RIPON AND LOWER DALES CIRCUIT

England & Wales · Charity number 1133792

Details

Other names	RIPON METHODIST CIRCUIT
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2010-01-27
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	Ripon & Lower Dales Circuit Office Allhallowgate Methodist Church Victoria Grove Ripon HG4 1LG
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Website	www.riponlowerdalesmethodists.org.uk

Activities

Objects: The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of union the advancement of -(a) the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church;(b) any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, district, circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church;(c) any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsiduary or ancillary to the Methodist Church;(d) any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.

Activities: Promotion of the Christian faith through worship, teaching and service. We have 21 church communities based around the area of Ripon, Boroughbridge, bedale and Masham in the county of North Yorkshire. As well as worship we offer pastoral care and service to our communities.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

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Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL
- North Yorkshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£296,676	£399,333	-	-
2023-08-31	£638,520	£511,212	£733,490	2
2022-08-31	£252,350	£316,821	-	-
2021-08-31	£792,467	£507,056	£1,814,433	6
2020-08-31	£234,030	£304,983	-	-

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Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Gareth Baron	Chair	2019-09-01
ALAN DAVIS		
AMANDA JANE MILNER		2021-09-01
ANGELA ARCHBOLD		2017-09-01
Andrea Scott		2020-09-01
Brian Davies		2018-09-01
Brian Fothergill		2014-09-01
CLARE DALTON		2017-09-01
Catherine Clowes		2020-09-01
David Arundell		2018-09-01
Diane Ashby		2022-01-20
Elizabeth Elvy		2018-09-01
GEOFF LOBLEY		
Hazel Jean Stelling		2018-09-01
Helen Ruth Verity		2014-09-01
JANET MARGARET WATSON		
JOHN ENSOLL		
JOHN WILKINSON DUCK		
JOY ABEL		
JOYCE SPENSLEY		
JULIE OLIVE SMITH		
Jan Goodall		2014-09-01
Joan Fothergill		2014-09-01
KATHLEEN LOWRIE		
Karen Emms		2015-06-01
LISTER BAYNES		1998-01-01
Mark Greensit		2014-09-01

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Pamela Stansfield		2000-07-07
Pauline Broadwith		2018-09-01
Pauline Staton		2016-09-01
Philippa Cowie		2018-09-01
ROBERT ERIC GREENSIT		
ROBIN GEORGE JENNINGS		
ROGER TAYLOR		
RUTH CHRISTINE THOMAS		
Richard Emms		2018-09-01
SHARON FIONA HOLMES		
SIMON ABEL		2012-11-06
Stephen Wild		2022-03-30
Timothy Abel		2014-09-01

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Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.
Provision of chaplaincy services to the local community including National Trust and Police and other institutions.

Public Benefit

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and Performance

Review of year

As a Circuit, we planned for 2023/2024 to continue our prayers and support for the work of Missional Ministries. We wished to continue educating ourselves about and discover how we can offer our support to the many charities and causes.

In terms of engagement in our local communities, we have seen an enthusiasm for how we as the local church find new ways to engage with those around us, which has included looking at ways to maintain and develop our buildings and facilities for further outreach.

West Tanfield has asked for permission to cease worship due to a decline in congregation and the growing costs of the building maintenance. As a circuit we are supporting the members during this difficult time and were pleased to see them finding new places to worship together.

The circuit hosted an away day with the aim for us to look at our future and what our mission is. There was opportunity for us to find out about the Bridge Circuit and start the process of consideration as to whether joining them would be something that Ripon and Lower Dales Circuit would consider. This would allow the governance to be dealt with by the Bridge circuit and for us to become a mission area.

On the 30th June 2024 Revd Sarah Caddell was ordained and many of the circuit attended the Wesley Centre in Harrogate to be part of the service.

Pippa Cowie was welcomed to the circuit steward team following a period of discernment, completed the training and all the safer recruitment requirements. She gave a brief speech which was well received and left the room to be voted in. The vote was unanimous with Gareth asking for prayer for her as she takes on the role.

Plans for 2025/26

The Ripon and Lower Dales hope to further discern our vision for the future, considering whether to join the Bridge circuit and what we feel is God's calling for us as a circuit.

Local churches plan to secure grants to undertake renovations needed on some of the chapels as the footfall continues to grow. We plan to further find ways to reach those seeking a relationship with God, working ecumenically and as churches together.

We plan to use resources such as 'Holy Habits' during this time of discernment to allow us to spend time reflecting on what we as Christians are called to do, and how we can put these principles into practice as we look to the future.

Financial Review

All accounts are produced on an accrual basis. However, no one outstanding transaction met the thresholds of the requirement for accruals. Therefore, no accruals were raised.

Income Trends

We have seen an decrease in income this year due to two main factors:

- Refund of a donation given to the Pension fund.
- No sale of church within the year

Expenditure Trends

We have seen an decrease in expenditure this year, which is due to no levy on the sale of a church, however operational deficit was £72K which was budgeted, we continue to support our local churches which work within the community.

Fund Balances

Balances at 31/08/24

Current account £13,788

CFB account £62,725

Model Trust Fund £552,511

Endowments/ Restricted £39,962

Cash £59

Total Reserves at end of financial year £669,045

Reserves Policy

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

At the end of the last financial year (31/08/24)

Annual Expenditure £399,333

Forecast Expenditure for year ending 31/08/25 £278,215

Six months of this rounded to nearest £5,000 is £139,000

The reserves are above our target at the moment. However mission opportunities continue to move forward with plans to develop our Churches, including projects to develop our buildings to enhance our churches and provide scope for more mission work, including the development of Bishop Monkton and Boroughbridge Churches, and until all costs have been met, funds may be loaned by the Circuit in addition to possible grants to be given by the Circuit.

We also have ongoing property issues where additional expenditure may be required for sale/ anticipate making substantial financial assistance available to all of our churches as we emerge out of the pandemic and enter into a spiralling cost of living crisi, in particular energy costs. We estimated between £50,000 and £100,000.

Based on the above, the surplus funds held over the agreed reserve are not considered to be at a tolerable level for the continued smooth running of the circuit.

25.03.25

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Ripon and Lower Dales	Circuit

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2024

Yorkshire N & E	**District**	**Circuit no**	29/24

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number	1133792

If not a registered charity **Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number**

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Ministers:

Reverend Gareth Baron (Superintendent Minister)
Reverend Ian Pruden (Minister)
Reverend Sarah Caddell

Circuit Stewards:

Amanda Milner
Richard Clark

Treasurer:

Circuit Stewards

20ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 August 2024 | **Ripon and Lower Dales** | **Ci**

	SECTION A	Note	Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year		Totals last year
a1	**RECEIPTS**		£	£	£	£		£
a2	Assessment/Share		200,085			**200,085**		193,964
a3	Capital receipts							353,883
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		2,941	28,863		**31,804**		22,540
a5	Grants							
a6	Other receipts		36,709	28,078		**64,787**		68,133
a7	**TOTAL RECEIPTS**		**239,735**	**56,941**		**296,676**	(a8)	**638,520**

31	SECTION B							
b1	**PAYMENTS**							
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		194,563			**194,563**		172,860
b3	Manse Costs		43,832			**43,832**		50,711
b4	Administration etc			37,594		**37,594**		5,047
b5	District Assessment		38,480			**38,480**		42,756
b6	Grants & donations		7,674			**7,674**		1,010
b7								
b8	Other payments		27,190	50,000		**77,190**		238,828
b9	**TOTAL PAYMENTS**		**311,739**	**87,594**		**399,333**	(b9)	**511,212**

	SECTION C							
c1	**NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR**	(a7-b9)	(72,004)	(30,653)		(102,657)		127,308
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		(92,514)	771,833	54,171	733,490	(c6)	606,182
c3	**Sub total**	(c1+c2)	**(164,518)**	**741,180**	**54,171**	**630,833**		**733,490**
c4	Transfers and adjustments				38,213	38,213	(c7)	(1)
Ric	**TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR**	(c3+c4)	**(164,518)**	**741,180**	**92,384**	**669,046**	(c8)	**733,489** (c6)

	SECTION D		
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d	**FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)**		
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		
Cir	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		
d4	**BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)**		

Ripon and Lower Dales Circuit

SUMMARY OF CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORTING TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING

SECTION E **Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page**

Summary of the Circuit accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Circuit Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross receipts and payments totals of the Circuit. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold of £250,000, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the Circuit and connected Circuit Organisations.

	INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1							
e2							
e3							
e4							
e5							
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
e9	**Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)**	296,676 (a8)	399,333 (b9)	(102,657)	38,213 (c7)	733,490 (c6)	669,046 (c8)
e10	**TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT**	**296,676**	**399,333**	**(102,657)**	**38,213**	**733,490 (x)**	**669,046 (y)**
	Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	**TOTAL RECEIPTS**	**TOTAL PAYMENTS**				

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2023

		OPENING BALANCES		CLOSING BALANCES	
f1	Cash in hand	59		59	
f2	Bank Current Account	7,248		13,788	
f3	Bank Deposit Account	29,450			
f4	Central Finance Board	61,821		62,725	
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	580,740		552,511	
f6	Other funds	54,171		39,962	
f7	**SUB TOTAL**	**733,489**	**(c6)**	**669,045**	**(c8)**
Rich	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)		(e11)		(e12)
f9	**TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT**	**733,489**	**(x)**	**669,045**	**(y)**

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SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

		At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2023
g1	Investments (include Endowments)	54,170.97	54,170.97
Circ	Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	1,133,069	1,366,295
g3	Other Assets		
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5	Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board
f5 Include only CFB Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trust accounts this is inserted in line f5)

Name of Circuit ...Ripon and Lower Dales Circuit..... No...29/24.....

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2022 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 - Circuit Trustees 17.02.2024

Name and address of treasurer ...Circuit Office, Allhallowgate Methodist Church.....

...Victoria Grove, Ripon..... Post Code...HG4 1LG.....

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were/will be*

presented to the Circuit meeting held on 25th March 2025

Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Gareth Baron Date 25.3.2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

...Ripon and Lower Dales Circuit

Charity Number 1133792

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Ripon and Lower Dales Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2024 set out on pages 1... to ...3. 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

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Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.
Provision of chaplaincy services to the local community including National Trust and Police and other institutions.

Public Benefit

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and Performance

Review of year

In the plan for 22/23 the central focus was to reduce the impact of the cost-of-living crisis to the most vulnerable. Specific examples include.

- Snape Methodist Church opened a warm space when the cost-of-living crisis saw many people living in fuel poverty. The success of which led to the space being used as a permanent hub, in partnership with the local community.
- Boroughbridge Methodist continued its work with Boroughbridge Community Charity and Boroughbridge Lions. The collaboration continues to run 'The Community Larder' whose aim is to reduce food waste by encouraging local food retailers, households, and allotment holders to donate their surplus food, which is then redistributed to the local community.
- In Masham, the Methodist Church run a similar initiative in partnership with the Co-op to distribute food to those in need.

In terms of staffing, we are no longer seeking to recruit a second local pastor and are delighted to have Rev Sarah Caddell with us as a Probationer Presbyter. She will have pastoral responsibility for both Harrogate Road and Bishop Monkton. Our Circuit Finance Officer resigned at the end of the connexional year and left the circuit with a sudden gap in provision. Thankfully, we were able to utilise the expertise of the Operations Manager of the Bridge Circuit Sue Cutting who is a real asset to us as a Circuit. We are also delighted to recruit Samantha Price as our new Admin Support Officer who, along with Sue, will support to the circuit. We are happy to report that this change has already lifted morale.

Unfortunately, two circuit stewards resigned but we have welcomed a new steward Richard Clark who will join Amanda Milner on the team. The plan is that another will join the team in the next 6 months.

The Circuit Leadership Team have been drawing on the support of the district as they explore and realise visions and future to fulfil the missional objectives.

Plans for 2023/2024

As a Circuit, we seek to continue our prayers and support for the work of Missional Ministries. The last gathering for the Leprosy Mission was well received by circuit members and reminded us of the many people in the world who are still very affected by Leprosy. We wish to continue educating ourselves about and discover how we can offer our support.

Specifically, for the Local Preachers and Worship Leaders, we have challenged them as individuals to take control of their own personal growth and will support this by continuing to provide opportunities for further development within their role.

Allhallowgate have asked for permission to remove the pews in the sanctuary to allow for a more flexible, more modern, and comfortable worship space. As a circuit we look to support churches as they adapt and look to the future. During the Covid-19 pandemic and the years that have followed less people, but more recently as a circuit we have seen people slowly returning to our buildings and are keen to encourage new initiatives that reach those on the outskirts, providing support where we are able to.

Financial Review

All accounts are produced on an accrual basis. However, no one outstanding transaction met the thresholds of the requirement for accruals. Therefore, no accruals were raised.

Income Trends

We have seen an increase in income this year due to two main factors:

- Sale of Methodist Property as agreed by the Circuit meeting
- Increase in interest as markets have had a better year.

Expenditure Trends

We have seen an increase in expenditure this year; this is again mainly attributable to the sale of property as above, as under the Connexional Methodist code of practice, any sale of Property incurs a levy which is taken by Connexion via District to fund Missional work across the whole Methodist community. We also incur a levy on our end-of-year balance in trust (which is where our property sales income is credited) again to fund the overall Methodist missional funding.

We have also had an increase in Manse costs, this due to agreed expenditure on a working manse to make it fit for purpose.

Fund Balances

Balances at 31/08/23

Current account £7248

CFB account £91271

Model Trust Fund £580740

Endowments/ Restricted £54171

Cash £59

Total Reserves at end of financial year £733489

Reserves Policy

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

At the end of the last financial year (31/08/23)

Annual Expenditure £515212

Forecast Expenditure for year ending 31/08/23 £309215

Six months of this rounded to nearest £5,000 is £155000

The reserves are above our target at the moment. However mission opportunities continue to move forward with plans to develop our Churches, including projects to develop our buildings to enhance our churches and provide scope for more mission work, including the development of Bishop Monkton and Boroughbridge Churches, and until all costs have been met, funds may be loaned by the Circuit in addition to possible grants to be given by the Circuit.

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THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Ripon and Lower Dales	Circuit

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
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Yorkshire N & E	District	Circuit no	29/24

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Robin Jennings

Treasurer:

Circuit Stewards

20ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 August 2023

Ripon and Lower Dales Circuit

	SECTION A	Note	Un - restricted Funds £	Circuit Model Trust Fund £	Restricted Funds £	Totals this year £		Totals last year £
a1	**RECEIPTS**							
a2	Assessment/Share		193,964			**193,964**		157,345
a3	Capital receipts			353,883		**353,883**		73,596
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		6,695	15,845		**22,540**		2,784
a5	Grants							
a6	Other receipts		18,133	50,000		**68,133**		18,625
a7	**TOTAL RECEIPTS**		**218,792**	**419,728**		**638,520**	(a8)	**252,350**
	SECTION B							
b1	**PAYMENTS**							
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		172,860			**172,860**		193,045
b3	Manse Costs		50,711			**50,711**		17,571
b4	Administration etc		5,047			**5,047**		9,002
b5	District Assessment		42,756			**42,756**		47,280
b6	Grants & donations		1,010			**1,010**		5,393
b7								
b8	Other payments		188,828	50,000		**238,828**		44,530
b9	**TOTAL PAYMENTS**		**461,212**	**50,000**		**511,212**	(b9)	**316,821**
	SECTION C							
c1	**NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR**	(a7-b9)	**(242,420)**	**369,728**		**127,308**		**(64,471)**
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		149,906	402,105	54,171	606,182	(c6)	670,653
c3	**Sub total**	(c1+c2)	**(92,514)**	**771,833**	**54,171**	**733,490**		**606,182**
c4	Transfers and adjustments						(c7)	
c5	**TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR**	(c3+c4)	**(92,514)**	**771,833**	**54,171**	**733,490**	(c8)	**606,182** (c6)
	SECTION D							
d	**FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)**							
d1	Balance brought forward from last year							
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations							
Cir	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations							
d4	**BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)**							

SUMMARY OF CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORTING TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING

Ripon and Lower Dales

Circuit

SECTION E

Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Circuit accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Circuit Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross receipts and payments totals of the Circuit. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold of £250,000, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the Circuit and connected Circuit Organisations.

	INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts		Payments		Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances		Closing balances	
e1											
e2											
e3											
e4											
e5											
e6											
e7											
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds								(e11)		(e12)
e9	**Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)**	**638,520**	(a8)	**511,212**	(b9)	**127,308**	(c7)	**606,182**	(c6)	**733,490**	(c8)
e10	**TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT**	**638,520**		**511,212**		**127,308**		**606,182**	(x)	**733,490**	(y)
	Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	**TOTAL RECEIPTS**		**TOTAL PAYMENTS**							

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2023

		OPENING BALANCES		CLOSING BALANCES	
f1	Cash in hand	59		59	
f2	Bank Current Account	24,214		7,248	
f3	Bank Deposit Account	17,417		29,450	
f4	Central Finance Board	108,216		61,821	
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	402,105		580,740	
f6	Other funds	54,171		54,171	
f7	**SUB TOTAL**	**606,182**	(c6)	**733,489**	(c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)		(e11)		(e12)
f9	**TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT**	**606,182**	(x)	**733,489**	(y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

		At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1	Investments (include Endowments)	54,170.97	54,170.97
Circ	Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	1,133,069	1,366,295
g3	Other Assets		
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5	Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board
f5 Include only CFB Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trust accounts this is inserted in line f5)

Name of Circuit ...Ripon and Lower Dales Circuit..... No...29/24.....

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2022 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 - Circuit Trustees Date 04.01.2024

Name and address of treasurer ...Circuit Office, Allhallowgate Methodist Church.....

...Victoria Grove, Ripon..... Post Code...HG4 1LG.....

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 were/will be*

presented to the Circuit meeting held on 24th January 2024

Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting Gareth Barson..... Date 20.3.2024.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

...Ripon and Lower Dales Circuit

Charity Number .....

Circuit Stewards

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Ripon and Lower Dales Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2022 set out on pages 1... to ...3. 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

Name of Circuit ...Ripon and Lower Dales Circuit..... No ...29/24.....

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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 Sue Cutting.....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner .....

Name of firm (where appropriate) .....

Address 33 South Rd, Dodworth, Barnsley.....

..... Post Code S75 3LG.

.....

Date 28.12.2023.....

* delete or circle as appropriate

RIPON AND LOWER DALES CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1133792

Accounts

Charity registration number: 1133792

Circuit number: 29/24

Ripon & Lower Dales Methodist Circuit

With God in the city, towns, villages, and rural areas

Annual Report

For the Year Ended 31 August 2022

Circuit Office

Allhallowgate Methodist Church

Victoria Grove, Ripon, HG4 1LG

Ripon and Lower Dales Methodist Circuit

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Ripon and Lower Dales Methodist Circuit

Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees

Rev Gareth Baron	Pamela Stansfield
Rev Ian Pruden	Julie Olive Smith
Deacon Nigel Perrott	Lynn Allen
Diane Ashby	Brian Fothergill
Diane Gaskill	Joan Fothergill
Phillipa Smith	Alan Davies
Catherine Clowes	Geoff Lobley
Maureen Scollay	Brian Davies
Amanda Jane Milner	Pauline Broadwith
Robin George Jennings	Hazel Jean Stelling
Stephen Wild	Phillipa Cowie
Karen Emms	Roger Taylor
Richard Emms	Mark Greensit
Andrea Scott	Robert Eric Greensit
John Ensoll	Helen Ruth Verity
Elisabeth Hogerzeil	Ruth Christine Thomas
Clare Dalton	Pauline Staton
Lister Baynes	Steve Morton
Sharon Fiona Holmes	Joyce Spensley
Kathleen Lowrie	Janet Margaret Watson
Timothy Abel	Joy Abel
Angela Archbold	John Wilkinson Duck
David Arundell	Simon Abel
Jan Goodall	Elizabeth Elvy

Secretary

Diane Gaskill

Finance Officer / Circuit Treasurer

Diane Ashby

Principal Office

Circuit Office, Allhallowgate Methodist Church, Victoria Grove, Ripon, HG4 1LG

Charity Registration Number

1133792

Bankers

CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, ME19 4JQ

HSBC plc, 34 Westgate, Ripon, HG4 2BL

Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church, 9 Bonhill Street, London, EC2A 4PE

Investment Bankers

Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church

Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

Investment Managers and Custodian Trustees

Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes, Central Buildings, Oldham Street, M1 1JQ

Independent Examiner

R Stride & Co LLP (Limited Liability Partnership) Accountants

Rear of Eastville Terrace, Ripon Road, Harrogate, HG1 3HJ

Trustees Report

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice

Ripon and Lower Dales Methodist Circuit is made up of 14 Churches (although we started the year with 15), split into 2 sections centred around Ripon and Boroughbridge and Masham and Bedale.

Full Name of Charity: Ripon and Lower Dales Methodist Circuit Registration

Charity Number: 1133792

Date of registration: 27 January 2010

Structure, Governance and Management

Nature of governing document

The governing document for the circuit is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976).

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD). Day to day management of the circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership Team along with the Local Preachers Meeting.

Appointment and training of trustees

The members of the Ripon and Lower Dales Methodist Circuit meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of Circuit Office holders, Ministers and representatives appointed by the local churches.

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the circuit, specifically the leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church' is given to all new Circuit meeting members as induction to their role as trustees.

Related Parties

The Circuit is part of the Yorkshire North and East Methodist District and is also accountable to Connexion through the Methodist Conference of Great Britain.

The following Methodist Churches are linked to the circuit Allhallowgate, Bishop Monkton, Boroughbridge, Harrogate Road, Dallowgill, Ellington, Grewelthorpe, Kirkby Malzeard, Masham, Sawley, Snape, West Tanfield, Bedale, Carthorpe, and Finghall.

Risk Management

Any major risks have been identified and recorded by the Circuit Leadership Team with professional advice taken as required.

There is a regular annual review process undertaken.

Income and Expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget on a half yearly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Safeguarding

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

Methodist Connexional 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 proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.

• In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

The Ripon and Lower Dales Circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the Circuit and in the Churches.

The Ripon and Lower Dales Circuit commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Objectives and Activities

Aims and Organisation

In setting our objectives and planning our activities, the Circuit Meeting, under the leadership of the Superintendent and the Circuit Leadership Team, meet regularly throughout the year and have endeavoured to ensure that in advancing our objectives they conform to the Charities Act 2011 and are in line with Charity Commissioners' general guidance.

Our mission is to resource Church and community, enabling them to carry out the vision to be an effective and visible Christian presence in our area.

We aim to achieve this by encouraging, throughout the Circuit and its Churches, the worship, social and outreach activities that currently exist and by seeking new ways to extend to others the fellowship of the Church.

Charity Objective

The charity objective is to act as a Resource Provider within the area around Ripon and Lower Dales Methodist Circuit for the Methodist Church.

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

a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church

b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit. local or other organisation of The Methodist Church

c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church

d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church

The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike.

The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.

The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.

Taking religious assemblies in local schools.

Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.

Provision of chaplaincy services to the local community including National Trust and Police and other institutions.

Public Benefit

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and Performance

Review of year

This year we have continued to engage creatively to fulfil the mission purposes of the circuit by creative means as we continue to journey out of the pandemic. These include the provision of a written and recorded worship at home service each week produce by our circuit ministers and local preachers. We have also continued to make use of online video conference calls for some meetings to help towards reducing the circuit's carbon footprint.

The circuit has seen the successful recruitment of the newly formed Circuit Finance Officer post. Alongside this development to help the circuit achieve its fullest potential, we have also travelled through two sabbatical periods. Further changes to the circuit ministerial staffing came with the Methodist Diaconal Order identifying the skills of Revd. Deacon Nigel Perrott matched a critical appointment which resulted in an earlier than anticipated move, leaving the Circuit one ordained staff member less. The lay employed office staffing has also been reviewed and renewed, resulting in a newly developed Circuit Admin Support Officer post. This was carried out in preparation for the replacement of two part-time office staff members who enter retirement in early 2023.

We have been encouraged by new community focused initiatives, for example a community larder run in partnership with two community groups. Also, we have seen the reawakening with fresh vigour of more established groups that ceased during the time of the pandemic, such as social care groups.

Unfortunately, 2021/22 also saw the closure of Finghall Church, however, they have successfully integrated themselves, and become a Class of, Bedale and District Church, giving them a fresh start and they are again flourishing.

Plans for 2022/23

We have been reflecting considerably upon the cost-of-living crisis which is being felt by everyone across all walks of life. One such consideration is how we might best support our local communities by using our buildings to provide safe and warm spaces. We are looking towards exploring this further as well as seeking to gain an informed understanding of what needs are arising out of the cost-of-living crisis. We are preparing for how we can work in partnerships with other local groups to meet the needs of those most impacted.

Further plans are for the recruitment of the newly formed Circuit Admin Support Officer post. We also plan to review the Local Pastor vacancy which we have not been successful in filling.

Unfortunately, we are preparing for the closure of Kirkby Malzeard Church, who have voted and are seeking permission to cease worship. Whilst this decision

made by the Kirkby Malzeard Church Council meetings trustees is marked with some sadness, the church members will be exploring how they can continue to be a Methodist Christian presence within the village.

Plans for next year also include the preparation for a review of the circuit's five-year budget forecast with particular focus upon how the circuit's resourcing review has contributed to fulfilling the circuits missional objectives.

Financial Review

All accounts are produced on an accruals basis, however no one outstanding transaction met the thresholds of the requirement for an accrual, therefore no accruals were raised.

Income Trends

We have seen a reduction in income this year due to two main factors:

- A payment holiday was given to the Churches in respect of their Assessment payment (the quarterly payment they make to the Circuit for the running costs) for the last quarter of the year in recognition of the ongoing recovery from the pandemic meaning their own income had not yet fully recovered from pre pandemic times;
- Additionally in 2020/21 an ex Ministerial property (Manse) was sold, which when assessing this years total income, the large decrease needs to be assessed in more detail, as this is due to the capital receipt for said property and not a true reflection of ongoing income.

Expenditure Trends

Expenditure has decreased overall by almost £200k, this is again mainly attributable to the sale of the Manse as above, as under Connexional Methodist code of practice, any sale of Property incurs a levy which is taken by Connexion via District to fund Missional work across the whole Methodist community. We also incur a levy on our end of year balance in trust (which is where our property sales income is credited) again to fund the overall Methodist missional funding.

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Balances at 31/08/22
Current account £24,214
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Less Restricted/Designated £225,032
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Reserves Policy

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At the end of the last financial year (31/08/22)
Annual Expenditure **£316,821**
Forecast Expenditure for year ending 31/08/22 **£348,503**
Six months of this rounded to nearest £5,000 is **£170,000**

The reserves are above our target at the moment, being over by **£211,150**. However, mission opportunities continue to move forward with plans to develop our Churches, including projects to develop our buildings to enhance our churches and provide scope for more mission work, including the development of Bishop Monkton and Boroughbridge Churches, and until all costs have been met, funds may be loaned by the Circuit in addition to a possible grants to be given by the Circuit.
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Ripon and Lower Dales Circuit

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a3	Capital receipts			73,596		**73,596**		551,550
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		1,583	1,195	5	**2,784**		2,085
a5	Grants							475
a6	Other receipts		18,625			**18,625**		33,322
a7	**TOTAL RECEIPTS**		**177,553**	**74,792**	**5**	**252,350**	(a8)	**792,467**
	SECTION B							
b1	**PAYMENTS**							
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		184,545	8,500		**193,045**		151,677
b3	Manse Costs		12,571	5,000		**17,571**		25,934
b4	Administration etc		9,002			**9,002**		5,914
b5	District Assessment		47,280			**47,280**		18,612
b6	Grants & donations		893	4,500		**5,393**		6,824
b7								
b8	Other payments		43,859	671		**44,530**		298,095
b9	**TOTAL PAYMENTS**		**298,150**	**18,671**		**316,821**	(b9)	**507,056**
	SECTION C							
c1	**NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR**	(a7-b9)	**(120,597)**	**56,121**	**5**	**(64,471)**		**285,411**
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		155,882	460,604	54,166	670,653	(c6)	378,410
c3	**Sub total**	(c1+c2)	**35,285**	**516,725**	**54,171**	**606,182**		**663,821**
c4	Transfers and adjustments						(c7)	
c5	**TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR**	(c3+c4)	**35,285**	**516,725**	**54,171**	**606,182**	(c8)	**670,653** (c6)

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Ripon and Lower Dales — Circuit

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	INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts		Payments		Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments		Opening balances		Closing balances	
e1												
e2												
e3												
e4												
e5												
e6												
e7												
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds									(e11)		(e12)
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e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	252,350		316,821		(64,471)			670,653	(x)	606,182	(y)
	Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS		TOTAL PAYMENTS								

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

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SECTION G

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Signature of treasurer ..... Date 9/6/2023.

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Name of the Chair of the meeting GARETH BARON Date 19/6/23

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Date 7th June 2023

CIRCUIT
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
ACCOUNTS

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Ripon and Lower Dales	Circuit

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2022

Yorkshire N & E	District	Circuit no	29/24

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number	1133792

If not a registered charity **Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number**

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Ministers:

Reverend Gareth Baron (Superintendent Minister)

Reverend Ian Pruden (Minister)

Circuit Stewards:

Maureen Scollay

Amanda Milner

Steve Wild

Robin Jennings

Treasurer:

Diane Ashby

20ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 August 2022

Ripon and Lower Dales Circuit

	SECTION A	Note	Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year		Totals last year
a1	**RECEIPTS**		£	£	£	£		£
a2	Assessment/Share		157,345			**157,345**		205,035
a3	Capital receipts			73,596		**73,596**		551,550
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		1,583	1,195	5	**2,784**		2,085
a5	Grants							475
a6	Other receipts		18,625			**18,625**		33,322
a7	**TOTAL RECEIPTS**		**177,553**	**74,792**	**5**	**252,350**	(a8)	**792,467**
	SECTION B							
b1	**PAYMENTS**							
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		184,545	8,500		**193,045**		151,677
b3	Manse Costs		12,571	5,000		**17,571**		25,934
b4	Administration etc		9,002			**9,002**		5,914
b5	District Assessment		47,280			**47,280**		18,612
b6	Grants & donations		893	4,500		**5,393**		6,824
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RIPON AND LOWER DALES CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1133792

Accounts

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2020-21

29/24

THE METHODIST CHURCH

TEMPLATE REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
(ACCRUALS BASIS)
for the year ended 31 August 2021

Ripon and Lower Dales **Circuit**

Registered Charity - Registration number **1133792**

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Ministers
Rev G Baron
Rev I Pruden
Deacon N Perrott

Circuit Stewards
Margaret Smith
Maureen Scollay
Robin Jennings

Circuit Treasurer
Diane Gaskill

Name of Circuit Ripon and Lower Dales						Circuit No	29/24
Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2021							
	Notes to the accounts	**General Fund (Unrestricted)**	**Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)**	**Designated Funds (unrestricted)**	**Restricted Funds**	**Endowment Funds**	**Total 2020-21**
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income							
1 Donations and legacies							0
2 Income from monetary investments		142	1,012		2	929	**2,085**
3 Income from investment properties		12,300					**12,300**
4 Assessments on Churches		205,035					**205,035**
5 Capital Receipts			551,550				**551,550**
6 Grants received		475					**475**
7 Other charitable income		20,972	50				**21,022**
8 **Total income**		**238,924**	**552,612**	**-**	**2**	**929**	**792,467**
Expenditure							
9 Grants and donations		6,824					**6,824**
10 Salaries and associated costs		151,677					**151,677**
11 Property maintenance		25,934					**25,934**
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy		41,364	179,337				**220,701**
13 District Assessment & Levy		9,016	9,596				**18,612**
14 Depreciation							**0**
15 Office expenses		5,914					**5,914**
16 Other outgoings		58,586	18,727		2	79	**77,394**
17 **Total charitable expenditure**		**299,315**	**207,660**	**0**	**2**	**79**	**507,056**
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments					2,096	12,040	14,136
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties				54,626			0
20 **Net income/(expenditure)**		**-60,391**	**344,952**	**54,626**	**2,096**	**12,890**	**299,547**
21 Transfers between funds		119,500	- 114,856		- 3,176	1,939	3,407
22 Other gains/(losses)							
23 **Net movement in funds**		**59,109**	**230,096**	**54,626**	**-1,080**	**14,829**	**302,954**
24 Total funds brought forward		96,773	230,508		14,980	36,149	378,410
25 Total funds carried forward		**155,882**	**460,604**	**54,626**	**13,900**	**50,978**	**681,364**

Name of Circuit

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the

		Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £
Income			
1	Donations and legacies		
2	Income from monetary investments		898
3	Income from investment properties		12,125
4	Assessments on Churches		206,560
5	Capital Receipts		
6	Grants received		
7	Other charitable income		13,644
8	**Total income**		**233,227**
Expenditure			
9	Grants and donations		10,064
10	Salaries and associated costs		174,647
11	Property maintenance		18,231
12	Connexional assessment & model trust levy		39,855
13	District Assessment & Levy		8,749
14	Depreciation		
15	Office expenses		5,843
16	Other outgoings		47,266
17	**Total charitable expenditure**		**304,655**
18	Gains/(losses) on monetary investments		
19	Gains/(losses) on investment properties		
20	**Net income/(expenditure)**		**-71,428**
21	Transfers between funds		- 2,994
22	Other gains/(losses)		
23	**Net movement in funds**		**-74,422**
24	Total funds brought forward		171,195
25	**Total funds carried forward**		**96,773**

Circuit No

e year ended 31 August 2020

Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2019-20
£	£	£	£	£
				0
801		2	837	**2,538**
				12,125
				206,560
343,050				**343,050**
				0
343,851	**-**	**2**	**837**	**577,917**
				10,064
				174,647
				18,231
				39,855
304				**9,053**
				0
24				**5,867**
118,829				**166,095**
119,157	**0**	**0**	**0**	**423,812**
				0
71,924				71,924
296,618	**0**	**2**	**837**	**226,029**
- 343,050			850	-345,194
5,033		2	10,543	-5,512
-41,399	**0**	**0**	**-10,556**	**-126,377**
576		15,197	46,693	233,661
230,508	**-**	**14,980**	**36,149**	**378,410**

Name of Circuit: Ripon and Lower Dales

Circuit No 29/24

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2021

	Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2020/21 £	Totals 2019/20 £	GN
Fixed Assets									
Circuit Manses & Equipment							828,822	1,300,746	R
Investment properties							304,247	329,247	R
Investments							0		
Total fixed assets		**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1,133,069**	**1,629,993**	
Current Assets									
Debtors							0		S
Loans by the Circuit							0		
Investments with TMCP			460,604		13,900	50,978	525,482	281,637	
Central Finance Board Deposits		141,411					141,411	76,218	T
Cash at Bank and in hand		14,471					14,471	20,555	
Total current assets		**155,882**	**460,604**	**0**	**13,900**	**50,978**	**681,364**	**378,410**	
Current liabilities									
Creditors (due in under 1 year)							0		U
Grants payable within 2020-21							0		V
Total current liabilities		**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	
Net current assets/liabilities		**155,882**	**460,604**	**0**	**13,900**	**50,978**	**681,364**	**378,410**	
Total assets less current liabilities		**155,882**	**460,604**	**0**	**13,900**	**50,978**	**1,814,433**	**2,008,403**	
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)									
Grants payable after 2020-21							**0**		V
Loans to the Circuit							**0**		
							0		
Net assets		**155,882**	**460,604**	**0**	**13,900**	**50,978**	**1,814,433**	**2,008,403**	W
Funds of the Circuit									
General Fund (Unrestricted)		155,882					155,882	96,773	
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			460,604				460,604	241,926	W
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)				0			0		
Total Unrestricted Funds							**616,486**	**338,699**	
Restricted Funds					**13,900**		13,900	**386**	
Endowment Funds						**50,978**	50,978	**39,325**	
Total Funds		**155,882**	**460,604**	**0**	**13,900**	**0**	**681,364**	**378,410**	

Signed

Circuit Treasurer



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CIRCUIT NUMBER :- _____24/29_____ **CIRCUIT NA**

Summary o

CHURCH NAME/NUMBER	BALANCES AT CFB (£)	BALANCES AT TMCP (£)
Allhallowgate	37,732	
Bishop Monkton	16,495	
Boroughbridge	9,735	512
Harrogate Road	7,368	19,244
Dallowgill	1,543	
Ellington	666	
Kirkby Malzeard		6,100
Masham	9,754	8,180
Sawley		2,217
Snape		
West Tanfield	8,179	
Bedale and District		
Carthorpe		
Finghall		
SUB - TOTAL	91,472	36,253

	BALANCES AT CFB (£)	BALANCES AT TMCP (£)
CIRCUIT MODEL TRUST FUND		474,118
OTHER CASH AND INVESTMENTS HELD BY CIRCUIT	141,411	51,364
COMMITTED FUNDS (Including MCF Assessment)		
CIRCUIT GRAND TOTAL	**232,883**	**561,735**

*** Please indicate what is included in other investments and c**

Notes:

1 If the church has made or received loans, these should be sh

2 Investment Properties (not used for charitable purposes) shou

3 All Circuit Treasurers are required to complete the table abo

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Ripon and Lower Dales

f cash and investments at 31 August 2021

OTHER INVESTMENTS (£)	CASH AT BANK (£)	TOTAL 31/08/2021	TOTAL 31/08/21		
			UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED	ENDOWMENTS
2,720	4,258	44,710	42,945		1,765
	15,642	32,137	32,137		
	41,728	51,975	51,463	512	
7,004	7,396	41,012	23,968	2,883	14,161
	5,042	6,585	6,585		
	1,151	1,817	1,817		
	6,105	12,205	6,105	6,100	
	12,535	30,469	22,289		8,180
	2,679	4,896	2,679	2,217	
	12,138	12,138	12,138		
	11,265	19,444	19,444		
287	15,282	15,569	15,569		
	6,823	6,823	6,823		
	4,486	4,486	4,486		
		-			
		-			
		-			
		-			
		-			
		-			
		-			
10,011	146,530	284,266	248,448	11,712	24,106

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			NRESTRICTE	RESTRICTED	ENDOWMENTS
		474,118	460,604	13,514	
	14,471	207,246	155,882	386	50,978
		-			
10,011	**161,001**	**965,630**	**864,934**	**25,612**	**75,084**

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THE RESERVE POLICY
RIPON AND LOWER DALES CIRCUIT
2021 TO 2022

The Reserves policy relates to our current account, deposit account, Central
TMCP accounts.
We hold unrestricted, designated, restricted or endowment funds totalling £6
We aim to hold reserves amounting to approximately two quarters of normal
£205,000.

At the end of the last financial year (31/08/21)

Annual Expenditure Excluding property sale costs	£308,991
Forecast Expenditure Y/e 31/08/22	£403,750
Two quarters of this rounded to nearest £5,000 is	£205,000

Balances at 31/08/21

Current account	£14,412	
CFB account	£141,411	
Model Trust Fund	£460,604	
Endowments	£50,978	
Other Restricted Funds	£13,900	
Cash	£59	£681,364
Less Restricted/Designated		£264,878
Total Reserves at end of financial year		**£416,486**

The reserves are not within our target at the moment, being over by £211,48
move forward with the Resource Plan and the mission opportunities this invo

The Bishop Monkton project continues to move forward and until all costs ha
loaned by the circuit in addition to the suggested grant of £15,000 to be give

We also have ongoing property issues where additional expenditure may be
anticipate making substantial financial assistance available to all of our chur
pandemic and enter into a spiralling cost of living crisis, in particular energy
between £50,000 and £100,000.

Based on the above the surplus funds held over the agreed reserve are not c
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Ripon and Lower Dales Circuit

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 3

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Review of the year

This year has been another extremely difficult one due to the global Covid-19 p to adapt our worship styles and meetings to comply with all regulations and ens everyone. It has thrown up enormous challenges with the closure of our premis person worship for a large part of the year. We have adapted to home working and in paper format. Our Circuit staff have risen to the challenge by upskilling i ensuring that our Christian outreach programmes have continued wherever pos monthly recorded services distributed to all of the care homes within our circuit received and a very welcome continued Christian presence in care homes wher of Covid-19 have been so keenly felt. During lockdown staff members have be the Book presentations for local schools as well as recorded collective worship f

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part is used to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church.

Fund balances

As at 31 August 2021 the net current assets of the Circuit were £1,814,433 incl
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Plans for 2021/22

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the year, a weekly Soft Play session for pre-school toddlers and an afternoon ac
churches will undergo a review of church life, mission and priorities.

Ripon and Lower Dales Circuit

Trustee's Annual Report on Finance and Governance

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 ha
accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recomr

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Registration Charity Number: 113379

Date of registration: 27 January 2010

Main communication address: Circuit Office, Allhallowgate Methodist Church

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Ripon and Lower Dales Circuit

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Reserves Policy

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continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inabil
Assessment from churches.

Ripon and Lower Dales Circuit **Appendix A**

CIRCUIT MEETING MEMBERSHIP

MINISTERS

Rev Gareth Baron - Superintendent

Rev Ian Pruden

Deacon Nigel Perrott

MINISTERS IN OTHER APPOINTMENTS

SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS

Rev David Emison

Rev Barry Lumley

Rev Keith Phipps

SECRETARY

Miss D Gaskill

LAYWORKERS

Mrs P Smith

Miss D Gaskill

Mrs C Clowes

CIRCUIT STEWARDS

Mrs K Emms

Mrs M Scollay

Miss M Smith

Mr R Jennings

Circuit Local Preachers & Worship Leaders representatives

Mr L Baynes

Mrs E Hogerzeil

Mrs I Goodall

Circuit Safeguarding Co-ordinator

Mrs K Emms

CIRCUIT CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES

Churches:

Allhallowgate

Senior Steward Andrea Scott

Treasurer John Ensoll

Church Rep Heather Garbutt

Named Substitute Elisabeth Hogerzeil

Bedale & DMC

Steward Clare Dalton

Treasurer Kathy Lowrie

Church reps Sharon Holmes

Bishop Monkton

Senior Steward Angela Archbold

Treasurer Timothy Abel

Church rep David Arundell

Boroughbridge

Senior Steward Julie Smith

Treasurer Lyn Allen

Carthorpe

Senior Steward Joan Fothergill

Treasurer Brian Fothergill

Named Substitute Andrew Ashford

Dallowgill

Steward Geoff Lobley

Treasurer Brian Davies

Ellington

Steward Mark Greensit

Treasurer Robert Greensit

Finghall

Senior Steward Alan Davies

Treasurer Cynthia Davies

Grewelthorpe (LEP)

Jean Stelling

Pauline Broadwith

Harrogate Road

Senior Steward

Treasurer Roger Taylor

Church Reps Pippa Cowie

Kirkby Malzeard

Steward Ruth Thomas

Treasurer Ruth Verity

Masham

Treasurer Steve Laugher

Church Rep Pauline Staton

Sawley

Steward Joyce Spensley

Treasure Janet Watson

Snape

Leadership Team John Duck

Treasurer Kathy Lowrie

Church Rep Joy Abel

West Tanfield

Steward Simon Abel

Treasurer Elizabeth Elvie

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Name of Circuit .....Ripon and Lower Dales..... No...29/24..

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2021 from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the contr meeting.

Signature of treasurer .....DR Gaskill..... Date

Name and address of treasurer ...|Diane Gaskill. Circuit Office, Allhallowgate Victoria Grove, Ripon .... Post Code.....HG4 1LG.....

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2 presented to the Circuit meeting to be held on 30 March 2022.....

Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting ...Rev Gareth Baron..... Date ..

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

Ripon and Lower Dales Circuit

Charity Number 1133792

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Ripon and L the year ended 31 August 2021 set out on pages ... to .... As the Circuit's tr responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requir Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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Independent Examiner's Statement

The Circuit's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to underta

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have c connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which giv that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of t
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2 requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view, which is not a m part of an independent examination
- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection wi which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper und accounts to be reached.

I have/have not* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £1 pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner .....

Name of independent examiner .....Robin Stride.....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner .....FMAAT....

Name of firm (where appropriate) …R Stride & Co.....

Address The Old Coach House, Rear of Eastville Terrace, Ripon Road, Harr Yorkshire ..... Post Code HG1 3HJ.....

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RIPON AND LOWER DALES CIRCUIT

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Accounts

Ripon and Lower Dales Circuit

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- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

The Ripon and Lower Dales Circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

The Ripon and Lower Dales Circuit commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Reserves Policy

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

Ripon and Lower Dales Circuit **Appendix A**

CIRCUIT MEETING MEMBERSHIP

MINISTERS

Rev Gareth Baron - Superintendent

Rev Ian Pruden

Deacon Nigel Perrott

MINISTERS IN OTHER APPOINTMENTS

SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS

Rev David Emison

Rev Barry Lumley

Rev Keith Phipps

SECRETARY

Mrs E Teasdale

LAYWORKERS

Mrs P Smith

Miss D Gaskill

Mrs C Clowes

CIRCUIT STEWARDS

Mrs K Emms

Mrs M Scollay

Miss M Smith

Mr R Jennings

Circuit Local Preachers & Worship Leaders representatives

Mr L Baynes

Mrs E Hogerzeil

Mrs J Goodall

Circuit Safeguarding Co-ordinator

Mrs K Emms

CIRCUIT CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES

Churches:

Allhallowgate

Senior Steward Bryan George

Treasurer John Ensoll

Church Rep Robin Jennings

Named Substitute Elisabeth Hogerzeil

Bedale & DMC

Steward Clare Dalton

Treasurer Kathy Lowrie

Church reps Sharon Holmes

Bishop Monkton

Senior Steward Angela Archbold

Treasurer Tim Abel

Church rep David Arundell

Boroughbridge

Senior Steward Julie Smith

Treasurer Lyn Allen

Carthorpe

Senior Steward Joan Fothergill

Treasurer Brian Fothergill

Named Substitute Andrew Ashford

Dallowgill

Steward Geoff Lobley

Treasurer Brian Davies

Ellington

Steward Mark Greensit

Treasurer Robert Greensit

Finghall

Senior Steward Alan Davies

Treasurer Cynthia Davies

Grewelthorpe (LEP)

Jean Stelling

Pauline Broadwith

Harrogate Road

Senior Steward

Treasurer Roger Taylor

Church Reps Pippa Cowie

Kirkby Malzeard

Steward Ruth Thomas

Steward Ruth Thomas

Treasurer Ruth Verity

Masham

Treasurer Steve Laugher

Church Rep Pauline Staton

Sawley

Steward Joyce Spensley

Treasure Janet Watson

Snape

Leadership Team John Duck

Treasurer Janet Pentelow

Church Rep Joy Abel

West Tanfield

Steward Simon Abel

Treasurer Elizabeth Elvie

Circuit
Accruals Accounts
2019-20

29/24

THE METHODIST CHURCH

TEMPLATE REPORT AND ACCOUNTS (ACCRUALS BASIS)

for the year ended 31 August 2020

Ripon and Lower Dales **Circuit**

Registered Charity - Registration number **1133792**

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Ministers	Rev Dr P A Malham
	Rev G Baron
	Rev H Bell
	Deacon N Perrott
Circuit Stewards	Karen Emms
	Margaret Smith
	Maureen Scollay
	Robin Jennings
Circuit Treasurer	Diane Gaskill

Name of Circuit | Circuit No

Ripon and Lower Dales | 29/24

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2020

	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2019-20 £
Income						
1 Donations and legacies						
2 Income from monetary investments	898	801		2	837	**2,538**
3 Income from investment properties	12,125					**12,125**
4 Assessments on Churches	206,560					**206,560**
5 Capital Receipts		343,050				**343,050**
6 Grants received						
7 Other charitable income	13,644					**13,644**
8 **Total income**	**233,227**	**343,851**	**-**	**2**	**837**	**577,917**
Expenditure						
9 Grants and donations	10,064					**10,064**
10 Salaries and associated costs	174,647					**174,647**
11 Property maintenance	18,231					**18,231**
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy	39,855					**39,855**
13 District Assessment & Levy	8,749	304				**9,053**
14 Depreciation						**0**
15 Office expenses	5,843	24				**5,867**
16 Other outgoings	47,266	118,829				**166,095**
17 **Total charitable expenditure**	**304,655**	**119,157**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**423,812**
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments						0
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties		71,924				71,924
20 **Net income/(expenditure)**	**-71,428**	**296,618**	**0**	**2**	**837**	**226,029**
21 Transfers between funds	- 2,994	- 343,050			- 850	-346,894
22 Other gains/(losses)		5,033		- 2	- 10,543	-5,512
23 **Net movement in funds**	**-74,422**	**-41,399**	**0**	**0**	**-10,556**	**-126,377**
24 Total funds brought forward	171,195	576		15,197	46,693	233,661
25 Total funds carried forward	**96,773**	**230,508**	**-**	**14,980**	**36,149**	**378,410**

Name of Circuit
Ripon and Lower Dales

Circuit No
29/24

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2020

	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals 2019/20	Totals 2018/19
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets							
Circuit Manses & Equipment						1,300,746	1,536,872
Investment properties						329,247	364,247
Investments						0	
Total fixed assets	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1,629,993**	**1,901,119**
Current Assets							
Debtors						0	
Loans by the Circuit						0	
Investments with TMCP		241,926		386	39,325	281,637	62,466
Central Finance Board Deposits	76,218					76,218	147,804
Cash at Bank and in hand	20,555					20,555	23,391
Total current assets	**96,773**	**241,926**	**0**	**386**	**39,325**	**378,410**	**233,661**
Current liabilities							
Creditors (due in under 1 year)						0	
Grants payable within 2018-19						0	
Total current liabilities	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Net current assets/liabilities	**96,773**	**241,926**	**0**	**386**	**39,325**	**378,410**	**233,661**
Total assets less current liabilities	**96,773**	**241,926**	**0**	**386**	**39,325**	**2,008,403**	**2,134,780**
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)							
Grants payable after 2018-19						**0**	
Loans to the Circuit						**0**	
						0	
Net assets	**96,773**	**241,926**	**0**	**386**	**39,325**	**2,008,403**	**2,134,780**
Funds of the Circuit							
General Fund (Unrestricted)	96,773					96,773	171,195
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)		241,926				241,926	12,199
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)			0			0	0
Total Unrestricted Funds						**338,699**	**183,394**
Restricted Funds				**386**		386	**386**
Endowment Funds					**39,325**	39,325	**49,881**
Total Funds	**96,773**	**241,926**	**0**	**386**	**0**	**378,410**	**233,661**

Signed *D R Gaskill*

Diane Gaskill
Circuit Treasurer

Name of Circuit ...Ripon and Lower Dales..... No...29/24.....

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2020 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 29/3/2021

Name and address of treasurer ...Diane Gaskill, Circuit Office, Allhallowgate Methodist Church, Victoria Avenue, Ripon.....
Post Code...HG4 1LG.....

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 ~~were~~/will be*

presented to the Circuit meeting held on 3 March 2021.....(Delayed due to Covid-19 lockdow

Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting: Rev Gareth Baron..... Date 29/3/2021

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Ripon and Lower Dales Circuit

Charity Number 1133792.

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Ripon and Lower Dales..... Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2020 set out on pages 1 to 5 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.

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Name of Circuit ...Ripon and Lower Dales..... No 29/24.....

Independent Examiner's Statement

The Circuit's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

1. the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination
4. the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I have/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 Robin Stride.....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FMAAT.....

Name of firm (where appropriate) ...R Stride & Co.....

Address The Old Coach House, Rear of Eastville Terrace, Ripon Road, Harrogate, North Yorkshire Post Code ...HG1 3HJ.....

Date 22/3/21

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