

Circuit Accrual Accounts 2023-24

THE METHODIST CHURCH
TEMPLATE REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
(ACCRUALS BASIS)
for the year ended 31st August 2024

North Shields and Whitley Bay Circuit

Registered Charity - Registration Number 1132438

District Number / Circuit Number - 20 / 05

Ministers

Rev David Wynd
Rev Eva Walker

Circuit Stewards

Martin Shaw
Roger Gordon

Circuit Treasurer

Colin Raistrick

**North Shields & Whitley Bay Methodist Circuit
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

Aims and Organisation

The Circuit resources the work of seven churches, Network and three different ways of being church ("fresh expressions") in the geographical area covered by the North Shields and Whitley Bay Methodist Circuit. The Circuit is one of twelve circuits in the Newcastle upon Tyne District, which in turn is one of twenty four districts in the Methodist Connexion.

When planning our activities for the year, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidelines on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. Our main activity, however, is to resource the constituent local churches in their local application of the general purpose of advancing religion.

In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our community through the four core activities of "Our Calling" namely worship; learning and caring; service and evangelism.

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the Date of Union the advancement of:-

- a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of the Methodist Church;
- b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church;
- c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church;
- d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church

The organising and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non members alike. The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups. The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved. Taking religious assemblies in local schools. Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services. Provision of chaplaincy services to a range of local institutions.

Additional details:

The Trustees are committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches and in our organised activities. Thus we provide a varied menu of worship opportunities which are open to everyone, ranging across the spectrum of style from traditional liturgical/reflective to contemporary/celebratory and from all-age worship to children's praise parties. We also encourage participation in ecumenical and circuit/district-wide worship opportunities. We are thus putting our faith into practice through the shared benefit of prayer, scriptural review, preaching, music and sacrament.

The Trustees are committed to enabling as many people as possible to become involved in the various activities of the constituent churches and fresh expressions of church which are community-enriching and character-forming, through personal development and/or community service and/or mission/outreach work.

The Trustees are committed to encouraging all the people with whom we come into contact in any way to participate in activities which might influence their faith-journey, thus creating better citizens and promoting wholeness in all levels of society/community.

The Trustees are committed to supporting the constituent churches as they maintain and manage and improve their premises of which they are managing trustees for use by the wider community.

We employ two ministers, a Circuit Operations Manager, a Pioneer Enabler, a Community Worker with the Elderly and a Family Worker. All other roles are voluntary.

We are responsible for the care of ministers appointed to our circuit, both in the provision and maintenance of housing for them, in raising money to provide a stipend, and in providing support equivalent to that of an employer to employees.

Review of the year

The Circuit continues to assist those worshipping at home by providing a weekly printed home service. This is most welcomed by the people who receive it and they themselves are using the resources to engage with others. Many thanks to all who create the printed services.

Information about what is going on across the Circuit is shared by the publication of information in the Circuit Newsletter. The Circuit Office at St John's remains the focal point where information is shared and disseminated. We plan to develop this further by sharing more of what is going on in local churches so that members have more choice of what activities to join in.

Following a strategic review, Karen Morley joined the team as a Family Worker. Karen has spent the year developing family work at St John's, Monkseaton, Cullercoats and North Shields.

Working alongside older people, work was developed to support the new way of working for local

Churches Pastoral teams as down to two presbyters became the reality. John has great links with hospitals, the local hospital chaplaincy and other agencies working with older people. Increasingly John's work results in finding solutions for members whose health is deteriorating and memory is not what it was. John has continued to produce the "Prayer Dove" which aims to aid worship for those unable to get to church.

Sunday at the Pub activity based around pubs. Themes of faith and spirituality were explored. BFX had a weekend away at Saughy Rigg. Joining up with the District Mother House Project SeaSoul has resulted in much engagement with the community of people who engage with North Tyneside's coast.

The Green Festival in September 2023 celebrated Creation. Whilst disappointing to cancel the music element, it is hoped to do this aspect of the festival at a later date.

Safeguarding training continues in a hybrid format of offering online courses as well as resuming face to face courses. In the Circuit we offered face to face foundation training. A number of face to face Circuit Safeguarding Officers meetings was held. Information was shared by the Circuit Safeguarding Officers periodically throughout the year.

Our Circuit Stewards provided many hours of voluntary work in the essential administration of the Circuit.

Our Presbyter Team, Supernumerary Ministers team, Local preachers and Worship Leaders enabled worship to happen on a Sunday or at midweek meetings. Circuit Praise continues to be an online offering with many more viewing the content than would be in a physical environment.

The Circuit Operations Manager has led the Earsdon Management Group in the process of preparing for the Earsdon Chapel building to be sold and for the contents to be recycled, redeployed or given away.

New Places, New People is a strategic focus of what we do. We are pleased to be supporting Cambium at Seaton Sluice and SeaSoul.

Strategically the Circuit is continuing discussions on setting the strategic direction for the years ahead. This means building upon the best of what we already do and moving forward with a refreshed way of doing and new activities that allow more people to know and love Jesus. As a Circuit we have a Circuit Safeguarding meeting and Circuit Property Group. We are extending the grouping to include Circuit Treasurers in a Circuit Finance Group. Our vision is to have other groups as we become more of joined as One Circuit on many sites.

The Charity continues to be viable.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document of the Circuit is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976). Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline (CPD) of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference. Day to day management of the circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership Team (CLT) along with the Local Preachers meeting and the Circuit Resources Committee. Occasional task and finish groups are established which report back to the Circuit Meeting.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance is produced by the Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the Circuit. The Regional Training Team provides specific support and specific roles are supported at meetings arranged by the Newcastle upon Tyne Methodist District and increasingly by a greater North East Districts input.

Related Parties

The Circuit is part of Newcastle upon Tyne Methodist District and is accountable to the Methodist Conference. The following Methodist Churches are linked to the Circuit. North Shields Methodist Church, Cullercoats Methodist Church, St John's Methodist Church, Monkseaton Methodist Church, Earsdon Methodist Church, Seaton Sluice Methodist Church. Fishermen's Mission. Coast Congregational Church meets at Fisherman's Mission and are licenced with the Circuit to receive worship support.

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Circuit Leadership Team with professional advice taken as required. There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded. Income and Expenditure is being monitored in total and compared with the approved annual budget to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's recreation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practices outlines commitment to the following principles:

- The care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the Police and local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and good practice.

The North Shields & Whitley Bay Methodist Circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches. The North Shields & Whitley Bay Methodist Circuit commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

During the year Safeguarding training was delivered that reflects the revised training implemented by the Methodist Conference. A review of appointment roles within the Churches of the Circuit, reflected our good compliance with regular training and updates. A regular meeting of Church Safeguarding Officers was held.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Circuit is to hold a minimum sum equivalent to 6 months average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on manse and / or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inability

to raise the full Circuit Assessment from churches.

Finance and Governance

Basis of account preparation and legal framework.

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31st August 2024 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

Full name of Charity: North Shields and Whitley Bay Methodist Church Circuit.

Registration Charity Number: 1132438

Date of Registration: 4th November 2009

Registered address: Circuit Office, St John's Methodist Church, Ilfracombe Gardens, Whitley Bay. NE26 3ND

The members of the North Shields and Whitley Bay Methodist Circuit Meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of Circuit Officer holders, ministers and representatives appointed by local churches.

Circuit Ministers and Officers

Active Circuit Ministers

Rev David Wynd *

Rev Eva Walker *

Supported by an additional team of retired Ministers.

Circuit Lay Workers

Karen Morley

John Morley *

Rob Wylie

Circuit Stewards

Martin Shaw * (Senior Steward)

Roger Gordon *

Circuit Treasurer

Colin Raistrick *

Circuit Local Preachers & Worship Leaders Representatives

Margaret Stephenson
John Bedigan

Circuit Safeguarding Coordinator Rev Linda Eccles

Circuit Operations Manager Colin Raistrick

Members Carol Baggaley, Alan Bainbridge, John Bedigan, Diane Brewer, Sue Carr, Andrina Davison, Andrew Esson, Sandra Fenwick, Margaret Gannie, Rev Enid Gordon, Roger Gordon, Bill Hastie, Yvonne Hastie, Andrew Lowe, Owen Lumsdon, Pat Maddison, Sue Mason, John Morley, Colin Raistrick, Martin Shaw, Margaret Stephenson, Marion Taws, Graham Tipple, Pat Underhill, Catherine Walker, Rev Eva Walker Pauline Wright, Rob Wylie, Rev David Wynd.

* Denotes member of the Circuit Leadership Team (CLT)

Colin Raistrick acted as principal officer overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the Circuit during the year.

Independent Examiner

Investment Bankers Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church (CFB)
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP)

Year ended 31st August 2024 income trends

Circuit income is primarily drawn from the assessment paid by Circuit churches. At the Network project at Oxford Street talks are still ongoing with Depaul UK on their lease arrangement. The rent of £10,380 from Western Way manse letting was used to reduce general expenses. A legacy of just under £40,000 was received from the estate of the late Audrey Morrow. This has significantly boosted the Circuit income. This legacy income will be used to establish a fund for environmental upgrades to local churches in a mix of loan and grant.

Year ended 31st August 2024 expenditure trends

During the year our income was £308,841 and we spent £358,726 in line with the budget. We spent £49,885 more than our income. This was planned as we were catching up with a backlog of quinquennial inspections. As a Circuit we did essential full loft conversion work at all manses. This meant safe access, safe loft electrics and full floor boarding. Over 50 years of rubbish was removed from the loft space at Davison Avenue manse, including measures put in during the 1970s winter of discontent. Stipend expenditure has increased each financial year in line with Conference approved increases. The Property Fund was used for an emergency grant to Fishermen's Mission of £3,000 to enable a woodworm infested floor to be replaced and essential timber beams to be replaced. As a boost to churches a month worth of Circuit Assessment was returned, this accounted for £18,000 of the budget shortfall. We spent £20,000 more on lay employee costs as we waited for District grants to be paid to the Circuit. These were received in the following reporting period. £3,000 was spent on a revaluation for insurance premises for Oxford Street. This valuation will be applied to the 2025 insurance renewal.

Fund balances

As at 31st August 2024 net cash assets of the Circuit were £211,240 (£234,741 previous year) giving approximately 8 months cover for expenditure.

Plans for 2024/2025

Circuit financial plans for the coming year have been prepared on the basis that we maintain 2 full time ordained staff with anticipated costs of living stipend increases combined with an increase in the assessment paid to the District. Our Lay Employee team is maintained but work priorities are linked

into the strategic direction of the Circuit. Local churches are requested to increase their assessment to fund this work. Work continues to look at each element of spending to see where we can reduce costs and seek new sources of income, to reduce the pressure on stretched local church finances. We will relook at where we wish to be as a Circuit as we invest time in developing a new Strategic direction for the coming years. During the year we hope to complete the sale of Earsdon Methodist Church, move Fishermen's Mission to be a project of Cullercoats Methodist Church and complete the long overdue lease negotiations with DePaul at Oxford Street. Our plans to turn Ingleside Manse into an investment property are put on hold as we support the District in retaining the property as a Methodist manse for District personnel.

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102 – the Charities SORP (FRS102) and taking note of the Update Bulletin 1 issued in 2016.

2 Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Circuit which are Unrestricted. The Circuit Model Trust Fund has wide purposes defined in Standing Orders and is categorised as unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose. There are no Endowment funds. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the final note to these accounts. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

Incoming Resources

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Resources Expended

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Circuit to pay out resources.

Grants

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

VAT

Since the Circuit is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Circuit

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500.

The freehold property is shown in the accounts at 2024 insurance values. The insurance value of the manses is £1,801,650. No depreciation is provided on the building because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings (on the assumption that it had reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The property has been reviewed for impairment. The valuation for Oxford Street is £4,048,289, an increase of £157,574 on the previous year.

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long term purposes of the charity. Western Way manse and 41 Oxford Street are let for investment income.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

There were none.

Creditors

We have adjusted when we receive the 1st quarter assessment so it is received in September rather than late August.

4 Payment to Trustees

There were no payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit Meeting, this excludes stipends.

	2023/24	2022/23
Number of Trustees	34	34
Total amount	£0	£0

5 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

	2023/24	2022/23
	£	£
Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	0	0
Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	NIL	NIL

6 Paid employees

Staff Costs paid during the year were:

	2023/24	2022/23
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	£ 155,162	180,090
Employer's National Insurance costs	£ 14,609	14,716
Pension costs	£ 19,003	27,214
Total staff costs	£ 188,774	222,020

Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year were:

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7 Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

As of 31st August 2024 there are capital commitments on c£10,000 as we catch up with Quinquennial Inspection works on the manses. No Contingent liabilities were identified on 31st August 2024.

8 For information only Money received and passed on to External Organisations

	2023/24	2022/23
	£	£
Balance brought forward from last year		
Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations		
Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations		
Balance carried forward	0	0

9 Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or valuation

	Land	Manses	Other buildings Network Oxford Street	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Payments on account and assets under construction	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward	0	1,510,634	3,890,715	41,079		5,151,412
Additions						
Revaluations (+/-)	0	291,016	157,574	2,247		450,837
Disposals (-)						
Transfers * (+/-)						
Balance carried forward	0	1,801,650	4,048,289	43,326		5,893,265

Accumulated depreciation

Balance brought forward	0	1,801,650	4,048,289	43,326		5,893,265
Depreciation charge for year (-)						
Revaluations (+/-)						
Disposals (-)						
Transfers* (+/-)						
Balance carried forward	0	1,801,650	4,048,289	43,326		5,893,265

Net book value

Brought forward	0	1,219,618	3,890,715	41,079		5,151,412
Carried forward	0	1,801,650	4,048,289	43,326		5,893,265

The additions relate to revaluation of fixtures and fittings.. Fixtures now cover PA and lighting equipment, computers and tuck shop stock.

10 Investment assets

The circuit has no Investment properties

The circuit has no common investment fund holdings

11 Loans

The Circuit has no loans

12 Analysis of restricted and designated funds

2023-24

Restricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
Building Fund	2,283	717	3,000		0	Support for building development and mission projects
Totals	2,283	717	3,000		0	

Restricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
Pioneer Hub Money	190.10	0	0		190.10	BFX Project
Totals	190.10	0	0		190.10	

Name of Circuit North Shields & Whitley Bay Number 20/05

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2024 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of Treasurer *Colin Raistrick* Date 31st May 2025

Name and address of Treasurer

Colin Raistrick, 12 Park Crescent, Shiremoor, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE27 OLH

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were presented to the Circuit meeting held on 11th June 2025

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *Eva Walker*

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Eva Walker Date 11th June 2025

Registered Charity 1132438								
Name of Circuit North Shields & Whitley Bay Circuit						Circuit No	20/05	
Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2022								
		General Fund	Trust	Funds		Oxford Street	Total	
	Notes to the accounts	(Unrestricted)	(Unrestricted)	(unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	41 Flat	2022-2023	
		£	£	£	£	£	£	
Income			CFB	TMCP	Network			
1 Oddments		124					124	
2 Income from monetary investments		211	4,035	1,588			5,834	
3 Rent from investment properties		6,914			14,500	10,551	31,965	
4 Assessments on Churches		36,074	194,532				230,606	
5 Capital Receipts - church layworkers		27,366					27,366	
6 Grants received - District			10,000				10,000	
7 Legacy		99,540					99,540	
8 Total income		170,229	208,567	1,588	14,500	10,551	405,435	
Expenditure								
9 Grants & donations - Mission & Building Fu		138					138	
10 Salaries incl training & travel		13,733	208,287				222,020	
11 Prop maint + C Tax + water + insurance +C		23,973			9,858		33,831	
12 TMCP levy + TMCP charges				1,574			1,574	
13 District Assessment & Levy			48,633				48,633	
14 Legal fees re Earsdon & Monkseaton		4,385					4,385	
15 Office expenses + tel + web + zoom + C N		6,050					6,050	
16 Other - Copyright , BFX, CPD, DBS, Earsd		3,423					3,423	
17 Total charitable expenditure		51,702	256,920	1,574	9,858	0	320,054	
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments				-			0	
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties								
20 Net income/(expenditure)		118,527	-48,353	14	4,642	10,551	85,381	
21 Transfers between funds	-	150,000	150,000		-	-	0	
22 Other - Circuit assessment for Ox Street		4,000			- 4,000			
23 Net movement in funds		-27,473	101,647	14	642	10,551	85,381	
24 Total funds brought forward		1,186,453	42,055	56,530	- 16,002	2,354,860	3,623,895	
25 Total funds carried forward		1,158,980	143,702	56,544	- 15,360	2,365,411	3,709,276	

Registered Charity 1132438									
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Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 20									
		General Fund	Trust	Funds	Restricted	Oxford Street	Total		
	Notes to the accounts	(Unrestricted)	(Unrestricted)	(unrestricted)	Funds	41 Flat	2023-2024		
		£	£	£	£	£	£		
Income			CFB	TMCP	Network				
1 Oddments & BFX income		2,208					2,208		
2 Income from monetary investments		668	5,548	3,955			10,171		
3 Rent from investment properties		10,380			15,417	6,375	32,172		
4 Assessments on Churches		28,211	190,224				218,435		
5 Capital Receipts - church layworkers		27,720					27,720		
6 Grants received - District			8,397				8,397		
7 Earsdon Funds		9,738					9,738		
8 Total income		78,925	204,170	3,955	15,417	6,375	308,841		
Expenditure									
9 Grants, donations , 1 month assessment return		20,982					20,982		
10 Salaries incl training & travel		5,197	210,726				215,923		
11 Prop maint + C Tax + water + insurance +QI		32,718			11,977	4,654	49,349		
12 TMCP levy + TMCP charges				1,575			1,575		
13 District Assessment & Levy			53,662				53,662		
14 Legal fees		66					66		
15 Office expenses + tel + web + zoom + C News		5,215					5,215		
16 Other - Copyright , BFX, CPD, DBS, Earsdon		11,954					11,954		
17 Total charitable expenditure		76,132	264,388	1,575	11,977	4,654	358,726		
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments				-			0		
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties									
20 Net income/(expenditure)		2,793	-60,219	2,380	3,440	1,721	-49,885		
21 Transfers between funds = Morrow Bequest at TMCP		-	-	39,578	-	-	39,578		
22 Other - Circuit assessment for Ox Street		4,000			- 4,000				
23 Net movement in funds		6,793	-60,219	41,958	-560	1,721	-10,307		
24 Total funds brought forward		1,158,980	143,702	56,544	- 15,360	2,365,411	3,709,276		
25 Total funds carried forward		1,165,773	83,483	98,502	- 15,920	2,367,132	3,698,969		

Notes to the Accounts	General Fund <i>(Unencumbered)</i> Funds	Circuit Model Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals 2009-10	Totals 2008-09
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Current Assets	Barclays	CFB	TMCP	Pioneer Hub Fund	
Debtors					0
Loans by the Circuit					0
Investments with TMCP			98,502	98,502	56,543
Central Finance Board Deposits		83,484		83,484	143,702
Cash at Bank and in hand	29,064			190	34,496
Total current assets	29,064	83,484	98,502	190	234,741

Total assets less current liabilities	5,587,987	83,484	98,502	190	0	5,770,163	5,345,074
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Funds of the Circuit	Property & Bailies	CFB	TMCP	Pioneer Hub Fund			
General Fund (Unrestricted)	5,587,987				5,587,987		5,142,356
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)		83,484			83,484		143,702
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)			98,502		98,502		56,543
Total Unrestricted Funds					5,769,973		5,342,601
Restricted Funds				190	190		2,473
Endowment Funds					0	0	0
Total Funds	5,587,987	83,484	98,502	190	0	5,770,163	5,345,074

Signed *Colin Raistrick*
Circuit Treasurer

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Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2024 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer *Colin J Raistrick* Date 31st May 2025

Name and address of treasurer Mr Colin Raistrick, 12 Park Crescent, Shiremoor, Newcastle upon Tyne. Postcode NE27 OLH

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were presented to the Circuit meeting held on: 11th June 2025

Signature of the Chair of the meeting: *Rev E Walker*

Name of the Chair of the meeting: Rev Eva Walker Date 11th June 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the North Shields & Whitley Bay Circuit

Charity Number 1132438

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the North Shields & Whitley Bay Methodist Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2024. As the Circuit'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 Circuit's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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.

* delete or circle as appropriate

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 give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; or
- 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
- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts

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.

I have not obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner *John Thorpe*

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