

AMBLECOTE COMMUNITY CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1132641

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	07005276
Registered	2009-11-11
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: (A) TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN SUCH WAYS AND IN AND IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE DIRECTORS FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT;(B) TO RELIEVE SICKNESS AND FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AND TO PROMOTE AND PRESERVE GOOD HEALTH BY THE PROVISION OF FUNDS, GOODS OR SERVICES OF ANY KIND INCLUDING THROUGH THE PROVISION OF COUNSELLING AND SUPPORT IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE DIRECTORS FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT; AND(C) TO ADVANCE EDUCATION IN SUCH WAYS AND IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE DIRECTORS FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT.

Activities: Amblecote Community Church is a community of Christians who share a passion for the transformation of their communities. We work with all age groups and people from varying backgrounds with an aim of sharing the love of God. Areas of work include; Learning and mentoring, Poverty and injustice, Pastoral care, Healing and personal wholeness, Community development, Prayer and worship.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities, Economic/community Development/employment, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD
- Kenya
- Dudley
- Sandwell
- Walsall
- Wolverhampton

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£389,178	£387,127	-	-
2024-03-31	£351,565	£357,663	-	-
2023-03-31	£352,855	£397,178	-	-
2022-03-31	£360,308	£360,211	-	-
2021-03-31	£292,309	£305,713	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Ariella Rinnah Watson		2026-01-25
Davinia George		2024-11-30
ERIC MORSE BROWN		
JOHN COOK		
Lee Alan Brookes		2023-09-05
ROBERT EWART CHAPMAN		2011-10-18

Accounts

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Trustees' Report and Financial Statements
31 March 2025

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Financial Statements
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Amblecote Community Church
Trustees' Annual Report
for the year ended 31 March 2025

Amblecote Community Church presents its report and the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Reference and Administrative Information

It is registered with the Charity Commission under reference number 1132641.

It is registered with the company reference number 07005276 (England and Wales).

Amblecote Community Church is also known as ACC.

Principal Address

The main address for contact is: -

102-104 Brettell Lane
Amblecote
Stourbridge
West Midlands
DY8 4BS

Trustees

The Trustees at 31 March 2025 were: -

R E Chapman
J Cook
E Morse-Brown
L A Brookes
D George

The Trustees who are also Directors of the Charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. 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).

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Objectives and Activities

Objectives and aims

The principal objects of the Charity are:

- *to advance the Christian faith;*
- *to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health, and*
- *to advance education.*

The Trustees and Director Teams follow a principal objective of the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and, in addition provide a facility for people to meet to worship and praise God, to stand alongside people as they grow as individual Christians, and to encourage fellowship.

Charitable activities introduction

Since last year's report we have seen a continuing increase in face-to-face meetings and have also seen a growing number of people without faith wishing to explore the Christian faith further following last year's trend. There has also been a movement of people joining from other Churches. During the year, it was decided to explore investment in new audio and visual equipment due to its age and condition, but also as we look to expand the areas of communication over different medias using up-to-date equipment.

The year saw the completion of the project to create a series of videos called "Unravelling" which is part of our Whole Church Teaching series.

Church Leadership/Staff Team

ACC continues to follow a revised leadership structure based on a shared leadership model. Staff Elders and a Staff Director met regularly, joint Elders/Directors meetings and 'Away-day' sessions were also scheduled throughout the year, with external training and input included. The Staff team continues to be strong, monthly meetings take place with an 'Away-Day' once a year.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities to undertake and are described below.

Achievement and Performance

Charitable activities

Review of Local Missions and Community Activities

ACC focused activities mainly on the local community throughout the year endeavouring to engage where it is possible. The range of community related activities included support for local individuals and families, working in conjunction with Hawbush Community Gardens, the Brierley Hill Project, Living Springs and with several schools locally.

We continued to support a wider charity base both local and internationally such as: -

Black Country Food Bank
Brierley Hill Project
Open Doors National Charity
Route 61
Overseas Missions in Kenya

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Achievement and Performance /continued

Family, Friends and Outreach

Sunday morning groups ran alongside the services for children from 0 to youth aged 16. Through our children and family workers we held many events throughout the year, using the HAF funding. These took place at the Church and in the community linking with other groups such as Hawbush Gardens. We continue with our toddler's group and other activities to embrace a wider community.

The older generation were provided for with regular monthly meetings and special events, and many more activities and contact through a growing group of volunteers.

We partnered with Black Country Food Bank to collect food to provide meal bags for local families.

Networking

It is part of ACC's vision to be active in the community, attending meetings and networking with other charities and groups, eg. Love Dudley, Love Black Country, Church Leaders Networks, Charity and Voluntary sector meetings, and representation on statutory sector partnerships and working groups. The Church community is encouraged to be a part of these activities as we join with others across the district.

Summary of Other Developments/Investments

Building and Maintenance - The building is in good repair so apart from regular general maintenance things were good. We have now completed the refurbishment of the office areas. The decision was taken to invest and install solar PV coupled with storage batteries to offset the energy usage. This has economy saving, sustainability and environment benefits.

Finance - Over the year there has been little change in the investment arrangements from the previous year's reporting.

Little Hands Day Nursery - We continue to have a good working relationship with the nursery owners. They have maintained their spaces to a high standard, and we keep the financial arrangement under review with the escalation of costs.

Financial Review

Financial Position

The net expenditure over income for the year amounted to a small surplus, this in part was connected to our investment in the PV being capitalised.

There is a surplus of income over expenditure for the year amounting to £2,051 (2024 £6,098 deficit).

Unrestricted funds totalling £527,466 (2024 £527,984) and restricted funds of £15,282 (2024 £12,713) give an overall funds total of £542,748 (2024 £540,697).

Principal funding sources

Most finances required to fund the activities were raised through regular giving and one-off donations from church members, supplemented by the refund of income tax from HM Revenue & Customs through the Gift Aid scheme.

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Financial Review /continued

Reserves Policy

The ACC Reserves policy has two main objectives:

- 1) To ensure that there are adequate buffer funds to allow ACC operations to continue in the short term in the event that its income stream is unexpectedly interrupted. Ordinarily, ACC will aim to retain approximately £25,000 in accessible reserves. The Directors may agree to suspend this level as necessary permanently or temporarily.
- 2) To generate sufficient funds to allow investments that secure ACC operations into the future. Any amounts over the agreed of buffer funds will be available for investments, which are intended to maintain and develop ACC operations. All investments will be consistent with ACC values.
The amount of unrestricted reserves not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets (the 'free' reserves) held at 31 March 2025 was £73,446 (2024 £90,696).

The amount of unrestricted reserves not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets (the 'free' reserves) held at 31 March 2025 are as previous years and no change has taken place.

Restricted funds are disclosed in Note 11.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document

Amblecote Community Church is a company limited by guarantee not having a share capital, operating under a Memorandum and Articles of Association. It was incorporated on 1 September 2009, registration number 07005276. The company was registered as a charity on 11 November 2009, registration number 1132641. The Charity operates under the name of Amblecote Christian Centre. The directors of the company are also the Trustees of the Charity.

Organisational structure

New Trustees/Directors are appointed by existing Trustees/Directors. Meetings are scheduled regularly throughout the year. The group undertake the general administration and management of the Charity. They collectively practice good governance, making informed decisions based on the Charity's objectives. The Board of Trustees/Directors aim to have a broad range of business skills represented, and access specialist advice/training when appropriate.

Approved by order of the Board of Trustees on 16 October 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

R E Chapman - Trustee

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Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to Charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the Charity and financial information included on the Charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the Trustees on 16 October 2025 and signed by:

R E Chapman - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees
Amblecote Community Church**

I report to the Charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 7 to 17.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity 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.



Mr M C K Smith
Chartered Certified Accountant

Wilkes Tranter & Co Limited
Brook House
Moss Grove
Kingswinford
West Midlands
DY6 9HS

16 October 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2025 £	2024 £
Incoming Resources					
Donations and legacies		299,047	30,611	329,658	305,365
Charitable Activities					
Youth		5,957	-	5,957	8,943
Older Generation		-	5,989	5,989	3,709
Activities and Events		10,401	2,468	12,869	5,064
Other Trading Activities	2	151	-	151	560
Investment Income	3	3,108	-	3,108	2,261
Other Income		28,306	2,200	30,506	25,663
Profit on disposal of assets		940	-	940	-
Total incoming resources		347,910	41,268	389,178	351,565
Resources Expended					
Charitable Activities					
Ministry		171,083	11,840	182,923	178,841
Youth		7,488	71	7,559	5,190
Children		41,218	5,501	46,719	41,730
Older Generation		9,004	5,736	14,740	15,931
UK Missions and support		29,219	3,330	32,549	24,222
Overseas missions and support		3,447	10,645	14,092	14,631
Administration		79,967	38	80,005	74,265
Activities & Events		6,394	2,146	8,540	2,853
Total resources expended		347,820	39,307	387,127	357,663
Net incoming resources		90	1,961	2,051	(6,098)
Transfers between funds	11	(608)	608	-	-
Net movement in funds		(518)	2,569	2,051	(6,098)
Total funds brought forward		527,984	12,713	540,697	546,795
Total funds carried forward		527,466	15,282	542,748	540,697
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Balance Sheet at 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	8	454,025	-	454,025	437,288
Current assets					
Debtors	9	4,636	-	4,636	5,334
Prepayments and accrued income		1,040	-	1,040	645
Cash at bank and in hand		77,491	15,343	92,834	106,832
		83,167	15,343	98,510	112,811
Liabilities (amounts falling due Within one year)	10	(9,721)	(66)	(9,787)	(9,402)
Net current assets		73,446	15,277	88,723	103,409
Net Assets		527,471	15,277	542,748	540,697
		=====	=====	=====	=====
Funds	11				
Unrestricted funds				527,466	527,984
Restricted funds				15,282	12,713
Total funds				542,748	540,697
				=====	=====

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and;
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 16 October 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

R E Chapman - Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

1. Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the charitable company, 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 Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Basis of Accounting

The accounts have been prepared on an accruals basis. The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the function currency of the entity.

Statement of compliance

The Charity has applied Update Bulletin 1 as published on 2 February 2016 and does not include a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is applying FRS 102 Section 1A.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the Charity that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purpose of the Charity. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the Charity are also unrestricted.

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as designated by the Trustees and as laid down by the donor.

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Charity is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Incoming Resources

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.

Resources Expended

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.

Fixed Assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

<i>Freehold property</i>	<i>- 2% on cost</i>
<i>Furniture and equipment</i>	<i>- 10% on cost</i>
<i>Fixtures and fittings</i>	<i>- 25% on reducing balance</i>

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1. Accounting Policies (continued)

Taxation

The Charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

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.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

	2025 £	2024 £
2. Other Trading Activities		
Books, bibles and CD's	151	560
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3. Investment Income		
	2025 £	2024 £
Deposit Account Interest	3,108	2,261
	=====	=====
4. Net Income/(Expenditure)		
Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):		
	2025 £	2024 £
Depreciation - owned assets	16,464	13,215
Hire of plant and machinery	4,952	3,595
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4. Trustees' Remuneration and Benefits	2025 £	2024 £
Trustees' salaries	23,920	23,000
Trustees' social security	2,046	1,119
Trustees' pension contributions to money purchase schemes	530	1,826
	26,496	25,945
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Trustees' expenses

There were no Trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

6. Staff Costs	2025 £	2024 £
The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:		
Ministry team	7	7
Youth and children	2	1
Administration and support	2	2
	11	10
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No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

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7. Comparatives for the statement of financial activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2024 £	2023 £
Incoming Resources				
Donations and legacies	280,668	24,697	305,365	314,158
Charitable Activities				
Youth	8,943	-	8,943	8,045
Older Generation	-	3,709	3,709	3,634
Activities and Events	3,935	1,129	5,064	2,489
Other Trading Activities	560	-	560	386
Investment Income	2,261	-	2,261	621
Other Income	25,663	-	25,663	23,522
Total incoming resources	322,030	29,535	351,565	352,855
Resources Expended				
Charitable Activities				
Ministry	170,209	8,632	178,841	175,519
Youth	5,190	-	5,190	11,902
Children	37,073	4,657	41,730	37,591
Older Generation	9,764	6,167	15,931	16,270
UK Missions and support	23,302	920	24,222	27,853
Overseas missions and support	3,991	10,640	14,631	30,052
Administration	74,265	-	74,265	93,371
Activities & Events	1,739	1,114	2,853	4,620
Total resources expended	325,533	32,130	357,663	397,178
Net incoming resources	(3,503)	(2,595)	(6,098)	(44,323)
Transfers between funds	(2,000)	2,000	-	-
Net movement in funds	(5,503)	(595)	(6,098)	(44,232)
Total funds brought forward	533,487	13,308	546,795	591,118
Total funds carried forward	527,984	12,713	540,697	546,795
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8. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Freehold property £	Furniture and equipment £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 April 2024	595,539	42,402	26,593	664,534
Additions	-	32,775	601	33,376
Disposals	-	-	(4,407)	(4,407)
At 31 March 2025	595,539	75,177	22,787	693,503
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2024	166,754	35,516	24,976	227,246
Charge for the year	11,911	4,043	510	16,464
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	(4,232)	(4,232)
At 31 March 2025	178,665	39,559	21,254	239,478
Net book value				
At 31 March 2025	416,874	35,618	1,533	454,025
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At 31 March 2024	428,785	6,886	1,617	437,288
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	2025 £	2024 £
9. Debtors		
Gift Aid Debtor	4,636	5,334
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	2025 £	2024 £
10. Liabilities (amounts falling due within one year)		
Accrued charges	5,117	4,812
Social security and other taxes	2,363	2,739
Trade creditors	2,307	1,851
	9,787	9,402
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11. Movement in Funds

	At 01 April 2024 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted Funds				
General fund	506,380	(2,002)	(1,207)	503,171
Hardship	16,850	(3,056)	-	13,794
Hawbush	2,367	(2,361)	(6)	-
Hebrides	327	(327)	-	-
Kids Clothing Project	-	-	720	720
Media Equipment	-	1,398	-	1,398
Sabbaticals	-	1,764	-	1,764
Kenya Food Programme	215	3,779	(115)	3,879
Camping	1,845	895	-	2,740
Total Unrestricted	527,984	90	(608)	527,466
Restricted Funds				
New Life	6,363	290	-	6,653
Missions	17	(267)	-	(250)
G Plunket	111	188	(164)	135
Violence Mitigation Activities Fund	-	42	25	67
Westminster Theological Hub	3,768	364	1,500	5,632
Holiday Activity Fund	699	1,746	(1,000)	1,445
Retreats	-	82	338	420
Saltmine Performance	14	(98)	84	-
Growing Up In Dudley	269	-	(269)	-
Asda Foundation	1,472	(386)	94	1,180
Total Restricted funds	12,713	1,961	608	15,282
Total Funds	540,697	2,051	-	542,748
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11. Movement in Funds (continued)

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted Funds			
General fund	331,159	(333,161)	(2,002)
Hardship	262	(3,318)	(3,056)
Hawbush	14	(2,375)	(2,361)
Hebrides	-	(327)	(327)
Media Equipment	1,415	(17)	1,398
Sabbaticals	1,764	-	1,764
Kenya Food Programme	8,031	(4,252)	3,779
Camping	5,265	(4,370)	895
Total Unrestricted	347,910	(347,820)	90
Restricted Funds			
New Life	6,027	(5,737)	290
Missions	5,515	(5,782)	(267)
G Plunket	10,832	(10,644)	188
Violence Mitigation Activities Fund	400	(358)	42
Westminster Theological Hub	9,451	(9,087)	364
Holiday Activity Fund	6,575	(4,829)	1,746
Retreats	1,350	(1,268)	82
Saltmine Performance	1,118	(1,216)	(98)
Growing Up in Dudley	-	-	-
Asda Foundation	-	(386)	(386)
Total Restricted funds	41,268	(39,307)	1,961
Total Funds	389,178	(387,127)	2,051
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11. Movement in Funds (continued)

Comparatives for movements in funds

	At 01 April 2023 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted Funds				
General fund	509,022	(1,142)	(1,500)	506,380
Hardship	18,344	(1,494)	-	16,850
Hawbush	5,284	(2,417)	(500)	2,367
Hebrides	327	-	-	327
Kenya Food Programme	510	(295)	-	215
Camping	-	1,845	-	1,845
Total Unrestricted	533,487	(3,503)	(2,000)	527,984
Restricted Funds				
New Life	8,321	(2,458)	500	6,363
Missions	-	17	-	17
G Plunket	-	111	-	111
Westminster Theological Hub	3,981	(1,713)	1,500	3,768
Holiday Activity Fund	959	(260)	-	699
Retreats	47	(47)	-	-
Saltmine Performance	-	14	-	14
Growing Up In Dudley	-	269	-	269
Asda Foundation	-	1,472	-	1,472
Total Restricted funds	13,308	(2,595)	2,000	12,713
Total Funds	546,795	(6,098)	-	540,697
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11. Movement in Funds (continued)

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted Funds			
General fund	315,587	(316,729)	(1,142)
Hardship	1,825	(3,319)	(1,494)
Hawbush	118	(2,535)	(2,417)
Kenya Food Programme	1,455	(1,750)	(295)
Camping	3,045	(1,200)	1,845
Total Unrestricted	322,030	(325,533)	(3,503)
Restricted Funds			
New Life	3,709	(6,167)	(2,458)
Missions	937	(920)	17
G Plunket	10,751	(10,640)	111
Westminster Theological Hub	6,872	(8,585)	(1,713)
Holiday Activity Fund	4,038	(4,298)	(260)
Retreats	-	(47)	(47)
Saltmine Performance	1,128	(1,114)	14
Growing Up In Dudley	500	(231)	269
Asda Foundation	1,600	(128)	1,472
Total Restricted funds	29,535	(32,130)	(2,595)
Total Funds	351,565	(357,663)	(6,098)
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12. Related Party Transactions

Mr R E Chapman (Trustee), is also a director and shareholder of A.E. Chapman & Co (Old Hill) Limited. During the year, the Charity purchased goods and services from A.E. Chapman & Co (Old Hill) Limited amounting to £36,384 (2024: £2,109).

Mr E Morse-Brown (Trustee), is also a director and shareholder of Trinity Personnel Limited. During the year, the Charity purchased goods and services from Trinity Personnel Limited amounting to £8,839 (2024: £8,443).

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 07005276 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1132641

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024
for
AMBLECOTE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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AMBLECOTE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Reference and Administrative Details for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

TRUSTEES

R E Chapman
J Cook
E Morse-Brown
L A Brookes (appointed 5.9.23)

REGISTERED OFFICE

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REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER

07005276 (England and Wales)

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER

1132641

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

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AMBLECOTE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Report of the Trustees

for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. 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).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The principle objects of the charity are:

- to advance the Christian faith,
- to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health, and
- to advance education

The trustees and director teams follow a principle objective of the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and in addition provide a facility for people to meet to worship and praise God, to stand alongside people as they grow as individual Christians, and to encourage fellowship.

Charitable activities introduction

Following on from last year's report we are still seeing the slow return of people to the Sunday face to face meetings and are close to pre-Covid numbers. We are thankful to still see numbers rising and new people joining our Church family, some from other Churches with others wanting to know more about Jesus and what faith in Him can offer. Streaming services continue in a more permanent hybrid arrangement, with shortened versions posted on the ACC YouTube Channel. Community hubs continue to flourish and some have grown. WhatsApp continues to be used widely to facilitate regular contact and support throughout the Church family.

In January 2024 we embarked on a project to create a series of videos called "Unravelling" which is part of our Whole Church Teaching series.

Church Leadership/Staff Team

ACC continued to follow a revised leadership structure based on a shared leadership model. Staff Elders and a Staff Director met regularly, joint Elders/Directors meetings and 'Away-day' sessions were also scheduled throughout the year, with external training and input included. The Staff team continues to be strong, monthly meetings take place with an away day once a year.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities to undertake and are described below.

AMBLECOTE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Review of Local Missions and Community Activities

ACC focused activities mainly on the local community throughout the year endeavoring to engage where it is possible. The range of community related activities included support for local individuals and families, working in conjunction with Hawbush Community Gardens, the Brierley Hill Project, Living Springs and with several schools locally.

We continued to support a wider charity base both local and internationally such as:-

Black Country Food Bank

Brierley Hill Project

Open Doors National Charity

Route 61

Two overseas missions in Kenya

Family, Friends and Outreach

Sunday morning groups ran alongside the services for children from 0 to youth aged 16. Through our children and family workers we held many events throughout the year, at the Church and in the community linking with other groups such as Hawbush Gardens. We expanded the coffee mornings and other activities to embrace a wider community.

The older generation were provided for with regular monthly meetings and special events, and many more activities and contact through a growing group of volunteers.

We continued to provide an in-house Christmas meal where people could meet who may be spending alone over Christmas, and partnered with Black Country Food Bank to provide meal bags for local families.

Networking

It is part of ACC's vision to be active in the community, attending meetings and networking with other charities and groups, e.g. Love Dudley, Love Black Country, Church Leaders Networks, Charity and Voluntary sector meetings and representation on statutory sector partnerships & working groups. These activities continued throughout the year.

Summary of Other Developments/Investments

Building and Maintenance - The building is in good repair so apart from regular general maintenance we have plans to refurbish the office areas.

Finance - Over the year there has been little change in the investment arrangements from the previous year's reporting.

Little Hands Day Nursery - We continue to have a good working relationship with the nursery owners. They maintain their spaces to a high standard, and we keep the financial arrangement under review with the escalation of costs.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

There is a deficit of income over expenditure for the year amounting to £6,098 (2023 £44,323 deficit).

Unrestricted funds totalling £527,984 (2023 £533,487) and restricted funds of £12,713 (2023 £13,308) give an overall funds total of £540,697 (2023 £546,795).

Principal funding sources

Most finances required to fund the activities were raised through regular giving and one-off donations from church members, supplemented by the refund of income tax from HM Revenue & Customs through the Gift Aid scheme. We also have the rent from Little Hands that is a significant amount.

AMBLECOTE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The ACC Reserves policy has two main objectives:

- 1) To ensure that there are adequate buffer funds to allow ACC operations to continue in the short term in the event that its income stream is unexpectedly interrupted. Ordinarily ACC will aim to retain approximately £25,000 in accessible reserves. The Directors may agree to permanently or temporarily suspend this level as necessary.
- 2) To generate sufficient funds to allow investments that secure ACC operations into the future. Any amounts over the agreed of buffer funds will be available for investments, which are intended to maintain and develop ACC operations. All investments will be consistent with ACC values.

The amount of unrestricted reserves not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets (the 'free' reserves) held at 31 March 2024 was £90,696 (2023 £90,635).

Restricted funds are disclosed in note 11

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Amblecote Community Church is a company limited by guarantee not having a share capital, operating under a Memorandum and Articles of Association. It was incorporated on 1 September 2009, registration number 07005276. The company was registered as a charity on 11 November 2009, registration number 1132641. The directors of the company are also the trustees of the charity.

Organisational structure

New Trustees/Directors are appointed by existing Trustees/Directors. Meetings are scheduled regularly throughout the year. The group undertake the general administration and management of the Charity. They collectively practice good governance, making informed decisions based on the Charity's objectives. The Board of Trustees/Directors aim to have a broad range of business skills represented, and access specialist advice/training when appropriate.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 19 November 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



R E Chapman - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
AMBLECOTE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of AMBLECOTE COMMUNITY CHURCH ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 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 Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.



S A Reeves FCCA
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19 November 2024

AMBLECOTE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Statement of Financial Activities (Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account) for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		280,668	24,697	305,365	314,158
Charitable activities					
Youth		8,943	-	8,943	8,045
Older Generation		-	3,709	3,709	3,634
Activities & events		3,935	1,129	5,064	2,489
Other trading activities	2	560	-	560	386
Investment income	3	2,261	-	2,261	621
Other income		25,663	-	25,663	23,522
Total		322,030	29,535	351,565	352,855
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Ministry		170,209	8,632	178,841	175,519
Youth		5,190	-	5,190	11,902
Children		37,073	4,657	41,730	37,591
Older Generation		9,764	6,167	15,931	16,270
UK missions and support		23,302	920	24,222	27,853
Overseas missions and support		3,991	10,640	14,631	30,052
Administration		74,265	-	74,265	93,371
Activities & events		1,739	1,114	2,853	4,620
Total		325,533	32,130	357,663	397,178
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(3,503)	(2,595)	(6,098)	(44,323)
Transfers between funds	11	(2,000)	2,000	-	-
Net movement in funds		(5,503)	(595)	(6,098)	(44,323)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		533,487	13,308	546,795	591,118
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		527,984	12,713	540,697	546,795

The notes form part of these financial statements

AMBLECOTE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Balance Sheet **31 March 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8	437,288	-	437,288	442,852
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	9	5,252	82	5,334	3,952
Prepayments and accrued income		645	-	645	554
Cash at bank and in hand		93,155	13,677	106,832	109,896
		<u>99,052</u>	<u>13,759</u>	<u>112,811</u>	<u>114,402</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(8,356)	(1,046)	(9,402)	(10,459)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>90,696</u>	<u>12,713</u>	<u>103,409</u>	<u>103,943</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>527,984</u>	<u>12,713</u>	<u>540,697</u>	<u>546,795</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>527,984</u>	<u>12,713</u>	<u>540,697</u>	<u>546,795</u>
FUNDS	11				
Unrestricted funds				527,984	533,487
Restricted funds				12,713	13,308
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>540,697</u>	<u>546,795</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

AMBLECOTE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Balance Sheet - continued

31 March 2024

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 19 November 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



R E Chapman - Trustee

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, 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 Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

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.

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.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 2% on cost
Furniture and equipment	- 10% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

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.

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.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Books, bibles and CD's	560	386

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Deposit account interest	2,261	621

4. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	13,215	12,687
Hire of plant and machinery	3,595	4,491

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Trustees' salaries	23,000	23,001
Trustees' social security	1,119	1,148
Trustees' pension contributions to money purchase schemes	1,826	503
	25,945	24,652

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

6. STAFF COSTS

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

	31.3.24	31.3.23
Ministry team	7	7
Youth and children	1	1
Administration and support	2	2
	10	10

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

AMBLECOTE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	283,131	31,027	314,158
Charitable activities			
Youth	8,045	-	8,045
Older Generation	-	3,634	3,634
Activities & events	175	2,314	2,489
Other trading activities	386	-	386
Investment income	621	-	621
Other income	23,522	-	23,522
Total	315,880	36,975	352,855
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Ministry	158,102	17,417	175,519
Youth	11,902	-	11,902
Children	33,337	4,254	37,591
Older Generation	9,691	6,579	16,270
UK missions and support	19,740	8,113	27,853
Overseas missions and support	17,811	12,241	30,052
Administration	93,371	-	93,371
Activities & events	3,547	1,073	4,620
Total	347,501	49,677	397,178
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(31,621)	(12,702)	(44,323)
Transfers between funds	(5,548)	5,548	-
Net movement in funds	(37,169)	(7,154)	(44,323)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	570,656	20,462	591,118
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	533,487	13,308	546,795

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Furniture and equipment £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 April 2023	595,539	34,751	26,593	656,883
Additions	-	7,651	-	7,651
At 31 March 2024	595,539	42,402	26,593	664,534
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2023	154,843	34,751	24,437	214,031
Charge for year	11,911	765	539	13,215
At 31 March 2024	166,754	35,516	24,976	227,246
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2024	428,785	6,886	1,617	437,288
At 31 March 2023	440,696	-	2,156	442,852

9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Gift Aid Debtor	5,334	3,952

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,851	938
Social security and other taxes	2,739	2,666
Accrued expenses	4,812	6,855
	9,402	10,459

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	509,022	(1,142)	(1,500)	506,380
Hardship	18,344	(1,494)	-	16,850
Hawbush	5,284	(2,417)	(500)	2,367
Hebrides	327	-	-	327
Kenya Food Programme	510	(295)	-	215
Camping	-	1,845	-	1,845
	533,487	(3,503)	(2,000)	527,984
Restricted funds				
New Life	8,321	(2,458)	500	6,363
Missions	-	17	-	17
G Plunket	-	111	-	111
Westminster Theological Hub	3,981	(1,713)	1,500	3,768
Holiday Activity Fund	959	(260)	-	699
Retreats	47	(47)	-	-
Saltmine Performance	-	14	-	14
Growing Up In Dudley	-	269	-	269
Asda Foundation	-	1,472	-	1,472
	13,308	(2,595)	2,000	12,713
TOTAL FUNDS	546,795	(6,098)	-	540,697

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	315,587	(316,729)	(1,142)
Hardship	1,825	(3,319)	(1,494)
Hawbush	118	(2,535)	(2,417)
Kenya Food Programme	1,455	(1,750)	(295)
Camping	3,045	(1,200)	1,845
	322,030	(325,533)	(3,503)
Restricted funds			
New Life	3,709	(6,167)	(2,458)
Missions	937	(920)	17
G Plunket	10,751	(10,640)	111
Westminster Theological Hub	6,872	(8,585)	(1,713)
Holiday Activity Fund	4,038	(4,298)	(260)
Retreats	-	(47)	(47)
Saltmine Performance	1,128	(1,114)	14
Growing Up In Dudley	500	(231)	269
Asda Foundation	1,600	(128)	1,472
	29,535	(32,130)	(2,595)
TOTAL FUNDS	351,565	(357,663)	(6,098)

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued **for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	536,831	(22,849)	(4,960)	509,022
Good Friday	987	-	(987)	-
Hardship	17,587	358	399	18,344
Hawbush	7,892	(2,608)	-	5,284
Hebrides	327	-	-	327
Kenya Food Programme	-	510	-	510
Gym	7,032	(7,032)	-	-
	570,656	(31,621)	(5,548)	533,487
Restricted funds				
New Life	11,234	(2,913)	-	8,321
Missions	2,053	(4,153)	2,100	-
G Plunket	-	(1,470)	1,470	-
Hark	-	(393)	393	-
Westminster Theological Hub	6,121	(3,640)	1,500	3,981
KL Fund	-	(100)	100	-
Holiday Activity Fund	854	94	11	959
Retreats	200	(153)	-	47
Arnold Clark Youth Grant	-	26	(26)	-
	20,462	(12,702)	5,548	13,308
TOTAL FUNDS	591,118	(44,323)	-	546,795

AMBLECOTE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	302,148	(324,997)	(22,849)
Hardship	1,408	(1,050)	358
Hawbush	1,035	(3,643)	(2,608)
Kenya Food Programme	2,429	(1,919)	510
Gym	8,860	(15,892)	(7,032)
	<u>315,880</u>	<u>(347,501)</u>	<u>(31,621)</u>
Restricted funds			
New Life	3,666	(6,579)	(2,913)
Missions	10,142	(14,295)	(4,153)
G Plunket	9,631	(11,101)	(1,470)
Hark	680	(1,073)	(393)
Westminster Theological Hub	7,508	(11,148)	(3,640)
KL Fund	-	(100)	(100)
Holiday Activity Fund	4,348	(4,254)	94
Retreats	-	(153)	(153)
Arnold Clark Youth Grant	1,000	(974)	26
	<u>36,975</u>	<u>(49,677)</u>	<u>(12,702)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>352,855</u></u>	<u><u>(397,178)</u></u>	<u><u>(44,323)</u></u>

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Trustee, Mr R E Chapman, is also a director and shareholder of A.E.Chapman & Co (Old Hill) Limited. During the year the charity purchased goods and services from A.E. Chapman & Co (Old Hill) Limited amounting to £2,109 (2023 £2,224).

AMBLECOTE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities **for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	248,995	256,837
Gift aid	50,232	47,563
Grants	6,138	9,758
	305,365	314,158
Other trading activities		
Books, bibles and CD's	560	386
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	2,261	621
Charitable activities		
Youth ministry	8,943	8,045
New Life	3,709	3,634
Activities and events	5,064	2,489
	17,716	14,168
Other income		
Other income	25,663	23,522
Total incoming resources	351,565	352,855
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Trustees' salaries	23,000	23,001
Trustees' social security	1,119	1,148
Trustees' pension contributions	1,826	503
Wages	138,770	136,743
Social security	6,174	5,754
Pensions	3,820	4,975
Donations and gifts	13,275	17,265
UK missions and support	24,222	27,853
Overseas missions and support	14,631	30,052
Retreats and study tours	1,321	3,371
Subsistence and expenses	4,910	7,626
Fellowship and outreach	6,775	5,454
Publications and manuals	2,091	3,954
Training and conferences	10,126	9,336
Outings and events	12,238	10,618
Food, drink and consumables	2,641	2,471
Visiting ministry and hospitality	650	652
Communications	688	2,728
	268,277	293,504

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Support costs		
Management		
Wages	11,598	15,670
Pensions	5	28
Hire of equipment	3,595	4,491
Water and refuse	2,384	1,964
Insurance	2,643	2,375
Light and heat	18,050	18,950
Telephone	5,484	4,853
Postage and stationery	896	799
Advertising	58	50
Licences, permits and IT support	3,214	3,636
Cleaning and disposables	10,104	10,186
Hospitality and refreshments	1,191	1,920
Equipment	1,981	2,606
Repairs and maintenance	7,416	9,991
Training and development	348	-
Sundry expenses	173	1,868
Consultancy	-	720
Accountancy and legal fees	5,810	9,544
Freehold property	11,911	11,911
Depn of equipment and furniture	539	719
Fixtures and fittings	765	57
	88,165	102,338
Finance		
Bank charges	321	436
Governance costs		
Accounts and independent examination fee	900	900
Total resources expended	357,663	397,178
Net expenditure	(6,098)	(44,323)

Accounts

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023
for
AMBLECOTE COMMUNITY CHURCH

S A R Accountants
Tower View
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AMBLECOTE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Reference and Administrative Details
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

TRUSTEES

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J Cook
E Morse-Brown

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**REGISTERED COMPANY
NUMBER**

07005276 (England and Wales)

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER1132641

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

S A R Accountants
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AMBLECOTE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 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).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The principle objects of the charity are:

- to advance the Christian faith,
- to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health, and
- to advance education

The trustees and director teams follow a principle objective of the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and in addition provide a facility for people to meet to worship and praise God, to stand alongside people as they grow as individual Christians, and to encourage fellowship.

Charitable activities introduction

Following the ending of the pandemic and Lockdowns, the Elders and Directors decided to continue streaming services in a more permanent hybrid arrangement. Whilst numbers were still a little down in our Sunday meetings, more church members returned but some still appreciated the opportunity to stay at home and watch online. Community hubs formed in the pandemic, mainly facilitated through WhatsApp continue to be used to facilitate regular contact and support throughout the Church family.

Church Leadership/Staff Team

ACC continued to follow a revised leadership structure based on a shared leadership model. Staff Elders and a Staff Director met regularly, joint Elders/Directors meetings and 'Away-day' sessions were also scheduled throughout the year, with external training and input included. The Staff team continues to be strong, monthly meetings take place with an away day once a year.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities to undertake and are described below.

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Review of Local Missions and Community Activities

ACC focused activities mainly on the local community throughout the year. ACC endeavored to engage where it is possible. The range of community related activities included support for local individuals and families, working in conjunction with Hawbush Community Gardens, the Brierley Hill Project and with several schools locally.

Children & Families

Sunday morning groups for children aged 0-14 ran as normal. The weekly Tots group for local parents and toddlers ran weekly in the term time and saw around 20 children attending each week.

The family outreach team ran seven free events for families on Hawbush including a party for the Queen's Jubilee and a Christmas Wonderland, all on Hawbush Community Gardens and providing food and activities. Many of these events were run in partnership with other organisations including EKHO collective and Top Church Training. ACC were also involved in conversations and plans to renovate the building and create a playground at Hawbush Community Gardens. ACC also ran an Easter, Summer and Christmas lunch club (in total 6 days of provision) in partnership with Dudley Council for Voluntary Services offering the Dudley Holiday Activity Fun (HAF) program. This program encourages eligible children to access a variety of family sessions at no cost. These include healthy eating, organised activities, and sports.

The family outreach team launched monthly parent coffee mornings at Hawbush school in September 2022. These ran until Jan 2023 but had to be put on pause while we reviewed the venue for them. The team also ran a Family Light Party in October 2022 and a Pancake party in March 2023.

ACC provided an in-house Christmas meal where people could meet who may be spending alone over Christmas. ACC partnered with Black Country Food Bank to provide meal bags for local families including all the ingredients for a meal and instructions to cook it. The Christingle went ahead and Saltmine Theatre Company performed the production 'Neverland' in December.

Youth

Regular youth Sunday morning sessions continued, Lads and Girls group continued to meet in term time and the Young leaders program was put on pause. Connect group was launched for 11-16 year olds and ran monthly with food and activities to help young people to connect with one another and the leaders.

In the summer of 2022, the youth department went through a transition period from being run by a full time paid youth worker to being run mostly by volunteers. The yearly mission week ran in the summer where young people made good relationships and helped the community through gardening, litter picking, painting and more.

Supporting Work in the Dudley Borough & Nationally

Members of the Staff Team and volunteers continued to be involved in wider Dudley Borough activities, including Leaders Networks, Charity and Voluntary sector meetings, and representation on statutory sector partnerships working groups. Staff members are also involved in Love Black Country, a network that works to unite the Church of the Black Country in support, mission and transformation. Many of these groups were able to start meeting face to face during this time and momentum is building again.

Black Country Food Bank continued to receive support with food donations and regular financial giving.

Brierley Hill Project (BHP) - (targeted life support and mentoring) ACC has continued to support BHP in many ways including regular financial support, volunteers, and regular input for the team based there.

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Transforming Lives for Good (TLG) - We have decided to pause this partnership for a season as other areas have taken priority.

UK Charity - Safe Families for Children - Several of our church family have continued to support the charity as volunteers, signing up to be Family Friends, Resource Friends, and Host Families.

British Youth for Christ (YFC) - ACC's commitment to supporting YFC year out programme continued. However, YFC are going through some internal discussions and reviewing the future so we anticipate some changes in the future.

ACC Year Out Programme - This was established and ran from September 2022 and is planned until July 2023. We have several young people signed up and one of our staff team is going to run it.

International Mission Activities

ACC's support continues to grow in the form of one off and regular financial gifts, for mission activity overseas primarily in Kenya. During this financial year there was a "mission" trip to two of the projects we support where several of our members went across to visit and report back.

Open Doors National Charity - ACC has continued to give regular financial and prayer support to the persecuted church worldwide by being a partner church.

Representing our Faith Community Politically

ACC church family members continued to be actively involved in ensuring our faith communities' views are heard and valued at a local and national political level. This is one of the core values.

Summary of Other Developments/Investments

Investment in Older Generation - As mentioned in last year's report, a part time person was appointed to the staff team to head up this work with the older generation. This has been a great success and we have seen several initiatives start which has strengthened but also brought diversification to this group.

Investment in ACC Leaders - ACC continued to help fund part time Theological Study for ACC's children's worker and one of the staff elders.

Building and Maintenance - The building is in good repair so apart from regular general maintenance and small tweaks we have no plans for any larger improvements.

Finance - Over the year there has been little change in the investment arrangements from the previous year's reporting.

Little Hands Day Nursery - We continue to have a good working relationship with the nursery owners. They maintain their spaces to a high standard, and we keep the financial arrangement under review with the escalation of costs.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

There is a deficit of income over expenditure for the year amounting to £44,323 (2022 £97 surplus).

Unrestricted funds totalling £533,487 (2022 £570,656) and restricted funds of £13,308 (2022 £20,462), gave an overall funds total of £546,795 (2022 £591,118).

Principal funding sources

Most finances required to fund the activities were raised through regular giving and one-off donations from church members, supplemented by the refund of income tax from HM Revenue & Customs through the Gift Aid scheme. We also have the rent from Little Hands that is a significant amount.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The ACC Reserves policy has two main objectives:

- 1) To ensure that there are adequate buffer funds to allow ACC operations to continue in the short term in the event that its income stream is unexpectedly interrupted. Ordinarily ACC will aim to retain approximately £25,000 in accessible reserves. The Directors may agree to permanently or temporarily suspend this level as necessary.
- 2) To generate sufficient funds to allow investments that secure ACC operations into the future. Any amounts over the agreed of buffer funds will be available for investments, which are intended to maintain and develop ACC operations. All investments will be consistent with ACC values.

The amount of unrestricted reserves not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets (the 'free' reserves) held at 31 March 2023 was £90,635 (2022 £115,117)

Restricted funds are disclosed in note 11

FUTURE PLANS

Staff Team - We anticipate some changes in the staff team as we continue to keep things as lean as possible. We will continue to maximize the team's time and look at diversification of their roles where the use of their skills can take place, while also delivering their assigned roles.

Future Vision for Mission, Poor-Care, and Social Enterprise - Due to the challenges in the current climate action in these areas has been difficult, however we are committed to keep monitoring all these areas and to continue to be as generous as we can be in mission and poor-care as we are aware many Charities and individuals are struggling in these times.

Children's and Families - There are plans to restart the coffee mornings in Autumn 2023 but combine them with older generation work. The team is also planning to run a family alpha weekend in Autumn 2023.

The Tots team are also exploring moving Tots to partner with Brierley Hill Methodist Church.

Youth - There are plans to form a youth leadership team that will oversee the youth activities and support the volunteers. There are plans to increase the regularity of connect to twice a month. Mission is planned to go ahead in August 2023 and plans to relaunch the Young Leaders program.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Amblecote Community Church is a company limited by guarantee not having a share capital, operating under a Memorandum and Articles of Association. It was incorporated on 1 September 2009, registration number 07005276. The company was registered as a charity on 11 November 2009, registration number 1132641. The directors of the company are also the trustees of the charity.

Organisational structure

New Trustees/Directors are appointed by existing Trustees/Directors. Meetings are scheduled regularly throughout the year. The group undertake the general administration and management of the Charity. They collectively practice good governance, making informed decisions based on the Charity's objectives. The Board of Trustees/Directors aim to have a broad range of business skills represented, and access specialist advice/training when appropriate.

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

.....
R E Chapman - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
AMBLECOTE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of AMBLECOTE COMMUNITY CHURCH ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 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 Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.

S A Reeves FCCA
The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

S A R Accountants
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Worcestershire

Date:

AMBLECOTE COMMUNITY CHURCHStatement of Financial Activities(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		283,131	31,027	314,158	322,610
Charitable activities					
Youth		8,045	-	8,045	2,888
Older Generation		-	3,634	3,634	1,012
Activities & events		175	2,314	2,489	480
Other trading activities	2	386	-	386	160
Investment income	3	621	-	621	206
Other income		23,522	-	23,522	32,952
Total		315,880	36,975	352,855	360,308
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Ministry		158,102	17,417	175,519	173,512
Youth		11,902	-	11,902	28,578
Children		33,337	4,254	37,591	28,030
Older Generation		9,691	6,579	16,270	14,389
UK missions and support		19,740	8,113	27,853	27,225
Overseas missions and support		17,811	12,241	30,052	9,552
Administration		93,371	-	93,371	77,698
Activities & events		3,547	1,073	4,620	1,227
Total		347,501	49,677	397,178	360,211
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(31,621)	(12,702)	(44,323)	97
Transfers between funds	11	(5,548)	5,548	-	-
Net movement in funds		(37,169)	(7,154)	(44,323)	97
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		570,656	20,462	591,118	591,021
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		533,487	13,308	546,795	591,118

The notes form part of these financial statements

AMBLECOTE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Balance Sheet
31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8	442,852	-	442,852	455,539
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	9	3,932	20	3,952	4,391
Prepayments and accrued income		554	-	554	528
Cash at bank and in hand		96,608	13,288	109,896	138,270
		<u>101,094</u>	<u>13,308</u>	<u>114,402</u>	<u>143,189</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(10,459)	-	(10,459)	(7,610)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>90,635</u>	<u>13,308</u>	<u>103,943</u>	<u>135,579</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>533,487</u>	<u>13,308</u>	<u>546,795</u>	<u>591,118</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>533,487</u>	<u>13,308</u>	<u>546,795</u>	<u>591,118</u>
FUNDS	11				
Unrestricted funds				533,487	570,656
Restricted funds				<u>13,308</u>	<u>20,462</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>546,795</u>	<u>591,118</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

AMBLECOTE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Balance Sheet - continued

31 March 2023

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

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

.....
R E Chapman - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, 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 Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

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.

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.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 2% on cost
Furniture and equipment	- 10% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

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.

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.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Books, bibles and CD's	386	160
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Deposit account interest	621	206
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

4. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	12,687	16,344
Hire of plant and machinery	4,491	4,354
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Trustees' salaries	23,001	23,000
Trustees' social security	1,148	1,304
Trustees' pension contributions to money purchase schemes	503	503
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	<u>24,652</u>	<u>24,807</u>

Trustees' expenses

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

6. STAFF COSTS

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

	31.3.23	31.3.22
Ministry team	7	6
Youth and children	1	2
Administration and support	2	2
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>

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

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

7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	284,256	38,354	322,610
Charitable activities			
Youth	2,888	-	2,888
Older Generation	-	1,012	1,012
Activities & events	30	450	480
Other trading activities	160	-	160
Investment income	206	-	206
Other income	32,952	-	32,952
Total	320,492	39,816	360,308
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Ministry	144,188	29,324	173,512
Youth	28,578	-	28,578
Children	28,030	-	28,030
Older Generation	9,632	4,757	14,389
UK missions and support	23,952	3,273	27,225
Overseas missions and support	-	9,552	9,552
Administration	76,870	828	77,698
Activities & events	482	745	1,227
Total	311,732	48,479	360,211
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	8,760	(8,663)	97
Transfers between funds	(5,379)	5,379	-
Net movement in funds	3,381	(3,284)	97
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	567,275	23,746	591,021
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	570,656	20,462	591,118

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Furniture and equipment £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023	595,539	34,751	26,593	656,883
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2022	142,932	34,694	23,718	201,344
Charge for year	11,911	57	719	12,687
At 31 March 2023	154,843	34,751	24,437	214,031
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2023	440,696	-	2,156	442,852
At 31 March 2022	452,607	57	2,875	455,539

9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Gift Aid Debtor	3,952	4,391

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Trade creditors	938	1,451
Social security and other taxes	2,666	3,152
Accrued expenses	6,855	3,007
	10,459	7,610

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

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	536,831	(22,849)	(4,960)	509,022
Good Friday	987	-	(987)	-
Hardship	17,587	358	399	18,344
Hawbush	7,892	(2,608)	-	5,284
Hebrides	327	-	-	327
Kenya Food Programme	-	510	-	510
Gym	7,032	(7,032)	-	-
	570,656	(31,621)	(5,548)	533,487
Restricted funds				
New Life	11,234	(2,913)	-	8,321
Missions	2,053	(4,153)	2,100	-
G Plunket	-	(1,470)	1,470	-
Hark	-	(393)	393	-
Westminster Theological Hub	6,121	(3,640)	1,500	3,981
Kate Lowe	-	(100)	100	-
Holiday Activity Fund	854	94	11	959
Retreats	200	(153)	-	47
Arnold Clark Youth Grant	-	26	(26)	-
	20,462	(12,702)	5,548	13,308
TOTAL FUNDS	591,118	(44,323)	-	546,795

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	302,148	(324,997)	(22,849)
Hardship	1,408	(1,050)	358
Hawbush	1,035	(3,643)	(2,608)
Kenya Food Programme	2,429	(1,919)	510
Gym	8,860	(15,892)	(7,032)
	315,880	(347,501)	(31,621)
Restricted funds			
New Life	3,666	(6,579)	(2,913)
Missions	10,142	(14,295)	(4,153)
G Plunket	9,631	(11,101)	(1,470)
Hark	680	(1,073)	(393)
Westminster Theological Hub	7,508	(11,148)	(3,640)
Kate Lowe	-	(100)	(100)
Holiday Activity Fund	4,348	(4,254)	94
Retreats	-	(153)	(153)
Arnold Clark Youth Grant	1,000	(974)	26
	36,975	(49,677)	(12,702)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>352,855</u>	<u>(397,178)</u>	<u>(44,323)</u>

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11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	549,573	(4,204)	(8,538)	536,831
Good Friday	987	-	-	987
Hardship	5,519	10,458	1,610	17,587
Hawbush	9,663	(1,639)	(132)	7,892
Hebrides	327	-	-	327
Youth	1,206	(2,177)	971	-
Gym	-	7,032	-	7,032
Theological training	-	(710)	710	-
	567,275	8,760	(5,379)	570,656
Restricted funds				
New Life	14,979	(3,745)	-	11,234
Missions	15	2,170	(132)	2,053
G Plunket	-	(1,382)	1,382	-
Hark	-	(295)	295	-
Media Equipment	252	(586)	334	-
Westminster Theological Hub	8,500	(5,879)	3,500	6,121
Holiday Activity Fund	-	854	-	854
Retreats	-	200	-	200
	23,746	(8,663)	5,379	20,462
TOTAL FUNDS	591,021	97	-	591,118

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	293,913	(298,117)	(4,204)
Hardship	13,370	(2,912)	10,458
Hawbush	-	(1,639)	(1,639)
Youth	2,887	(5,064)	(2,177)
Gym	7,032	-	7,032
Theological training	3,290	(4,000)	(710)
	320,492	(311,732)	8,760
Restricted funds			
New Life	1,012	(4,757)	(3,745)
Missions	5,443	(3,273)	2,170
G Plunket	8,170	(9,552)	(1,382)
Hark	450	(745)	(295)
Media Equipment	-	(586)	(586)
Westminster Theological Hub	3,146	(9,025)	(5,879)
Kate Lowe	18,295	(18,295)	-
Holiday Activity Fund	3,100	(2,246)	854
Retreats	200	-	200
	39,816	(48,479)	(8,663)
TOTAL FUNDS			
	360,308	(360,211)	97

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Trustee, Mr R E Chapman, is also a director and shareholder of A.E.Chapman & Co (Old Hill) Limited. During the year the charity purchased goods and services from A.E. Chapman & Co (Old Hill) Limited amounting to £2,224 (2022 £4,719).

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	256,837	256,004
Gift aid	47,563	49,193
Legacies	-	14,313
Grants	9,758	3,100
	314,158	322,610
Other trading activities		
Books, bibles and CD's	386	160
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	621	206
Charitable activities		
Youth ministry	8,045	2,888
New Life	3,634	1,012
Activities and events	2,489	480
	14,168	4,380
Other income		
Other income	23,522	32,952
Total incoming resources	352,855	360,308
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Trustees' salaries	23,001	23,000
Trustees' social security	1,148	1,304
Trustees' pension contributions	503	503
Wages	136,743	136,487
Social security	5,754	6,688
Pensions	4,975	5,029
Donations and gifts	17,265	32,698
UK missions and support	27,853	23,625
Overseas missions and support	30,052	13,152
Retreats and study tours	3,371	100
Subsistence and expenses	7,626	4,406
Fellowship and outreach	5,454	507
Publications and manuals	3,954	2,193
Carried forward	267,699	249,692

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
Charitable activities		
Brought forward	267,699	249,692
Training and conferences	9,336	11,016
Outings and events	10,618	9,750
Food, drink and consumables	2,471	1,796
Visiting ministry and hospitality	652	438
Communications	2,728	1,059
	293,504	273,751
 Support costs		
Management		
Wages	15,670	15,480
Pensions	28	52
Hire of equipment	4,491	4,354
Water and refuse	1,964	2,255
Insurance	2,375	2,353
Light and heat	18,950	8,811
Telephone	4,853	4,772
Postage and stationery	799	676
Advertising	50	50
Licences, permits and IT support	3,636	3,778
Cleaning and disposables	10,186	8,002
Hospitality and refreshments	1,920	1,429
Equipment	2,606	3,023
Repairs and maintenance	9,991	8,685
Sundry expenses	1,868	567
Consultancy	720	50
Accountancy and legal fees	9,544	4,437
Freehold property	11,911	11,911
Depn of equipment and furniture	719	958
Fixtures and fittings	57	3,475
	102,338	85,118
 Finance		
Bank charges	436	442
 Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	900	900
Total resources expended	397,178	360,211
Net (expenditure)/income	<u>(44,323)</u>	<u>97</u>

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Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 07005276 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1132641

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022
for
AMBLECOTE COMMUNITY CHURCH

S A R Accountants
Shire Barn
Hewell Lane
Tardebigge
Worcestershire

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Reference and Administrative Details
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

TRUSTEES

R E Chapman
J Cook
E Morse-Brown
Mrs A White (resigned 31.3.22)

REGISTERED OFFICE

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**REGISTERED COMPANY
NUMBER**

07005276 (England and Wales)

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER1132641

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

S A R Accountants
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Worcestershire

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022. 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).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The principle objects of the charity are:

- to advance the Christian faith,
- to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health, and
- to advance education

The trustees and director teams follow a principle objective of the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and in addition provide a facility for people to meet to worship and praise God, to stand alongside people as they grow as individual Christians, and to encourage fellowship.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities to undertake and are described below.

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Introduction- COVID-19 Pandemic

The year 2021 - 2022 brought many challenges for Amblecote Christian Centre (ACC). As COVID 19 was very much still with us and Lockdown was still very relevant, Elders/Directors and the Staff Team worked hard to navigate through this difficult time. Using a range of technologies, the church was able to continue streaming services and moved to a more permanent hybrid arrangement. Whilst numbers were still a little down in our Sunday meetings some returned when they could, and some chose to stay at home and watch online. Community hubs mainly facilitated through WhatsApp continue to be used to facilitate regular contact and support throughout the Church family.

Church Leadership/Staff Team

ACC continued to follow a revised leadership structure based on a shared leadership model. Staff Elders and a Staff Director met regularly, joint Elders/Directors meetings and 'Away-day' sessions were also scheduled throughout the year, with external training and input included.

Charitable Activities - Review of Local Missions and Community Activities

ACC focused activities mainly on the local community throughout the year. ACC endeavored to engage where it is possible. Activities are still contained due to COVID, however, it has been more possible to carry out a number of planned activities whilst still observing COVID 19 restrictions. The range of community related activities included support for local individuals and families, working in conjunction with Hawbush Community Gardens and with several schools when it was appropriate to do so.

Children and Families

Despite COVID restrictions ACC's Children's worker along with volunteers ran several family and group activities online. Innovative ways to connect with church families and the local community were introduced; weekly zoom calls and activity packs were used to ensure connection continued until it was safe to meet face to face. ACC also ran a kid's fundraiser online raising money for charities the children wanted to support by recording actions to songs, competitions and cutting and donating hair.

Later in the year small groups were able to get together and enjoy crafts, games and extra activities families. The team ran six free events for families on Hawbush providing food and activities to local families. ACC also ran an Easter, Summer and Christmas lunch club (in total 6 days of provision) in partnership with Dudley Council for Voluntary Services offering the Dudley Holiday Activity Fun (HAF) program. This program encourages eligible children to access a variety of family sessions at no cost. These include healthy eating, organised activities, and sports. These events were adapted to meet the government COVID guidelines at the time.

Sunday Morning groups were relaunched in May 2021 and the weekly parent and toddler group was relaunched in September 2021.

In Partnership with DMBC Children Services ACC ran a Parenting course for local parents who felt they needed extra support in their parenting. It began in March 2022 but is planned for 6 weeks with the plans to repeat this course in the future.

ACC returned to providing an in-house Christmas meal where people could meet who may be spending alone over Christmas. ACC again joined forces with other Organisations to run the Christmas lunch project providing hampers to local families. The Christingle went ahead and Saltmine Theatre Company performed the production 'Rapunzel' in December.

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Youth Work

COVID 19 restrictions impacted many aspects of ACC Youth Work, however groups did go ahead when it was safe to do so. The yearly 'Mission' week took place on a condensed basis (4 days instead of 6) where the young people were able to spend time re-connecting whilst undertaking a range of different tasks to benefit the local community.

Supporting Work in the Dudley Borough & Nationally

Members of the Staff Team and volunteers continued to be involved in wider Dudley Borough activities, including Leaders Networks, Charity and Voluntary sector meetings, and representation on statutory sector partnerships working groups. Staff members are also involved in Love Black Country, a network that works to unite the Church of the Black Country in support, mission and transformation. Many of these groups were able to start meeting face to face during this time.

Black Country Food Bank continued to receive support with food donations and regular financial giving.

Brierley Hill Project (BHP) - (targeted life support and mentoring) ACC has continued to support BHP in many ways including regular financial support.

Transforming Lives for Good (TLG) - ACC trained volunteers who had supported and mentored identified vulnerable children in local primary schools, kept in contact with the families. Additional coaching groups were ran during the latter half of the year. Two children were supported individually through the TLG program.

UK Charity - Safe Families for Children - A number of our church family have continued to support the charity as volunteers, signing up to be Family Friends, Resource Friends and Host Families.

British Youth for Christ (YFC) - ACC's commitment to supporting YFC year out programme continued. As we came out of COVID it was possible to return to the host families for the young people from the touring band 'The Sense'. It was good that the group could once again join ACC, if only for a season. During this time The Sense provided valuable support to ACC Sunday services. As previously, a YFC volunteer on the Year Out Program assisted ACC's communications and media team.

ACC Year Out Programme - This had been planned for some years and due to COVID postponed. During the year we have re-engaged and are now planning to start commencement of ACC's Year Out Programme in September 2022. It is encouraging that with a high level of interest shown preparation is underway to engage with people and churches to enlist around 5 young adults to join the programme.

International Mission Activities

ACC's support continues to grow in the form of one off and regular financial gifts, for mission activity overseas primarily in Kenya.

Open Doors National Charity - ACC has continued to give regular financial and prayer support to the persecuted church worldwide by being a partner church.

Representing our Faith Community Politically

ACC church family members continued to be actively involved in ensuring our faith communities' views are heard and valued at a local and national political level. This is one of the core values.

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Summary of Other Developments/Investments

Investment in Older Generation - During the year a part time person was appointed to the staff team to head up this work with the older generation. This was relaunched under "Faith in Later life" and has a move away from the weekly lunchtime sessions to more activities across the calendar. From its launch it has continued to grow and provide benefit and support to this generation.

Investment in ACC Leaders - ACC continued to help fund part time Theological Study for ACC's children's worker and one of the staff elders.

Building and Maintenance - Since the refurbishing of the building there was a decision to hold off any larger improvements and to just concentrate on the usual maintenance that occurs for time to time.

Finance - Over the year there has been little change in the investment arrangements from the previous year's reporting.

Little Hands Day Nursery - The contract/hire agreement and rent paid to ACC had been re-negotiated as it remained the same in the previous year with all the issues surrounding COVID 19, we are planning to revisit again in next year's review.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The surplus of income over expenditure for the year amounted to £97 (2021 -£13,404 deficit).

The unrestricted funds totalling £570,656 (2021 £567,275) and restricted funds of £20,462 (2021 £23,746), gave an overall funds total of £591,118 (2021 £591,021).

Principal funding sources

The vast majority of the finances required to fund the activities were raised through regular giving and one off donations from church members, supplemented by the refund of income tax from HM Revenue & Customs through the Gift Aid scheme.

Reserves policy

The ACC Reserves policy has two main objectives:

- 1) To ensure that there are adequate buffer funds to allow ACC operations to continue in the short term in the event that its income stream is unexpectedly interrupted. Ordinarily ACC will aim to retain approximately £25,000 in accessible reserves. The Directors may agree to permanently or temporarily suspend this level as necessary.
- 2) To generate sufficient funds to allow investments that secure ACC operations into the future. Any amounts over the agreed of buffer funds will be available for investments, which are intended to maintain and develop ACC operations. All investments will be consistent with ACC values.

The amount of unrestricted reserves not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets (the 'free' reserves) held at 31 March 2022 was £115,117 (2021 £95,392)

Restricted funds are disclosed in note 11

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FUTURE PLANS

Westminster Theological Centre Hub (WTC) - Following ACC becoming a Partner Church along with other churches in the WTC - West Midlands Hub. This is now fully functioning, and has started well, quickly growing to 11 students. The hub is financially sound given the current number of students and current level of support from partner churches. Further student recruitment is necessary for the hub to be financially self-sufficient in the long term (c. 20 students). This has provided people with training and follows ACC policy of investing in people and Kingdom projects. We believe that this will continue to grow during this financial year and become even more robust and self-sufficient.

Future Vision for Mission, Poor-Care, and Social Enterprise - Launched in 2020 the Housing Stream Project which had stalled is very much alive for 2022-23. This idea was to investigate a new income generation opportunity to boost ACC's future income and to make sure we had a good diversification of our income streams. The project would broadly be based around buy-to-let property investments. Although hampered by external delays, initial research into the project is reaching its final stages of reporting.

Youth Work - Plans were in place to re-engage with the young people in 2021-2022 using a variety of events. Youth summer socials were planned along with the regular youth mission week and youth weekend away.

Regular youth Sunday morning sessions, Lads and Girls groups in addition to Young Leaders programs were re-launched in the Autumn.

Other planned events and the introduction of a 'Connect' group, were intended to provide young people with space to build good relationships.

Children and Families - ACC planned to partner again with Dudley Council for Voluntary Services offering the Dudley Holiday Activity Fun (HAF) program. This program encourages eligible children to access a variety of family sessions at no cost. These include healthy eating, organised activities, and sports. ACC planned to run six days of lunch clubs spread over Easter, Summer and Christmas.

Family afternoons at Hawbush Community Gardens are also planned throughout the year along with other seasonal events and activities for families involving food, craft and games. The annual Christmas Lunch Project and Christingle was scheduled to go ahead.

Children & Youth Sunday morning groups and the weekly parent and toddler group is planned to continue.

TLG early intervention coaching will pause for the next year to give volunteers a break and to allow more time for the Children's worker and other volunteers to explore other opportunities to work with local families and schools.

ACC planned to run a monthly Parent Coffee Morning at Hawbush School offering free refreshments and a place for parents to connect and share. If it is popular, there are plans to increase the regularity.

In Partnership with DMBC Children Services ACC planned to continue the Parenting course and to run additional courses in the future for parents needing support in their parenting.

Name Change - There are plans in this financial year to drop the trading name of Amblecote Christian Centre and just be fully known as Amblecote Community Church. This will impact signs, e-mail addresses etc., the team plan to talk to the Church family in the AGM about this.

Kenya Trip - A trip for some of the members of the Church family is planned to see the work we support in Kenya.

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Amblecote Community Church is a company limited by guarantee not having a share capital, operating under a Memorandum and Articles of Association. It was incorporated on 1 September 2009, registration number 07005276. The company was registered as a charity on 11 November 2009, registration number 1132641. The charity operates under the name of Amblecote Christian Centre. The directors of the company are also the trustees of the charity.

Organisational structure

New Trustees/Directors are appointed by existing Trustees/Directors. Meetings are scheduled regularly throughout the year. The group undertake the general administration and management of the Charity. They collectively practice good governance, making informed decisions based on the Charity's objectives. The Board of Trustees/Directors aim to have a broad range of business skills represented, and access specialist advice/training when appropriate.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 22 November 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

R E Chapman - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
AMBLECOTE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of AMBLECOTE COMMUNITY CHURCH ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 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 registered member of Association of Chartered Certified Accountants which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.

S A Reeves FCCA
Association of Chartered Certified Accountants
S A R Accountants
Shire Barn
Hewell Lane
Tardebigge
Worcestershire

22 November 2022

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Statement of Financial Activities (Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account) for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		284,256	38,354	322,610	265,122
Charitable activities					
Youth		2,888	-	2,888	17
Older Generation		-	1,012	1,012	25
Activities & events		30	450	480	630
Other trading activities	2	160	-	160	17
Investment income	3	206	-	206	230
Other income		32,952	-	32,952	26,268
Total		<u>320,492</u>	<u>39,816</u>	<u>360,308</u>	<u>292,309</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Ministry		144,188	29,324	173,512	123,021
Youth		28,578	-	28,578	22,007
Children		28,030	-	28,030	25,244
Older Generation		9,632	4,757	14,389	4,767
UK missions and support		23,952	3,273	27,225	19,126
Overseas missions and support		-	9,552	9,552	12,907
Administration		76,870	828	77,698	98,185
Activities & events		482	745	1,227	456
Total		<u>311,732</u>	<u>48,479</u>	<u>360,211</u>	<u>305,713</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		8,760	(8,663)	97	(13,404)
Transfers between funds	11	<u>(5,379)</u>	<u>5,379</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		3,381	(3,284)	97	(13,404)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		567,275	23,746	591,021	604,425
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>570,656</u></u>	<u><u>20,462</u></u>	<u><u>591,118</u></u>	<u><u>591,021</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet
31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8	455,539	-	455,539	471,883
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	9	4,371	20	4,391	3,365
Prepayments and accrued income		528	-	528	2,551
Cash at bank and in hand		117,828	20,442	138,270	120,781
		<u>122,727</u>	<u>20,462</u>	<u>143,189</u>	<u>126,697</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(7,610)	-	(7,610)	(7,559)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>115,117</u>	<u>20,462</u>	<u>135,579</u>	<u>119,138</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>570,656</u>	<u>20,462</u>	<u>591,118</u>	<u>591,021</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>570,656</u>	<u>20,462</u>	<u>591,118</u>	<u>591,021</u>
FUNDS	11				
Unrestricted funds				570,656	567,275
Restricted funds				20,462	23,746
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>591,118</u>	<u>591,021</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet - continued

31 March 2022

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 22 November 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

R E Chapman - Trustee

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, 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 Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

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.

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.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 2% on cost
Furniture and equipment	- 10% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

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.

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.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Books, bibles and CD's	160	17
	<u>160</u>	<u>17</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Deposit account interest	206	230
	<u>206</u>	<u>230</u>

4. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	16,344	16,663
Hire of plant and machinery	4,354	4,132
	<u>20,698</u>	<u>20,795</u>

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Trustees' salaries	23,000	23,000
Trustees' social security	1,304	1,964
Trustees' pension contributions to money purchase schemes	503	503
	<u>24,807</u>	<u>25,467</u>

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

6. STAFF COSTS

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

	31.3.22	31.3.21
Ministry team	6	4
Youth and children	2	2
Administration and support	2	1
	<u>10</u>	<u>7</u>

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

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7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	241,126	23,996	265,122
Charitable activities			
Youth	17	-	17
Older Generation	-	25	25
Activities & events	240	390	630
Other trading activities	17	-	17
Investment income	230	-	230
Other income	26,268	-	26,268
Total	<u>267,898</u>	<u>24,411</u>	<u>292,309</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Ministry	120,198	2,823	123,021
Youth	22,007	-	22,007
Children	25,244	-	25,244
Older Generation	-	4,767	4,767
UK missions and support	19,126	-	19,126
Overseas missions and support	3,668	9,239	12,907
Administration	97,026	1,159	98,185
Activities & events	456	-	456
Total	<u>287,725</u>	<u>17,988</u>	<u>305,713</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(19,827)	6,423	(13,404)
Transfers between funds	<u>(1,902)</u>	<u>1,902</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds	(21,729)	8,325	(13,404)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	589,004	15,421	604,425
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>567,275</u></u>	<u><u>23,746</u></u>	<u><u>591,021</u></u>

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8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Furniture and equipment £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022	595,539	34,751	26,593	656,883
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2021	131,021	31,219	22,760	185,000
Charge for year	11,911	3,475	958	16,344
At 31 March 2022	142,932	34,694	23,718	201,344
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2022	452,607	57	2,875	455,539
At 31 March 2021	464,518	3,532	3,833	471,883

9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.22 £	31.3.21 £
Gift Aid Debtor	4,391	3,365

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.22 £	31.3.21 £
Trade creditors	1,451	2,901
Social security and other taxes	3,152	2,311
Accrued expenses	3,007	2,347
	7,610	7,559

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11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	549,573	(4,204)	(8,538)	536,831
Good Friday	987	-	-	987
Hardship	5,519	10,458	1,610	17,587
Hawbush	9,663	(1,639)	(132)	7,892
Hebrides	327	-	-	327
Youth	1,206	(2,177)	971	-
Gym	-	7,032	-	7,032
Theological training	-	(710)	710	-
	567,275	8,760	(5,379)	570,656
Restricted funds				
New Life	14,979	(3,745)	-	11,234
Missions	15	2,170	(132)	2,053
G Plunket	-	(1,382)	1,382	-
Hark	-	(295)	295	-
Media Equipment	252	(586)	334	-
WTC	8,500	(5,879)	3,500	6,121
Holiday Activity Fund	-	854	-	854
Retreats	-	200	-	200
	23,746	(8,663)	5,379	20,462
TOTAL FUNDS	591,021	97	-	591,118

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11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	293,913	(298,117)	(4,204)
Hardship	13,370	(2,912)	10,458
Hawbush	-	(1,639)	(1,639)
Youth	2,887	(5,064)	(2,177)
Gym	7,032	-	7,032
Theological training	3,290	(4,000)	(710)
	320,492	(311,732)	8,760
Restricted funds			
New Life	1,012	(4,757)	(3,745)
Missions	5,443	(3,273)	2,170
G Plunket	8,170	(9,552)	(1,382)
Hark	450	(745)	(295)
Media Equipment	-	(586)	(586)
WTC	3,146	(9,025)	(5,879)
Kate Lowe	18,295	(18,295)	-
Holiday Activity Fund	3,100	(2,246)	854
Retreats	200	-	200
	39,816	(48,479)	(8,663)
TOTAL FUNDS			
	360,308	(360,211)	97

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11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	574,244	(21,768)	(2,903)	549,573
Good Friday	987	-	-	987
Hardship	2,188	2,431	900	5,519
Hawbush	10,317	(654)	-	9,663
Hebrides	55	272	-	327
Youth	1,213	(108)	101	1,206
	589,004	(19,827)	(1,902)	567,275
Restricted funds				
New Life	14,221	1,258	(500)	14,979
Missions	200	(168)	(17)	15
G Plunket	-	(2,324)	2,324	-
Hark	-	(95)	95	-
Media Equipment	1,000	(748)	-	252
WTC	-	8,500	-	8,500
	15,421	6,423	1,902	23,746
TOTAL FUNDS				
	604,425	(13,404)	-	591,021

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11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	260,305	(282,073)	(21,768)
Hardship	7,304	(4,873)	2,431
Hawbush	-	(654)	(654)
Hebrides	272	-	272
Youth	17	(125)	(108)
	267,898	(287,725)	(19,827)
Restricted funds			
New Life	6,025	(4,767)	1,258
Missions	2,993	(3,161)	(168)
G Plunket	4,979	(7,303)	(2,324)
Hark	415	(510)	(95)
Media Equipment	1,499	(2,247)	(748)
WTC	8,500	-	8,500
	24,411	(17,988)	6,423
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>292,309</u>	<u>(305,713)</u>	<u>(13,404)</u>

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Trustee, Mr R E Chapman, is also a director and shareholder of A.E.Chapman & Co (Old Hill) Limited. During the year the charity purchased goods and services from A.E. Chapman & Co (Old Hill) Limited amounting to £4,719 (2021 £3,373).

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	31.3.22 £	31.3.21 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	256,004	207,157
Gift aid	49,193	41,965
Legacies	14,313	-
Grants	3,100	16,000
	322,610	265,122
Other trading activities		
Books, bibles and CD's	160	17
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	206	230
Charitable activities		
Youth ministry	2,888	17
New Life	1,012	25
Activities and events	480	630
	4,380	672
Other income		
Other income	32,952	19,521
COVID 19 Support	-	6,747
	32,952	26,268
Total incoming resources		
	360,308	292,309
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Trustees' salaries	23,000	23,000
Trustees' social security	1,304	1,964
Trustees' pension contributions	503	503
Wages	136,487	109,555
Social security	6,688	4,847
Pensions	5,029	4,742
Donations and gifts	32,698	18,759
UK missions and support	23,625	19,126
Overseas missions and support	13,152	12,907
Retreats and study tours	100	70
Carried forward	242,586	195,473

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	31.3.22 £	31.3.21 £
Charitable activities		
Brought forward	242,586	195,473
Sundries	-	1,894
Subsistence and expenses	4,406	1,197
Fellowship and outreach	507	494
Publications and manuals	2,193	1,295
Training and conferences	11,016	3,727
Outings and events	9,750	740
Food, drink and consumables	1,796	-
Visiting ministry and hospitality	438	150
Communications	1,059	1,182
	273,751	206,152
Support costs		
Management		
Wages	15,480	11,521
Pensions	52	141
Hire of equipment	4,354	4,132
Water and refuse	2,255	2,074
Insurance	2,353	2,085
Light and heat	8,811	8,060
Telephone	4,772	7,172
Postage and stationery	676	554
Advertising	50	-
Licences, permits and IT support	3,778	3,612
Cleaning and disposables	8,002	7,485
Hospitality and refreshments	1,429	177
Computer equipment	3,023	4,323
Repairs and maintenance	8,685	26,163
Sundry expenses	567	105
Consultancy	50	-
Accountancy and legal fees	4,437	3,950
Freehold property	11,911	11,911
Depn of equipment and furniture	958	1,277
Fixtures and fittings	3,475	3,475
	85,118	98,217
Finance		
Bank charges	442	444
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	900	900
Total resources expended	360,211	305,713
Net income/(expenditure)	97	(13,404)

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Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 07005276 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1132641

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2021
for
AMBLECOTE COMMUNITY CHURCH

S A R Accountants
Shire Barn
Hewell Lane
Tardebigge
Worcestershire

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Reference and Administrative Details
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

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AMBLECOTE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021. 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).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The principle objects of the charity are:

- to advance the Christian faith,
- to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health, and
- to advance education

The trustees and director teams follow a principle objective of the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and in addition provide a facility for people to meet to worship and praise God, to stand alongside people as they grow as individual Christians, and to encourage fellowship.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities to undertake and are described below.

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Introduction - COVID - 19 Pandemic

The year 2020 - 2021 brought many challenges for Amblecote Christian Centre (ACC). As the country went into Lockdown, Elders/Directors and the Staff Team worked hard to navigate through this difficult time. Using a range of technologies, the church was able to stream services and regularly connect with the church family via Zoom.

The Directors agreed letters of reassurance, informing the church family how they would continue to steward the resources and manage health and safety during this season. In addition, ACC implemented the Government Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme for two staff posts for a fixed period.

As national restrictions were slowly lifted the church was able to re-open with appropriate systems in place to minimise infection.

Church Leadership/Staff Team

ACC continued to follow a revised leadership structure based on a shared leadership model. Staff Elders and a Staff Director met regularly, joint Elders/Directors meetings and 'Away-day' sessions were also scheduled throughout the year.

Charitable Activities - Review of Local Missions and Community Activities

ACC focused activities mainly on the local community throughout the year however, a number of planned activities changed or were postponed in line with COVID 19 restrictions. The range of community related activities included support for local individuals and families, and working with several schools when it was appropriate to do so.

Children and Families

Despite COVID restrictions ACC's Children's worker along with volunteers ran several family and group activities online. Innovative ways to connect with church families and the local community were introduced; weekly zoom calls and activity packs were used to ensure connection continued until it was safe to meet face to face.

Later in the year small groups were able to get together and enjoy crafts, games and extra activities. An online Christmas production by Saltmine Theatre Company was enjoyed by many families. ACC also ran a Christmas lunch project providing 70 hampers to local families.

Youth Work

COVID 19 restrictions impacted many aspects of ACC Youth Work, however groups did go ahead when it was safe to do so. The yearly 'Mission' week took place in a local park where the young people were able to spend time re-connecting whilst undertaking a range of different tasks.

Supporting Work in the Dudley Borough & Nationally

Members of the Staff Team and volunteers continued to be involved in wider Dudley Borough activities including Leaders Networks, Charity and Voluntary sector, and representation on statutory sector partnerships working groups. Staff members are also involved in Love Black Country, a network that works to unite the Church of the Black Country in support, mission and transformation. Many of these groups were able to meet virtually during this time.

Black Country Food Bank continued to receive support with food donations and regular financial giving.

Brierley Hill Project (BHP) - (targeted life support and mentoring) ACC has continued to support BHP in many ways including regular financial support.

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Transforming Lives for Good (TLG) - ACC trained volunteers who had supported and mentored identified vulnerable children in local primary schools, kept in contact with the families. Additional coaching groups were ran during the later half of the year.

UK Charity - Safe Families for Children - A number of our church family have continued to support the charity as volunteers, signing up to be Family Friends, Resource Friends and Host Families.

British Youth for Christ (YFC) - ACC's commitment to supporting YFC year out programme continued. Due to the pandemic it was difficult to arrange host families for the young people from the touring band 'The Sense', however ACC rented a house to provide accommodation for a group of YFC girls during the year. As opportunities to travel were limited the young musicians provided valuable support to ACC Sunday services. In addition a YFC volunteer on the Year Out Programme assisted ACC's communications and media team.

ACC Year Out Programme - Unfortunately the planned commencement of ACC's Year Out Programme was unable to go ahead primarily due to COVID 19 and the lack of local interest at the time. It was hoped to launch the programme in 2022.

International Mission Activities

ACC's support, in the form of one off and regular financial gifts, for mission activity overseas primarily in Kenya continued.

Open Doors National Charity - ACC has continued to give regular financial and prayer support to the persecuted church worldwide by being a partner church.

Representing our Faith Community Politically

ACC church family members continued to be actively involved in ensuring our faith communities' views are heard and valued at a local and national political level. This is one of the core values.

Summary of Other Developments/Investments

Investment in Older Generation - Following the retirement of a member of the staff team whose ministry primarily focussed on the older generation, plans were in place to pioneer a new kind of work amongst this age group which included the appointment of a part time worker. Preparatory work relating to the new post continued during the year with an expected start date of April 2021.

Investment in ACC Leaders - ACC continued to fund part time Theological Study for ACC's children's worker.

Building and Maintenance - Planned refurbishments were completed including fitting a new carpet in the main hall, improved lighting and re-decorating.

Finance - A decision was made to invest a portion of financial reserves with a Christian Bank known as 'Kingdom Bank' ensuring money is invested in growing God's Kingdom.

Little Hands Day Nursery - the contract/hire agreement rent paid to ACC had been re-negotiated for one year.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The deficit of income over expenditure for the year amounted to £(13,404) (2020: (£8,204)).

The unrestricted funds totalling £567,274 (2020: £589,004) and restricted funds of £23,747 (2020: £15,421), gave an overall funds total of £591,021 (2020: £604,425).

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

The vast majority of the finances required to fund the activities were raised through regular giving and one off donations from church members, supplemented by the refund of income tax from HM Revenue & Customs through the Gift Aid scheme.

Reserves policy

The ACC Reserves policy has two main objectives:

- 1) To ensure that there are adequate buffer funds to allow ACC operations to continue in the short term in the event that its income stream is unexpectedly interrupted. Ordinarily ACC will aim to retain approximately £25,000 in accessible reserves. The Directors may agree to permanently or temporarily suspend this level as necessary.
- 2) To generate sufficient funds to allow investments that secure ACC operations into the future. Any amounts over the agreed of buffer funds will be available for investments, which are intended to maintain and develop ACC operations. All investments will be consistent with ACC values.

The amount of unrestricted reserves not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets (the 'free' reserves) held at 31 March 2021 was £95,393 (2020 £100,458)

Restricted funds are disclosed in note 11

FUTURE PLANS

Communications/Media Post - This post remained vacant, however plans were in place to recruit in 2021-2022.

Westminster Theological Centre Hub (WTC) - During the year steps were taken to enable ACC to become a Partner Church along with other churches in the WTC - West Midlands Hub. A financial investment was agreed initially for two years. ACC agreed to manage the finance associated with the Hub including the employment of the Hub Director.

Future Vision for Mission, Poor-care and Social Enterprise - A Housing Stream Project had been proposed. The idea was to investigate a new income generation opportunity to boost ACC's future income. The project would broadly be based around buy-to-let property investments. Initial research into the project commenced.

Youth Work - Plans were in place to re-engage with the young people in 2021 - 2022 using a variety of events. Youth summer socials were planned along with the regular youth mission week and youth weekend away.

There was recognition of the need to support young people who had concerns relating to mental ill health. ACC planned to partner with an organization known as 'Engage Trust' who run programmes called 'Worth It' in Secondary Schools. Topics covered include identity, character and pressure and influence. It was planned to run the programme twice during the academic year.

Regular youth Sunday morning sessions, Lads and Girls groups in addition to Young Leaders programmes were planned to be fully re-launched in the Autumn of 2021.

Other planned events and the introduction of a 'Connect' group, were intended to provide young people with space to build good relationships.

Children and Families - ACC planned to partner with Dudley Council for Voluntary Services offering the Dudley Holiday Activity Fun (HAF) programme. This programme encourages eligible children to access a variety of family sessions at no cost. These include healthy eating, organised activities and sports.

Family afternoons at Hawbush Community Gardens are also planned throughout the year. The annual Christmas Lunch Project and Christingle was scheduled to go ahead.

Young children's Sunday morning groups, weekly parent and toddler get togethers and school coaching sessions are all well-planned for re-opening fully.

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Amblecote Community Church is a company limited by guarantee not having a share capital, operating under a Memorandum and Articles of Association. It was incorporated on 1 September 2009, registration number 07005276. The company was registered as a charity on 11 November 2009, registration number 1132641. The charity operates under the name of Amblecote Christian Centre. The directors of the company are also the trustees of the charity.

Organisational structure

New Trustees/Directors are appointed by existing Trustees/Directors. Meetings are scheduled regularly throughout the year. The group undertake the general administration and management of the Charity. They collectively practice good governance, making informed decisions based on the Charity's objectives. The Board of Trustees/Directors aim to have a broad range of business skills represented, and access specialist advice/training when appropriate.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 28th Sept 2021 and signed on its behalf by:


.....
R E Chapman - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
AMBLECOTE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of AMBLECOTE COMMUNITY CHURCH ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 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 registered member of Association of Chartered Certified Accountants which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.

S A Reeves FCCA
Association of Chartered Certified Accountants
S A R Accountants
Shire Barn
Hewell Lane
Tardebigge
Worcestershire

12 October 2021

AMBLECOTE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Statement of Financial Activities (Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account) for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £	31.3.20 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		241,126	23,996	265,122	293,656
Charitable activities					
Youth		17	-	17	6,311
New Life		-	25	25	24,888
Activities & events		240	390	630	1,235
Other trading activities	2	17	-	17	181
Investment income	3	230	-	230	800
Other income		26,268	-	26,268	20,790
Total		267,898	24,411	292,309	347,861
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Ministry		120,198	2,823	123,021	137,095
Youth		22,007	-	22,007	29,945
Children		25,244	-	25,244	29,883
New Life		-	4,767	4,767	16,131
UK missions and support		19,126	-	19,126	15,062
Overseas missions and support		3,669	9,238	12,907	17,143
Administration		97,026	1,159	98,185	110,411
Activities & events		456	-	456	395
Total		287,726	17,987	305,713	356,065
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(19,828)	6,424	(13,404)	(8,204)
Transfers between funds	11	(1,902)	1,902	-	-
Net movement in funds		(21,730)	8,326	(13,404)	(8,204)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		589,004	15,421	604,425	612,629
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		567,274	23,747	591,021	604,425

The notes form part of these financial statements

AMBLECOTE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Balance Sheet
31 March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £	31.3.20 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8	471,882	-	471,882	488,546
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	9	3,345	20	3,365	3,591
Prepayments and accrued income		2,551	-	2,551	3,412
Cash at bank and in hand		97,056	23,726	120,782	118,431
		<u>102,952</u>	<u>23,746</u>	<u>126,698</u>	<u>125,434</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(7,559)	-	(7,559)	(9,555)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>95,393</u>	<u>23,746</u>	<u>119,139</u>	<u>115,879</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>567,275</u>	<u>23,746</u>	<u>591,021</u>	<u>604,425</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>567,275</u>	<u>23,746</u>	<u>591,021</u>	<u>604,425</u>
FUNDS	11				
Unrestricted funds				567,275	589,004
Restricted funds				23,746	15,421
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>591,021</u>	<u>604,425</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

AMBLECOTE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Balance Sheet - continued
31 March 2021

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 28th Sept 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:


.....
R E Chapman - Trustee

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, 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 Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

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.

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.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 2% on cost
Furniture and equipment	- 10% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

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.

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.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

31.3.21	31.3.20
£	£
17	181
<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Books, bibles and CD's

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

31.3.21	31.3.20
£	£
230	800
<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Deposit account interest

4. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

31.3.21	31.3.20
£	£
16,664	17,089
4,132	5,009
<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Depreciation - owned assets

Hire of plant and machinery

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

31.3.21	31.3.20
£	£
23,000	25,131
1,964	1,986
503	519
<u> </u>	<u> </u>
25,467	27,636
<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Trustees' salaries

Trustees' social security

Trustees' pension contributions to money purchase schemes

Trustees' expenses

31.3.21	31.3.20
£	£
-	216
<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Trustees' expenses

6. STAFF COSTS

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

	31.3.21	31.3.20
Ministry team	4	3
Youth and children	2	2
Administration and support	1	2
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	7	7
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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

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7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	286,498	7,158	293,656
Charitable activities			
Youth	6,311	-	6,311
New Life	-	24,888	24,888
Activities & events	645	590	1,235
Other trading activities			
Investment income	181	-	181
Other income	800	-	800
	20,790	-	20,790
Total	<u>315,225</u>	<u>32,636</u>	<u>347,861</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Ministry	129,587	7,508	137,095
Youth	29,945	-	29,945
Children	29,883	-	29,883
New Life	525	15,606	16,131
UK missions and support	15,062	-	15,062
Overseas missions and support	6,957	10,186	17,143
Administration	110,411	-	110,411
Activities & events	395	-	395
Total	<u>322,765</u>	<u>33,300</u>	<u>356,065</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	<u>(7,540)</u>	<u>(664)</u>	<u>(8,204)</u>
Transfers between funds	<u>(157)</u>	<u>157</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds	<u>(7,697)</u>	<u>(507)</u>	<u>(8,204)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	596,701	15,928	612,629
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>589,004</u></u>	<u><u>15,421</u></u>	<u><u>604,425</u></u>

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8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Furniture and equipment £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021	595,539	34,751	26,593	656,883
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2020	119,110	27,744	21,483	168,337
Charge for year	11,911	3,475	1,278	16,664
At 31 March 2021	131,021	31,219	22,761	185,001
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2021	464,518	3,532	3,832	471,882
At 31 March 2020	476,429	7,007	5,110	488,546

9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.21 £	31.3.20 £
Gift Aid Debtor	3,365	3,591

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.21 £	31.3.20 £
Trade creditors	2,901	1,656
Social security and other taxes	2,311	2,325
Accrued expenses	2,347	5,574
	7,559	9,555

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11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	574,244	(21,768)	(2,903)	549,573
Good Friday	987	-	-	987
Hardship	2,188	2,431	900	5,519
Hawbush	10,317	(654)	-	9,663
Hebrides	55	272	-	327
Youth	1,213	(108)	101	1,206
	<u>589,004</u>	<u>(19,827)</u>	<u>(1,902)</u>	<u>567,275</u>
Restricted funds				
New Life	14,221	1,258	(500)	14,979
Missions	200	(168)	(17)	15
G Plunket	-	(2,324)	2,324	-
Hark	-	(95)	95	-
Media Equipment	1,000	(748)	-	252
WTC	-	8,500	-	8,500
	<u>15,421</u>	<u>6,423</u>	<u>1,902</u>	<u>23,746</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>604,425</u>	<u>(13,404)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>591,021</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	260,305	(282,073)	(21,768)
Hardship	7,304	(4,873)	2,431
Hawbush	-	(654)	(654)
Hebrides	272	-	272
Youth	17	(125)	(108)
	<u>267,898</u>	<u>(287,725)</u>	<u>(19,827)</u>
Restricted funds			
New Life	6,025	(4,767)	1,258
Missions	2,993	(3,161)	(168)
G Plunket	4,979	(7,303)	(2,324)
Hark	415	(510)	(95)
Media Equipment	1,499	(2,247)	(748)
WTC	8,500	-	8,500
	<u>24,411</u>	<u>(17,988)</u>	<u>6,423</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>292,309</u>	<u>(305,713)</u>	<u>(13,404)</u>

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11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.20 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	575,759	3,574	(5,089)	574,244
Good Friday	987	-	-	987
Creative	96	-	(96)	-
Hardship	3,375	(3,125)	1,938	2,188
Hawbush	12,657	(2,314)	(26)	10,317
Hebrides	511	(496)	40	55
Keymas Children's Work	890	(435)	(455)	-
Youth	1,301	(318)	230	1,213
Beth Faulkner OM Mission	1,125	(2,025)	900	-
Kenya 2020	-	(2,401)	2,401	-
	<u>596,701</u>	<u>(7,540)</u>	<u>(157)</u>	<u>589,004</u>
Restricted funds				
Caminuel Felix Romania	276	-	(276)	-
New Life	10,873	3,207	141	14,221
Missions	4,569	(2,572)	(1,797)	200
Peru	100	-	(100)	-
TLC	110	71	(181)	-
G Plunket	-	(1,860)	1,860	-
Hark	-	(510)	510	-
Media Equipment	-	1,000	-	1,000
	<u>15,928</u>	<u>(664)</u>	<u>157</u>	<u>15,421</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>612,629</u>	<u>(8,204)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>604,425</u>

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11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	308,466	(304,892)	3,574
Hardship	20	(3,145)	(3,125)
Hawbush	109	(2,423)	(2,314)
Hebrides	130	(626)	(496)
Keymas Children's Work	-	(435)	(435)
Youth	6,375	(6,693)	(318)
Beth Faulkner OM Mission	125	(2,150)	(2,025)
Kenya 2020	-	(2,401)	(2,401)
	315,225	(322,765)	(7,540)
Restricted funds			
New Life	24,887	(21,680)	3,207
Missions	2,421	(4,993)	(2,572)
TLC	71	-	71
G Plunket	3,667	(5,527)	(1,860)
Hark	590	(1,100)	(510)
Media Equipment	1,000	-	1,000
	32,636	(33,300)	(664)
TOTAL FUNDS	347,861	(356,065)	(8,204)

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

P Cook, father of trustee J Cook, received salary of £nil (2020 £8,234) and expenses amounting £nil (2019 £260)

Trustee, Mr R E Chapman, is also a director and shareholder of A.E.Chapman & Co (Old Hill) Limited. During the year the charity purchased goods and services from A.E. Chapman & Co (Old Hill) Limited amounting to £3,373 (2020 £10,756).

AMBLECOTE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

	31.3.21 £	31.3.20 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	207,157	241,996
Gift aid	41,965	50,660
Grants	16,000	1,000
	265,122	293,656
 Other trading activities		
Books, bibles and CD's	17	181
 Investment income		
Deposit account interest	230	800
 Charitable activities		
Youth ministry	17	6,311
New Life	25	24,888
Activities and events	630	1,235
	672	32,434
 Other income		
Other income	19,521	20,790
COVID 19 Support	6,747	-
	26,268	20,790
 Total incoming resources		
	292,309	347,861
 EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Trustees' salaries	23,000	23,000
Trustees' social security	1,964	1,986
Trustees' pension contributions	503	519
Trustees' expenses	-	216
Wages	109,555	103,811
Social security	4,847	5,630
Pensions	4,742	4,522
Donations and gifts	18,759	29,234
UK missions and support	19,126	15,062
Overseas missions and support	12,907	17,143
Retreats and study tours	70	300
Carried forward	195,473	201,423

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

	31.3.21 £	31.3.20 £
Charitable activities		
Brought forward		
Sundries	195,473	201,423
Subsistence and expenses	1,894	814
Fellowship and outreach	1,197	5,101
Publications and manuals	494	3,190
Training and conferences	1,295	2,014
Outings and events	3,727	6,124
Food, drink and consumables	740	11,284
Visiting ministry and hospitality	-	7,362
Communications	150	2,488
	1,182	731
	206,152	240,531
Support costs		
Management		
Trustees' salaries		
Wages	-	2,131
Social security	11,521	24,981
Pensions	-	1,613
Hire of equipment	141	468
Water and refuse	4,132	5,009
Insurance	2,074	2,045
Light and heat	2,085	1,966
Telephone	8,060	8,951
Postage and stationery	7,172	5,747
Advertising	554	1,066
Licences, permits and IT support	-	659
Cleaning and disposables	3,612	2,676
Hospitality and refreshments	7,485	9,174
Computer equipment	177	2,142
Repairs and maintenance	4,323	-
Training and conferences	26,163	17,931
Sundry expenses	-	230
Accountancy and legal fees	105	2,019
Freehold property	3,950	7,912
Depn of equipment and furniture	11,911	11,911
Fixtures and fittings	1,277	1,703
	3,475	3,475
	98,217	113,809
Finance		
Bank charges		
	444	825
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees		
	900	900
Total resources expended	305,713	356,065
Net expenditure	(13,404)	(8,204)

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