

OUGHTIBRIDGE WESLEYAN REFORM CHAPEL

England & Wales · Charity number 1132720

Details

Other names OUGHTIBRIDGE CHAPEL, OWRC

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2009-11-16

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: The trustees for the time being shall at all times permit the said Premises and the Chapel School or other buildings from time to time standing thereon to be used and occupied and enjoyed as a place for the Public Worship of God and for the instruction of children and adults under the direction of the Society or Church assembling for worship thereon in connection with the said Denomination or Connexion according to the Principles Constitution Usages Polity and Rules from time to time of the said Denomination and also for the promotion of such other religious, educational or charitable purposes as the said Society or Church shall from time to time direct.

Activities: OWRC is a family church serving the people in the locality. We hold regular Sunday services; provide instruction in the Christian faith; hold evening groups for children and teenagers; provide support for organisations and individuals working for the advancement of the Christian faith; allow the premises to be hired by other organisations with compatible aims.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Sheffield City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£80,965	£100,933	-	-
2023-12-31	£9,588	£6,318	-	-
2022-12-31	£25,879	£8,916	-	-
2021-12-31	£35,830	£36,945	-	-
2020-12-31	£31,587	£49,202	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Adrian Watson Little		2015-04-13
Andrew Edward Misiukanis		2022-01-01
Angela Elizabeth Howard		2018-04-16
Christopher James Nicholson		2022-01-01
Christopher Spencer Ian Yeardley		2022-01-01
John William Harrold Scarffe		2022-01-01
MATTHEW JOEL BROOK		
PETER SHAPLAND		2022-01-01
Pamela Smith		2015-04-13
RICHARD PETER HALL		

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Accounts

Oughtibridge Wesleyan Reform Chapel
Annual Report and Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2024

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Oughtibridge Wesleyan Reform Chapel
Legal and administrative information
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Other names the charity is known by:

OWRC

Oughtibridge Chapel

Trustees

Matt Brook

Richard Hall (Chair)

Angela Howard (Secretary)

Adrian Little

Andrew Misiukanis

Christopher Nicholson

John Scarffe

Peter Shapland

Pam Smith

Christopher Yeardley

Ian Brearley (part year, deceased 26 Nov 2024)

Principal Address

C/o 89 Cockshutts Lane

Oughtibridge

Sheffield

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Treasurer

Felicity Hall

Accountants

Seven Hills Accountants

57 Burton Street

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**Oughtibridge Wesleyan Reform Chapel
Trustees' Annual Report
For the year ended 31 December 2024**

Oughtibridge Wesleyan Reform Chapel (OWRC) is a family church serving the people of Oughtibridge and the surrounding areas. The chapel premises are located close to the centre of the village, about five miles north-west of Sheffield city centre.

Following agreement in 2021 to unite the congregation with Oughtibridge Parish Church (OPC) – registered charity number 1196843 – and OWRC, the members are fully integrated into a single ministry including all aspects of church life and activity. This change continues to be very successful and has reinvigorated the Church and charity activities.

Structure, governance and management

OWRC registered with the Charity Commission in November 2009 and is governed by the Wesleyan Reference Deed of October 1898. This Deed is governable by the Wesleyan Reform Union (WRU) and the Church continues to be a member of the WRU with the OWRC accountable to the Union.

The Charity Trustees remain active and responsible for ensuring the Wesleyan Reform Chapel building is used in accordance with the requirements of the 'Reference Deed' and stated charitable objectives. Throughout the year the Trustees communicated both in person and via email but, since uniting, formal business meetings are only required infrequently. An annual meeting is held to approve accounts and the annual report. Other meetings are ad hoc as required.

The building premises are held in trust by a group of people, known as the "Building Trustees" who are custodians of the building for the benefit of the church. Since 1st January 2022 the members of the "Building Trustees" have been identical to the Charity Trustees.

Under the governing Deed the OWRC are required to provide the finances to maintain the premises and have power to alter or rebuild. However, the WRU have a restrictive call option on any sale and will receive the capital. Therefore, the charity trustees consider that they do not own the property, but hold it in trust.

On 21st January 2022 a formal lease agreement was completed between OWRC and OPC such that OPC had full use of the building to fulfil charitable purposes held in common. The rent paid includes payment of all running costs associated with the premises.

Objectives

The principal object as disclosed on the Charity Commission website is:

The trustees for the time being shall at all times permit the said premises and the chapel school or other buildings from time to time standing thereon to be used and occupied and enjoyed as a place for the public worship of God and for the instruction of children and adults under the direction of the society or church assembling for worship thereon in connection with the said denomination or connexion according to the principles constitution usages polity and rules from time to time of the said denomination and also for the promotion of such other religious, educational or charitable purposes as the said society or church shall from time to time direct.

This remains the principal object and is unchanged by the uniting of the congregation with OPC. The building will continue to be used for the above purposes, by OPC and the united congregation, under the lease agreement with OWRC.

Oughtibridge Wesleyan Reform Chapel
Trustees' Annual Report - continued
For the year ended 31 December 2024

Activities during the financial year

OWRC follows the Wesleyan Reform doctrines of the Christian faith and share them with the public by:

- Being a part of a church serving the people in the locality.
- Joining in regular Sunday services.
- Providing premises for and supporting groups giving instruction in the Christian faith to children, teenagers and adults.
- Supporting organisations and individuals working for the advancement of the Christian faith.

This is achieved through the activities managed and operated by OPC, with OWRC supporting all ministry activities and providing the premises through the lease. Sunday Services take place united with OPC. During 2024 each week, at the Chapel premises, there were meetings of youth and children's groups and adult prayer groups. Other fellowship groups and teaching Christian sessions took place monthly or occasionally. A Community Café serving and reaching out to the local community ran each Thursday at the Chapel premises.

A project to modernise the 'Chapel worship area' (aka Auditorium) began in April and was nearing completion by the end of the year. The cost of this work was majority funded by grants but will be supplemented with some OWRC reserves. During the period of modernising the Auditorium, worship and church services were curtailed in that room. However, the hall and other rooms remained in daily use.

In January 2024, following confirmation of full grant funding for modernising the Auditorium, the decision of the Trustees' meeting (03.12.2023 item 6) was actioned and a donation of £30,000 was made to 'The Langsett Trust' (Charity number 1190712).

Future plans

Modernisation work has been completed during the first quarter of 2025. Following modernisation, the Auditorium will be available not only for Church events, worship, marriages, funerals, and so forth, but the new layout and flexible seating will also enable youth and children's events to be held in the room. A full programme to maximise the use of this modernised space will be developed, thereby further delivering our principal objectives: the promotion of religious, educational or charitable purposes.

For the medium term, and most likely for the longer term too, the Churches will remain united in ministry and activity using the OWRC premises. OWRC's regular income is almost exclusively made up of the rent paid by OPC. The current lease expires in 2027, following which we anticipate new agreements being in place to secure the future of the building and the charitable purposes.

Reserves Policy

The unrestricted cash reserves at 31 December 2024 were £48,185. The intention of the trustees to keep a minimum a reserves level of approximately £10,000 to provide cash flow and working capital to allow for repair work before insurance payouts are received.

The Trustees' declare that they have approved the above report on 8 May 2025.

Signed on their behalf by:



Richard Hall
Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Oughtibridge Wesleyan Reform Chapel ("the Charity")

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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 Lightfoot

15 May 2025

Sarah Lightfoot, FCA DChA
Seven Hills Accountants Limited
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Sheffield
S6 2HH

Oughtibridge Wesleyan Reform Chapel
Receipts & payments account
For the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Receipts					
OPC rent and running costs reimbursement	4	6,484	-	6,484	5,228
Grant - Youth Investment Fund		-	72,961	72,961	-
Grant - Benefact Trust		-	-	-	3,250
Grant - Oughtibridge Gala		-	536	536	-
Donations		-	40	40	-
Donations for defibrillators' upkeep		-	26	26	18
Bank interest		903	15	918	1,094
Total receipts		7,387	73,578	80,965	9,590
Payments					
Circuit contributions		444	-	444	444
Utilities and wi-fi		4,836	-	4,836	3,233
Insurance and ground rent		2,252	-	2,252	1,723
Electric Infrastructure Upgrade		964	536	1,500	-
Auditorium Refurbishment		-	61,738	61,738	-
Printing, stationery and other administration costs		163	-	163	143
Accountancy & independent examination fee		-	-	-	477
Defibrillator costs		-	-	-	300
Gift to Langsett Trust		30,000	-	30,000	-
Total payments		38,659	62,274	100,933	6,320
Net receipts/(payments) for the year		(31,272)	11,304	(19,968)	3,270
Total funds brought forward		79,457	3,891	83,348	80,078
Total funds carried forward		48,185	15,195	63,380	83,348

Oughtibridge Wesleyan Reform Chapel
Statement of assets and liabilities
As at 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash assets		
Current account	51,178	7,064
Deposit account	12,202	76,284
Total	<u>63,380</u>	<u>83,348</u>

Assets retained for the charity's own use

The charity owns the following assets:

- Furniture
- Kitchen equipment & crockery
- Office & meetings equipment
- Sound system
- Musical instruments and accessories
- Building maintenance equipment

As noted in the trustees' report the land and buildings used by the Charity are excluded from the accounts as they are owned by the Church Building Trustees and are subject to the WRU reference deed 1898 which contains a restrictive call option. The charity insures the Chapel building for £1.96m.

Liabilities	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	fund	funds	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Accountancy & independent examination fee	741	-	741	-
Utilities - net balance due	140	-	140	-
	<u>881</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>881</u>	<u>-</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 8 May 2025.

Signed on their behalf by:



Richard Hall
Trustee

Oughtibridge Wesleyan Reform Chapel
Notes to the accounts
For the year ended 31 December 2024

1 Receipts & payments account

Receipts and payments accounts are statements that summarise the movement of cash into and out of the organisation during the financial year. In this context "cash" includes cash equivalents, for example, bank accounts where cash can be readily withdrawn to pay for debts as they become due.

2 Restricted funds

	Funds brought forward	Receipts £	Payments £	Funds carried forward £
Defibrillator fund	641	41	-	682
Chapel auditorim refurb - Benefact Trust	3,250	-	(2,393)	857
Chapel auditorim refurb - Youth Investment Func	-	72,961	(59,305)	13,656
Chapel auditorim refurb - donation	-	40	(40)	-
Electric Infrastructure Upgrade - Gala	-	536	(536)	-
	<u>3,891</u>	<u>73,578</u>	<u>(62,274)</u>	<u>15,195</u>

3 Trustees' expenses, remuneration and benefits

Trustees received no expenses (other than reimbursed expenses directly related to charitable activities), remuneration or benefits during the year.

4 Related Party Transactions including transactions with Oughtibridge Parish Church (OPC)

Spouses of two trustees were also trustees of OPC during the year. Various trustees held other voluntary positions of responsibility within OPC.

As detailed in the Trustees' report, OPC have the lease of the chapel building, and reimbursed running costs such as utilities etc. £6,484 was received from OPC during the year.

£30,000 was gifted to the Langsett Trust, of which the vicar of OPC is a trustee (and chair), towards the purchase of a house to be used for the accommodation of OPC's Associate Vicar.

There were no other related party transactions during the year.

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Legal and administrative information
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Oughtibridge Chapel

Trustees

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Matt Brook		
Joanne Brook		Resigned 1 January 2022
Richard Grayson		Resigned 1 January 2022
Richard Hall	Chair	
Angela Howard	Secretary	
Adrian Little		
Andrew Misiukanis		Appointed 1 January 2022
Christopher Nicholson		Appointed 1 January 2022
John Scarffe		Appointed 1 January 2022
Peter Shapland		Appointed 1 January 2022
Pam Smith		
Christopher Yeardley		Appointed 1 January 2022
Jennifer Yeardley		Resigned 1 January 2022

Non - trustee appointments

Felicity Hall Treasurer

Principal Address

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Independent Examiner (and accountants)

Sarah Lightfoot, FCA DChA
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Structure, governance and management

OWRC registered with the Charity Commission in November 2009 and is governed by the Wesleyan Reference Deed of October 1898. This Deed is governable by the Wesleyan Reform Union (WRU) and the Church continues to be a member of the WRU with the OWRC accountable to the Union.

The Charity Trustees remain active and responsible for ensuring the Wesleyan Reform Chapel building is used in accordance with the requirements of the 'Reference Deed' and stated charitable objectives. Throughout the year the Trustees communicated both in person and via email but, since uniting, formal business meetings are only required infrequently. An annual meeting is held to approve accounts and the annual report. Other meetings are ad hoc as required.

The building premises are held in trust by a group of people, known as the "Building Trustees" who are custodians of the building for the benefit of the church. Since 1st January 2022 the members of the "Building Trustees" have been identical to the Charity Trustees.

Under the governing Deed the OWRC are required to provide the finances to maintain the premises and have power to alter or rebuild. However, the WRU have a restrictive call option on any sale and will receive the capital. Therefore, the charity trustees consider that they do not own the property.

On 21 January 2022 a formal lease agreement was completed between OWRC and OPC such that OPC had full use of the building to fulfil charitable purposes held in common. The rent paid includes meeting all running costs associated with the premises.

Objectives

The principal object as disclosed on the Charity Commission website is:

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This remains the principal object and is unchanged by the uniting of the congregation with OPC. The building will continue to be used for the above purposes, by OPC, under the lease agreement with OWRC.

**Oughtibridge Wesleyan Reform Chapel
Trustees' annual report
For the year ended 31 December 2022**

Activities during the financial year

When planning our activities for the year, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance to charities for the advancement of religion. This is achieved through the activities managed and operated by OPC, with OWRC supporting all ministry activities and providing the premises through the lease.

In practice, OWRC follows the Wesleyan Reform doctrines of the Christian faith and share them with the public by:

- Being a part of a church serving the people in the locality.
- Joining in regular Sunday services.
- Providing premises for and supporting groups giving instruction in the Christian faith to children, teenagers and adults.
- Supporting organisations and individuals working for the advancement of the Christian faith.

Sunday Services take place united with OPC and the Chapel premises are used each Sunday as an overflow from the Parish Church. During 2022 weekly youth and children's groups met at the Chapel premises. A Community Café ran each Thursday at the Chapel.

Future plans

For the medium term, and most likely for the longer term too, the Churches will remain united in ministry and activity using the OWRC premises. OWRC's regular income is almost exclusively made up of the rent and costs reimbursed by OPC. The lease requires OPC to meet all running and general maintenance costs associated with the building and the running of Oughtibridge Chapel.

The future development of the building is under consideration. The intention is draw up proposals for improvements to the premises and existing funds, increased by previous and last year's bequests, would be used for this work. The current lease expires in 2027, following which we anticipate new agreements being in place to secure the future of the building and the charitable purposes.

Reserves Policy

The unrestricted cash reserves at 31 December 2022 were £79,167. The intention of the trustees to keep a minimum a reserves level of approximately £10,000 to provide cash flow and working capital to allow for repair work before insurance payouts are received. The remaining capital results from bequests (largely unspent) received in 2018 and 2022. The Trustees consider the correct use of this sum to be of the utmost importance and should reflect the likely wishes of the donors (though there is no specified purpose for the bequest). The intention is the money should be used for the benefit and improvement of the building and for the benefit of Christian believers who meet there or use its facilities. Expenditure will not exceed funds available.

The Trustees' declare that they have approved the above report on 10 May 2023 and are signed on their behalf by:

Name: R.P. Hall RICHARD HALL
Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Oughtibridge Wesleyan Reform Chapel ("the Charity")

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed:



Sarah Lightfoot, FCA DChA
Seven Hills Accountants Limited
57 Burton Street
Sheffield
S6 2HH

Date:

23 May 2023

Oughtibridge Wesleyan Reform Chapel
Receipts & payments account
For the year ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Receipts					
OPC rent and running costs reimbursement	4	3,697	-	3,697	-
Legacies received		21,272	-	21,272	6,159
Donations and gift aid for Burngreave Food Bank		-	748	748	691
Donations for defibrillators' upkeep		-	20	20	-
Bank interest		122	-	122	52
Non-regular donations		20	-	20	-
Regular donations		-	-	-	17,045
Gift aid received		-	-	-	7,141
Room Hire		-	-	-	1,526
Café		-	-	-	2,332
Other receipts - utilities and OPC refund		-	-	-	884
Total receipts		25,111	768	25,879	35,830
Payments					
Mission support		3,192	-	3,192	8,392
Circuit contributions		511	-	511	1,850
Utilities and wi-fi		2,607	-	2,607	2,237
Cleaner costs		30	-	30	1,234
Insurance and ground rent		976	-	976	1,758
Buildings and garden maintenance		132	-	132	1,038
Printing, stationery and other administration costs		240	-	240	401
Accountancy & independent examination fee		420	-	420	420
Defibrillator costs		-	60	60	48
Gifts to Burngreave Food Bank		-	100	100	691
Contribution to OPC for Burngreave Food Bank	4	-	648	648	-
Other membership contributions/subscriptions		-	-	-	110
Meeting costs		-	-	-	1,540
Café costs		-	-	-	2,100
Youth club and local mission		-	-	-	126
Contribution to OPC for Youth worker		-	-	-	4,500
Youth and children specific costs		-	-	-	20
Contribution to OPC's parish centre refurbishment		-	-	-	10,000
Transfer of Youth and children's fund to OPC		-	-	-	382
Transfer of cafe cash to OPC		-	-	-	98
Total payments		8,108	808	8,916	36,945
Net receipts/(payments) for the year		17,003	(40)	16,963	(1,115)
Total funds brought forward		62,164	951	63,115	64,230
Total funds carried forward		79,167	911	80,078	63,115

Oughtibridge Wesleyan Reform Chapel
Statement of assets and liabilities
As at 31 December 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Cash assets		
Current account	4,887	12,049
Deposit account	75,191	51,066
Total	<u><u>80,078</u></u>	<u><u>63,115</u></u>

Assets retained for the charity's own use

The charity owns the following assets:

- Furniture
- Kitchen equipment & crockery
- Office & meetings equipment
- Sound system
- Musical instruments and accessories
- Building maintenance equipment

As noted in the trustees' report the land and buildings used by the Charity are excluded from the accounts as they are owned by the Church Building Trustees and are subject to the WRU reference deed 1898 which contains a restrictive call option. The charity insures the Chapel building for £1.96m.

Liabilities	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Accountancy & independent examination fee	474	-	474	420
	<u>474</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>474</u>	<u>420</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 10 May 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Name: R.P. Hall. RICHARD HALL.
 Trustee

Oughtibridge Wesleyan Reform Chapel
Notes to the accounts
For the year ended 31 December 2022

1 Receipts & payments account

Receipts and payments accounts are statements that summarise the movement of cash into and out of the organisation during the financial year. In this context "cash" includes cash equivalents, for example, bank accounts where cash can be readily withdrawn to pay for debts as they become due.

2 Restricted funds

	Funds brought forward	Receipts £	Payments £	Funds carried forward £
Defibrillator fund	951	20	(60)	911
Burngreave Food Bank	-	748	(748)	-
	<u>951</u>	<u>768</u>	<u>(808)</u>	<u>911</u>

3 Trustees' expenses, remuneration and benefits

Trustees received no expenses (other than reimbursed expenses directly related to charitable activities), remuneration or benefits during the year.

4 Related Party Transactions including transactions with Oughtibridge Parish Church (OPC)

Jo Brook, the wife of the trustee Matt Brook, became a trustee of OPC during the year.

As detailed in the Trustees' report, activities took place in OPC during the year. OPC had the lease of the building, and reimbursed running costs such as utilities etc. £3,697 was received from OPC during the year.

£648 was paid to OPC to pass on to the Burngreave Food Bank, as part of a wider collection of funds for this organisation.

There were no other related party transactions during the year.

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Other names the charity is known by:

**OWRC
Oughtibridge Chapel**

Trustees

Ian Brearley	Appointed 1 January 2022
Matt Brook	
Joanne Brook	Resigned 1 January 2022
Richard Grayson	Resigned 1 January 2022
Richard Hall	
Angela Howard	
Adrian Little	
Andrew Misiukanis	Appointed 1 January 2022
Christopher Nicholson	Appointed 1 January 2022
John Scarffe	Appointed 1 January 2022
Peter Shapland	Appointed 1 January 2022
Pam Smith	
Christopher Yeardley	Appointed 1 January 2022
Jennifer Yeardley	Resigned 1 January 2022

Principal Address

**C/o 89 Cockshutts Lane
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Independent Examiner

**Sarah Lightfoot, FCA DChA
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**Oughtibridge Wesleyan Reform Chapel
Trustees' annual report
For the year ended 31 December 2021**

Oughtibridge Wesleyan Reform Chapel (OWRC) is a family church serving the people of Oughtibridge and the surrounding areas. The chapel premises are located close to the centre of the village, about five miles north-west of Sheffield city centre.

The church has been meeting in Oughtibridge for over 150 years and today's church has a mix of ages across all generations. What motivates us is a desire to experience and share the love God has for all people.

But 2021 has seen a major change with the congregation uniting with Oughtibridge Parish Church (OPC) – registered charity number 1196843 – for all aspects of church life including Sunday worship. This builds upon the working relationship with OPC which was reported in last year's Annual Report. Thus, the last quarter of 2021 has thus been a period of transition, with giving and worship costs being transferred to OPC from October 2021 onwards.

Structure, governance and management

OWRC registered with the Charity Commission in November 2009 and is governed by the Wesleyan Reference Deed of October 1898. This Deed is governable by the Wesleyan Reform Union (WRU) – as a member of the WRU the OWRC is also accountable to the Union. The Union has been kept fully informed of the uniting of our congregation with OPC and has supported the decision.

The Charity trustees are all members of the Leadership team and are accountable for the running of the Chapel's activities. They ensure the correct information is submitted to members at the Church meetings, which ensures such matters are ratified as required by the WRU. However, following the unification of all church activity the Trustees proposed the Charity Trustees should change from January 2022. This was supported by the whole church membership (see Minutes of Church meeting of 22 Nov 2021, item 7).

The Leadership team generally meet every 4-6 weeks, but less frequently during the pandemic. Church Meetings are held quarterly or more frequently if required, with the Annual General Meeting normally being held in April. Major events, decisions and plans are discussed at Church Meetings, which are minuted. Day to day activities are undertaken by the Leadership team and members of the Church.

During 2021 in addition to the usual quarterly church meetings, there were two Extraordinary Church Meetings to debate and ultimately decide upon the uniting of church activity and the congregation. There were also other informal meetings to discuss and inform church members of the unification proposals and allow the voicing of opinions and questions of clarification.

The premises used by OWRC for meetings and activities is governed by a separate group of people, known as the "Building Trustees" who are custodians and hold the building in trust for the church. The "Building Trustees" are:

Richard Hall *^
Norman Jackson (deceased early 2022)
Christopher Nicholson
John Scarffe ^
Peter Shapland ^
Christopher Yeardley
Ian Brearley
Matthew Brook *
Angela Howard *
Adrian Little *
Andrew Misiukanis
Pamela Smith *

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Those marked * were also charity trustees of 2021. Except for Norman Jackson, all the 'Building Trustees' have agreed to now serve as Trustees of the Charity from January 2022. Those marked ^ are the registered owners of the property title. This group of people remain members of the Wesleyan Reform Union and are the members of the Oughtibridge WR Church. Jenifer Yeardley, Richard Grayson and Joanne Brook stood down from the role of Charity Trustee in January 2022.

Under the governing Deed the OWRC are required to provide the finances to maintain the Building and have power to alter or rebuild. However, if the church was to demise, the WRU have a restrictive call option on any sale and will receive the capital. Therefore, the charity trustees consider that they do not own the property.

During 2021 the Building Trustees met to confirm decisions regarding the unification which affected the buildings. They decided OPC and the united congregation should have full use of the building, but this arrangement would be formalised by a commercial lease. This lease was agreed and came into force in February 2022.

Objectives and activities

The principal object as disclosed on the Charity Commission website is:

The trustees for the time being shall at all times permit the said premises and the chapel school or other buildings from time to time standing thereon to be used and occupied and enjoyed as a place for the public worship of God and for the instruction of children and adults under the direction of the society or church assembling for worship thereon in connection with the said denomination or connexion according to the principles constitution usages polity and rules from time to time of the said denomination and also for the promotion of such other religious, educational or charitable purposes as the said society or church shall from time to time direct.

This remains the principal object and is unchanged by the uniting of the congregation with OPC. The building will continue to be used for the above purposes, by OPC, under the lease agreement with OWRC.

In practice, OWRC follows the Wesleyan Reform doctrines of the Christian faith and share them with the public by:

- Being a family church serving the people in the locality;
- Holding regular Sunday services;
- provide instruction in the Christian faith;
- hold groups for children, teenagers and adults;
- provide support for organisations and individuals working for the advancement of the Christian faith;
- allow the premises to be hired by other organisations with compatible aims.

The activities are largely unchanged by the uniting of the congregation with OPC.

Activities during the financial year

When planning our activities for the year, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance to charities for the advancement of religion. This is achieved through the activities listed below.

However, during 2021, as in 2020, the coronavirus and associated government imposed restrictions have continued to significantly impact upon the activities of the charity. All activities have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic for at least part of the year, though many restrictions were lifted towards the end of 2021. The charity continued to ensure the activities and building remained 'COVID-safe'.

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Sunday Church Services: - Weekly Sunday morning services for public worship ran through the year. From January to March, due to pandemic restrictions, meetings were held online. But from Easter Sunday morning worship resumed in person. These services were 'hybrid' with people meeting in the building while others were able to join 'live' online. With the uniting of the congregations in October, subsequent Sunday morning worship took place in the Parish Church. However, some special services such as the Remembrance Day service, a baptism, and carol singing at Christmas continued to take place in the Chapel (rather than the hall) which remains in use for worship.

Youth and Children's Meetings: - As explained in last year's Annual Report, Youth and Children's work was already running in partnership with OPC. The Youth Club has been unable to run largely due to the challenges presented by the pandemic and keeping both the children and the volunteers safe. But a small group of teenagers did meet regularly for Christian fellowship and bible study. From Easter Sunday, and throughout the remainder of the year, morning meetings took place in the Oughtibridge Chapel building for those aged 3 to 12. These times provided age appropriate Christian teaching delivered by volunteers from both churches.

The weekly Parent and Baby Group ran weekly for the whole of 2021. Government restrictions permitted this group to meet while others still could not. It continued to be very popular offering an opportunity for new parents to give each other friendship encouragement and support during a time when so many felt isolated.

Bible Study & Small Groups Fellowship: - With lockdown all our Bible Study groups and small fellowship groups ceased to meet in person, neither in the building nor in homes. However, all the groups continued to meet virtually using Zoom. With the uniting of the two congregations the concept of small fellowship groups has been adopted across the whole enlarged fellowship. Most groups reformed, but with additional groups and changed membership.

Open Meetings and Support groups: - We have two regular groups meeting for friendship and fellowship which are open to anyone in the community: 'Forum' for men and 'Ladies of Leisure' for women. Initially both continued meeting online using Zoom, but by late summer both had resumed their usual programmes and were meeting in person.

Café and meals: - At the start of the year the Community Café remained closed due to Covid restrictions but continued making meals and delivering them once a week to older people in our community, who would normally attend a lunch club which had been suspended due to the pandemic. This service came to an end in August and the Breakfast Café reopened offering opportunity for friendship and contact for the socially isolated as well as food at excellent value. It quickly regained its popularity and has been running every Thursday morning except for a few weeks around Christmas when closure was considered prudent due to the wave of infections late in the year.

Outside Groups: - Prior to the pandemic, several community groups rented our premises for their events and meetings – Brownies, Rainbows, a Community Choir, toddler group, dance classes and so on. As the year progressed these groups and classes have returned until by the end of the year all but two had restarted. The community choir moved to larger premises, but the same leader has begun music and ukulele lessons. And again, we began offering our premises for birthday parties.

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Trustees' annual report (continued)
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Future plans

As explained above, after the uniting of the congregation with OPC there has been a major change in direction for the church and charity. Although all of the same activities and events are continuing, they are jointly organised and run so that Oughtibridge Chapel no longer functions as a separate fellowship. The Trustees and those who remain members of the Wesleyan Reform Union are fully engaged with the united church but remain responsible for the building and its correct use to fulfil the terms of the Deed and the charitable objectives of Oughtibridge Chapel.

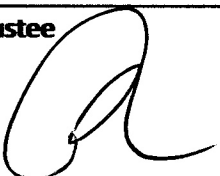
With the letting of a commercial lease the income of the charity is now almost entirely in the form of payments from the OPC Parochial Church Council, who administer the finances of Oughtibridge Parish Church. The lease requires OPC to meet all running and general maintenance costs associated with the building and the running of Oughtibridge Chapel.


The future development of the building and how it is managed in the long term will be considered in coming months and plans drawn up for long term future arrangements. The current lease expires after 5 years following which we anticipate new agreements being in place to secure the future of the building and the charitable purposes.

Reserves Policy

The unrestricted cash reserves at 31 December 2021 were £62,164. This balance consists of approximately £10,000 to fund future costs over the next 5 years not met or reimbursed by OPC, or to provide working capital to allow for repair work before insurance payouts are received. The remaining capital results from a bequest received in 2018, which is largely unspent. We have been notified further sums may arise from the settlement of a separate trust of a recently deceased member of the Church. The Trustees consider the correct use of the combined and considerable sum of money to be of the utmost importance and should reflect the likely wishes of the donors (though there is no specified purpose for the bequest). The intention is the money should be used for the benefit and improvement of the building and for the benefit of Christian believers who meet there or use its facilities. Initially it is the intention of the trustees to keep a minimum reserves level of approximately £10,000, but this will be revised over the coming 5 years as expenditure occurs.

The Trustees' declare that they have approved the above report on 11 Aug 2022 and are signed on their behalf by:

Name: Matt Book
Trustee


RICHARD HALL
Trustee


Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Oughtibridge Wesleyan Reform Chapel ("the Charity")

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1. accounting records were not kept as required by section 130 of the Act; or**
- 2. the accounts do not accord with those records.**

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.

Signed: S Lightfoot
Sarah Lightfoot, FCA DChA
Employee of:
VAS Community Accountancy
The Circle
33, Rockingham Lane
Sheffield
S1 4FW

Date: 26 August 2022

Oughtibridge Wesleyan Reform Chapel
Receipts & payments account
For the year ended 31 December 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Receipts					
Regular donations		17,045	-	17,045	20,950
Non-regular donations		-	-	-	1,219
Gift aid received		7,141	-	7,141	5,030
Legacies received		6,159	-	6,159	-
Room Hire		1,526	-	1,526	1,835
Youth club		-	-	-	76
Café		2,332	-	2,332	1,439
Donations and gift aid for Burngreave Food Bank		-	691	691	-
Donations and gift aid for Ituna Community Project		-	-	-	40
Donations for defibrillators' upkeep		-	-	-	29
Bank interest		51	1	52	683
Other receipts - utilities and OPC refund		884	-	884	286
Total receipts		35,138	692	35,830	31,587
Payments					
Meeting costs		1,540	-	1,540	1,020
Café costs		2,100	-	2,100	1,388
Youth club and local mission		126	-	126	4,143
Contribution to OPC for Youth worker	5	4,500	-	4,500	-
Youth and children specific costs		-	20	20	98
Mission support		8,392	-	8,392	14,976
Circuit contributions		1,850	-	1,850	1,920
Other membership contributions/subscriptions		110	-	110	110
Printing, stationery and other administration costs		401	-	401	417
Utilities and wi-fi		2,237	-	2,237	2,513
Cleaner costs		1,234	-	1,234	878
Insurance and ground rent		1,758	-	1,758	1,700
Buildings and garden maintenance		1,038	-	1,038	1,348
One-off building and equipment costs	5	-	-	-	17,671
Leadership team discretionary support		-	-	-	500
Accountancy & independent examination fee		420	-	420	480
Defibrillator costs		-	48	48	-
Gifts to Burngreave Food Bank		-	691	691	-
Gifts to Ituna Community Project		-	-	-	40
Contribution to OPC's parish centre refurbishment	5	10,000	-	10,000	-
Transfer of Youth and children's fund to OPC	5	-	382	382	-
Transfer of cafe cash to OPC	5	98	-	98	-
Total payments		35,804	1,141	36,945	49,202
Net receipts/(payments) for the year		(666)	(449)	(1,115)	(17,615)
Total funds brought forward		62,830	1,400	64,230	81,845
Total funds carried forward		62,164	951	63,115	64,230

Oughtibridge Wesleyan Reform Chapel
Statement of assets and liabilities
As at 31 December 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
Cash assets		
Current account	12,049	8,179
Deposit account	51,066	56,014
Cash in hand	-	37
Total	<u>63,115</u>	<u>64,230</u>

Monetary assets due	Unrestricted fund	Restricted funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
Gift aid due on gifts to 31 December	-	-	-	2,445
Legacies - residual balances due - unknown				
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,445</u>

Assets retained for the charity's own use


The charity owns the following assets, and are insured up to a value of £200,000 for contents:


- Furniture
- Kitchen equipment & crockery
- Office & meetings equipment
- Sound system
- Musical instruments and accessories
- Building maintenance equipment

As noted in the trustees' report the land and buildings used by the Charity are excluded from the accounts as they are owned by the Church Building Trustees and are subject to the WRU reference deed 1898 which contains a restrictive call option. The charity insures the Chapel building for £1.74m.

Liabilities	Unrestricted fund	Restricted funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
Accountancy & independent examination fee	420	-	420	420
	<u>420</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>420</u>	<u>420</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 11 Aug 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

Name: Matt Brook
 Trustee 

RICHARD HALL
 Trustee 

Oughtibridge Wesleyan Reform Chapel

Notes to the accounts

For the year ended 31 December 2021

1 Receipts & payments account

Receipts and payments accounts are statements that summarise the movement of cash into and out of the organisation during the financial year. In this context "cash" includes cash equivalents, for example, bank accounts where cash can be readily withdrawn to pay for debts as they become due.

2 Restricted funds

	Funds brought forward	Receipts £	Payments £	Funds carried forward £
Youth and Children	402	-	(402)	-
Defibrillator fund	998	1	(48)	951
Burngreave Food Bank	-	691	(691)	-
	<u>1,400</u>	<u>692</u>	<u>(1,141)</u>	<u>951</u>

3 Trustees' expenses, remuneration and benefits

Trustees received no expenses (other than reimbursed expenses directly related to charitable activities), remuneration or benefits during the year.

4 Related Party Transactions

As noted in the Trustees' annual report several of the charity trustees (or their spouses) were also "Building trustees".

In common with other members, Trustees have free room hire for parties and occasional use.

Those who were trustees during the year (and their close family) made unconditional regular donations of £5,340.

There were no other related party transactions during the year.

5 Transfers to Oughtibridge Parish Church (OPC)

As detailed in the Trustees' report, activities were moved to OPC towards the end of the year. Various transfers were made for activities that will continue within OPC.

£4,500 was paid as a donation to OPC to help support the shared services of their youth worker during the year.

£10,000 contribution was made towards the OPC Parish hall refurbishment project, which fulfils the charitable objects "for the promotion of such other religious ... purposes as the church shall from time to time direct."

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Accounts

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**Oughtibridge Wesleyan Reform Chapel
Legal and administrative information
For the year ended 31 December 2020**

Other names the charity is known by:

OWRC
Oughtibridge Chapel

Trustees

Matt Brook
Jo Brook
Richard Grayson
Richard Hall
Angela Howard
Adrian Little
Pam Smith
Jennifer Yeardley

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Independent Examiner

Sarah Lightfoot, FCA DChA
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Oughtibridge Wesleyan Reform Chapel Trustees' annual report For the year ended 31 December 2020

Oughtibridge Wesleyan Reform Chapel (OWRC) is a family church serving the people of Oughtibridge and the surrounding areas. The chapel premises are located close to the centre of the village, about five miles north-west of Sheffield city centre.

The church has been meeting in Oughtibridge for over 150 years and today's church has a mix of ages across all generations. What motivates us is a desire to experience and share the love God has for all people.

Structure, governance and management

OWRC registered with the Charity Commission in November 2009 and is governed by the Wesleyan Reference Deed of October 1898. This Deed is governable by the Wesleyan Reform Union (WRU) – as a member of the WRU the OWRC is also accountable to the Union.

The Charity trustees are all members of the Leadership team and are accountable for the running of the Chapel's activities. They ensure the correct information is submitted to members at the Church meetings, which ensures such matters are ratified as required by the WRU.

The Leadership team meet every 4-6 weeks. Church Meetings are held quarterly or more frequently if required, with the Annual General Meeting normally being held in April. Major events, decisions and plans are discussed at Church Meetings, which are minuted. The membership of the Leadership team is reviewed every three years at the Annual Church Meeting. The last review, and changes in membership, took place in April 2018.

Day to day activities are undertaken by the Leadership team and members of the Chapel.

The Building that OWRC meet in is governed by a separate group of people, known as the "Building Trustees" who are custodians and hold the building in trust for the church. The "Building Trustees" are:

Richard Hall *^
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Those marked * are also charity trustees. Those marked ^ are the registered owners of the property title.

Under the governing Deed the OWRC are required to provide the finances to maintain the Building and have power to alter or rebuild. However, if the church was to demise, the WRU have a restrictive call option on any sale and will receive the capital. Therefore, the charity trustees consider that they do not own the property.

In practice the Building trustees do not meet and decisions regarding the buildings are made by the charity trustees and all costs are met by the charity.

Oughtibridge Wesleyan Reform Chapel Trustees' annual report (continued) For the year ended 31 December 2020

Objectives and activities

The principal object as disclosed on the Charity Commission website is:

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In practice, OWRC follows the Wesleyan Reform doctrines of the Christian faith and share them with the public by:

- Being a family church serving the people in the locality;
- Holding regular Sunday services;
- provide instruction in the Christian faith;
- hold groups for children, teenagers and adults;
- provide support for organisations and individuals working for the advancement of the Christian faith;
- allow the premises to be hired by other organisations with compatible aims.

Activities during the financial year

When planning our activities for the year, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance to charities for the advancement of religion. This is achieved through the activities listed below.

However, in March 2020 the coronavirus significantly impacted the UK and the government imposed many restrictions on the nation to try to minimise the spread of the virus. All activities have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, some cancelled, some new ones, and several adapted or changed to meet the prevailing circumstances and regulations. Below each area of activity is reviewed and the necessary changes during the year explained.

Making the Building COVID safe: - As the first lockdown eased steps were taken to make the building 'Covid safe'. Risk assessments were completed and appropriate steps taken to ensure safe use of the building. Notices, QR code and 'free' face masks were made available. We have had additional costs for extra cleaning materials and hand sanitisers, and these additional costs will continue for the foreseeable future.

Sunday Church Services: - Weekly Sunday morning services for public worship ran as usual until March and the first lockdown. These restrictions meant that we closed the church building from 22nd March and stopped all face to face church activities. Initially we were not in a position to hold our own 'online' services. The congregation was directed towards watching services from Christ Church Fulwood, a large Sheffield church with similar beliefs, theology and purposes to our own. For some weeks the fellowship enjoyed and benefited from these services particularly as all of us were thus following the same meetings and sermons. In September 2020 we started holding our own services again, using 'Zoom', to enable the fellowship to virtually gather together, hear God's word, pray to Him and share together. We have used breakout rooms to enable a virtual after-service coffee time, which is appreciated by all. For a few weeks in the late autumn, while regulations allowed, we held the services 'in person' at the church building for a small socially distanced congregation while simultaneously streaming it using 'Zoom'. During December, when we were allowed, we ran 'in person' services including three carol services and a Christmas morning service, all shared over Zoom for those who wished to join virtually.

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Earlier in the year, in July, before in person services were permitted to restart, the government allowed places of worship to open for individual prayer. We decided to do this once a week on Sunday and although not many people came, those who did appreciated being able to come.

Youth Club, Youth and Children's Meetings: - During January to March we ran our Friday night Youth Club for teenagers in the local area, running every week during term time. This ran in partnership with Forge Youth, who were paid to provide a youth worker for the evenings. On average we had around 20 young people attend each week. With lockdown the meetings stopped, and we did not hold another youth club in the building during 2020. Between March and July we ran weekly mid week bible studies, to replace our Sunday Morning Youth Groups with the teenage children.

In September, Oughtibridge Parish Church (OPC) started employing a Family and Youth worker. As a church we are very excited by this and have sought to build relationships with OPC and seek to work together to build God's Kingdom. This resulted in an agreement to run all of our youth and children's work together in partnership. The contract with Forge Youth has been terminated and the local youth worker will take on this role for the Youth Club. Since September (when government restrictions have allowed), the Sunday morning youth and children's work has been taking place jointly, with leaders and children from both churches meeting in Oughtibridge Chapel building. We are also jointly running an online mid-week youth bible study group and will run the youth club together once restrictions allow us to restart it.

Bible Study & Small Groups Fellowship: - With lockdown all our Bible Study groups and small fellowship groups ceased to meet in person, neither in the building nor in homes. However, we opened two accounts with 'Zoom', to facilitate not just Sunday services, but also to enable our small groups to meet for bible study and fellowship. From the summer these accounts have been very well used and people have really appreciated being able to meet, albeit virtually. By the autumn every group had restarted with online meetings.

Open Meetings and Support groups: - We have two regular groups meeting for friendship and fellowship which are open to anyone in the community: 'Forum' for men and 'Ladies of Leisure' for women. Initially with lockdown both were suspended, but by late summer both had resumed their usual programmes and were meeting online using Zoom. Starting in November, while restrictions allowed, we also started to run a Parent and Baby Support Group, once again in partnership with OPC. The government restrictions limited attendance at this to 15 parents and it has been fully booked every week since it started!

A WhatsApp group was created to enable church members and other contacts to keep connected with one another, to share spiritual encouragements and practical support. This has been well used and appreciated.

Café and meals: - At the start of the year the Community Café continued to be very popular and well attended, running every Thursday morning. But in March it was closed and has not re-opened as a café. However, during December we started making meals and delivering them once a week to older people in our community, who would normally attend a lunch club which has been suspended due to the pandemic. This appears to have been much appreciated by those who receive them and the provision of meals has now extended beyond the Lunch Club members to other older people. We intend the Café to restart once regulations make it possible.

Work in Schools: - Until lockdown in March, we continued with 'Discoverers' group in the local primary school – a lunchtime class for education about the Bible and Christian faith. We also presented 'Open the Book' assemblies based on materials supplied by the Bible Society and nationally recognised. With schools closed this work stopped. Although 'Discoverers' and in person assemblies have not taken place since March, we did prepare some videos of Bible Stories for use in school assemblies. These were welcomed by the school. Both these activities will restart when restrictions are lifted.

Oughtibridge Wesleyan Reform Chapel Trustees' annual report (continued) For the year ended 31 December 2020

Local Support during the Pandemic: - A local group was formed to support our community during the pandemic, named Helping Oughtibridge, Worrall and Wharnccliffe Locals (HOWWL). One of the things HOWWL organised was a local food bank, we offered our building to be used as the storage and distribution hub for this. Some of our members have been very involved in the organisation and running of this initiative.

Outside Groups: - Normally several community groups rent our premises for their events and meetings – Brownies, Rainbows, a Community Choir, dance classes and so on. In March all these stopped meeting and to date none have restarted. This has affected our income with little rent coming in. However, the local nursery and after school club (Coumes Spring Children's Centre) required additional space in order to create 'bubbles' for the afterschool club. So, during the autumn they rented our hall. This need declined after October half term.

Alterations to Kitchen and Toilets: - In February we completed improvements to our kitchen to accommodate the increased use by the Café. These improvements included an extra sink for washing up, extra storage space, a new larger oven, a dishwasher and a handwashing sink. In the summer, after the easing of the first lockdown, we took the opportunity to renovate our toilets with improved access to three separate cubicles.

Future plans

During 2021 we plan to continue serving our fellowship and community as best we can during the Coronavirus Pandemic. We will restart 'in person' activities and services as restrictions allow. We will restart running the Youth Club with OPC, rather than with Forge Youth.

Reserves Policy

The trustees aim to keep £4,500 as working capital and an additional £1,500 in reserve for unforeseen building maintenance or other unforeseen expenditure. This is reviewed annually as we prepare the following year's budget. The unrestricted cash reserves at 31 December 2020 were £62,830. In addition there were unrestricted debtors of £2,445 and liabilities of £420.

The unrestricted reserves are very high due to the legacy received in 2018. At present there is no confirmed plan as how best to use this legacy for the benefit of the church or to further the charitable aims, we are exploring the best option for its use.

Statement Regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic

Finally, it is important to note that, at the date of this report, the UK is experiencing a period of social distancing and self-isolation in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which is having a profound effect on the practical functioning of the charity. Services and other meetings are suspended, and the trustees are striving to make sure the church members remain connected by other means and supported as practically as possible.


The trustees will monitor the financial situation closely, with clear expectation that the economic impact of the pandemic will be far-reaching. But overall, the assessment of the Charity's financial resilience is positive and the trustees are satisfied of the church's ability to continue as a going concern. In setting a budget some specific changes to income and costs have been taken into account, while at the same time assuming activities will largely return to normal in autumn 2021.


**Oughtibridge Wesleyan Reform Chapel
Trustees' annual report (continued)
For the year ended 31 December 2020**

Income: OWRC receives the majority of its income from regular monthly donations (and associated gift aid) and has large reserves due to the 2018 legacy which can be utilised for the general funds if required. There has been a reduction in collections at services, but this impact is quite limited. More significantly, there continues to be very little rental income from room hire. These changes to income have been reflected in the budget set for 2021.

Expenditure: As a result of much reduced usage of the building, costs for heating, lighting and cleaning have reduced. There has also been a drop in costs associated with some one-off and special events. These reductions in cost help to offset the drop in income and are again reflected in the budget. There are comparatively small increases in costs for 'Zoom' accounts and additional cleaning materials.

The Trustees' declare that they have approved the above report on 26 March '21 and are signed on their behalf by:

Name: Matt Brook
Trustee


Joanne Brook
Trustee


Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Oughtibridge Wesleyan Reform Chapel ("the Charity")

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed: S Lightfoot
Sarah Lightfoot, FCA DChA
On behalf of:
VAS Community Accountancy
The Circle
33, Rockingham Lane
Sheffield
S1 4FW

Date: 29 March 2021

Oughtibridge Wesleyan Reform Chapel
Receipts & payments account
For the year ended 31 December 2020

Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Receipts				
Regular donations	20,950	-	20,950	20,280
Non-regular donations	1,219	-	1,219	1,809
Gift aid received	5,030	-	5,030	5,441
Room Hire	1,835	-	1,835	5,572
Youth club	76	-	76	498
Café	1,439	-	1,439	5,067
Gala grant for Youth Club	-	-	-	450
J G Graves grant for kitchen	-	-	-	2,000
Donations and gift aid for Ituna Community Project	-	40	40	548
Donations for defibrillators' upkeep	-	29	29	961
Bank interest	675	8	683	18
Other receipts - utilities refund	286	-	286	-
Total receipts	31,510	77	31,587	42,644
Payments				
Meeting costs	1,020	-	1,020	1,507
Café costs	1,388	-	1,388	4,103
Youth club and local mission	3,693	450	4,143	4,766
Youth club equipment (Gala grant)	-	-	-	420
Youth club costs	-	-	-	20
Youth and children specific costs	-	98	98	56
Mission support	14,976	-	14,976	14,976
Circuit contributions	1,920	-	1,920	2,023
Other membership contributions/subscriptions	110	-	110	110
Printing, stationery and other administration costs	417	-	417	1,050
Utilities and wi-fi	2,513	-	2,513	2,782
Cleaner costs	878	-	878	2,095
Insurance and ground rent	1,700	-	1,700	1,658
Buildings and garden maintenance	1,348	-	1,348	1,720
One-off building and equipment costs	15,671	2,000	17,671	3,181
Leadership team discretionary support	500	-	500	-
Accountancy & independent examination fee	480	-	480	-
Gifts to Ituna Community Project	-	40	40	608
Total payments	46,614	2,588	49,202	41,075
Net receipts/(payments) for the year	(15,104)	(2,511)	(17,615)	1,569
Total funds brought forward	77,934	3,911	81,845	80,276
Total funds carried forward	62,830	1,400	64,230	81,845

Oughtibridge Wesleyan Reform Chapel
Statement of assets and liabilities
As at 31 December 2020

	2020	2019
	£	£
Cash assets		
Current account	8,179	22,839
Deposit account	56,014	58,797
Cash in hand	37	209

Total	<u>64,230</u>	<u>81,845</u>
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Monetary assets due	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	fund	funds	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£
Gift aid due on gifts to 31 December	2,445	-	2,445	3,551
	<u>2,445</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,445</u>	<u>3,551</u>

Assets retained for the charity's own use


The charity owns the following assets, and are insured up to a value of £200,000 for contents:

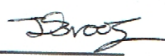
- Furniture
- Kitchen equipment & crockery
- Office & meetings equipment
- Sound system
- Musical instruments and accessories
- Building maintenance equipment

As noted in the trustees' report the land and buildings used by the Charity are excluded from the accounts as they are owned by the Church Building Trustees and are subject to the WRU reference deed 1898 which contains a restrictive call option. The charity insures the Chapel building for £1.51m.

Liabilities	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	fund	funds	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£
Accountancy & independent examination fee	420	-	420	480
Youth club and local mission	-	-	-	2,262
One-off building and equipment costs	-	-	-	3,705
	<u>420</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>420</u>	<u>6,447</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 26/12/21 and signed on their behalf by:

Name: Matt Brook 
 Trustee

Joanne Brook 
 Trustee

Oughtibridge Wesleyan Reform Chapel
Notes to the accounts
For the year ended 31 December 2020

1 Receipts & payments account

Receipts and payments accounts are statements that summarise the movement of cash into and out of the organisation during the financial year. In this context "cash" includes cash equivalents, for example, bank accounts where cash can be readily withdrawn to pay for debts as they become due.

2 Restricted funds

	Funds brought forward	Receipts £	Payments £	Funds carried forward £
Youth and Children	500	-	(98)	402
Gala grant for youth club	450	-	(450)	-
Kitchen refurbishment	2,000	-	(2,000)	-
Ituna Community Project	-	40	(40)	-
Defibrillator fund	961	37	-	998
	<u>3,911</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>(2,588)</u>	<u>1,400</u>

3 Trustees' expenses, remuneration and benefits

Trustees received no expenses (other than reimbursed expenses directly related to charitable activities), remuneration or benefits during the year.

4 Related Party Transactions

As noted in the Trustees' annual report several of the charity trustees (or their spouses) were also "Building trustees".

The trustee Adrian Little and his wife were trustees of Ituna Community Project during the year. Mission support of £3,192 was paid to the Project in the year (2019: £3,192). The conflicted trustees did not take part in the decision making for the allocation of this mission support. £000 was also passed on to the project from specific donations received for them.

In common with other members, Trustees have free room hire for parties and occasional use.

Trustees and their spouses made unconditional regular donations of £6,990 during the year.

There were no other related party transactions during the year.