year)

Co-opted Advisors– Claire Hardcastle, Youth Work Practitioner (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

Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2024

Ms L J Harrison BSc, FCCA - Treasurer

Mrs M Smith, FCCA - Independent Examiner

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(approved by the Trustees - 13th November 2024)

(presented at the AGM - 3rd March 2025)

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## Horbury Churches Together

General Fund	Restricted Fund	Restricted Fund	12 Months	8 Months
(HCT)	(Youth Project)	(Benevolent Fund)		
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### Receipts and Payments Account

Receipts	2024	2024	2024	Total	2023
Church Subscriptions & Donations	355	1,200	-	1,555	1,285
Contributions	10	7,877	-	7,887	5,995
Events & Fund Raising	1,848	3,000	-	4,848	2,090
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	-
Grants & General Donations	2,110	116,756	-	118,866	61,905
Individual Donations	2,374	3,696	-	6,070	8,829
Other Income	-	604	-	604	-
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>6,697</b>	<b>133,133</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>139,830</b>	<b>80,104</b>

Payments	2024	2024	2024	Total	2023
Events & Fund Raising	1,825	978	-	2,803	1,906
Insurance	-	1,838	-	1,838	1,765
Rent, Utilities & Office Costs	572	15,743	-	16,315	7,485
Salaries, NI & Pensions	4,630	91,319	-	95,949	64,962
Youth Work	512	19,582	-	20,094	11,734
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>7,539</b>	<b>129,460</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>136,999</b>	<b>87,852</b>

<b>Net Inflow / (Outflow)</b>	<b>(842)</b>	<b>3,673</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,831</b>	<b>(7,748)</b>
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### Balance Sheet

General Fund	Restricted Fund	Restricted Fund	31/08/2024	31/08/2023
(HCT)	(Youth Project)	(Benevolent Fund)	Total	Total

Cash on Hand	-	100	-	100	100
Cash at Bank	12,951	38,372	100	51,423	48,554
<b>Current Assets</b>	<b>12,951</b>	<b>38,472</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>51,523</b>	<b>48,654</b>
Creditors	-	(262)	-	(262)	(620)
Accrued Expenses	-	(1,308)	-	(1,308)	(912)
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(1,570)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(1,570)</b>	<b>(1,532)</b>
<b>Total net assets / (liabilities)</b>	<b>12,951</b>	<b>36,902</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>49,953</b>	<b>47,122</b>
Opening Reserves	13,793	33,229	100	47,122	54,870
Net Inflow / (Outflow)	(842)	3,673	-	2,831	(7,748)
<b>Closing Reserves</b>	<b>12,951</b>	<b>36,902</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>49,953</b>	<b>47,122</b>

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# **Horbury Churches Together General Fund 2024**

## **Receipts and Payments Account**

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>2024 (12 months)</b>	<b>2023 (8 months)</b>
Church Subscriptions & Donations	1	355	285
Contributions		10	110
Events & Fund Raising	2	1,848	899
Grants & General Donations	3	2,110	1,438
Individual Donations		2,374	1,496
Other income		-	-
<b>Total Receipts General Fund</b>		<b>6,697</b>	<b>4,228</b>

<b>Payments</b>		<b>2024 (12 months)</b>	<b>2023 (8 months)</b>
Events & Fund raising	4	1,825	1,097
Newsletter and Website		572	528
Insurance		-	-
Salaries, NI & Pensions		4,630	4,917
Youth Work - Young Christian		512	362
<b>Total Payments General Fund</b>		<b>7,539</b>	<b>6,904</b>

<b>Net Inflow / (Outflow) - General Fund</b>	<b>(842)</b>	<b>(2,676)</b>
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<b>Balance Sheet - General Fund</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>31/08/2024 Total</b>	<b>31/08/2023 Total</b>
Cash on Hand		-	-
Cash at Bank		12,951	13,793
<b>Current Assets</b>		<b>12,951</b>	<b>13,793</b>
Creditors		-	-
Accrued Expenses		-	-
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total net assets / (liabilities)</b>		<b>12,951</b>	<b>13,793</b>
Opening Reserves		13,793	16,469
Net Inflow / (Outflow)		(842)	(2,676)
<b>Closing Reserves</b>		<b>12,951</b>	<b>13,793</b>

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**Horbury Churches Together  
General Fund 2024**

**Notes to the Accounts - General Fund**

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

	2024 (12 months)	2023 (8 months)
Horbury Methodist	60	60
Netherton Trinity Methodists	35	35
Salvation Army	70	-
St Andrews	35	35
St Lukes	35	35
St Mary's	60	60
St Peter's & St John	60	60
<b>Total Church Subscriptions &amp; Donations - General Fund</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>285</b>

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

	2024 (12 months)	2023 (8 months)
Awards Lunch	486	0
Family Fun Day	591	526
Forum	475	373
Quiz Night	296	0
<b>Total Events - General Fund</b>	<b>1,848</b>	<b>899</b>

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

	2024 (12 months)	2023 (8 months)
Methodist District Advance Fund	1,500	1,000
WMDC Family Fun Day Grant	610	438
<b>Total Other Donations &amp; Grants - General Fund</b>	<b>2,110</b>	<b>1,438</b>

**4. Events & Fund raising - General Fund**

	2024 (12 months)	2023 (8 months)
Awards Lunch	50	-
Family Fun Day	1,680	1,052
Forum	95	45
Quiz Night	-	-
	<b>1,825</b>	<b>1,097</b>

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# Horbury Churches Together

## Restricted Fund (Youth Project) 2024

### Receipts and Payments Account

Receipts	Notes	2024 (12 months)	2023 (8 months)
Church Donations	5	1,200	1,000
Contributions		7,877	5,885
Events & Fund Raising	6	3,000	1,191
Gift Aid	7	-	-
Grants & General Donations (excl. NLCF)	8	34,256	19,967
Individual Donations		3,696	7,333
National Lottery Community Fund		82,500	40,500
Other income		604	-
<b>Total Receipts - Restricted Fund</b>		<b>133,133</b>	<b>75,876</b>

Payments	Notes	2024 (12 months)	2023 (8 months)
Events & Fund raising		978	809
Insurance		1,838	1,765
Rent, Utilities & Office costs		15,743	6,957
Salaries, NI & Pensions		91,319	60,045
Youth work	9	19,582	11,372
<b>Total Payments - Restricted Fund</b>		<b>129,460</b>	<b>80,948</b>

<b>Net Inflow / (Outflow) - Restricted Fund</b>	<b>3,673</b>	<b>(5,072)</b>
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Balance Sheet - Restricted Fund	Notes	31/08/2024	31/08/2023
		<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
Cash on Hand		100	100
Cash at Bank		38,372	34,661
<b>Current Assets</b>		<b>38,472</b>	<b>34,761</b>
Creditors		(262)	(620)
Accrued Expenses		(1,308)	(912)
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		<b>(1,570)</b>	<b>(1,532)</b>
<b>Total net assets / (liabilities)</b>		<b>36,902</b>	<b>33,229</b>
Opening Reserves		33,229	38,301
Net Inflow / (Outflow)		3,673	(5,072)
<b>Closing Reserves</b>		<b>36,902</b>	<b>33,229</b>

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# Horbury Churches Together

## Restricted Fund (Youth Project) 2024

### Notes to the Accounts - Restricted Fund

#### 5. Church Donations - Restricted Fund

	2024	2023
Horbury Methodist Church	500	500
St Leonards Hospital Trust	500	500
St Mary's / The Junction	200	-
<b>Total Church Donations - Restricted Fund</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>1,000</b>

#### 6. Events & Fund Raising - Restricted Fund

	2024	2023
Great North Run	2,204	159
Store Collections	185	386
Youth Fundraising	611	642
Other income	-	5
<b>Total Fund raising - Restricted Fund</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>1,192</b>

#### 7. Gift Aid

	2024	2023
HMRC Charities - Tax year 2020/21	-	-
HMRC Charities - Tax year 2021/22	-	-
HMRC Charities - Tax year 2022/23	-	-
HMRC Charities - Tax year 2023/24	-	-
<b>Total Gift Aid - Restricted Fund</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

#### 8. Other Donations & Grants - Restricted Fund

	2024	2023
Aire Calder Methodist Circuit	2,000	2,000
Family and Social Welfare Fund	5,000	-
Garfield Weston	-	-
Horbury Common Lands Trust	6,000	6,000
Leeds Methodist District Advance Fund	3,500	4,000
NOVA Wakefield	6,867	-
Rotary Club	299	400
The Foyle Foundation	-	-
Wakefield Metropolitan District Council	10,591	7,567
<b>Total Other Donations &amp; Grants - Restricted Fund</b>	<b>34,256</b>	<b>19,967</b>

#### 9. Youth work - Restricted Fund

	2024	2023
Bursary Giving	10	89
Duke of Edinburgh Award	2,737	2,490
General Expenses	4,675	5,222
Holiday events	5,950	2,969
Recruitment	460	107
Training	2,657	224
Travel expenses	3,093	271
<b>Total Youth work - Restricted Fund</b>	<b>19,582</b>	<b>11,372</b>

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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 2024**

**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:**

**01/03/2025**

**Name:**

**Mrs Melissa Smith**

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

**ACCA**

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**11 Grey Gables**

**Netherton**

**West Yorkshire, WF4 4SS**

**Section B****Disclosure**

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.

N/A - Nothing to note