

Chair, Secretary and Treasurer's Annual Report 9.2024-8.2025

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 and resigned his post in March 2025. Father Daniel Heaton continued as Vice Chair and Lesley Harrison as Treasurer. Our other Officer Trustees were Heather Turner, Secretary and Safeguarding Trustee and John Walter, Business Manager. Reverend Andrew Atkins moved to a new area and resigned his post in June 2025 and will be replaced when the new Minister for the same area arrives in September 2025. Reverend Hannah Hobday resigned her post in March 2025. .

Great thanks to all our Trustees, Ministers, Officers, Business Committee members, our Fundraising Co-ordinator John Gallagher, Gary Bentley and the Project Youth Work Staff, Volunteers, Parents and, very importantly, Church members, for supporting and assisting all we do. Gary Bentley moved to a new Christian post in February 2025 with John Walter picking up Youth Project oversight.

Our activities began with Autumn Harvest singing in September 2024 at the local Co-op, well received by shoppers and customers.

In October, we held our annual community Quiz Night at St Johns Church, led by quizmaster, Mark Hunter with 57 people across the area coming together for a fun and cerebral challenge.

Christmas carol singing took place in the Co-op on Saturday December 21st, reaching out to the community and handing out service times and chocolates for the children. A joyous occasion at the end of the year.

The 2025 United Service was held on Sunday January 19th at Horbury Methodist Church led by Reverend Jacob Kaiga and was supported by all our churches. A service welcomed by the 25 strong congregation.

The February 2025 we had a tremendous Annual Forum, at Horbury Methodist Church, with 70 people attending. Our speaker was the famous Jamie Jones-Buchanan, 7-time Rugby League Grand Final winner with Leeds Rhinos. He talked about his life challenges as both a non-white player and committed Christian. It was an exciting and encouraging talk on a wide range of experiences.

The local Coop in Horbury, a major supporter of Horbury Churches Together and our work, was the venue for our Good Friday witness on 18th April where we gave out small crosses and our Saturday 19th April egg and leaflet event. We had a very good reaction to these community outreach parts of our work.

Our Free Whit Family Fun Day, on Saturday 24th May, at Horbury Academy, saw almost 500 people attending, 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 Reverend Jacob Kaiga. The free event included a Bar B Q, refreshments, Bouncy Castles, Kite making, Donkey rides, Hook-a-Duck, Crafts, Music and 3 Face painters! 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, our Community Newsletter Editor again did a first class job compiling and editing the monthly newsletter. We widened leaflet distribution and it includes local shops as well as those in residential homes and some community groups. Well received often by those feeling left out in our community.

Our young people's mission statement is 'Helping young people to value themselves and others'. Through its Horbury Breakthrough Youth Project (HBYP) we run an open access project available to all young people, predominantly aged 11 to 25 years, living in Horbury, Lupset, Netherton and surrounding areas from a range of social backgrounds but prioritising disadvantaged young people. This year we reached 546 young people in our groups and activities plus 261 young people through our detached work in local parks, gathering points and skateboard locations.

Over the year we ran a wide variety of individual and group support programmes 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; Cooking Corner; Dodgeball; 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 240 young people in the year accessing this lunchtime club across three lunch breaks in Horbury Academy.

A major highlight was our Youth Lunch Sunday 17th November. Including those receiving awards we had 114 attendees, a mix of young people, families and church people. It was a very enjoyable and successful event, led by our young people and the staff team, with a cake stall producing almost £90 for The Little Princess Trust who provide wigs for children with Cancer.

Once again, we have seen a significant turnover in staff this year. However, as we ended 2024/25 we are working to recruit high-calibre individuals and to ensure that our organisation structure provides the best framework possible for our crucial youth work.

Income was as budgeted for the 12 months to 31st August 2025. However, due to the significant staff and activity re-structuring an overall less than budgeted expenditure meant that Reserves increased by £34,788 to £84,741 on 31st August 2025 (12 months to 31st August 2024: £49,953).

Total Receipts were £143,350 (12 months to August 2024: £139,830) including NLCF (National Lottery Community Fund) grants of £83,650 (12 months to August 2024: £82,500), just over 58% of total receipts. Other Donations and Grants were £39,582 (12 months to August 2024: £36,366), 27% of total receipts and included Aire Calder Methodist Circuit £2,000, Children in Need £15,000, Methodist District Advance Fund £5,000, Garfield Weston Foundation £10,000, Horbury Common Lands Trust £7,000, WMDC £511 and other receipts £71.

Regular Donations from loyal individuals and our Churches generated £5,885 (12 months to 31st August 2024: £7,625), 4% 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 £5,312 (12 months to 31st August 2024: £4,848), 4% of total receipts. Activity contributions by young people including our Holiday Activities and Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme generated £6,921 (12 months to 31st August 2024: £7,887), 5% of total receipts. Gift Aid and Other Income generated £2,000 (12 months to 31st August 2024: £604), circa 2% of total receipts.

Total Payments of £108,562 (12 months to 31st August 2024: £136,999) consisted of Salaries, Pensions & NI of £79,698 (12 months to 31st August 2024: £95,959) 73% of the total, Youth Activity costs of £10,254 (12 months to 31st August 2024: £20,094), 9% of the total, Rent, Utilities & Office costs £14,806 (12 months to 31st August 2024: £18,153), 14% of payments, other costs of £3,804 (12 months to 31st August 2024: £2,803) 4% of payments. This financial summary was prepared by Lesley Harrison, treasurer.

Special thanks to John Gallagher, John Walter and Mark Hunter (retiring as one of our Fundraising Co-ordinators) for preparing and submitting the various grant application forms, and the external organisations supporting us in 2024/25.

Horbury Churches Together and The Horbury Breakthrough Youth Project also 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	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
WMDC Third Sector Framework Organisation	West Yorkshire Police – through Safer Communities	

Thanks to all these groups for on-going support.

Elected Trustees for 2024/2025 were: Councillor Darren Byford – Chair (part year), Lesley Harrison – Treasurer, John Walter- Business Manager, Heather Turner – Secretary, Reverend Jacob Kaiga, Reverend Hannah Hobday and Reverend Andrew Atkins (both part year) Father Christopher Johnson, Father Daniel Heaton.

Co-opted Advisors– Claire Hardcastle, Youth Work Practitioner

Prepared on behalf of the Trustees by - John Walter – Business Manager, Lesley Harrison – Treasurer, Heather Turner- Secretary.

Horbury Churches Together

Charity Number 1092641

Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2025

Ms L J Harrison BSc, FCCA - Treasurer

Mrs M Smith, FCCA - Independent Examiner

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(approved by the Trustees - 11th February 2026)

(presented at the AGM - 25th March 2026)

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General Fund	Restricted Fund	Restricted Fund	12 Months	12 Months
(HCT)	(Youth Project)	(Benevolent Fund)		
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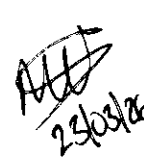

Receipts and Payments Account

Receipts	2025	2025	2025	Total	2024
Church Subscriptions & Donations	370	700	-	1,070	1,555
Contributions	-	6,921	-	6,921	7,887
Events & Fund Raising	2,195	3,117	-	5,312	4,848
Gift Aid	-	51	-	51	-
Grants & General Donations	2,340	120,892	-	123,232	118,866
Individual Donations	1,224	3,591	-	4,815	6,070
Other Income	414	1,535	-	1,949	604
Total Receipts	6,543	136,807	-	143,350	139,830
Payments	2025	2025	2025	Total	2024
Events & Fund Raising	2,581	1,223	-	3,804	2,803
Insurance	-	2,043	-	2,043	1,838
Rent, Utilities & Office Costs	3,013	9,750	-	12,763	16,315
Salaries, NI & Pensions	1,905	77,793	-	79,698	95,949
Youth Work	15	10,239	-	10,254	20,094
Total Payments	7,514	101,048	-	108,562	136,999
Net Inflow / (Outflow)	(971)	35,759	-	34,788	2,831

Balance Sheet

General Fund	Restricted Fund	Restricted Fund	31/08/2025	31/08/2024
(HCT)	(Youth Project)	(Benevolent Fund)	Total	Total

Cash on Hand	-	100	-	100	100
Cash at Bank	11,980	74,001	100	86,081	51,423
Current Assets	11,980	74,101	100	86,181	51,523
Creditors	-	-	-	-	(262)
Accrued Expenses	-	(1,440)	-	(1,440)	(1,308)
Current Liabilities	-	(1,440)	-	(1,440)	(1,570)
Total net assets / (liabilities)	11,980	72,661	100	84,741	49,953
Opening Reserves	12,951	36,902	100	49,953	47,122
Net Inflow / (Outflow)	(971)	35,759	-	34,788	2,831
Closing Reserves	11,980	72,661	100	84,741	49,953

Horbury Churches Together General Fund 2025

Receipts and Payments Account

Receipts	Notes	2025 (12 months)	2024 (12 months)
Church Subscriptions & Donations	1	370	355
Contributions		-	10
Events & Fund Raising	2	2,195	1,848
Grants & General Donations	3	2,340	2,110
Individual Donations		1,224	2,374
Other income		414	-
Total Receipts General Fund		6,543	6,697

Payments		2025 (12 months)	2024 (12 months)
Events & Fund raising	4	2,581	1,825
Newsletter and Website		3,013	572
Insurance		-	-
Salaries, NI & Pensions		1,905	4,630
Youth Work - Young Christian		15	512
Total Payments General Fund		7,514	7,539

Net Inflow / (Outflow) - General Fund		(971)	(842)
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Balance Sheet - General Fund

	Notes	31/08/2025	31/08/2024
		Total	Total
Cash on Hand		-	-
Cash at Bank		11,980	12,951
Current Assets		11,980	12,951
Creditors		-	-
Accrued Expenses		-	-
Current Liabilities		-	-
Total net assets / (liabilities)		11,980	12,951
Opening Reserves		12,951	13,793
Net Inflow / (Outflow)		(971)	(842)
Closing Reserves		11,980	12,951

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**Horbury Churches Together
General Fund 2025**

Notes to the Accounts - General Fund

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

	2025 (12 months)	2024 (12 months)
Horbury Methodist	70	60
Netherton Trinity Methodists	40	35
Salvation Army	40	70
St Andrews	40	35
St Lukes	40	35
St Mary's	70	60
St Peter's & St John	70	60
Total Church Subscriptions & Donations - General Fund	370	355

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

	2025 (12 months)	2024 (12 months)
Awards Lunch	594	486
Family Fun Day	598	591
Forum	557	475
Quiz Night	446	296
Total Events - General Fund	2,195	1,848

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

	2025 (12 months)	2024 (12 months)
Methodist District Advance Fund	1,500	1,500
WMDC Family Fun Day Grant	840	610
Total Other Donations & Grants - General Fund	2,340	2,110

4. Events & Fund raising - General Fund

	2025 (12 months)	2024 (12 months)
Awards Lunch	450	50
Family Fun Day	1,813	1,680
Forum	186	95
Quiz Night	132	-
	2,581	1,825

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Horbury Churches Together

Restricted Fund (Youth Project) 2025

Receipts and Payments Account

Receipts	Notes	2025 (12 months)	2024 (12 months)
Church Donations	5	700	1,200
Contributions		6,921	7,877
Events & Fund Raising	6	3,117	3,000
Gift Aid	7	51	-
Grants & General Donations (excl. NLCF)	8	37,242	34,256
Individual Donations		3,591	3,696
National Lottery Community Fund		83,650	82,500
Other income		1,535	604
Total Receipts - Restricted Fund		136,807	133,133

Payments	Notes	2025 (12 months)	2024 (12 months)
Events & Fund raising		1,223	978
Insurance		2,043	1,838
Rent, Utilities & Office costs		9,750	15,743
Salaries, NI & Pensions		77,793	91,319
Youth work	9	10,239	19,582
Total Payments - Restricted Fund		101,048	129,460

Net Inflow / (Outflow) - Restricted Fund	35,759	3,673
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Balance Sheet - Restricted Fund	Notes	31/08/2025	31/08/2024
		Total	Total
Cash on Hand		100	100
Cash at Bank		73,401	38,372
Current Assets		73,501	38,472
Creditors		-	(262)
Accrued Expenses		(1,440)	(1,308)
Current Liabilities		(1,440)	(1,570)
Total net assets / (liabilities)		72,061	36,902
Opening Reserves		36,902	33,229
Net Inflow / (Outflow)		35,759	3,673
Closing Reserves		72,661	36,902

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Horbury Churches Together

Restricted Fund (Youth Project) 2025

Notes to the Accounts - Restricted Fund

5. Church Donations - Restricted Fund

	2025	2024
Horbury Methodist Church	500	500
St Leonards Hospital Trust	-	500
St Mary's / The Junction	200	200
Total Church Donations - Restricted Fund	700	1,200

6. Events & Fund Raising - Restricted Fund

	2025	2024
Great North Run	2,794	2,204
Store Collections	111	185
Youth Fundraising	212	611
Other income	-	-
Total Fund raising - Restricted Fund	3,117	3,000

7. Gift Aid

	2025	2024
HMRC Charities - Tax year 2020/21	-	-
HMRC Charities - Tax year 2021/22	-	-
HMRC Charities - Tax year 2022/23	-	-
HMRC Charities - Tax year 2023/24	-	-
HMRC Charities - Tax year 2024/25	51	-
Total Gift Aid - Restricted Fund	51	-

8. Other Donations & Grants - Restricted Fund

	2025	2024
Aire Calder Methodist Circuit	2,000	2,000
Children In Need	15,000	-
Family and Social Welfare Fund	-	5,000
Garfield Weston	10,000	-
Horbury Common Lands Trust	7,000	6,000
Leeds Methodist District Advance Fund	3,500	3,500
NOVA Wakefield	-	6,867
Rotary Club	71	299
The Foyle Foundation	-	-
Wakefield Metropolitan District Council	(329)	10,591
Total Other Donations & Grants - Restricted Fund	37,242	34,257

9. Youth work - Restricted Fund

	2025	2024
Bursary Giving	-	10
Duke of Edinburgh Award	1,995	2,737
General Expenses	3,285	4,675
Holiday events	1,223	5,950
Recruitment	300	460
Training	2,639	2,657
Travel expenses	797	3,093
Total Youth work - Restricted Fund	10,239	19,582

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Horbury Churches Together

On accounts for the year
ended

31st August 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1092641

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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's trustees, 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 all 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 in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report 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:

24/03/26

Name:

Mrs Melissa Smith

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

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Netherton

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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