

South West Gospel Partnership

Charity number: 1126798

Trustees' Report and Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 August 2020

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 August 2020

The Trustees are pleased to present their report and the financial statements of South West Gospel Partnership ("SWGP" or "the Trust") for the year ended 31 August 2020.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity name	South West Gospel Partnership
Charity registered number	1126798
Status	Trust Registered as a charity with effect from 19 November 2008
Registered office	SWGP c/o St Bartholomew's Church 1 King Edward Road Oldfield Park Bath BA2 3PB

Trustees

The names of the Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out below:

Ian Lewis (Chairman)	
Mike Cain	
Simon Dowland	
Paul Everingham	Resigned 21 January 2021
Tim Howlett (Treasurer)	
Douglas Johnson	
Paul Mallard	
John Martin	
Spencer Shaw	
Adrian Taylor-Weekes (Secretary)	

None of the Trustees has any beneficial interest in the Trust and all served without remuneration in their capacity as Trustees.

Bankers	Lloyds Bank 20 Badminton Road Downend Bristol BS16 6BW
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Independent Examiner	P E Hodges CPFA 74 Cottrell Road Bristol BS5 6TN
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 August 2020

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

SWGP is a registered charity governed in accordance with its Declaration of Trust made on 7 November 2008.

The Charity Commission granted SWGP registered charity status on 19 November 2008.

Organisational structure

SWGP is governed by the Trustees who comprise ministers and members of evangelical churches from across the South West region of England. The Trustees meet at least twice a year to set policy and review the activities of the Trust. The annual general meeting of the Trustees was held on 21 January 2021.

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

Trustees are nominated and appointed by a vote of the existing Trustees and may serve for a period of up to five years after which time they are eligible for re-appointment. None of the Trustees receive remuneration or any other benefit from their work with SWGP.

Risk Management

The Trustees examine the major strategic and operational risks which SWGP faces at each of their meetings. They seek to manage and mitigate these risks within acceptable levels wherever possible.

Objectives and Activities

The objective of SWGP is to advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public, in particular but not exclusively through evangelism, ministry, theological education and the planting and restoration of church fellowships in accordance with its statements of belief.

During the year SWGP incurred staff costs for a part-time Ministry Training Course director and a part-time administrator. SWGP also paid for professional management services and also gratefully received voluntary assistance from individuals and partnership churches, without which the effectiveness of SWGP would be severely limited. The main activities of the Trust during the year are summarised below.

Partnership Meetings

SWGP organises quarterly partnership meetings for ministers and Gospel workers from partnering churches, to encourage them through sharing, praying, welcoming visiting speakers and planning activities together.

Ministry Training Course ("MTC")

The academic year 2019/2020 was SWGP's 14th year of its Ministry Training Course. As in previous years, during the year ended 31 August 2020, two year groups studied the Bible, learning how to teach it to others. Course student numbers were in the high twenties for the year. Students attended the MTC from many different churches spread across the South West with some travelling each week during term time. Students included pastors, church workers, apprentices, student workers, home group leaders, as well as church members who were able to take time off from work to come on the course, or who are retired.

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Objectives and Activities (continued)

We are privileged to have many able Bible teachers in the area, and the teaching is shared by about 12-15 different speakers, including visiting national speakers from time to time. MTC offers three afternoon workshop tracks – one for experienced preachers, one for those who are less experienced at giving Bible talks, and one helping people to lead Bible studies. There is also a short course in Biblical Hebrew added on at the end of the day for those who wish to stay. Each year there are two tours of the British Museum and British Library to study items relating to the Bible.

The MTC course was largely funded from student fees received during the year, which were set at £200 per term for the 2019/20 academic year. A reduced rate was charged for the third MTC term which was delivered online due to Covid-19 restrictions. Donations from partnering churches also assisted with MTC's operating costs.

South West Men's Convention

The 2019 Men's Convention entitled "Behold the Man" took place at St Michael's Centre, Stoke Gifford, Bristol, on 12 October 2019 with invited speakers Jonty Allcock and Daf Meirion-Jones.

Other Activities

Bristol and Bath Women's Conferences

SWGP organises the Bristol and Bath Women's Conferences, an annual conference day for women held in the South West region of England. The 2020 Bristol conference entitled "Victorious Jesus: Christ our Hope in the Battles of Life" with guest speaker Andrea Trevenna went ahead as planned on 7 March 2020 however the Bath conference had to be cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Biblical Counselling

SWGP continues to partner with Biblical Counselling UK to provide training in Bath for the certificate programme in biblical counselling.

Cornhill Teaching Day

SWGP organises an annual one-day conference held in association with the Proclamation Trust. On 15 January 2020 delegates attended the course in Bath designed to develop their Bible-handling skills.

SOLID

SWGP organises fun and interactive teaching days for children and young adults aged 11-18 and their youth leaders. A Solid Night planned for 20 March 2020 unfortunately had to be cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Public Benefit

In setting objectives and planning activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit. As set out in our objectives, the Trust exists for the benefit of individuals primarily in the South West region of England through the promotion and advancement of the evangelical protestant Christian religion. Working closely with its partner churches, SWGP seeks to make its courses and events affordable to ensure that they are accessible to all.

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Financial Review

The financial statements of the Trust for the year ended 31 August 2020 have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and should be reviewed in conjunction with this Trustee Report.

Income is derived primarily from charges for events and training courses, and also through donations from partner churches and individuals. Expenditure includes staff costs and costs associated with running events and training courses. SWGP's financial position remained acceptable, despite it recording a deficit from its Ministry Training Course and as a result of increased SWGP management and partnership-related costs.

SWGP's total receipts in the year ended 31 August 2020 were £27,681 (2019: £20,659), and its total payments were £27,479 (2019: £30,267), resulting in net receipts of £202 (2019: £9,608 net payments).

Gifts and donations received from churches and individuals during the year increased to £3,984 compared with £3,072 in the previous year.

Ministry Training Course receipts were £19,405. This comprised receipts of £1,145 from MTC Expositions and MTC Lite and £18,260 from the MTC course (equivalent to 30 students per term @ £200 per term). Payments of £17,932, including £13,405 relating to SWGP staff costs resulted in net receipts of £1,473 (2019: £5,399 net payments) for the year. In addition, costs of £4,752 were incurred in relation to SWGP's Operations Manager and £629 in relation to SWGP's partnership meetings.

South West Men's Convention ticket sales of £3,631 and costs of £4,498 resulted in a net cost of £867. Other Events income comprised SWGP's SOLID events and the Cornhill Teaching Day income, which overall recorded net receipts of £293 (2019: £186 net receipt).

As at 31 August 2020 SWGP's cash funds were £4,958, comprising unrestricted General Funds of £3,039 (2019: £1,970) and restricted funds relating to the SWGP Men's Convention of £1,919 (2019: £2,786).

Reserves Policy

The Trustees are committed to maintaining a level of reserves for General Funds that will cover at least three months' staff costs, subject to sufficient funding being available to achieve this, while not hampering the ongoing development of the SWGP's activities. As at 31 August 2020 the Trustees agreed that SWGP held sufficient General Funds in respect of its stated Reserves Policy.

Declaration

The Trustees' Report was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

<u>I R Lewis</u>	and	<u>A M Taylor-Weekes</u>	on	<u>21 January 2021</u>
Ian Lewis Chairman		Adrian Taylor-Weekes Secretary		Date

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS for the year ended 31 August 2020

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
Receipts				
Gifts and donations	3,984	-	3,984	3,072
Ministry Training Course fees	19,405	-	19,405	13,700
South West Men's Convention income	-	3,631	3,631	3,255
Other Events income	661	-	661	632
Sub total	24,050	3,631	27,681	20,659
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	24,050	3,631	27,681	20,659
Payments				
Ministry Training Course costs				
Room hire	2,100	-	2,100	2,100
Speakers	955	-	955	1,523
Printing	297	-	297	569
Stationery	159	-	159	82
Advertising	330	-	330	639
Refreshments	436	-	436	866
Books and sundry items	250	-	250	325
	4,527	-	4,527	6,104
SWGP staff costs	13,405	-	13,405	12,995
SWGP management costs	4,052	700	4,752	7,276
SWGP partnership meetings	629	-	629	567
South West Men's Convention costs	-	3,798	3,798	2,879
Other Events costs	368	-	368	446
Sub total	22,981	4,498	27,479	30,267
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-	-	-
Total payments	22,981	4,498	27,479	30,267
Net receipts / (payments)	1,069	(867)	202	(9,608)
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	1,970	2,786	4,756	14,364
Cash funds this year end	3,039	1,919	4,958	4,756

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

		As at 31 August			
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2020 Total	2019 Total
		£	£	£	£
Cash funds					
Lloyds Bank plc	<i>Total cash funds</i>	3,039	1,919	4,958	4,756
Other monetary assets					
Ministry Training Course fees recoverable		-	-	-	50
Investment assets					
		-	-	-	-
Assets retained for the charity's own use					
Lenovo Ideapad		290	-	290	290
Liabilities					
Supplier accounts not yet paid		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

I R Lewis

on

21 January 2021

Ian Lewis
Chairman

Date

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REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SOUTH WEST GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP

I report on the financial statements of South West Gospel Partnership for the year ended 31 August 2020 which are set out on pages 5 and 6.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention 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 financial statements did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the financial statements did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (financial statements and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I 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 financial statements to be reached.

P E Hodges CPFA
Independent Examiner
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Bristol BS5 6TN

Signed: **P E Hodges**
Date: **21 January 2021**