



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **1 April 2024** To **31 March 2025**

Charity name: **Fords Lane Evangelical Church**

Charity registration number: **1125658**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The advancement of the Christian Faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith in the UK and abroad but primarily in the area surrounding Bramhall, Stockport; and such other charitable purposes as shall in the opinion of the Elders further the work of the Church
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The focus of our activities has been and continues to be the preaching and teaching of the Christian Faith, conducting weekly services of worship and prayer, our weekly clubs and activities for children and youth and the provision of facilities and secular activities all for the benefit of the community.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	In planning our activities for the year we kept in mind at all Elders' meetings the Charity Commission's Guidance on Public Benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	

Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>1. We set up a drop-in on a Thursday for teenagers who want a place to meet and chat informally. This was run by our church and supported by volunteers from other local churches. We installed a lift giving access to the youth area for young people with mobility issues. We continued links with the local High School and Primary Schools. We did this via a part-time youth leader, who ran two weekly lunchtime groups at the local high school. We continued to host children from two local primary schools for half-day sessions to learn what Christians believe about Christmas and Easter and began planning and recruiting volunteers for an Easter holiday club for primary-age children in the neighbourhood.</p> <p>2. Our children's groups have continued this year, including the club for primary-age children called Sparks and a weekly club for secondary age young people called Ignite. Children and young people from inside and outside the church membership have attended and benefited and both groups continue to grow numerically. Our weekly group for pre-school children and their parents/carers, which mainly serves families outside the church, continues to thrive with a lengthy waiting list.</p> <p>3. One of our church members continues to serve as trustee for 'Press Red', a Manchester-based initiative to help women suffering from domestic violence and abuse, which extended its training reach across England. We also hosted in our church hall another regular community group for those suffering from or survivors of domestic abuse and a regular group for adults with learning disabilities.</p> <p>4. Our monthly lunch club for the over 60's across the area continues to offer a low-cost hot meal, friendship and transport if required. Numbers continued to grow. We continued to support the planning and running of a summer "Holiday at Home" week for elderly local residents less able to take holidays</p>

		<p>independently. We also resumed a craft club which enables attendees to develop their artistic talents and is a place for mutual support and encouragement.</p> <p>5. Our previous pastor, Jonathan Dawson, continued to work in Ecuador alongside his wife Susan. Jonathan supports adults spiritually through leading a Bible school and Susan leads work to support poor children in the neighbourhood. The church continues to support all this work.</p> <p>6. The elders of the church continued to provide pastoral support for the whole church membership. A number of them are vulnerable adults, whom we assist with transport, shopping and friendship. We have established a Pastoral Team to oversee this.</p> <p>7. The flow of foreign nationals, including some of the Hong Kong diaspora, continues. We have carried on supporting these new arrivals practically by advising on and helping them integrate into British life and running a monthly group offering meals, friendship and teaching to help them become more proficient in English language and culture. This group has continued to grow in number.</p> <p>8. We remain a Christians Against Poverty (CAP) partner with another church in the town. We offer debt advice and practical support to anyone in the area who contacts CAP and wants to become debt-free. This has included providing Christmas hampers of food and food vouchers. Our collections of food donations to the local food bank continued throughout the year. We also continued our annual support for children in the developing world by filling boxes with Christmas gifts and sending them to other countries through a Christian charity.</p> <p>9. We also host a number of local events to strengthen a sense of community in the neighbourhood including a Remembrance Day brunch and community BBQ.</p> <p>10. We have continued broadcasting and live-streaming our services over the Internet. For more vulnerable and housebound people, this continues to be a way of keeping in touch and contributing markedly to emotional well-being.</p> <p>11. We continued to run a 6 weekly group for men both inside and outside the church. It meets over a meal with the opportunity for</p>
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		men to discuss issues facing them. The group weekend away planned for spring 2024 ran successfully.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The Charity was solvent at the end of the financial year. Income showed a marked decrease on the previous year but this was due to a gift from the legatees of one of our deceased members in the previous year. There was an decrease in expenditure, again due to a one-off increase in the previous year due to the installation of a lift to allow disabled access to the first floor of the church hall. The accounts show a healthy reserve of funds but some of these are ringfenced for improvements to the church buildings as stipulated by the donors of specific gifts. The planned improvements to the buildings will commence in the next financial year.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Our policy is to accumulate income to set aside for special purposes or as reserves against future expenditure including unforeseen expenditure that may occur, for example repairs or extensions to buildings, for such period not exceeding that permitted by law. We aim to hold at least £70,000 in reserves for the year end.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£219,538
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	n/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	n/a

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

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Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust Deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unicorporated Association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Each elder acts as trustee and elders are appointed by the elders for the time being

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Fords Lane Evangelical Church
Other name the charity uses	n/a
Registered charity number	1125658
Charity's principal address	Fords Lane Bramhall Stockport SK7 1DQ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	C T Thornton	Pastor		The Elders
2	N Wilson			The Elders
3	P E Harper MBE			The Elders
4	D R Webb			The Elders
5	T K Ayebare			The Elders
6	P Parsons			The Elders
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	n/a
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	n/a
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	n/a

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	(sgnd)	(sgnd)
Full name(s)	Paul Harper	Chris Thornton
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	Pastor

Date	24/01/2026
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Fords Lane Evangelical Church (1125658)

Report and Accounts
Year ended 31 March 2025

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**FORDS LANE EVANGELICAL CHURCH
LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	South Brae 6 Ogden Road Branhall Stockport SK7 1HJ
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	Constitution dated 05 August 2008
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1125658
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	Philip Parsons Christopher Thornton Terence Ayebare Donald Webb Paul Harper Neil Wilson
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Sarah Crispin ACA Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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Fords Lane Evangelical Church

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The church funds are not in deficit

Governance

Responsibility for setting policy and for making operating decisions rest with the trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the charity and plan future activities. New trustees are recruited and appointed by the existing trustees using the biblical criteria for Eldership.

Organisational structure

The charity is managed by 6 trustees one of whom is the Pastor who is an employee of the charity.

There are approximately 50 volunteers who are active in supporting the charity's activities.

Relationships with other charities and related parties

The charity is related to The Mossfield Trust, the charity set up to purchase 11a Fords Lane currently used as the Pastor's residence. All the trustees of Mossfield Trust are also trustees of Fords Lane Evangelical Church.

The charity does not have any formal relationship with other charities but works with a number of charities that share similar aims e.g. other local churches, The Message Trust etc.

Risk statement

The charity is exposed to various risks - be they operational, financial or reputational. The trustees review the charity's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks

Responsibilities of trustees

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Neil Wilson

[Neil Wilson \(Oct 29, 2025 13:29:07 GMT\)](#)

Neil Wilson

Date: Oct 29, 2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
FORDS LANE EVANGELICAL CHURCH

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Fords Lane Evangelical Church ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025 on pages 5 to 8 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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 2011 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. 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.

Sarah Crispin
Sarah Crispin (Nov 19, 2025 07:50:09 GMT)

Sarah Crispin ACA
Stewardship
1 Lamb's Passage
LONDON
EC1Y 8AB

Date: Nov 19, 2025

FORDS LANE EVANGELICAL CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	2024	2023
		General Funds	Designated Funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
Income receipts						
Donations		113,047	5,412	10,572	129,031	245,370
Gift aid receipts		13,648	-	-	13,648	20,555
Income from letting of facilities		465	-	-	465	875
Bank Interest		5,038	-	-	5,038	4,530
Other		4,197	-	-	4,197	11,050
		<u>136,395</u>	<u>5,412</u>	<u>10,572</u>	<u>152,379</u>	<u>282,381</u>
Total receipts		<u>136,395</u>	<u>5,412</u>	<u>10,572</u>	<u>152,379</u>	<u>282,381</u>
Payments						
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	84,926	5,267	6,800	96,993	145,429
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	-	-	44,847	44,847	47,481
		<u>84,926</u>	<u>5,267</u>	<u>51,647</u>	<u>141,841</u>	<u>192,910</u>
Total payments		<u>84,926</u>	<u>5,267</u>	<u>51,647</u>	<u>141,841</u>	<u>192,910</u>
Net of receipts / (payments) before		51,469	145	(41,076)	10,538	89,471
Transfers between funds	5	(54,210)	15,424	38,786	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>(2,741)</u>	<u>15,569</u>	<u>(2,290)</u>	<u>10,538</u>	<u>89,471</u>
Cash funds as at last year end		48,580	29,602	130,819	209,000	119,530
Cash funds at this year end	A	<u>45,838</u>	<u>45,170</u>	<u>128,529</u>	<u>219,538</u>	<u>209,000</u>

The notes on pages 7 - 8 form part of these accounts.

FORDS LANE EVANGELICAL CHURCH
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted funds £	2024 £	2023 £
		General funds £	Designated funds £			
A Cash funds						
Cash at bank with immediate access		45,695	45,170	128,529	219,394	209,000
Cash held by collection providers		144	-	-	144	-
Petty cash		-	-	-	-	-
		<u>45,838</u>	<u>45,170</u>	<u>128,529</u>	<u>219,538</u>	<u>209,000</u>
B Other monetary assets						
Gift aid due to charity		12,456	-	275	12,731	-
Legacy debtor		65,223	-	-	65,223	-
Other debtors		-	-	-	-	-
		<u>77,679</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>275</u>	<u>77,954</u>	<u>-</u>
C Liabilities						
Falling due within one year						
Loans		-	-	-	-	-
Trade creditors		-	-	-	-	-
Taxes due		-	-	-	-	-
Fee for Independent Examination		1,380	-	-	1,380	-
Accrued expenses		991	-	-	991	-
		<u>2,371</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,371</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total		<u>2,371</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,371</u>	<u>-</u>

D Assets retained for charity's own use

The charity owns their church building and church hall.
Mossfield Trust owns an adjacent residential property which is used by the pastor and family.
All the trustees of the Mossfield Trust are also Trustees of Fords Lane Evangelical Church
The charity is responsible for the up-keep of all three properties.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Neil Wilson
Neil Wilson (Oct 29, 2025 13:29:07 GMT)

Neil Wilson

Date: Oct 29, 2025

The notes on pages 7 - 8 form part of these accounts.

FORDS LANE EVANGELICAL CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	2024	2023
	General funds	Designated funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly					
Staff Costs	52,869	-	-	52,869	43,937
Premises	11,293	1,130	5,780	18,203	61,365
Event Costs	5,764	4,137	-	9,901	16,498
Gifts Given	1,880	-	620	2,500	9,980
Activities	539	-	400	939	2,183
Admin	6,214	-	-	6,214	3,552
Insurance	4,263	-	-	4,263	3,862
Bank charges	445	-	-	445	200
Other Expenditure	1,658	-	-	1,658	3,852
	<u>84,926</u>	<u>5,267</u>	<u>6,800</u>	<u>96,993</u>	<u>145,429</u>

3 Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others

Grants to institutions for:					
Mission	-	-	2,790	2,790	
Relief of poverty	-	-	6,837	6,837	
Grant to individuals for:					
Mission	-	-	35,220	35,220	
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>44,847</u>	<u>44,847</u>	<u>47,481</u>

4 Transactions with related parties

Christopher Thornton served as the church leader and was paid £30,874 for serving in that capacity, not for serving as a trustee; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

FORDS LANE EVANGELICAL CHURCH

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

5 Movement of funds

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
General funds	48,579	136,395	(84,926)	(54,210)	45,838
Designated funds					
Events	(219)	5,412	(4,137)	-	1,056
Lift Project	421	-	(1,130)	710	-
Maintenance Fund	29,400	-	-	-	29,400
Missionary and Mission Organisations	-	-	-	14,714	14,714
	<u>29,602</u>	<u>5,412</u>	<u>(5,267)</u>	<u>15,424</u>	<u>45,170</u>
Restricted funds					
Church Building Project	122,815	1,360	(5,780)	-	118,395
Church Hall Building Project	10,000	-	-	-	10,000
Church Weekend	(300)	-	-	300	-
Fund Raising & Projects	-	4,572	(4,437)	-	135
Missionary and Mission Organisations	(1,696)	4,020	(40,810)	38,486	-
Youth Worker Support	-	620	(620)	-	-
	<u>130,819</u>	<u>10,572</u>	<u>(51,647)</u>	<u>38,786</u>	<u>128,529</u>
Total funds	<u>209,000</u>	<u>152,379</u>	<u>(141,841)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>219,537</u>

Events Fund is used for activities run by the church that are intended to be self-funded

The Lift Fund was for the installation of a disabled lift in the church hall. This project is now complete

The maintenance fund is to fund major maintenance and repair projects as required

The restricted and designated Missionary funds both support those Missionaries and Mission Organisations that we are associated with.

Church Building Project is to improve the entrance to the church building.

Church Hall Building Fund is to extend and improve the church hall.

Church Weekend Fund is for the church weekend away which happens every two years.

Fund Raising & Projects is use when funds are raised for specific outreach causes.

Youth Worker Support are donations given to help the church fund the costs of their youth worker

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I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. 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.

Sarah Crispin
Sarah Crispin (Nov 19, 2025 07:50:09 GMT)

Sarah Crispin ACA
Stewardship
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Date: Nov 19, 2025

FORDS LANE EVANGELICAL CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	2024	2023
		General Funds	Designated Funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
Income receipts						
Donations		113,047	5,412	10,572	129,031	245,370
Gift aid receipts		13,648	-	-	13,648	20,555
Income from letting of facilities		465	-	-	465	875
Bank Interest		5,038	-	-	5,038	4,530
Other		4,197	-	-	4,197	11,050
		<u>136,395</u>	<u>5,412</u>	<u>10,572</u>	<u>152,379</u>	<u>282,381</u>
Total receipts		<u>136,395</u>	<u>5,412</u>	<u>10,572</u>	<u>152,379</u>	<u>282,381</u>
Payments						
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	84,926	5,267	6,800	96,993	145,429
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	-	-	44,847	44,847	47,481
		<u>84,926</u>	<u>5,267</u>	<u>51,647</u>	<u>141,841</u>	<u>192,910</u>
Total payments		<u>84,926</u>	<u>5,267</u>	<u>51,647</u>	<u>141,841</u>	<u>192,910</u>
Net of receipts / (payments) before		51,469	145	(41,076)	10,538	89,471
Transfers between funds	5	(54,210)	15,424	38,786	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>(2,741)</u>	<u>15,569</u>	<u>(2,290)</u>	<u>10,538</u>	<u>89,471</u>
Cash funds as at last year end		48,580	29,602	130,819	209,000	119,530
Cash funds at this year end	A	<u>45,838</u>	<u>45,170</u>	<u>128,529</u>	<u>219,538</u>	<u>209,000</u>

The notes on pages 7 - 8 form part of these accounts.

FORDS LANE EVANGELICAL CHURCH
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Unrestricted Funds			2024 £	2023 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £		
Notes					
A Cash funds					
Cash at bank with immediate access	45,695	45,170	128,529	219,394	209,000
Cash held by collection providers	144	-	-	144	-
Petty cash	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>45,838</u>	<u>45,170</u>	<u>128,529</u>	<u>219,538</u>	<u>209,000</u>
B Other monetary assets					
Gift aid due to charity	12,456	-	275	12,731	-
Legacy debtor	65,223	-	-	65,223	-
Other debtors	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>77,679</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>275</u>	<u>77,954</u>	<u>-</u>
C Liabilities					
Falling due within one year					
Loans	-	-	-	-	-
Trade creditors	-	-	-	-	-
Taxes due	-	-	-	-	-
Fee for Independent Examination	1,380	-	-	1,380	-
Accrued expenses	991	-	-	991	-
	<u>2,371</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,371</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>2,371</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,371</u>	<u>-</u>

D Assets retained for charity's own use

The charity owns their church building and church hall.
Mossfield Trust owns an adjacent residential property which is used by the pastor and family.
All the trustees of the Mossfield Trust are also Trustees of Fords Lane Evangelical Church
The charity is responsible for the up-keep of all three properties.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Neil Wilson
Neil Wilson (Oct 29, 2025 13:29:07 GMT)

Neil Wilson

Date: Oct 29, 2025

The notes on pages 7 - 8 form part of these accounts.

FORDS LANE EVANGELICAL CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	2024	2023
	General funds	Designated funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly					
Staff Costs	52,869	-	-	52,869	43,937
Premises	11,293	1,130	5,780	18,203	61,365
Event Costs	5,764	4,137	-	9,901	16,498
Gifts Given	1,880	-	620	2,500	9,980
Activities	539	-	400	939	2,183
Admin	6,214	-	-	6,214	3,552
Insurance	4,263	-	-	4,263	3,862
Bank charges	445	-	-	445	200
Other Expenditure	1,658	-	-	1,658	3,852
	<u>84,926</u>	<u>5,267</u>	<u>6,800</u>	<u>96,993</u>	<u>145,429</u>

3 Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others

Grants to institutions for:					
Mission	-	-	2,790	2,790	
Relief of poverty	-	-	6,837	6,837	
Grant to individuals for:					
Mission	-	-	35,220	35,220	
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>44,847</u>	<u>44,847</u>	<u>47,481</u>

4 Transactions with related parties

Christopher Thornton served as the church leader and was paid £30,874 for serving in that capacity, not for serving as a trustee; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

FORDS LANE EVANGELICAL CHURCH

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

5 Movement of funds

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
General funds	48,579	136,395	(84,926)	(54,210)	45,838
Designated funds					
Events	(219)	5,412	(4,137)	-	1,056
Lift Project	421	-	(1,130)	710	-
Maintenance Fund	29,400	-	-	-	29,400
Missionary and Mission Organisations	-	-	-	14,714	14,714
	<u>29,602</u>	<u>5,412</u>	<u>(5,267)</u>	<u>15,424</u>	<u>45,170</u>
Restricted funds					
Church Building Project	122,815	1,360	(5,780)	-	118,395
Church Hall Building Project	10,000	-	-	-	10,000
Church Weekend	(300)	-	-	300	-
Fund Raising & Projects	-	4,572	(4,437)	-	135
Missionary and Mission Organisations	(1,696)	4,020	(40,810)	38,486	-
Youth Worker Support	-	620	(620)	-	-
	<u>130,819</u>	<u>10,572</u>	<u>(51,647)</u>	<u>38,786</u>	<u>128,529</u>
Total funds	<u>209,000</u>	<u>152,379</u>	<u>(141,841)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>219,537</u>

Events Fund is used for activities run by the church that are intended to be self-funded

The Lift Fund was for the installation of a disabled lift in the church hall. This project is now complete

The maintenance fund is to fund major maintenance and repair projects as required

The restricted and designated Missionary funds both support those Missionaries and Mission Organisations that we are associated with.

Church Building Project is to improve the entrance to the church building.

Church Hall Building Fund is to extend and improve the church hall.

Church Weekend Fund is for the church weekend away which happens every two years.

Fund Raising & Projects is use when funds are raised for specific outreach causes.

Youth Worker Support are donations given to help the church fund the costs of their youth worker