

SOUTH HOLDERNESS METHODIST CIRCUIT

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

Registered Charity No. 1132978

Circuit Number 29/32

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

Staffing 2024-2025

Staffing	Revd. Deborah Lucas	Circuit Superintendent Minister
	Revd. Ian Greenfield	
Lay Employees	Mr Steven Clayton	Local Lay Pastor
	Mrs Nichola Seager	Children and Families Worker
	Mr Mark Zubrzycki	Children and Families Worker
	Mrs Vivienne Wilkes	Circuit Administrator and Safeguarding Officer
Circuit Stewards	Mrs Susan Overvoorde	Senior Circuit Steward
	Miss Hannah Edgar	
	Mrs Margaret Parker	
	Mr Phillip Langdale	Circuit Treasurer

Names and Addresses of Advisers

Main Communication Address

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Bank

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Independent Examiner

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Circuit Treasurer

Phillip Langdale, 20 Barra Close, Hull, HU8 9JB

Legal

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Estate Agent

Haller Evans, 1 Parliament Street, Hull, HU1 2AR

Description Of Charities Trusts

Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)

Constitution

Appointed by local churches and existing trustees; Ministers are automatically trustees. The day-to-day management of the Circuit is undertaken by the Circuit stewards supported by the Circuit Leadership team.

Additional Governance Issues

The Circuit works according to the Constitution, Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church.

Induction/Training

A range of guidance is produced by Methodist Connexion and provided annually to trustees. The leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church' has been given to each trustee. All trustees who are required have undertaken creating safer spaces foundation safeguarding training.

Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from creation in God's own image and likeness. Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles;

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

The South Holderness Methodist Circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of connexional safeguarding policy, government legislation, by providing guidance and oversight of safe practice in the Circuit and in its churches. It is committed to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure they are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and adults who may be vulnerable.

Structure

The South Holderness Methodist Circuit is part of the Yorkshire North and East District and is accountable to the Methodist Conference.

Summary from the Risk Assessment

We have identified the main areas of risk to the Charity and identified control measures to those risks placing them into categories of low, medium and high. Under the retained risk categories we are monitoring the low risk, we have identified control measures to mitigate the effects of the medium risks and continue to strive to address the high risks where possible.

Summary Of the Objectives of the charity set out in its governing documents;

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

1. The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of the Methodist Church.
2. Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, Local or other organisation of the Methodist church.
3. Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.
4. Any purpose for the time being of any charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.

Summary of the main activities for the public benefit in relation to these objectives;

1. The trustees have had access to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.
2. The Circuit exists to help the Churches in the Circuit to have an increased awareness of God's presence and celebrate God's love, help people to learn and grow as Christians through mutual support and care, be good neighbours to people in need and challenge injustice.
3. The Circuit produces a quarterly preaching plan to ensure regular acts of worship take place at each of the 7 Methodist Churches in its geographical area. The churches are open to all.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year 2024 – 2025

At the beginning of the year, the Circuit entered into stationing for a new Minister as the current Superintendent Minister looked to move out of Circuit by the end of the Connexional year (31st August 2025).

The new structure implemented in 2023 – 2024 continued to work well; Revd. Ian Greenfield taking pastoral charge of Elsternwick, Hedon, Patrington, Preston and Withernsea Methodist Churches. Portobello pastoral charge of the Superintendent Minister and Local Lay Pastor and incorporated into the urban section of the Circuit. This move aimed to encourage greater cooperation and sharing of ministry with Kingston Wesley and Holderness Road along the Holderness Road corridor. This was seen during the 2024 – 2025 year.

The manse on Holderness Road which had previously been a rented out was sold to the tenants providing funds to the Circuit for missional work.

The Circuit Administrator became established in her role across the breadth of the Circuit and her hours were increased from 8 to 12 allowing her to take on the role of Circuit Safeguarding officer.

The sale of Keyingham Methodist Church was ongoing throughout the year with an anticipated completing in late 2025.

Preston Methodist Chapel ceased to worship in June 2025 with the property being placed on the market.

The financial position of the Circuit and individual churches remained under scrutiny.

Funds were raised for Christian Aid, Send A Child To School, World Mission, Martin House Hospice and other local causes.

The net zero project at Withernsea Methodist Church continued to gain momentum with grants being secured and funds raised by the church community. There were plans to improve the carbon footprint explored in other churches.

The production of a third Circuit musical with one of its stated aims to bring people together from different parts of the Circuit, proved to be successful in encouraging closer links as well as presenting the Gospel.

Alongside regular Sunday worship, the online WOW (Worship on Wednesday), midweek prayer and bible study groups have continued to nurture faith and discipleship and encourage digital engagement.

Some of the larger churches have continued to grow successful Warm Welcome/Warm Space communities and engage in other community outreach activities, including a digital hub, Re:Uniform in Hull and Withernsea, work with homeless people, witness in the community around Christmas and Easter, and amongst families on deprived estates in Bransholme and Bilton Grange.

Ecumenical links through Churches Together groups have strengthened, and significant shared worship occasions have continued throughout the year.

Reserves Policy for South Holderness Methodist Circuit

This document includes all funds held by the Circuit meeting as charity trustees. The reserves policy relates to the general (unrestricted) funds which are freely available to be used for any or all of the purposes of the Circuit and restricted funds which are designated for the specific projects as shown in the report. These are included for clarity and transparency to show that the Circuit has a policy for the management of all its funds.

Aims

1. To secure and sustain the Circuits viability and future
2. To give reassurance to the general public that the Circuit, which is a charity, intends to use all the money coming into its care for the purposes of the charity and its mission.

Step Process

1. Mission Policy

The Circuits Mission Policy provides for;

- a. The Ministerial oversight and pastoral care of the 10 local churches in the Circuit
- b. The support of the ministry team of Ordained and lay staff
- c. The maintenance of the Circuit manses

2. Financial Plan

The Circuit assessment is reviewed annually and covers the costs of a. and b. above and is based on offers from each church towards a share in the total cost. We make provision for our property maintenance programme by setting aside a manses expenditure budget each year for all manse expenses including water, council tax, alarm, gas and electrical maintenance.

Under standing orders the Circuit must meet its financial obligations in relation to the support of its Ministers and the maintenance of the manses.

3. Going Concern

Based on the monetary assets and human resources available at 31 August 2025 the trustees believe that the Circuit is a going concern.

Revd. L Newton

23/03/2026

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2025

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestri cted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestri cted) £	Designat ed Funds (unrestri cted) £	Restrict ed Funds £	Endowm ent Funds £	Total 2024-25 £
Income							
1 Donations and legacies		0					0
2 Income from monetary investments		10,661					10,661
3 Income from investment properties		-					0
4 Assessments on Churches		167,143					167,143
5 Capital Receipts							0
6 Grants received		7,700					7,700
7 Other charitable income		14,979					14,979
8 Total income		200,483	-	-	-	-	200,483
Expenditure							
9 Grants and donations							0
10 Salaries and associated costs		170,012					170,012
11 Property maintenance		15,555					15,555
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy							0
13 District Assessment & Levy		51,658					51,658
14 Depreciation							0
15 Office expenses							0
16 Other outgoings		26,135					26,135
17 Total charitable expenditure		263,360	0	0	0	0	263,360
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments							0
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties		-					
20 Net income/(expenditure)		-62,877	0	0	0	0	-62,877
21 Transfers between funds							0
22 Other gains/(losses)		-					0
23 Net movement in funds		-62,877	0	0	0	0	-62,877
24 Total funds brought forward							0
25 Total funds carried forward		- 62,877	-	-	-	-	- 62,877

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2025

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Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2024/25 £	Totals 2022/24 £
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Fixed Assets

Circuit Manses & Equipment	2,328,489					2,328,489	2,340,729	R
Investment properties	0					0		R
Investments	2,100					2,100	2,096	
Total fixed assets	2,330,589	0	0	0	0	2,330,589	2,342,825	

Current Assets

Debtors	7,197					7,197	7,104	S
Loans by the Circuit						0		
Investments with TMCP	50,288					50,288	148,852	
Central Finance Board Deposits	163,630					163,630	137,116	T
Cash at Bank and in hand	18,353					18,353	9,103	
Total current assets	239,468	0	0	0	0	239,468	302,175	

Current liabilities

Creditors (due in under 1 year)	45,842					45,842	45,668	U
Grants payable within 2022-23						0	0	V
Total current liabilities	45,842	0	0	0	0	45,842	45,668	
Net current assets/liabilities	193,626	0	0	0	0	193,626	256,507	

Total assets less current liabilities	2,524,215	0	0	0	0	2,524,215	2,599,332	
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Long term liabilities

(due after more than one year)								
Grants payable after 2022-23	0					0	0	V
Loans to the Circuit						0		
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Net assets	2,524,215	0	0	0	0	2,524,215	2,599,332	W

Funds of the Circuit

General Fund (Unrestricted)	2,524,215					2,524,215	2,599,332	
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)		0				0	0	W
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)			0			0		
Total Unrestricted Funds						2,524,215	2,599,332	
Restricted Funds				0		0		
Endowment Funds					0	0		
Total Funds	2,524,215	0	0	0	0	2,524,215	2,599,332	


Signed

Circuit Treasurer

Name of Circuit SOUTH HOLDERNESS No.....29/32

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2025 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.


Signature of treasurer  Date..... 21.01.25

Name and address of treasurer Philip Langdale

20 Barra Close, Hull HU8 9JB

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 were/will be* presented to the Circuit meeting held on 18th MARCH 2026

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting LESLIE NEWTON Date 18/3/26

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

South Holderness Methodist Circuit

Charity Number .. 1132978

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the .. South Holderness Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2025 set out on pages 1. to 2. As the Circuit's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

* delete or circle as appropriate

Independent Examiner's Statement

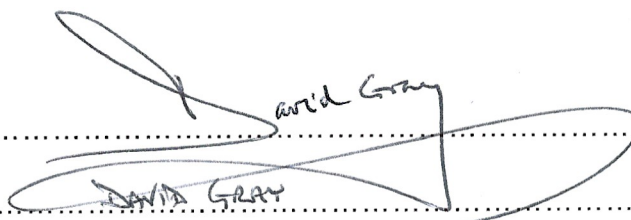
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- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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.

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

Signature of independent examiner



Name of independent examiner

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

DAVID GRAY

Name of firm (where appropriate)

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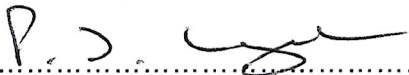
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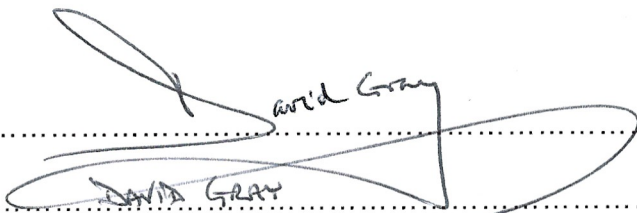
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