

Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2023  
for  
Bude and Holsworthy Methodist Circuit

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Bude and Holsworthy Methodist Circuit

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for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

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## **Bude and Holsworthy Methodist Circuit**

### **Report of the Trustees** **for the Year Ended 31 August 2023**

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

The Bude and Holsworthy Methodist Circuit covers the area of North Devon and North Cornwall from Hartland in the north to Poundstock in the south, and from the coast at Bude to the market town of Holsworthy in the east.

At the start of the year, the Circuit served 13 Methodist Churches, with memberships ranging from 9 to 116 members, and had a total membership of 382. Following further closures, at the end of the year, the Circuit served 11 Churches, with total membership of 336.

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Objectives and aims**

The purposes of the Methodist Church are the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church, any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church, and any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution or subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.

In pursuit of those objectives, the Circuit's Mission Statement is, "To know Christ and make Christ known."

In common with other Methodist bodies, the Circuit is governed by the Methodist Church Act 1976, the Deed of Union and the Model Trust Deeds of the Methodist Church.

The Circuit Meeting are the Trustees of the Circuit: members of the Circuit Meeting include representatives appointed by the Church Councils of churches within the Circuit, together with the Ministers stationed in the Circuit, Supernumerary Ministers residing in the Circuit and the Circuit Officers, who serve ex-officio as trustees.

The Circuit Leadership Team (CLT), comprising the Circuit Ministerial Staff and Circuit Stewards, meets regularly to keep under review the life of the Circuit and to take forward the decisions of the Circuit Meeting, who are the Trustees.

##### **Public benefit**

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. Specifically:

The churches in the Bude and Holsworthy Methodist Circuit exist to help people find and follow Jesus in an ever changing world. The Circuit aims to support all its churches in their efforts to reach out into their communities to meet the needs of members and non-members. The Circuit recognises and encourages the diversity of approaches to mission among its churches, and makes resources available to help them in their work.

The actions of the Circuit and its member churches include:

- the arrangement of public worship and education in the Christian religion;
- giving encouragement and assistance to those seeking to know more about the Christian faith, including the organisation of Alpha Courses and similar activities, and assistance with the training of those called to serve as local (lay) preachers and worship leaders;
- many churches make their premises available to other organisations that need somewhere to meet.

##### **Safeguarding**

The Circuit follows the Connexional policy on safeguarding as detailed in Creating Safer Space. Each church has a safeguarding representative and there is a safeguarding officer in the Circuit to ensure the adoption of safe practice amongst children and vulnerable adults. Appropriate training is provided on safeguarding issues for all involved in leadership roles within the Circuit, and supervision of the necessary checks under the safeguarding legislation.

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#### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **Charitable activities**

##### **Review of the year**

Rev Simon Leigh continued as full-time Superintendent Minister throughout the year, and with Deacon Debbie Marsh made up our full-time ministerial team. We also record our appreciation of our lay staff, Michelle Hogarth, who was in post throughout the year, Dean Taylor, who joined us as Youth Worker from October 2022, and Deborah Whelan, appointed administrator from January 2023. We are also blessed to have the input of a number of volunteers.

With the ongoing reduction in the number of ordained staff, some roles traditionally taken by the Ministerial team have been taken on by lay people, including lay chairmanship of church councils and the authorisation of additional lay people to celebrate the Sacraments, and lay staff and volunteers have made a significant contribution to pastoral care.

Following the Covid 19 pandemic, and the resultant government regulations, which meant that churches could not open for public worship or most other activities, the circuit leadership team and circuit staff have continued to develop a range of internet based activities, including services on YouTube, and services, prayer meetings, Bible studies and other activities such as messy church on platforms such as Zoom and Teams. We are most appreciative of everyone's commitment to working in these new ways. As society has opened up after the relaxation of the pandemic measures, we have also been involved in local initiatives, including a Redeeming Our Communities (ROC) programme in the Holsworthy area, which has led to new outreach opportunities and initiatives.

Deacon Debbie Marsh continued to work mainly at Bude Methodist Church, and Rev Simon Leigh had pastoral oversight of the rest of the Circuit.

Following the lifting of the shutdown caused by the pandemic, the circuit has continued to offer some weekday courses during the year, and to maintain a viable preaching plan for Sunday services.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Financial position**

##### **Fund balances**

There was an overall reduction in fund balances over the year of £253,968.

The General Fund balance at 31st August 2023 was £1,574,611, but this includes the carrying value of manses and equipment of £945,163 and of redundant chapels totalling £564,600. The reduction in the balance of the General Fund relates in part to the transfer of the proceeds of sale of redundant chapels into the Model Trust Fund.

The Model Trust Fund balance at 31st August 2023 was £750,256. The increase is attributable to the sale proceeds of redundant properties referred to above.

Designated Fund balances totalled £11,804, being monies set aside for repairs and other outgoings on manses, outreach work and removal costs on changes in stationing.

Restricted Funds totalled £68,445, mainly in respect of funds held for the maintenance of graveyards.

Endowment Funds totalled £11,780, being trust funds transferred from redundant Chapels. We will be looking into the appropriate use of these funds.

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#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Principal funding sources**

##### **Income trends**

Circuit income is primarily drawn from the assessment paid by the circuit churches.

In addition, we have received a grant from the Plymouth and Exeter Methodist District towards the cost of the Holsworthy Youth Chaplain, which is partly funded by the Circuit.

During the year, the programme of selling redundant buildings continued, with sales being completed of North Tamerton, Stratton and Bangors (Poundstock) Chapels, and the manse at Killerton Road. Reluctantly, the decision was taken to dispose of the church and manse at Hartland, where we had hoped to develop new outreach and pastoral work, and these will be marketed in due course.

##### **Income and Expenditure trends**

The Circuit remains dependent on the contributions of the member churches in the Circuit Assessment for the bulk of its income. The churches, in their turn, rely on collection income to meet their outgoings, and for many, this was obviously seriously depleted during the enforced closure. We record, with gratitude, the fact that most churches have been able to pay all or a substantial part of their assessment share, through the good stewardship of their treasurers and stewards.

Whilst it is our view that, in normal conditions, the maintenance of the existing work of the Circuit should be funded from the assessment and other revenue, and that reserves and the sale proceeds of redundant chapels should be used for new outreach initiatives, we recognise that the reduced number of members and chapels following the pandemic cannot sustain the present level of expenditure, and are therefore willing to operate a deficit budget in the short term.

Approximately 15% of expenditure in the year is the Circuit contribution to the District and Connexion, of which a significant part is used to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church.

##### **Reserves policy**

This policy includes all funds held by the Circuit Meeting as Trustees.

Our Reserves Policy relates to our general (unrestricted) funds which are freely available to be used for any or all of the purposes of the Circuit. The figure for consideration is the Net Current Assets, £825,774 as the Fixed Assets are held for the long term activity of the Circuit. Other funds are also included for the sake of clarity and openness and to show that the Circuit has a policy for the management of all its money.

##### **Aims.** Our aims are twofold:-

To secure and sustain the Circuit's viability and future;

To give reassurance to the general public that the Circuit, which is a charity, intends to use all the money coming into its care for the purposes of the charity.

##### **Mission Policy.** The Circuit's Mission Policy is

- 'To know Christ and make Christ known.'
- Renewal, Growth and Unity in the Love of God through Jesus
- Helping people to hear and respond to His call for their lives through the power of the Holy Spirit

## Bude and Holsworthy Methodist Circuit

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

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#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Financial Plans**

An annual budget is prepared, providing for anticipated costs for the coming year, and within which provision is also made for sums to be set aside in designated accounts to meet the regular cyclical costs, particularly in relation to manse repairs and to meet removal costs for incoming ministers.

Exceptionally, the Circuit may decide to operate a deficit budget.

The total amount to be raised under the budget is collected from the local churches through the Circuit Assessment. Various different bases for dividing the Assessment between the local churches are considered, and an appropriate basis is selected by the Circuit Meeting as Trustees.

Where exceptional expenditure has to be incurred, for example to meet major repairs to manses identified during Quinquennial Inspections, or to make improvements to manses, part of the cost may be provided from the Model Trust Fund (formerly the Circuit Advance Fund), on an ad hoc basis, as agreed by the Circuit Meeting.

Local chapels may apply for assistance (for example, with building improvements) from Circuit funds, including the Model Trust Fund, but such assistance will only be given if the expenditure is incurred to further mission.

Under Standing Orders, the Circuit must meet its financial obligations. To ensure that sufficient funding is available, it is our Reserves Policy that we should seek to maintain our reserves on Unrestricted Funds to represent at least three months' average expenditure (£75,000).

Recognising the financial constraints which affect chapels within the Circuit, we will seek to progressively increase reserves by prudent financial management. Our annual budgets include an allocation to meet contingencies, and in those years when such contingencies do not absorb the whole of that amount, any unused balance will be retained to increase reserves. The Circuit will also accept any donations which may be offered towards increasing the Reserves.

**The Circuit Model Trust Fund**, which derives mainly from the sale of chapels and manses, was previously a restricted fund which could be used for a limited range of purposes. Its use was formerly restricted by an internal regulation of the Methodist Church, but it may now be used for any Methodist purpose, while standing orders remind circuits of the primary purposes of the fund.

It is our policy to use the Model Trust Fund primarily to fund exceptional expenditure on the purchase, maintenance and improvements of manses, and to make grants from the Fund to facilitate repair and improvement of chapels. However, in years when a deficit budget has been approved, funds may be drawn from the Model Trust Fund to meet any such deficit.

#### **FUTURE PLANS**

Rev Simon Leigh will be leaving the Circuit in August 2024, and will be replaced by a new Superintendent Minister. We are seeking to appoint a Schools and Family worker to meet a perceived need in the community. In view of the closure of chapels, the decision has been taken in the short term to continue supporting the Circuit Assessment from reserves and from the proceeds of sale of redundant chapels. Further development of online ministry has been undertaken, and this will continue. Regular services have continued, and some new outreach initiatives have been developed, and there are encouraging signs of green shoots in a number of chapels.

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

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##### **Risk management**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

The Circuit:

- discusses and regularly reviews areas of potential risk at meetings of the Circuit Staff/Stewards and Circuit Meeting.
- takes professional advice as and when required.
- follows procedures and guidelines issued by the Methodist Church to mitigate risks.
- adopts and implements the Methodist Church's robust safeguarding policies and procedures in the Circuit and the local churches.
- where appropriate, arranges insurance cover against identified risks

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Charity number**  
1129530

**Principal address**  
c/o Roy Mackenzie FCA  
15 Elm Drive  
Bude  
Cornwall  
EX23 8EZ

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**Trustees**

**MINISTERS**

Rev Simon H. Leigh - Superintendent Minister  
Deacon Debbie Marsh

**MINISTERS IN OTHER APPOINTMENTS**

**SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS**

Rev Joy C. Wilson

**CIRCUIT STEWARDS**

Mr Jonathan Hobbs  
Mr Roy Mackenzie (Treasurer)  
Mrs Cath Paddon (to 01/11/2022)  
Mr Mark Shepherd  
Mrs Christine Forster  
Mr Andrew Pitt  
Mrs Michelle Hogarth (to 01/11/2022)  
Mrs Rosalind Mary Watson (from 01/09/2022)  
Mrs Fiona Cleave (from 01/09/2022)  
Mrs Elizabeth Robinson (from 01/09/2022)

**CIRCUIT LOCAL PREACHERS AND WORSHIP LEADERS REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr Courtney Drew  
Mrs Muriel Hodges  
Mr Barry Bryne

**CIRCUIT OFFICERS**

Mr Chris Smith  
Sandra Shepherd

**CIRCUIT CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES**

Beacon	Keith Cobbledick (to 01/11/2022) Donald Harris (to 01/11/2022)
Bradworthy	Clive Smale
Bridgerule	Sheila Cholwill Mark Shears
Bude	Carol Short (to 13/03/2023) Annette Cole Jane Bailey (from 15/06/2023) Stephen George Jose (from 13/03/2023)
Chilsworthy	Karen Shepherd Ruth Bealing (to 16/08/2023)
Holsworthy	Hilary Vivian Elizabeth Squire (to 21/06/2023) Catherine Paddon (from 21/06/2023)
Kilkhampston	Reg Hambley Mike Metherell
Marhamchurch	Elizabeth Bray Mary Bromell
Morwenstow	Valerie Tape (to 23/03/2023) Jenny Vanstone Charles (John) Cleave (from 23/03/2023)
Whitstone	Mervyn Uglow Godfrey Cole



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Woodford      Rose Heard  
                    Nicola Hobbs

Woolsery      Derek Lott

**Independent Examiner**  
Metherell Gard Ltd  
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This Report has been signed under delegated authority under S.O. 551(2)

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 11 June 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R MacKenzie', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mr R MacKenzie FCA - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
Bude and Holsworthy Methodist Circuit

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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Bude and Holsworthy Methodist Circuit**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Bude and Holsworthy Methodist Circuit (the Trust) for the year ended 31 August 2023.

**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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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 respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.



David Nigel Cox ICAEW  
The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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Date: 12.6.24

**Bude and Holsworthy Methodist Circuit**

**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Year Ended 31 August 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment fund £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>						
Donations and legacies		4,554	13,041	-	17,595	18,955
<b>Charitable activities</b>						
Grants and donations		1,500	100	-	1,600	4,600
Capital receipts		108,600	-	-	108,600	251,311
Assessments on churches		155,894	-	-	155,894	166,469
Investment income	2	26,368	2,207	-	28,575	3,549
Other income		5,558	-	-	5,558	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>302,474</b>	<b>15,348</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>317,822</b>	<b>444,884</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>						
<b>Charitable activities</b>						
Grants and donations		215,032	-	-	215,032	15,120
Salaries and associated costs		132,820	-	-	132,820	140,138
Property maintenance		92,574	9,106	-	101,680	27,850
District assessment and levy		52,519	-	-	52,519	36,839
Depreciation		466	-	-	466	312
Other costs		21,481	32	-	21,513	56,714
Loss on sale of fixed assets		30,168	-	-	30,168	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>545,060</b>	<b>9,138</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>554,198</b>	<b>276,973</b>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		(17,557)	-	(35)	(17,592)	25,465
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<b>(260,143)</b>	<b>6,210</b>	<b>(35)</b>	<b>(253,968)</b>	<b>193,376</b>
Transfers between funds	10	(8)	-	8	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(260,151)</b>	<b>6,210</b>	<b>(27)</b>	<b>(253,968)</b>	<b>193,376</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>						
Total funds brought forward		2,596,822	62,235	11,807	2,670,864	2,477,488
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>2,336,671</b>	<b>68,445</b>	<b>11,780</b>	<b>2,416,896</b>	<b>2,670,864</b>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Bude and Holsworthy Methodist Circuit**

**Balance Sheet**  
**31 August 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment fund £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>						
Tangible assets	5	945,163	-	-	945,163	1,264,669
<b>Investments</b>						
Investments	6	1,134	-	858	1,992	2,074
Investment property	7	564,600	-	-	564,600	872,747
		<u>1,510,897</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>858</u>	<u>1,511,755</u>	<u>2,139,490</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>						
Debtors	8	35,649	-	-	35,649	17,074
Cash at bank and in hand		954,559	69,398	10,922	1,034,879	553,906
		<u>990,208</u>	<u>69,398</u>	<u>10,922</u>	<u>1,070,528</u>	<u>570,980</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>						
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(164,434)	(953)	-	(165,387)	(39,606)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>825,774</u>	<u>68,445</u>	<u>10,922</u>	<u>905,141</u>	<u>531,374</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>2,336,671</u>	<u>68,445</u>	<u>11,780</u>	<u>2,416,896</u>	<u>2,670,864</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>2,336,671</u>	<u>68,445</u>	<u>11,780</u>	<u>2,416,896</u>	<u>2,670,864</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	10					
Unrestricted funds					2,336,671	2,596,822
Restricted funds					68,445	62,235
Endowment funds					11,780	11,807
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>					<u>2,416,896</u>	<u>2,670,864</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 11 June 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

  
Rev S Leigh - Trustee

  
Mr R MacKenzie FCA - Trustee

**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**for the Year Ended 31 August 2023**

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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

**Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donated goods are measured at their fair value and included in income. They are included when the charity has been notified of their entitlement, all conditions have been met and the final amount is known and expected.

Donations and legacies are included in income when the charity has been notified of their entitlement, all conditions have been met, and the final amount is known and expected.

Income from grants is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Capital Receipts represent the valuation of buildings, assets and cash resources passing to the Circuit on closure of chapels, less, where applicable, the anticipated costs of realisation and the Connexional Priority Levy which would pass to the national Methodist Church on disposal.

Rent receivable in the financial statements is the amount of rent due to the charity for the financial period. Any income received in advance is included as deferred income.

Investment income from interest and dividends is shown in the accounts on a receivable basis

**Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

**Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost (or deemed cost) less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset on a systematic basis over its expected useful life as follows:

Freehold Land and Buildings - Nil  
Fixtures and Fittings- 25% of cost per annum straight line basis

All fixtures and fittings are included at historic cost and are reviewed for impairment at each balance sheet date.

**Investment property**

Investment Properties are redundant chapels, which have passed to the Circuit on closure of the Chapels. In general, these are not held as long-term investments, but are held pending advice on the timing and manner of their sale. Their carrying value in the accounts is based on professional valuations, less the anticipated cost of realisation and the Connexional Priority Levy which would pass to the Connexion (the national Methodist Church) on disposal.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Investment assets and unrealised gains**

Investment assets in the form of the Central Finance Board Managed Mixed Fund, are shown in the financial statements at fair value.

Unrealised gains on investment and other assets represent the difference between the fair value at the end of the year and:

- i) for investment and other assets held at the start of the year, the fair value at that date, or
- ii) for investment and other assets acquired in the year, the cost of acquisition.

Changes in fair value are recognised in the SoFA

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees. As well as the general fund a Circuit Model Trust Fund is held.

Designated funds are those unrestricted funds which have been set aside by the trustees for a particular purpose, but may be used for other purposes at the discretion of the trustees. Designated funds include- Manses Fund, Outreach Fund and Removals Fund.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. Restricted funds include the Benevolent and Graveyard Funds.

Endowment funds are funds where the capital is held on a permanent basis, and only the income can be spent for the purposes of the charity. However, during the year ended 31st August 2017, the small balances held on endowment funds were transferred into general fund under the provisions of the Charities Act 2011 and the Releasing Funds for Mission initiative of the Methodist Church. Endowment funds have since been received from chapels which have been closed.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**Hire purchase and leasing commitments**

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

**Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year**

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

**Financial instruments**

All financial instruments are recognised initially at transaction price excluding transaction costs and subsequently at amortised cost. These include cash at bank, debtors and creditors.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
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2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2023	2022
	£	£
Rents received	876	1,369
Dividends	61	76
Deposit account interest	27,638	2,104
	<u>28,575</u>	<u>3,549</u>

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2023 nor for the year ended 31 August 2022.

No payments were made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit Meeting, apart from Stipends and Salaries detailed below.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 August 2023 nor for the year ended 31 August 2022.

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trustee's expenses reimbursed	8,938	14,166
Number of Trustees	2	6

Expenses payments relate mainly to travel and other out of pocket expenses.

4. STAFF COSTS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	132,820	140,138
	<u>132,820</u>	<u>140,138</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
Average number of employees	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

**Bude and Holsworthy Methodist Circuit**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2023**

**5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 September 2022	1,264,443	3,604	1,268,047
Additions	-	960	960
Disposals	(320,000)	-	(320,000)
At 31 August 2023	944,443	4,564	949,007
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 September 2022	-	3,378	3,378
Charge for year	-	466	466
At 31 August 2023	-	3,844	3,844
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 August 2023	944,443	720	945,163
At 31 August 2022	1,264,443	226	1,264,669

**6. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS**

	Unlisted investments £
<b>MARKET VALUE</b>	
At 1 September 2022	2,074
Revaluations	(82)
At 31 August 2023	1,992
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 August 2023	1,992
At 31 August 2022	2,074

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

Cost or valuation at 31 August 2023 is represented by:

	Unlisted investments £
Valuation in 2023	1,992

**7. INVESTMENT PROPERTY**

	£
<b>FAIR VALUE</b>	
At 1 September 2022	872,747
Additions	108,600
Disposals	(416,747)
At 31 August 2023	564,600
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 August 2023	564,600
At 31 August 2022	872,747



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**8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Arrears of circuit assessments	6,130	3,065
Other debtors	6,831	6,424
Loan	18,000	2,476
Prepayments	4,688	5,109
	<u>35,649</u>	<u>17,074</u>

**9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Assessments received in advance	30,155	29,437
Trade creditors	135,232	10,169
	<u>165,387</u>	<u>39,606</u>

**10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.9.22	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31.8.23
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	2,210,434	(73,470)	(562,353)	1,574,611
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	361,990	(108,079)	496,345	750,256
Manses Fund	15,782	(18,662)	9,000	6,120
Outreach Fund	5,466	(60,042)	57,000	2,424
Removals Fund	3,150	110	-	3,260
	<u>2,596,822</u>	<u>(260,143)</u>	<u>(8)</u>	<u>2,336,671</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Benevolent Fund	1,261	44	-	1,305
Titson Graveyard	5,822	(1,386)	-	4,436
Lana Graveyard	8,641	(15)	-	8,626
Woodacott Graveyard	3,807	126	-	3,933
Bangors Graveyard	8,774	(28)	-	8,746
Ashwater Graveyard	19,258	(5,397)	-	13,861
Launcells Graveyard	14,052	228	-	14,280
Hartland Graveyard	-	11,260	-	11,260
Beacon Graveyard	-	1,000	-	1,000
Trust Accounts	-	378	-	378
Other	620	-	-	620
	<u>62,235</u>	<u>6,210</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>68,445</u>
<b>Endowment funds</b>				
Endowment Fund	11,807	(35)	8	11,780
	<u>11,807</u>	<u>(35)</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>11,780</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>2,670,864</u>	<u>(253,968)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,416,896</u>

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10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	278,077	(334,037)	(17,510)	(73,470)
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	23,398	(131,430)	(47)	(108,079)
Manses Fund	149	(18,811)	-	(18,662)
Outreach Fund	740	(60,782)	-	(60,042)
Removals Fund	110	-	-	110
	<u>302,474</u>	<u>(545,060)</u>	<u>(17,557)</u>	<u>(260,143)</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Benevolent Fund	44	-	-	44
Titson Graveyard	194	(1,580)	-	(1,386)
Lana Graveyard	405	(420)	-	(15)
Woodacott Graveyard	126	-	-	126
Bangors Graveyard	272	(300)	-	(28)
Ashwater Graveyard	456	(5,853)	-	(5,397)
Launcells Graveyard	1,023	(795)	-	228
Hartland Graveyard	11,418	(158)	-	11,260
Beacon Graveyard	1,000	-	-	1,000
Trust Accounts	410	(32)	-	378
	<u>15,348</u>	<u>(9,138)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,210</u>
<b>Endowment funds</b>				
Endowment Fund	-	-	(35)	(35)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>317,822</u></u>	<u><u>(554,198)</u></u>	<u><u>(17,592)</u></u>	<u><u>(253,968)</u></u>

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**10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.9.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.8.22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	2,291,122	220,804	(301,492)	2,210,434
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	97,224	(1,126)	265,892	361,990
Manses Fund	13,790	(28,608)	30,600	15,782
Outreach Fund	7,068	(5,603)	4,000	5,466
Removals Fund	2,139	11	1,000	3,150
	<u>2,411,343</u>	<u>185,478</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,596,822</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Benevolent Fund	1,256	5	-	1,261
Titson Graveyard	5,791	31	-	5,822
Lana Graveyard	6,432	2,210	-	8,641
Woodacott Graveyard	3,792	15	-	3,807
Bangors Graveyard	8,286	465	23	8,774
Ashwater Graveyard	18,983	275	-	19,258
Launcells Graveyard	13,653	399	-	14,052
Other	-	620	-	620
	<u>58,193</u>	<u>4,020</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>62,235</u>
<b>Endowment funds</b>				
Endowment Fund	7,952	3,878	(23)	11,807
	<u>7,952</u>	<u>3,878</u>	<u>(23)</u>	<u>11,807</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>2,477,488</u>	<u>193,376</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,670,864</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	432,839	(237,593)	25,558	220,804
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	1,661	(2,708)	(79)	(1,126)
Manses Fund	732	(29,340)	-	(28,608)
Outreach Fund	17	(5,620)	-	(5,603)
Removals Fund	11	-	-	11
	<u>435,260</u>	<u>(275,261)</u>	<u>25,479</u>	<u>185,478</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Benevolent Fund	5	-	-	5
Titson Graveyard	281	(250)	-	31
Lana Graveyard	3,139	(929)	-	2,210
Woodacott Graveyard	15	-	-	15
Bangors Graveyard	465	-	-	465
Ashwater Graveyard	275	-	-	275
Launcells Graveyard	903	(504)	-	399
Other	620	-	-	620
	<u>5,703</u>	<u>(1,683)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,020</u>
<b>Endowment funds</b>				
Endowment Fund	3,921	(29)	(14)	3,878
	<u>3,921</u>	<u>(29)</u>	<u>(14)</u>	<u>3,878</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>444,884</u>	<u>(276,973)</u>	<u>25,465</u>	<u>193,376</u>

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**11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 August 2023.

**12. GOING CONCERN**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.