

Registered Charity Number: 1132720

Oughtibridge Wesleyan Reform Chapel
Annual Report and Unaudited Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2022

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Legal and administrative information
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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

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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Trustees' annual report
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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 last year's agreement to unite the congregation with Oughtibridge Parish Church (OPC) – registered charity number 1196843 – OWRC members are fully integrated into a single ministry including all aspects of church life and activity. This change has proved 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.

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:

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.

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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	80,078	63,115

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
	474	-	474	420

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

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

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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)	-
	951	768	(808)	911

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.