

MIDDLESBROUGH & ESTON METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales · Charity number 1133911

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2010-02-01
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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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 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.

Activities: We employ staff & provide support to the local Methodist Churches for people to meet together for worship & teaching. We encourage & support the Churches in their mission to serve their local communities; e.g youth clubs, luncheon clubs, toddlers groups. We manage projects with specific vulnerable groups within our communities - young people, children & families, refugees & people seeking asylum.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Middlesbrough
- Redcar And Cleveland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£178,123	£213,008	-	-
2024-08-31	£156,600	£223,886	-	-
2023-08-31	£162,105	£129,794	-	-
2022-08-31	£150,233	£225,674	-	-
2021-08-31	£146,469	£247,953	-	-
2020-08-31	£458,130	£160,299	-	-

Trustees

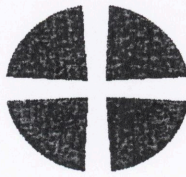
Name	Role	Appointed
BERNARD NIXON MCIAT		2013-10-09
Brian James Glover		
Carole Margaret Roberts		2019-08-01
DAVID ELLIOTT		2011-09-21
DOREEN ROSEMARY MEALING		2012-03-12
David Christopher Lyness		2024-03-12
Dawn Elizabeth Harris		
Dr Chibuike Ukeje-Eloaga		2020-09-01
Glenys Wildon		2018-03-01
JOHN HINTON		2012-03-12
JOHN MARTIN		2013-09-19
JULIE DOROTHY ELIZABETH O'KEY		2011-12-14
JULIE HEATHER THOMAS		2012-03-31
Jillian Margaret Lambert		2019-09-01
John Harris		2019-03-01
KAY ANNE BRAITHWAITE		
Karen Robinson		2024-09-01
Lesley Anne Duffield		
MICHELLE MAY SCURRAH		2017-03-21
Mark Richard Braithwaite		2012-03-12
Nigel Anthony Marsh		2024-03-12
PAMELA BROWN		2012-06-06
PATRICIA AUDREY CARTER		
PATRICIA MARGARET MARTIN		
Pat Hinton		2015-09-01
RUTH LEWIS		2011-04-28
Rev Charity Kathleen McKenzie Hamilton		2018-09-01

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev David Andrew Godfrey		2019-09-01
Rev John Charles Howard-Norman		2022-09-01
SHARON-KAY KUEN LOVERIDGE		
Tat Cheong Luk		2022-09-01

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Accounts



THE METHODIST CHURCH
TEMPLATE REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
(ACCRUALS BASIS)
for the year ended 31 August 2025

MIDDLESBROUGH & ESTON

Circuit

Registered Charity - Registration number

1133911

District No / Circuit No 13 nn / nn02

Ministers

REV DAVID GODFREY
REV CHARITY HAMILTON
REV JOHN HOWARD-NORMAN

Circuit Stewards

NEIL MAPPLEBECK
DAWN HARRIS
JULIE THOMAS

Circuit Treasurer

MRS LESLEY DUFFIELD

The Methodist Church

Middlesbrough & Eston Circuit

Trustees Annual Report

For the Period 1st September 2024 to 31st August 2025

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommendation Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard. (FRSSE)

REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Charity Name: Middlesbrough & Eston Methodist Circuit

Registered Charity Number: 1133911

Charity's Principal Address: Circuit Office
Nunthorpe Methodist Church
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Nunthorpe
Middlesbrough
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Website: www.middlesbroughandestonmethodistcircuit.org.uk

Auditors: Leonard Bye,
Chartered Accountants,
80 Borough Road
Middlesbrough
TS1 2JN

Bankers: HSBC
60 Albert Road,
Middlesbrough TSI IRS

Investment Bankers: Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

The Middlesbrough & Eston Methodist Circuit forms part of the Darlington District of the Methodist Church (Registered Charity No: 1133814). The Governing Documents are the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)

With effect from 1st February 2010 the Middlesbrough & Eston Methodist Circuit was registered as a Charity with the Charity Commission - Registration number 1133911. The trustees of the Circuit meet regularly, at least 3 times each year, in the Circuit Meeting. This is the ultimate decision-making body of the Circuit, operating under the terms of Methodist Standing Orders. The circuit meetings were held on September 11th 2024 and March 12th 2025 and 18th June 2025.

An 'Executive Committee', known as the 'Circuit Leadership Team', meets on a two monthly basis between Circuit Meetings. It is made up of the Ministers and Stewards of the Circuit. Meetings are held at Marton Church.

The CLT have created teams to support areas of responsibility across the Circuit.

Team Lead	Team members
Stationing lead	Julie Thomas
Finance : Lesley Duffield	Kay Braithwaite
Property: Julie O'Key	Bernard Nixon , Brian Glover
Communications:	Dave Elliott, Elaine Mackintosh
Learning and Development	John Hinton

The Trustees of the Circuit are either ex-officio or appointed by the Church Councils of one of the seven Methodist Churches which make up the Circuit. These Churches are, Grove Hill, Linthorpe Road, Chinese Church, Marton, Normanby, Nunthorpe, Trinity and Stainton.

The Trustees for 2024/2025 will be:

Rev David Godfrey	Superintendent Minister (Chair)
Rev Charity Hamilton	Minister
Rev John Howard Norman	Minister
Rev Leonard Karn	Supernumerary Minister

Circuit Stewards

Mrs Lesley Duffield	Circuit Steward	Treasurer
Neil Mapplebeck	Circuit Steward	
Mrs Dawn Harris	Circuit Steward	
Mrs Julie Thomas	Circuit Steward	

Members/Trustees of the Circuit Meeting:

Chibuki E
Mrs C Roberts
Mrs Y Cotton
Mrs D Mealing
Mrs J Thomas
Mrs G Wilsdon
Mr J Martin
Mrs L Martin
Sharon Loveridge

Mr K Johnson
Mrs P Brown
Mrs J Sivills
Mr N Marsh

Mrs K Braithwaite

Mrs J Lambert
Mr D Bye
Miss C Tate
Mrs A Bardsley
Mr P French

Mrs P Carter
Mrs M Scurrah
Mr B Nixon
Mr J Harris

Mr D Elliott
Mrs R Taylor
Mrs P Hinton
Mrs J Bone
Mr M Braithwaite
Mrs J O'Key
Mrs Karen Robinson

Mrs L Duffield
Mrs D Harris
Mr N Mapplebeck
Mr B Glover
Mr W Barnes

Mrs P Martin
Mrs E Milburn
Mr J Hinton
Mrs R Lewis
Rev Len Karn

Rev David Godfrey
Rev Charity Hamilton
Rev John Howard-Norman
Mr T C Luk

Trustees from 2024/2025 No Longer Serving

The following were removed as reps to the meeting on 31st August 2025.

Mr David Bye
Miss Claire Tate
Mrs Joan Sivills
 Ann Bardsey
 Mr P French

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Middlesbrough & Eston Methodist Circuit and which will enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Standing Orders of the Methodist Church and the Charities Act 1993. They are also responsible for taking reasonable steps to safeguard the assets of the charity and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities. The Trustees are also responsible for the properties owned by the Circuit, namely our Manses (one of which is rented out to provide a source of income) and the Avenue Church (which has no active congregation) but is operated as a Community Project providing facilities for local residents within the Middlesbrough and Eston area.

Risk Management

The Risk Management arrangements of the Circuit are identified in the Circuit Risk Register and are divided into 4 main risk groups, namely Governance, Operational, Financial and External Risks. The Risk Register was approved by the Circuit Meeting on the 19th June 2014 and is regularly reviewed by the Circuit leadership Team.

Safeguarding

The Circuit has adopted the Statement of Safeguarding Principles agreed by the Methodist Church and the Church of England as identified below:

We are committed to:

- *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.

Sources and Management of funds

Circuit Treasurer.

The Circuit Treasurer is Lesley Duffield and her team.

It has been recognised by the Circuit that the roles and responsibilities of the Circuit Treasurer have increased over the last few years. So to that end the Circuit Leadership team has taken the decision to use a professional financial management firm to take on some of the roles of the Circuit Treasurer due to the increasing work load and complexity of the job. The Accountants Leonard Bye has taken on some of the financial management and staffing responsibilities.

Circuit Funds are obtained in a number of ways:

- The Methodist Churches contribute from their weekly offerings — known as the Assessment;
- Grants from other bodies towards the work in the Circuit. These include: Methodist Church Connexional Funds, The Darlington District of the Methodist Church;
- Income from renting out any vacant properties e.g. Manses.

Investment Policy

A Deposit Fund administered by the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church is utilised to deposit any Circuit General Funds surplus to immediate requirements.

Reserves Policy

It is the current policy of the Circuit Meeting to maintain a basic balance in the reserve of £125,000.

Related Parties

The Middlesbrough & Eston Methodist Circuit maintains close links with:

- The Methodist Asylum Project, Middlesbrough (Registered charity no: 1132820);
- The Linthorpe Road Resource Centre Limited (Registered charity no: 1126421 charity was dissolved this year.

Each of these is independent charity with their own boards of trustees and are financially independent of the Methodist Circuit. However, members of staff of these charities have employment contracts through the Middlesbrough & Eston Methodist Circuit.

The circuit also has links with Together Middlesbrough and Cleveland (Reg Charity no.1159355)

OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES

Charitable objects:

The purposes of the Methodist Church are 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 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.

Our Circuit Mission:

To Love Christ,

To Grow in Christ,
To Show Christ's love,
To Make Christ known

Circuit Mission statement

The Circuit mission statement has been developed with Rev Godfrey and some members of the Leadership Team with support from the District Mission Enabler.

Our Circuit Vision:

The sense of mission conveyed here can be furthered through a statement of vision which expresses the kind of Circuit we seek to be:

The Middlesbrough and Eston Methodist Circuit seeks to be a connected community, united in Christ to pursue our common mission. We are dependent on God's grace and dedicated to God's service. We seek to nurture Christian discipleship, which can take root, develop and flourish. We seek to share our stories of God's love with others in the hope that they too will come to faith. We seek to show Christian love in action in the hope that the vulnerable will grow stronger and that the poor will be helped. Also see <http://www.middlesbroughandestonmethodistcircuit.org.uk>

We are embracing and developing our thinking around "The Methodist Way of Life" and so focusing on Service, Worship, Evangelism and Learning and Caring. As a circuit we seek to encourage initiatives which connect church and community and which place us alongside those from whom we have become distant for several generations. We have a deep concern for those who stand on the edge of 'normal' society and who struggle to fit in economically and in other ways. We seek to share our stories of God's love with others in the hope that they too will come to faith. We seek to show Christian love in action in the hope that the vulnerable will grow stronger and that the poor will be helped.

Public Benefit

When planning our activities for the year, the Circuit and the individual Churches are aware of the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. Public benefit will be delivered by adherence to our Vision for the work of the Circuit within the area in which we live.

Ministerial Team

The Superintendent Minister is Rev David Godfrey. The other members of the Circuit team are Rev Charity Hamilton and Rev John Howard Norman.

Invitation and stationing

Rev Charity Hamilton has been funded for a further two years by the District "New Places for New People" initiative and this will extend her present appointment until 2028.

Lay Employees

Elaine McIntosh	Lay employee Circuit office
Andrew Glazebrook	Lay Employee

Safeguarding

The safeguarding policy was approved in September 2024 and DBS verification has taken place for key members of the Churches in the Circuit. Further training events have taken place and there will be a rolling programme of training in the Circuit.

The Circuit continues to be vigilant in its application of safeguarding policy and is aware that there are regular updates coming from Central office that need to be incorporated into Circuit policy. Training and update sessions are offered in the Circuit when the need arises.

Risk

The Circuit Meeting agreed a risk strategy which was reviewed by the Circuit Leadership Team. The risk assessment will be reviewed this year by the leadership team.

Property

Quinquennial Inspection was completed for Linthorpe Road and Normanby churches.

Properties reported in good order with no major repairs required.

Linthorpe Road Methodist Church and Resource Centre has been renamed as Middlesbrough Methodist Hub (MMH) and the old charity structure has been dissolved. MMH now comes under the governance of the Circuit Meeting and is a circuit project. A board which includes circuit meeting members has been appointed for the day to day management of MMH, which reports to the circuit meeting.

The Chinese church meet for worship weekly at MMH.

MMH continues to provide services to the community of Middlesbrough. As part of the HUB Linthorpe Road premises there are two shop units that have been refurbished and one of them is rented out. This has added to the income of the Hub.

Key Activities during the Report Year 2024/2025

Churches have been active in reaching out to their local communities. The church café at Trinity is well supported and they have now opened an ECO shop to serve the local community. There have been some building alterations with the church to create a larger kitchen and storage area.

The play group, Play and Chat at Nunthorpe continues to grow and there has been a development called Praise and Play where families can meet once a term to share bible stories and learn about the Christian faith. There is also a link with the local care home and worship takes the form of Vintage Craft and Praise. These sessions are once a term and very much appreciated by residents and staff.

Circuit Review Project

We have asked churches to be active in reviewing our calling and we hope that investigating the Methodist way of Life message we can encourage new projects and forms of worship. This is an on-going process which we hope will give us a pathway for the future.

Within the circuit these are the evidence of continuing mission in the community:

Trinity Methodist Church and Family Friendly Centre

The family centre has continued to support families in the West Middlesbrough area with food and clothes parcels. The extension of the kitchen and café has been welcomed and well used by the local community. There is a Foodbank at the centre and they are supported by donations of food and money from other churches in the Circuit. The latest development is the opening of the ECO shop.

The Centre has a garden area and there are some members who are keen gardeners. Funding has been sort and the plan is to develop a community garden. The church has just been awarded a Silver certificate as an Eco Church.

Grove Hill Methodist Church

The church has just been awarded a Silver certificate as an Eco Church. They are being used as a centre for the local Middlesbrough College students who prepare a hot meal once a week at a low cost for the local community. Grove Hill church is a centre for the Foodbank every Tuesday afternoon.

Nunthorpe Methodist Church

Nunthorpe had a lively Christmas period with a well-attended Christingle service with some new faces. A Christmas special event for very young children had 20 attendees and their families and the theme was "Sights and smells of Christmas" finishing with the Nativity story and prayers. A Carol Service on Wednesday December 20th at 2.30pm was very well attended by many older people. The feedback was that this was a good time for older folk. The Service of carols on the grass on Christmas Eve was well supported.

Linthorpe Road Resource Centre

Linthorpe Road Resource Centre has completed its project that was funded initially by the EU. It has been renamed as the Middlesbrough Methodist HUB.

There is now a new initiative led by Rev Charity Hamilton to develop an inner town presence and to continue connections with the University. Rev Hamilton is supported by a small team of paid and volunteer people. The Circuit wholeheartedly endorses her work in the town centre.

MAP (Methodist Asylum Project)

MAP (Methodist Asylum Project) is well attended and supported. The need for MAP is more vital than ever with ongoing financial pressures on the cost of living and the Circuit feels this is a vital service in Middlesbrough and the local area.

The leader of the project is Billy Barnes. The need for MAP has increased due to more asylum seekers residing in Middlesbrough and the adjoining borough.

Connect/Junction 42

Connect/Junction 42 works with ex-offenders throughout the North East and Scotland to support new Christians in their Christian journey. They are developing their network in Middlesbrough and met at MMH for much of the year. However, they moved to alternative premises towards the end of the year and no longer use MMH.

The Avenue Project

The Avenue Methodist Church is the responsibility of the Circuit. At the Circuit meeting it was agreed that then church and premises will be sold and this sale is nearly completed.

Plans for 2024/25

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

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024-25
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income							
1	Donations and legacies						0
2	Income from monetary investments	6,258	8,158		167		14,583
3	Income from investment properties						0
4	Assessments on Churches	131,251					131,251
5	Capital Receipts						0
6	Grants received	12,000					12,000
7	Other charitable income	20,289					20,289
8	Total income	169,798	8,158	-	167	-	178,123
Expenditure							
9	Grants and donations	5,000					5,000
10	Salaries and associated costs	83,555					83,555
11	Property maintenance	38,097					38,097
12	Connexional assessment & model trust levy		6,340				6,340
13	District Assessment & Levy	38,000	574		97		38,671
14	Depreciation						0
15	Office expenses	22,617					22,617
16	Other outgoings	18,728					18,728
17	Total charitable expenditure	205,997	6,914	0	97	0	213,008
18	Gains/(losses) on monetary investments						0
19	Gains/(losses) on Manse disposal						0
20	Net income/(expenditure)	-36,199	1,244	0	70	0	-34,885
21	Transfers between funds						0
22	Reclassification of funds						0
23	Net movement in funds	-36,199	1,244	0	70	0	-34,885
24	Total funds brought forward	1,489,530	176,798		2,795		1,669,123
25	Total funds carried forward	1,453,331	178,042	-	2,865	-	1,634,238

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2025

Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2024/25 £	Totals 2023/24 £	
Fixed Assets								
Circuit Manses & Equipment	1,304,262					1,304,262	1,304,262	R
Investment properties						0	0	R
Investments						0	0	
Total fixed assets	1,304,262	0	0	0	0	1,304,262	1,304,262	
Current Assets								
Debtors	934					934	1,218	S
Loans by the Circuit						0	0	
Investments with TMCP		178,042		2,864		180,906	179,593	T
Central Finance Board Deposits	139,736					139,736	155,150	T
Cash at Bank and in hand	44,781					44,781	64,640	
Total current assets	185,451	178,042	0	2,864	0	366,357	400,601	
Current liabilities								
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	36,381					36,381	35,740	U
Grants payable						0	0	V
Total current liabilities	36,381	0	0	0	0	36,381	35,740	
Net current assets/liabilities	149,070	178,042	0	2,864	0	329,976	364,861	
Total assets less current liabilities	1,453,332	178,042	0	2,864	0	1,634,238	1,669,123	
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)								
Grants payable after 2018-19						0	0	V
Loans to the Circuit						0	0	
Net assets	1,453,332	178,042	0	2,864	0	1,634,238	1,669,123	W
Funds of the Circuit								
General Fund (Unrestricted)	1,453,332					1,453,332	1,489,530	W
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)		178,042				178,042	176,798	
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)			0			0	0	
Total Unrestricted Funds						1,631,374	1,666,328	
Restricted Funds				2,864		2,864	2,795	
Endowment Funds					0	0	0	
Total Funds	1,453,332	178,042	0	2,864	0	1,634,238	1,669,123	

Signed

Circuit Treasurer

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102 – the Charities SORP (FRS102) and taking note of the Update Bulletin 1 issued in 2016.

2 Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Circuit which are Unrestricted. The Circuit Model Trust Fund has wide purposes defined in Standing Orders and is categorised as unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose. There are no Endowment funds. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the final note to these accounts. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

Incoming Resources

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Resources Expended

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Circuit to pay out resources.

Grants

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

VAT

Since the Circuit is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Circuit

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. The Manse buildings is shown in the accounts at 2020 deemed values, No depreciation is provided on the building because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings (on the assumption that it had reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The property has been reviewed for impairment..

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long term purposes of the charity.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors are made up of sundry debtors and loans owing from Linthorpe Road Resource Centre.

Creditors

Creditors include both sundry expenses and specifically the 1st quarter assessment received in August.

4 Payment to Trustees

There were no payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit Meeting, this excludes stipends.

Trustee expenses

	2024/25	2023/24
Number of Trustees	1	1
Total amount	£286	£253

Expense payments primarily relate to reimbursement for travel and computing costs

5 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

	2024/25 £	2023/24 £
Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	2,605	2,227
Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	910	910

6 Paid employees

Staff Costs paid during the year were:

	2024/25	2023/24
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	£ 62,139	50,582
Employer's National Insurance costs	£ 9,008	5,488
Pension costs	£ 12,408	9,497
Total staff costs	£ 83,555	65,567

Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year were:

2024/25	3
2023/24	3

7 Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

At the 31st August 2025 there are no capital commitments.
No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2025.

8 For information only Money received and passed on to External Organisations

	2024/25	2023/24
	£	£
Balance brought forward from last year		
Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations	0	0
Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations	0	0
Balance carried forward	0	0

9 Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or valuation

	Land £	Manses £	Other buildings £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Balance brought forward	0	1,304,262	0	0		1,304,262
Additions		0				0
Revaluations (+/-)						
Disposals (-)						
Transfers * (+/-)						
Balance carried forward	0	1,304,262		0		1,304,262

Accumulated depreciation

Balance brought forward				00		C
Depreciation charge for year (-)				0		C
Revaluations (+/-)						
Disposals (-)						
Transfers* (+/-)						
Balance carried forward				0		C

Net book value

Brought forward	0	1,304,262	0	0		1,304,262
Carried forward	0	1,304,262	0	0		1,304,262

10 Investment assets

The circuit has no Investment properties

The circuit has no common investment fund holdings

11 Loans

The Circuit currently has no loans

12 Analysis of restricted and designated funds

2024-25

Restricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
Benevolent Fund	1,226	0	0		1,266	
Development Fund	0	0	0		0	Available for funding outreach and development work
Circuit resource centre	0	0	0		0	Fund designated for the maintenance of the centre.
Totals	1,226	0	0		1,266	

Comparative analysis of restricted and designated funds 2023-2024

Restricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
Benevolent Fund	1,226	0	0		1,226	Support for individuals in specific need
Development Fund	0	0	0		0	Available for funding outreach and development work
Circuit resource Fund	0	0	0		0	Fund designated for the maintenance of the centre.
Totals	1,226	0	0		1,226	

Circuit
DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that these accrual based accounts for the year ended 31 August 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

Name of Treasurer

Address

Presentation to the Circuit Meeting for approval.

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 Aug will be* presented to the Circuit Meeting at its meeting on were, or

and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting

Date

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Circuit

This Report is on the Circuit Accounts for the year ended 31st August

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Circuit's trustees are responsible for ensuring that the annual report and accounts for the year to 31 August 2016 present a true and fair view of the Circuit's income and expenditure for the year and of its assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date. The trustees consider that an audit is not necessary for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

* Please delete or circle as appropriate

Circuit

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items, in nature or scale, or disclosures in the accounts, seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair view. My report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than as disclosed below*)

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act.
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met, or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

(3) 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.

Name of independent examiner

JENNIFER SHIELD BA FCA .

Signature of independent examiner

J. Shield .

Relevant Professional qualification of independent examiner

ICAEW | FCA

Name of firm (where appropriate)

LEQUARD BYE LIMITED

Address

50 BROUGH ROAD
MIDDLESBROUGH
TS1 2JN

Date

18/03/2021

* Please delete or circle as appropriate

Darlington District
Circuit number:13/02

MIDDLESBROUGH & ESTON CIRCUIT
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF

MIDDLESBROUGH & ESTON CIRCUIT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2025

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st August 2025 which are set out on pages 3 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of the Circuit Meeting and independent examiners

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Regulators. This examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Circuit Treasurer and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

J. Shield

Dated: 18/03/2026

Mrs J. E. Shield BA FCA
Leonard Bye Limited
Chartered Accountants
80 Borough Road
Middlesbrough
TS1 2JN

MIDDLESBROUGH & ESTON CIRCUIT
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2025

		<u>2025</u> £	<u>2025</u> £	<u>2025</u> £	<u>2024</u> £
		<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Unrest'ed</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Totals</u>	<u>Totals</u>
INCOMING RESOURCES	Notes				
Assessments	2	-	131,251	131,251	125,091
Interest received		8,325	6,258	14,583	17,831
Grants received		-	12,000	12,000	-
Letting income		-	20,070	20,070	13,678
Capital receipts		-	-	-	-
Other income		-	219	219	-
Total incoming resources		<u>8,325</u>	<u>169,798</u>	<u>178,123</u>	<u>156,600</u>
Resources expended					
Stipends, salaries and pensions	3	-	83,555	83,555	65,567
District expenses		6,340	38,000	44,340	45,240
Ministerial administration cost:					
Postage and stationery		-	-	-	183
Telephones		-	1,267	1,267	1,424
Travel		-	2,077	2,077	2,697
Office functions:					
Office services		-	15,177	15,177	13,463
Printing and stationery	4	-	491	491	253
Accounting, bookkeeping & payroll		-	3,515	3,515	3,137
TMCP administration fee		671	-	671	555
Bank charges		-	90	90	146
Manse expenses	5	-	13,862	13,862	9,762
Manse repairs		-	16,338	16,338	16,300
Other expenses:					
Methodist publishing house		-	441	441	282
Pulpit supply		-	-	-	-
Sundry expenses		-	823	823	174
Avenue project		-	11,621	11,621	23,097
Advertising & misc expenses		-	-	-	-
Outreach worker grant		-	-	-	6,000
Legal & professional fees		-	2,006	2,006	-
Grants paid out		-	5,000	5,000	5,000
Eston Grange		-	7,897	7,897	30,606
LRRRC wages expenses		-	3,837	3,837	-
Total resources expended		<u>7,011</u>	<u>205,997</u>	<u>213,008</u>	<u>223,886</u>
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING)		1,314	(36,199)	(34,885)	(67,286)
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS		-	-	-	-
RECLASSIFICATION OF FUNDS		-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		1,314	(36,199)	(34,885)	(67,286)
FUND BALANCES B/FORWARD		179,593	1,489,530	1,669,123	1,736,409
FUND BALANCES C/FORWARD		<u>180,907</u>	<u>1,453,331</u>	<u>1,634,238</u>	<u>1,669,123</u>

MIDDLESBROUGH & ESTON CIRCUIT
BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2025

	Notes	£	<u>2025</u> £	£	<u>2024</u> £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	6		1,304,262		1,304,262
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors and prepayments	7	934		1,218	
Central finance board		139,736		155,150	
Model Trust fund		178,042		176,798	
Cash at bank and in hand	9	44,781		64,640	
Endowments and bequests		2,864		2,795	
			<u>366,357</u>		<u>400,601</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors	8	36,381		35,740	
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
			<u>329,976</u>		<u>364,861</u>
NET ASSETS					
			<u><u>1,634,238</u></u>		<u><u>1,669,123</u></u>
Financed by:					
ACCUMULATED FUNDS					
Model Trust Fund			178,043		176,798
Endowments & Bequests			2,864		2,795
General funds			1,388,331		1,424,530
Revaluation Reserve			65,000		65,000
			<u><u>1,634,238</u></u>		<u><u>1,669,123</u></u>

Dated: 10th march 2026

On behalf of the Circuit Committee

L. Duffield

MIDDLESBROUGH & ESTON CIRCUIT

NOTES TO THE 2025 ACCOUNTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 General information and basis of preparation

Middlesbrough & Eston Circuit was registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 1st February 2010. The charity registration number is 1133911. The charity's principal address is Nunthorpe Methodist Church, Connaught Road, Nunthorpe, Middlesbrough, TS7 0BP.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

1.2 Incoming Resources

This represents the grants, assessments and other income receivable during the period.

1.3 Resources Expended

Resources expended are allocated to the particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity.

1.4 Recognition of income

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources; the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

1.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost or valuation. Manses are subsequently carried at cost less any impairment.

The trustees consider the manses to have a very long useful economic life and a high residual value. The expected residual value is not materially different from the carrying value of the properties. In accordance with FRS 102 Section 17 and Section 1A, where the residual value of an asset is assessed as equal to or greater than its carrying amount, no depreciation charge arises.

The trustees review the useful economic lives and residual values of the properties annually and perform an impairment review at each reporting date. Where there is an indication of impairment, the carrying value is reviewed and written down to the recoverable amount if necessary.

Following the impairment review undertaken at 31 August 2025, the trustees are satisfied that the carrying value of the manses is not materially overstated and that no depreciation or impairment charge is required for the year.

MIDDLESBROUGH & ESTON CIRCUIT

NOTES TO THE 2025 ACCOUNTS –continued

2. ASSESSMENTS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Grove Hill	14,000	11,000
Marton	33,500	32,897
Normanby	10,500	8,364
Nunthorpe	42,875	42,230
Stainton	626	1,600
Trinity	26,750	26,000
Avenue Community Project	3,000	3,000
	<u>131,251</u>	<u>125,091</u>

3. PAID EMPLOYEES

Staff costs paid during the year were split:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	92,139	60,704
Employer's National Insurance costs	9,008	5,488
Pension costs	12,408	9,497
Sickpay Refund	-	(10,122)
Contribution from Darlington District	(30,000)	-
Total staff costs	<u>83,555</u>	<u>65,567</u>
Average number of full time equivalent employees	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

No member of the management committee received any remuneration in the year for services as a trustee.

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

4. PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES

Payments to trustees only included refunds of expenses incurred on behalf of the Circuit (e.g stationery, postage, computer supplies etc)

	2025	2024
	£	£
Total amount paid	<u>286</u>	<u>253</u>
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

MIDDLESBROUGH & ESTON CIRCUIT
NOTES TO THE 2025 ACCOUNTS –continued

5.	MANSE EXPENSES	2025	2024
		£	£
	Rates	5,810	5,380
	Quinquennial inspections	3,000	-
	Insurance	5,052	4,382
		<u>13,862</u>	<u>9,762</u>

6.	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS		<u>Manses</u>
	Cost/Valuation at 1 st September 2024		1,304,262
	Additions		-
	Disposal		<u> </u>
	Cost/Valuation at 31 st August 2025		<u>1,304,262</u>
	Depreciation at 1 st September 2024		-
	Charge for the year		<u> </u>
	Depreciation 31 st August 2025		<u> </u>
	Net book value at 31 st August 2025		<u><u>1,304,262</u></u>

The manses are held for the furtherance of the charity's objectives and are used to provide accommodation for ministers serving the Circuit.

The trustees have assessed the useful economic life and residual value of the properties and consider that:

- the properties have a very long useful life;
- the residual value of the properties is not materially less than their carrying value; and
- there are no indicators of impairment at the balance sheet date.

Accordingly, no depreciation has been charged in the year. The trustees review this assessment annually in accordance with FRS 102.

7.	DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS	2025	2024
		£	£
	Debtors and prepayments	934	1,218
		<u>934</u>	<u>1,218</u>

MIDDLESBROUGH & ESTON CIRCUIT
NOTES TO THE 2025 ACCOUNTS –continued

8. CREDITORS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals	2,633	2,660
Benevolent fund 10	1,267	1,267
Young people & Education Resources	(852)	(395)
Receipts in advance	33,333	32,208
	36,381	35,740
	36,381	35,740

9. CASH AT BANK

Cash at bank includes £9,209 held for the Avenue Project.

10. BENEVOLENT FUND

The uses of these funds are designated by the committee, only for use as deemed appropriate by the Circuit officers to help in situations of hardship. The movement in the funds during the year was as follows:

		£
Balance brought forward at 1 st September 2024		1,226
Add: Offerings collected at Circuit services	-	
Less: Fund payments	-	
	-	
Balance carried forward at 31 st August 2025		1,266

11. CONTROL

No individual or group controls the Circuit.

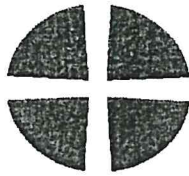
12. GRANT TO TFFC

In the year to 31st August 2021 the Circuit agreed to give TFFC a total grant of £30,000 payable over 5 years with the final payment due in the year to 31st August 2025. No payment was made in this year as the Circuit have had permission to hold this over until a TFFC lay worker is re-employed.

MIDDLESBROUGH & ESTON METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1133911

Accounts



THE METHODIST CHURCH
TEMPLATE REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
(ACCRUALS BASIS)
for the year ended 31 August 2024

MIDDLESBROUGH & ESTON

Circuit

Registered Charity - Registration number

1133911

District No / Circuit No 13 nn / nn 02

Ministers

X

REV. DAVID GODFREY
REV. CHARITY HAMILTON
REV. JOHN HOWARD-NORMAN

Circuit Stewards

X

MR NEIL MAPPLE BECK
MRS JULIE O'KEY
MRS DAWN HARRIS
MRS JULIE THOMAS

Circuit Treasurer

MRS LESLEY DUFFIELD

The Methodist Church

Middlesbrough & Eston Circuit

Trustees Annual Report

For the Period 1st September 2023 to 31st August 2024

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommendation Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard. (FRSSE)

REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Charity Name: Middlesbrough & Eston Methodist Circuit

Registered Charity Number: 1133911

Charity's Principal Address: Circuit Office
Nunthorpe Methodist Church
Connaught Road
Nunthorpe
Middlesbrough
TS7 0BP

Telephone: 01642 323924

Email: mbrocircuit@gmail.com

Website: www.middlesbroughandestonmethodistcircuit.org.uk

Auditors: Leonard Bye,
Chartered Accountants,
80 Borough Road
Middlesbrough
TS1 2JN

Bankers: HSBC
60 Albert Road,
Middlesbrough TS1 IRS

Investment Bankers: Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

The Middlesbrough & Eston Methodist Circuit forms part of the Darlington District of the Methodist Church (Registered Charity No: 1133814). The Governing Documents are the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)

With effect from 1st February 2010 the Middlesbrough & Eston Methodist Circuit was registered as a Charity with the Charity Commission - Registration number 1133911. The trustees of the Circuit meet regularly, at least twice each year, in the Circuit Meeting. This is the ultimate decision-making body of the Circuit, operating under the terms of Methodist Standing Orders. The circuit meetings were held on September 15th 2022 and March 8th 2023.

An 'Executive Committee', known as the 'Circuit Leadership Team', meets on a two monthly basis between Circuit Meetings. It is made up of the Ministers and Stewards of the Circuit. Meetings are held at Marton Church.

The CLT have created teams to support areas of responsibility across the Circuit.

Team Lead	Team members
Finance : Lesley Duffield	Kay Braithwaite, Pat Barrett
Property: Julie O'Key	Bernard Nixon , Brian Glover
Communications:	Dave Elliott, Elaine Mackintosh
Learning and Development	John Hinton

The Trustees of the Circuit are either ex-officio or appointed by the Church Councils of one of the seven Methodist Churches which make up the Circuit. These Churches are, Grove Hill, Linthorpe Road Chinese Church, Marton, Normanby, Nunthorpe, Trinity and Stainton.

The Trustees for 2023/2024 will be:

Rev David Godfrey	Superintendent Minister (Chair)
Rev Charity Hamilton	Minister
Rev John Howard Norman	Minister
Rev Leonard Karn	Supernumerary Minister

Circuit Stewards

Mrs Julie O'Key	Circuit Steward	Property and Finance
Mrs Lesley Duffield	Circuit Steward	Treasurer
Neil Mapplebeck	Circuit Steward	
Mrs Dawn Harris	Circuit Steward	
Julie Thomas	Circuit Steward	

Mrs Pat Hinton
Circuit Meeting:

Circuit Meeting Secretary Members/Trustees of the

Members of Circuit Meeting – for the Connexional year September 2023 – August 2024

Mrs P Barratt
Mrs J Bone
Mrs K Braithwaite
Mr M Braithwaite
Mrs P Brown
Mr D Bye
Mrs P Carter
Mrs L Duffield
Mr D Elliott
Mr B Glover
Rev D Godfrey
Rev C Hamilton
Mrs D Harris
Mr J Harris
Mr J Hinton
Mrs P Hinton – as secretary
Rev J Howard Norman
Mr K Johnson
Rev L Karn
Mrs J Lambert
Mrs R Lewis
Mrs S Loveridge
Rev T Luk
Mr D Lyness – added March 2024
Mr N Mapplebeck
Mr N Marsh – added March 2024
Mr J Martin
Mrs P Martin
Mrs D Mealing
Mrs E Milburn
Mr B Nixon
Mrs J O'Key
Mrs C Roberts
Mrs M Scurrah
Mrs J Sivills
Mrs C Tate
Mrs R Taylor
Mrs J Thomas
Mrs G Wildon
Dr C Ukeje-Eloagu

Trustees from 2023/2024 No Longer Serving

The following were removed as reps to the meeting on 31st August 2023.

Mrs B Lindsey
Mrs A Bardsey
Mr P French
Mrs J Bye
Mrs Y Cotton

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Middlesbrough & Eston Methodist Circuit and which will enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Standing Orders of the Methodist Church and the Charities Act 1993. They are also responsible for taking reasonable steps to safeguard the assets of the charity and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities. The Trustees are also responsible for the properties owned by the Circuit, namely our Manses (one of which is rented out to provide a source of income) and the Avenue Church (which has no active congregation) but is operated as a Community Project providing facilities for local residents within the Middlesbrough and Eston area.

Risk Management

The Risk Management arrangements of the Circuit are identified in the Circuit Risk Register and are divided into 4 main risk groups, namely Governance, Operational, Financial and External Risks. The Risk Register was approved by the Circuit Meeting on the 19th June 2014 and is regularly reviewed by the Circuit leadership Team.

Safeguarding

The Circuit has adopted the Statement of Safeguarding Principles agreed by the Methodist Church and the Church of England as identified below:

We are committed to:

- *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

A Safeguarding Policy was approved by the Circuit Meeting on the 14th September 2023 and is reviewed annually.

Sources and Management of funds

Circuit Treasurer.

The Circuit Treasurer is Lesley Duffield and her team.

It has been recognised by the Circuit that the roles and responsibilities of the Circuit Treasurer have increased over the last few years. So to that end the Circuit Leadership team has taken the decision to use a professional financial management firm to take on some of the roles of the Circuit Treasurer due to the increasing work load and complexity of the job. The Accountants Leonard Bye has taken on some of the financial management and staffing responsibilities.

Circuit Funds are obtained in a number of ways:

- The Methodist Churches contribute from their weekly offerings — known as the Assessment;
- Grants from other bodies towards the work in the Circuit. These include: Methodist Church Connexional Funds, The Darlington District of the Methodist Church;
- Income from renting out any vacant properties e.g. Manses.

Investment Policy

A Deposit Fund administered by the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church is utilised to deposit any Circuit General Funds surplus to immediate requirements.

Reserves Policy

It is the current policy of the Circuit Meeting to maintain a basic balance in the reserve of £125,000.

Related Parties

The Middlesbrough & Eston Methodist Circuit maintains close links with:

- The Methodist Asylum Project, Middlesbrough (Registered charity no: 1132820);

- The Linthorpe Road Resource Centre Limited (Registered charity no: 1126421)

Each of these is independent charity with their own boards of trustees and are financially independent of the Methodist Circuit. However, members of staff of these charities have employment contracts through the Middlesbrough & Eston Methodist Circuit.

The circuit also has links with Together Middlesbrough and Cleveland (Reg Charity no.1159355)

OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES

Charitable objects:

The purposes of the Methodist Church are 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 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.

Our Circuit Mission:

To Love Christ,
To Grow in Christ,
To Show Christ's love,
To Make Christ known

Our Circuit Vision:

The sense of mission conveyed here can be furthered through a statement of vision which expresses the kind of Circuit we seek to be:

The Middlesbrough and Eston Methodist Circuit seeks to be a connected community, united in Christ to pursue our common mission. We remain dependent on God's grace, dedicated to his service, and underpin our common life with prayer and worship. We seek to nurture Christian discipleship, which can take root, develop and flourish. We seek to share our stories of God's love with others in the hope that they too will come to faith. We also seek to show Christian love in action in support of those who are forgotten, vulnerable or marginalised in our communities. Also see www.memc.uk .

We are embracing and developing our thinking around “The Methodist Way of Life” and so focusing on Worship, Service, Learning and Caring, and Evangelism. As a Circuit we seek to encourage initiatives which connect church and community and which place us alongside those from whom we have become distant for several generations. We also have a deep concern for those who stand on the edge of ‘normal’ society and who struggle to fit in economically and in other ways.

Public Benefit

When planning our activities for the year, the Circuit and the individual Churches are aware of the Commission’s guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. Public benefit will be delivered by adherence to our Vision for the work of the Circuit within the area in which we live.

Ministerial Team

The Superintendent Minister is Rev David Godfrey. The other member of the Circuit team is Rev Charity Hamilton and Rev John Howard Norman.

Invitation and stationing

Rev Charity Hamilton has had her invitation extended by a further two years to August 2026. In her new appointment she will focus most of her efforts on town centre mission and ministry. There has been a welcoming service at Linthorpe Road to inaugurate this new venture.

Lay Employees

Elaine McIntosh	Lay employee Circuit office
Mrs Sharon Sewell	Lay Employee
Andrew Glazebrook	Lay Employee

Safeguarding

The safeguarding policy was approved on 14th September 2023 and DBS verification has taken place for key members of the Churches in the Circuit. Further training events have taken place and there will be a rolling programme of training in the Circuit.

The Circuit continues to be vigilant in its application of safeguarding policy and is aware that there are regular updates coming from Central office that need to be

incorporated into Circuit policy. Training and update sessions are offered in the Circuit when the need arises.

Risk

The Circuit Meeting agreed a risk strategy which was reviewed by the Circuit Leadership Team. The risk assessment will be reviewed this year by the leadership team.

Property

Quinquennial Inspection was completed for Grove Hill Church.

Properties reported in good order with no major repairs required.

Linthorpe Road Methodist Church and Resource Centre

The Chinese church became a member of the Methodist church in 2021 and they meet for worship fortnightly in Linthorpe Road Methodist Church.

The Resource Centre is run by a management team with involvement from the Circuit and it continues to provide services to the community of Middlesbrough. As part of the Linthorpe Road premises there are two shop units that have been refurbished and are now rented out. This has added to the income of the Resource centre.

Key Activities during the Report Year 2023/2024

Churches have been active in reaching out to their local communities. The church café at Trinity is well supported and the play group at Nunthorpe is thriving.

Circuit Review Project

We have asked churches to be active in reviewing our calling and we hope that investigating the Methodist way of Life message we can encourage new projects and forms of worship. This is an on-going process which we hope will give us a pathway for the future.

Within the circuit these are the evidence of continuing mission in the community:

Trinity Methodist Church and Family Friendly Centre

The family centre has continued to support families in the West Middlesbrough area with food and clothes parcels. The extension of the kitchen and café has been welcomed and well used by the local community. There is a Foodbank at the centre and they are supported by donations of food and money from other churches in the Circuit .

The Centre has a garden area and there are some members who are keen gardeners. Funding has been sort and the plan is to develop a community garden.

Grove Hill Methodist Church

The church has just been awarded a Bronze certificate as an Eco Church and this was officially presented by the Chair of District Rev Richard Andrew.

Linthorpe Road Resource Centre

Linthorpe Road Resource Centre has completed its project that was funded initially by the EU.

There is now a new initiative led by Rev Charity Hamilton to develop an inner town presence and to continue connections with the University.

Actions:

- The two shop areas are rented out

MAP (Methodist Asylum Project) is well attended and supported. The need for MAP is more vital than ever with ongoing financial pressures on the cost of living and the Circuit feels this is a vital service in Middlesbrough and the local area.

The leader of the project is Billy Barnes. The need for MAP has increased due to more asylum seekers residing in Middlesbrough and the adjoining borough.

Connect/Junction 42

Connect/Junction 42 works with ex-offenders throughout the North East and Scotland to support new Christians in their Christian journey. They are developing their network in Middlesbrough meeting at Linthorpe Road Methodist Centre.

The Avenue Project

The Avenue Methodist Church is the responsibility of the Circuit. At the Circuit meeting it was agreed that then church and premises will be sold. This is still ongoing.

Nunthorpe Methodist Church

The Christmas celebration included a Carol Service in the open air on Christmas Eve continues to be well attended by the local community. A request from older members

for an “inside “carol service due to weather conditions will be included in next year’s plan.

Families in the play group were offered the opportunity to be involved in the Travelling Nativity and this was well supported.

Plans for 2023/24

Nunthorpe is looking at employing a Family and Childrens’ worker in the next 12 months and also having a feasibility study of the church premise to create a more flexible worship space.

There is also a circuit need to develop more Eco- churches as the Connexional plans “ Action for Hope” are for The Methodist Church to be working towards being carbon neutral by 2030.

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2024

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023-24
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income							
1 Donations and legacies							0
2 Income from monetary investments		8,025	9,801		5		17,831
3 Income from investment properties							0
4 Assessments on Churches		125,091					125,091
5 Capital Receipts							0
6 Grants received							0
7 Other charitable income		13,678					13,678
8 Total income		146,794	9,801	-	5	-	156,600
Expenditure							
9 Grants and donations		11,000					11,000
10 Salaries and associated costs		65,567					65,567
11 Property maintenance		56,668					56,668
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy			7,240				7,240
13 District Assessment & Levy		38,000	555				38,555
14 Depreciation							0
15 Office expenses		21,157					21,157
16 Other outgoings		23,699					23,699
17 Total charitable expenditure		216,091	7,795	0	0	0	223,886
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments							0
19 Gains/(losses) on Manse disposal							0
20 Net income/(expenditure)		-69,297	2,006	0	5	0	-67,286
21 Transfers between funds		20,000	-	20,000			0
22 Reclassification of funds							0
23 Net movement in funds		-49,297	-17,994	0	5	0	-67,286
24 Total funds brought forward		1,538,827	194,792		2,790		1,736,409
25 Total funds carried forward		1,489,530	176,798	-	2,795	-	1,669,123

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2023/24 £	Totals 2022/23 £	
Fixed Assets								
Circuit Manses & Equipment	1,304,262					1,304,262	1,304,262	R
Investment properties						0		R
Investments						0		
Total fixed assets	1,304,262	0	0	0	0	1,304,262	1,304,262	
Current Assets								
Debtors	1,218					1,218	3,908	S
Loans by the Circuit						0	0	
Investments with TMCP		176,798		2,795		179,593	197,582	
Central Finance Board Deposits	155,150					155,150	157,015	T
Cash at Bank and in hand	64,640					64,640	108,918	
Total current assets	221,008	176,798	0	2,795	0	400,601	467,423	
Current liabilities								
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	35,740					35,740	35,276	U
Grants payable						0	0	V
Total current liabilities	35,740	0	0	0	0	35,740	35,276	
Net current assets/liabilities	185,268	176,798	0	2,795	0	364,861	432,147	
Total assets less current liabilities	1,489,530	176,798	0	2,795	0	1,669,123	1,736,409	
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)								
Grants payable after 2018-19						0		V
Loans to the Circuit						0		
						0		
Net assets	1,489,530	176,798	0	2,795	0	1,669,123	1,736,409	W
Funds of the Circuit								
General Fund (Unrestricted)	1,489,530					1,489,530	1,538,827	W
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)		176,798				176,798	194,792	
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)			0			0	0	
Total Unrestricted Funds						1,666,328	1,733,619	
Restricted Funds				2,795		2,795	2,790	
Endowment Funds					0	0	0	
Total Funds	1,489,530	176,798	0	2,795	0	1,669,123	1,736,409	

Signed

Circuit Treasurer

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102 – the Charities SORP (FRS102) and taking note of the Update Bulletin 1 issued in 2016.

2 Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Circuit which are Unrestricted. The Circuit Model Trust Fund has wide purposes defined in Standing Orders and is categorised as unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose. There are no Endowment funds. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the final note to these accounts. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

Incoming Resources

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Resources Expended

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Circuit to pay out resources.

Grants

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

VAT

Since the Circuit is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Circuit

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500.

The Manse buildings is shown in the accounts at 2020 deemed values, No depreciation is provided on the building because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings (on the assumption that it had reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The property has been reviewed for impairment..

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long term purposes of the charity.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors are made up of sundry debtors and loans owing from Linthorpe Road Resource Centre.

Creditors

Creditors include both sundry expenses and specifically the 1st quarter assessment received in August.

4 Payment to Trustees

There were no payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit Meeting, this excludes stipends.

Trustee expenses

	2023/24	2022/23
Number of Trustees	2	2
Total amount	£262	£280

Expense payments primarily relate to reimbursement for travel and computing costs

5 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

	2023/24	2022/23
	£	£
Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	2,227	1,860
Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	910	840

6 Paid employees

Staff Costs paid during the year were:

	2023/24	2022/23
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	£ 50,582	21,807
Employer's National Insurance costs	£ 5,488	5,843
Pension costs	£ 9,497	13,375
Total staff costs	£ 65,567	41,025

Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year were:

	3	3
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7 Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

At the 31st August 2023 there are no capital commitments.

No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2023.

8 For information only Money received and passed on to External Organisations

	2023/24	2022/23
	£	£
Balance brought forward from last year		
Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations	0	0
Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations	0	0
Balance carried forward	0	0

9 Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or valuation

	Land £	Manses £	Other buildings £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Balance brought forward	0	1,304,262	0	0		1,304,262
Additions		0				0
Revaluations (+/-)						
Disposals (-)						
Transfers * (+/-)						
Balance carried forward	0	1,304,262		0		1,304,262

Accumulated depreciation

Balance brought forward				00		0
Depreciation charge for year (-)				0		0
Revaluations (+/-)						
Disposals (-)						
Transfers* (+/-)						
Balance carried forward				0		0

Net book value

Brought forward	0	1,304,262	0	0		1,304,262
Carried forward	0	1,304,262	0	0		1,304,262

10 Investment assets

The circuit has no Investment properties

The circuit has no common investment fund holdings

11 Loans

The Circuit currently has no loans

12 Analysis of restricted and designated funds

2023-24

Restricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
Benevolent Fund	1,226	40	0		1,266	
Development Fund	0	0	0		0	Available for funding outreach and development work
Circuit resource centre	0	0	0		0	Fund designated for the maintenance of the centre.
Totals	1,226	40	0		1,266	

Comparative analysis of restricted and designated funds 2022-2023

Restricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
Benevolent Fund	1,226	0	0		1,226	Support for individuals in specific need
Development Fund	0	0	0		0	Available for funding outreach and development work
Circuit resource Fund	0	0	0		0	Fund designated for the maintenance of the centre.
Totals	1,276	0	0		1,226	

Circuit
DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that these accrual based accounts for the year ended 31 August 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 L DUFFIELD Date 12/3/2025

Name of Treasurer LESLEY DUFFIELD

Address 14 CRANFORD GARDENS, ACKLAM
MIDDLEBROUGH TS5 8AQ.

Presentation to the Circuit Meeting for approval.

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 Aug 2024 were, or will be* presented to the Circuit Meeting at its meeting on

and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting David Godfrey

Name of the Chair of the meeting RWD DAVID GODFREY

Date 12th March 25

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

MIDDLEBROUGH & ESTON Circuit

This Report is on the Circuit Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2024

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Circuit's trustees are responsible for ensuring that the annual report and accounts for the year to 31 August 2016 present a true and fair view of the Circuit's income and expenditure for the year and of its assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date. The trustees consider that an audit is not necessary for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

* Please delete or circle as appropriate

Circuit

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items, in nature or scale, or disclosures in the accounts, seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair view. My report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than as disclosed below*)

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act.
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met, or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

(3) 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.

Name of independent examiner

MRS J. E. SHIELD BA FCA .

Signature of independent examiner

J. Shield .

Relevant Professional qualification of independent examiner

FCA .

Name of firm (where appropriate)

LEONARD BYE LIMITED

Address

80 BOROUGH ROAD
MIDDLESBROUGH
TS1 2JN

Date

27/03/2025

* Please delete or circle as appropriate

**Darlington District
Circuit number:13/02**

MIDDLESBROUGH & ESTON CIRCUIT
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF

MIDDLESBROUGH & ESTON CIRCUIT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st August 2024 which are set out on pages 3 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of the Circuit Meeting and independent examiners

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Regulators. This examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Circuit Treasurer and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

Dated: 27th March 2025

Mrs J. E. Shield BA FCA
Leonard Bye Limited
Chartered Accountants
80 Borough Road
Middlesbrough
TS1 2JN

MIDDLESBROUGH & ESTON CIRCUIT
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

		<u>2024</u> £	<u>2024</u> £	<u>2024</u> £	<u>2023</u> £
		<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Unrest'ed</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Totals</u>	<u>Totals</u>
INCOMING RESOURCES	Notes				
Assessments	2	-	125,091	125,091	123,912
Interest received		9,807	8,024	17,831	10,622
Grants received		-	-	-	-
Letting income		-	13,678	13,678	(357)
Capital Receipts		-	-	-	18,573
Other Income		-	-	-	9,355
Total incoming resources		<u>9,807</u>	<u>146,793</u>	<u>156,600</u>	<u>162,105</u>
Resources expanded					
Stipends, salaries and pensions	3	-	65,567	65,567	41,025
District Expenses		7,240	38,000	45,240	46,453
Ministerial administration cost:					
Postage and stationery		-	183	183	122
Telephones		-	1,424	1,424	1,819
Travel		-	2,697	2,697	1,927
Office functions:					
Office services		-	13,463	13,463	13,661
Printing and stationery	4	-	253	253	280
Accounting, Bookkeeping & payroll		-	3,137	3,137	2,700
TMCP administration fee		555	-	555	624
Bank Charges		-	146	146	128
Manse expenses	5	-	9,762	9,762	11,884
Manse repairs		-	16,300	16,300	1,358
Other expenses:					
Methodist publishing house		-	282	282	251
Pulpit supply		-	-	-	-
Sundry expenses		-	174	174	165
Avenue Project		-	23,097	23,097	(6,685)
Advertising & Misc expenses		-	-	-	-
Outreach Worker Grant		-	6,000	6,000	6,000
Legal & Professional Fees		-	-	-	(4,418)
Grants Paid out		-	5,000	5,000	12,500
Eston Grange		-	30,606	30,606	-
Total resources expended		<u>7,795</u>	<u>216,091</u>	<u>223,886</u>	<u>129,794</u>
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING)		2,012	(69,298)	(67,286)	32,311
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS		(20,000)	20,000	-	-
RECLASSIFICATION OF FUNDS		-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		<u>(17,988)</u>	<u>(49,298)</u>	<u>(67,286)</u>	<u>32,311</u>
FUND BALANCES B/FORWARD		<u>197,581</u>	<u>1,538,828</u>	<u>1,736,409</u>	<u>1,704,098</u>
FUND BALANCES C/FORWARD		<u>179,593</u>	<u>1,489,530</u>	<u>1,669,123</u>	<u>1,736,409</u>

MIDDLESBROUGH & ESTON CIRCUIT
BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

	Notes	£	<u>2024</u> £	£	<u>2023</u> £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	6		1,304,262		1,304,262
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors and prepayments	7	1,218		3,908	
Central finance board		155,150		157,015	
Model Trust fund		176,798		194,792	
Cash at bank and in hand	9	64,640		108,917	
Endowments and bequests		2,795		2,791	
		400,601		467,423	
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors	8	35,740		35,276	
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
			364,861		432,147
NET ASSETS					
			1,669,123		1,736,409
Financed by:					
ACCUMULATED FUNDS					
Model Trust Fund			176,798		194,792
Endowments & Bequests			2,795		2,791
General funds			1,424,530		1,473,826
Revaluation Reserve			65,000		65,000
			1,669,123		1,736,409

Mrs L Duffield

Dated: 12th March 2025

On behalf of the Circuit Committee

MIDDLESBROUGH & ESTON CIRCUIT

NOTES TO THE 2024 ACCOUNTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 General information and basis of preparation

Middlesbrough & Eston Circuit was registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 1st February 2010. The charity registration number is 1133911. The charity's principle address is Nunthorpe Methodist Church, Connaught Road, Nunthorpe, Middlesbrough, TS7 0BP.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

1.2 Incoming Resources

This represents the grants, assessments and other income receivable during the period.

1.3 Resources Expended

Resources expended are allocated to the particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity.

1.4 Recognition of income

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources; the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

MIDDLESBROUGH & ESTON CIRCUIT

NOTES TO THE 2024 ACCOUNTS –continued

2. ASSESSMENTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Grove Hill	11,000	9,000
Marton	32,897	32,252
Normanby	8,364	10,160
Nunthorpe	42,230	41,200
Stainton	1,600	3,300
Trinity	26,000	25,000
Avenue Community Project	3,000	3,000
	<u>125,091</u>	<u>123,912</u>

3. PAID EMPLOYEES

Staff costs paid during the year were split:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	60,704	70,442
Employer's National Insurance costs	5,488	5,843
Pension costs	9,497	13,375
Sickpay Refund	(10,122)	(48,635)
Total staff costs	<u>65,567</u>	<u>41,025</u>
Average number of full time equivalent employees	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

No member of the management committee received any remuneration in the year for services as a trustee.

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

4. PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES

Payments to trustees only included refunds of expenses incurred on behalf of the Circuit (e.g stationery, postage, computer supplies etc)

	2024	2023
	£	£
Total amount paid	<u>253</u>	<u>280</u>
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

MIDDLESBROUGH & ESTON CIRCUIT
NOTES TO THE 2024 ACCOUNTS –continued

5. MANSE EXPENSES	2024 £	2023 £
Rates	5,380	5,432
Quinquennial inspections	-	2,280
Insurance	4,382	4,172
	9,762	11,884
	9,762	11,884

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	<u>Manses</u>
Cost/Valuation at 1 st September 2023	1,304,262
Additions	-
Disposal	-
Cost/Valuation at 31 st August 2024	1,304,262
Depreciation at 1 st September 2023	-
Charge for the year	-
Depreciation 31 st August 2024	-
Net book value at 31 st August 2024	1,304,262

We do not regard the value as being less than cost. We have carried out an impairment review and have decided that the property is not an inalienable asset and so consider that no depreciation is necessary.

7. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS	2024 £	2023 £
Debtors and prepayments	1,218	3,908
	1,218	3,908
	1,218	3,908

MIDDLESBROUGH & ESTON CIRCUIT
NOTES TO THE 2024 ACCOUNTS –continued

8. CREDITORS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals	2,660	3,481
Benevolent fund 10	1,267	1,226
Young people & Education Resources	(395)	46
Receipts in advance	32,208	30,523
	35,740	35,276
	35,740	35,276

9. CASH AT BANK

Cash at bank includes £17,830 held for the Avenue Project.

10. BENEVOLENT FUND

The uses of these funds are designated by the committee, only for use as deemed appropriate by the Circuit officers to help in situations of hardship. The movement in the funds during the year was as follows:

		£
Balance brought forward at 1 st September 2023		1,226
Add: Offerings collected at Circuit services	40	
Less: Fund payments	-	
	40	
Balance carried forward at 31 st August 2024		1,266

11. CONTROL

No individual or group controls the Circuit.

12. GRANT TO TFFC

The Circuit have agreed to give TFFC a total grant of £30,000 payable over 5 years. A fourth Payment of £6,000 was paid in the year to 31st August 2024 with the remaining balance of £6,000 payable in the next year.

MIDDLESBROUGH & ESTON METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1133911

Accounts

The Methodist Church

Middlesbrough & Eston Circuit

Trustees Annual Report

For the Period 1st September 2022 to 31st August 2023

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommendation Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard. (FRSSE)

REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Charity Name: Middlesbrough & Eston Methodist Circuit

Registered Charity Number: 1133911

Charity's Principal Address: Circuit Office
Nunthorpe Methodist Church
Connaught Road
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Investment Bankers: Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

The Middlesbrough & Eston Methodist Circuit forms part of the Darlington District of the Methodist Church (Registered Charity No: 1133814). The Governing Documents are the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)

With effect from 1st February 2010 the Middlesbrough & Eston Methodist Circuit was registered as a Charity with the Charity Commission - Registration number 1133911. The trustees of the Circuit meet regularly, at least 3 times each year, in the Circuit Meeting. This is the ultimate decision-making body of the Circuit, operating under the terms of Methodist Standing Orders. The circuit meetings were held on September 15th 2022 and March 8th 2023.

An 'Executive Committee', known as the 'Circuit Leadership Team', meets on a two monthly basis between Circuit Meetings. It is made up of the Ministers and Stewards of the Circuit. Meetings are held at Marton Church.

The CLT have created teams to support areas of responsibility across the Circuit.

Team Lead	Team members
Finance : Lesley Duffield	Kay Braithwaite, Pat Barrett
Property: Julie O'Key	Bernard Nixon , Brian Glover
Communications:	Dave Elliott, Elaine Mackintosh Anne Smith
Learning and Development	John Hinton

The Trustees of the Circuit are either ex-officio or appointed by the Church Councils of one of the seven Methodist Churches which make up the Circuit. These Churches are, Grove Hill, Linthorpe Road Chinese Church, Marton, Normanby, Nunthorpe, Trinity and Stainton

The Trustees for 2022/2023 will be:

Rev David Godfrey	Superintendent Minister (Chair)
Rev Charity Hamilton	Minister
Rev John Howard Norman	Supernumerary Minister
Rev Leonard Karn	Supernumerary Minister

Circuit Stewards

Mrs Julie O'Key	Senior Circuit Steward	Property and Finance
Mrs Lesley Duffield	Circuit Steward	Treasurer
Neil Mapplebeck	Circuit Steward	
Mrs Dawn Harris	Circuit Steward	
Mrs Pat Hinton	Circuit Meeting Secretary	

Members/Trustees of the Circuit Meeting:

The Current members of the meeting are as follows

Chibu E
Mrs C Roberts
Mrs Y Cotton
Mrs D Mealing
Mrs J Thomas
Mrs G Wilsdon
Mr J Martin
Mrs L Martin
Sharon Loveridge
Mrs P Barrett
Mr K Johnson
Mrs P Brown
Mrs J Sivills
Mr N Marsh
Mrs A Hall
Mrs K Braithwaite
Mrs B Lindley
Mrs J Lambert
Mr D Bye
Miss C Tate
Mrs A Bardsley
Mr P French
Mrs J Bye
Mrs P Carter
Mrs M Scurrah
Mr B Nixon
Mr J Harris

Mr D Elliott
Mrs R Taylor
Mrs P Hinton
Mrs J Bone
Mr M Braithwaite
Mrs J O'Key
Mrs L Duffield
Mrs D Harris
Mr N Mapplebeck
Mr B Glover
Mr W Barnes
Mrs P Martin

Mrs E Milburn
Mr J Hinton
Mrs R Lewis
Rev Len Karn

Rev David Godfrey
Rev Charity Hamilton
Rev John Howard-Norman
Rev T C Luk

Trustees from 2022/2023 No Longer Serving

The following were removed as reps to the meeting on 31st August 2022.

Mrs Ailsa Adamson
Mrs Dorothy Hudson
Mrs Anne Smith
Mrs Kath Smithies
Rev Christopher Wood Archer
Mrs Jean Bird
Mrs Maureen Borley
Mr Malcolm Carling
Mrs Elsie Dodds
Mrs Barbara Morley
Mrs Kathleen Newton
Mrs Jean Parker
Mrs Lilian Pryde
Mr Walter Severs

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Middlesbrough & Eston Methodist Circuit and which will enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Standing Orders of the Methodist Church and the Charities Act 1993. They are also responsible for taking reasonable steps to safeguard the assets of the charity and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities. The Trustees are also responsible for the properties owned by the Circuit, namely our Manses (one of which is rented out to provide a source of income) and the Avenue Church (which has no active congregation) but is operated as a Community Project providing facilities for local residents within the Middlesbrough and Eston area.

Risk Management

The Risk Management arrangements of the Circuit are identified in the Circuit Risk Register and are divided into 4 main risk groups, namely Governance, Operational, Financial and External Risks. The Risk Register was approved by the Circuit Meeting on the 19th June 2014 and is regularly reviewed by the Circuit leadership Team.

Safeguarding

The Circuit has adopted the Statement of Safeguarding Principles agreed by the Methodist Church and the Church of England as identified below:

We are committed to:

- *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

A Safeguarding Policy was approved by the Circuit Meeting on the 14th September 2023 and is reviewed annually.

Sources and Management of funds

Circuit Treasurer.

The Circuit Treasurer is Lesley Duffield and her team.

It has been recognised by the Circuit that the roles and responsibilities of the Circuit Treasurer have increased over the last few years. So to that end the Circuit Leadership team has taken the decision to use a professional financial management firm to take on some of the roles of the Circuit Treasurer due to the increasing work

load and complexity of the job. The Accountants Leonard Bye has taken on some of the financial management and staffing responsibilities.

Circuit Funds are obtained in a number of ways:

- The Methodist Churches contribute from their weekly offerings — known as the Assessment;
- Grants from other bodies towards the work in the Circuit. These include: Methodist Church Connexional Funds, The Darlington District of the Methodist Church;
- Income from renting out any vacant properties e.g. Manses.

Investment Policy

A Deposit Fund administered by the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church is utilised to deposit any Circuit General Funds surplus to immediate requirements.

Reserves Policy

It is the current policy of the Circuit Meeting to maintain a basic balance in the reserve of £125,000.

Related Parties

The Middlesbrough & Eston Methodist Circuit maintains close links with:

- The Methodist Asylum Project, Middlesbrough (Registered charity no: 1132820);
- The Linthorpe Road Resource Centre Limited (Registered charity no: 1126421);

Each of these is independent charity with their own boards of trustees and are financially independent of the Methodist Circuit. However, members of staff of these charities have employment contracts through the Middlesbrough & Eston Methodist Circuit.

The circuit also has links with Together Middlesbrough and Cleveland (Reg Charity no.1159355)

OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES

Charitable objects:

The purposes of the Methodist Church are 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 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.

Our Circuit Mission:

To Love Christ,
To Grow in Christ,
To Show Christ's love,
To Make Christ known

Our Circuit Vision:

The sense of mission conveyed here can be furthered through a statement of vision which expresses the kind of Circuit we seek to be:

The Middlesbrough and Eston Methodist Circuit seeks to be a connected community, united in Christ to pursue our common mission. We are dependent on God's grace and dedicated to God's service. We seek to nurture Christian discipleship, which can take root, develop and flourish. We seek to share our stories of God's love with others in the hope that they too will come to faith. We seek to show Christian love in action in the hope that the vulnerable will grow stronger and that the poor will be helped. Also see <http://www.middlesbroughandestonmethodistcircuit.org.uk>

We are embracing and developing our thinking around "The Methodist Way of Life" and so focusing on Service, Worship, Evangelism and Learning and Caring. As a circuit we seek to encourage initiatives which connect church and community and which place us alongside those from whom we have become distant for several generations. We have a deep concern for those who stand on the edge of 'normal' society and who struggle to fit in economically and in other ways. We seek to share our stories of God's love with others in the hope that they too will come to faith. We seek to show Christian love in action in the hope that the vulnerable will grow stronger and that the poor will be helped.

Public Benefit

When planning our activities for the year, the Circuit and the individual Churches are aware of the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. Public benefit will be delivered by adherence to our Vision for the work of the Circuit within the area in which we live.

Ministerial Team

The Superintendent Minister is Rev David Godfrey. The other member of the Circuit team is Rev Charity Hamilton.

The Circuit had insufficient funds to make a replacement appointment but we were able to invite Rev John Howard Norman as a Supernumerary part-time minister and he will be in appointment until August 2024.

Invitation and stationing

'The Chair of District is making an application to the District Grants Committee for £60,000 in total to support staffing in our circuit for the Connexional years 24-25 and 25-26. In light of this, Rev Charity Hamilton has had her invitation extended by a further two years to August 2026. Her appointment will however change, and while still being involved pastorally within the circuit, she will focus most of her efforts on town centre mission and ministry. This is with a view to creating a project under the umbrella of 'New Places for New People'.

This extra funding allows us to enter stationing for a new minister for September 2024 to take pastoral charge of Trinity, Grove Hill and Normanby Churches. David Godfrey will continue with Superintendency, and have pastoral charge of Marton, Nunthorpe, Stainton and the Chinese Church at Linthorpe Road.'

Lay Employees

Elaine McIntosh	Lay employee Circuit office
Mrs Sharon Sewell	Lay Employee
Andrew Glazebrook	Lay Employee

Safeguarding

The safeguarding policy was approved on 15th September 2022 and DBS verification has taken place for key members of the Churches in the Circuit. Further training events have taken place and there will be a rolling programme of training in the Circuit.

The Circuit continues to be vigilant in its application of safeguarding policy and is aware that there are regular updates coming from Central office that need to be incorporated into Circuit policy. Training and update sessions are offered in the Circuit when the need arises.

Risk

The Circuit Meeting agreed a risk strategy which was reviewed by the Circuit Leadership Team. The risk assessment will be reviewed this year by the leadership team.

Property

Quinquennial Inspections were completed for Stainton and Marton Methodist Churches and Emerson Road Manse. Properties reported in good order with no major repairs required.

Linthorpe Road Methodist Church and Resource Centre

The Chinese church became a member of the Methodist church in 2021 and they meet for worship weekly in Linthorpe Road.

The Resource Centre is run by a management team with involvement from the Circuit and it continues to provide services to the community of Middlesbrough. As part of the Linthorpe Road premises there are two shop units that have been refurbished and are now rented out. This has added to the income of the Resource centre.

Key Activities during the Report Year 2022/2023

There have been some pleasing developments across the Circuit. Some churches report an increase in membership and there are improvements in buildings allowing for outreach to communities to be developed.

Circuit Review Project

The Circuit Leadership team continue to look at ways of supporting churches through the review process. The team had an opportunity to be together on an “Away Day” in Hartlepool where we looked in detail at the material associated with the “Methodist way of life” and Walking with Micah”. We aim that we have a priority to be a justice seeking Circuit. We plan to extend these priorities to the churches in the circuit to encourage all members in their faith and mission.

We have asked churches to be active in a reviewing our calling and we hope that investigating the Methodist way of Life message we can encourage new projects and forms of worship. This is an on-going process which we hope will give us a pathway for the future.

Within the circuit these are the evidence of continuing mission in the community:

Trinity Methodist Church and Family Friendly Centre

The family centre has continued to support families in the West Middlesbrough area with food and clothes parcel, Christmas packs for the children and with the recent reopening of the coffee shop. The extension of the kitchen and café is to

accommodate an increasing number of families and friends making Trinity their safe space.

The “Together Better Middlesbrough” initiative continues and the families are visited regularly with food and help with school uniforms.

The Centre has a garden area and there are some members who are keen gardeners. Funding has been sort and the plan is to develop a community garden. The church has just been awarded a Bronze certificate as an Eco Church.

Grove Hill Methodist Church

Grove Hill runs a Foodbank supporting the work of the Trussell Trust. It is supported by the other churches in the Circuit.

Linthorpe Road Resource Centre

Linthorpe Road Resource Centre has completed its project that was funded initially by the EU. We have also appointed a new lay member of staff to support the work in Linthorpe Road and to promote its presence in the town.

Actions:

- Circuit continues to financial support to continue the project
- The two shop areas have been refurbished and are now rented out

Great efforts were made by the present board of Trustees to invite new members on to the board to re-invigorating leadership and purpose to the Resource centre.

Some projects are continuing such as MAP (Methodist Asylum Project) and are well attended and supported. The need for MAP has increased due to the effects of the pandemic and the Circuit feels this is a vital service in Middlesbrough and the local area.

A new leader has been appointed and we are pleased to welcome Billy Barnes. The need for MAP has increased due to more asylum seekers residing in Middlesbrough and the adjoining borough.

Connect/Junction 42

Connect/Junction 42 works with ex-offenders throughout the North East and Scotland to support new Christians in their Christian journey. They are developing their network in Middlesbrough meeting at Linthorpe Road Methodist Centre.

The Circuit wishes to support a Methodist witness and presence in the town centre of Middlesbrough.

The Avenue Project

The Avenue Methodist Church is the responsibility of the Circuit as it does not have a worshipping Methodist community. However there are a number of groups that meet there including the Congolese Church so that there is a Christian witness on the site. The groups are charged rent and the building is self-sustaining at this time.

Nunthorpe Methodist Church

The Christmas celebration included a Carol Service in the open air on Christmas Eve and was attended by approximately 200 people, with children and dogs! Fortunately the weather provided a cold but dry evening.

Young Sunday

There are 12 children who meet occasionally on Zoom as part of Young Sunday.

Various acts of witness were shown throughout the circuit. There was an outdoor service and carol singing one cold afternoon and a travelling nativity set visited homes in the period of Advent. Many other acts of worship were created to celebrate the Christmas story.

Plans for 2023/24

- We were been led in our “Away Day” to examine the message of “A Methodist way of Life” and the initiative of “Walking with Micah” to ensure we are a Justice seeking community. We felt that there were opportunities for all who shared in worship to find new ways of expressing our faith and mission. We plan to extend this throughout the Circuit through Ministers and Lay preachers.
- Recently, we have engaged in a consultation with all our churches to ascertain their hopes and dreams and to help them with their priorities. This is an ongoing conversation. We hope to encourage deeper discipleship through the promotion of “Methodist Way of Life” and “Walking with Micah” over the course of this next year and beyond.

**Darlington District
Circuit number:13/02**

MIDDLESBROUGH & ESTON CIRCUIT
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2023

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF

MIDDLESBROUGH & ESTON CIRCUIT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2023

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st August 2023 which are set out on pages 3 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of the Circuit Meeting and independent examiners

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Regulators. This examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Circuit Treasurer and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

Dated:

Mrs J. E. Shield BA FCA
Leonard Bye Limited
Chartered Accountants
80 Borough Road
Middlesbrough
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MIDDLESBROUGH & ESTON CIRCUIT
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2023

		<u>2023</u> £	<u>2023</u> £	<u>2023</u> £	<u>2022</u> £
		<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Unrest'ed</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Totals</u>	<u>Totals</u>
INCOMING RESOURCES	Notes				
Assessments	2	-	123,912	123,912	126,182
Interest received		6,504	4,118	10,622	1,426
Grants received		-	-	-	-
Letting income		-	(357)	(357)	6,417
Capital Receipts		18,573	-	18,573	-
Other Income		-	9,355	9,355	16,208
Total incoming resources		<u>25,077</u>	<u>137,028</u>	<u>162,105</u>	<u>150,233</u>
Resources expanded					
Stipends, salaries and pensions	3	-	41,025	41,025	107,604
District Expenses		8,453	38,000	46,453	52,328
Ministerial administration cost:					
Postage and stationery		-	122	122	172
Telephones		-	1,819	1,819	2,397
Travel		-	1,927	1,927	2,457
Office functions:					
Office services		-	13,661	13,661	12,711
Printing and stationery	4	-	280	280	629
Accounting, Bookkeeping & payroll		-	2,700	2,700	3,199
TMCP administration fee		624	-	624	801
Bank Charges		-	128	128	81
Manse expenses	5	-	11,884	11,884	14,184
Manse repairs		-	1,358	1,358	14,937
Other expenses:					
Methodist publishing house		-	251	251	306
Pulpit supply		-	-	-	156
Sundry expenses		-	165	165	270
Avenue Project		-	(6,685)	(6,685)	1,529
Advertising & Misc expenses		-	-	-	443
Outreach Worker Grant		-	6,000	6,000	6,000
Legal & Professional Fees		-	(4,418)	(4,418)	5,470
Grants Paid out		-	12,500	12,500	-
Total resources expended		<u>9,077</u>	<u>120,717</u>	<u>129,794</u>	<u>225,674</u>
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING)		16,000	16,311	32,311	(75,441)
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS		(40,000)	40,000	-	-
RECLASSIFICATION OF FUNDS		-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		<u>(24,000)</u>	<u>56,311</u>	<u>32,311</u>	<u>(75,441)</u>
FUND BALANCES B/FORWARD		<u>221,581</u>	<u>1,482,517</u>	<u>1,704,098</u>	<u>1,779,539</u>
FUND BALANCES C/FORWARD		<u>197,581</u>	<u>1,538,828</u>	<u>1,736,409</u>	<u>1,704,098</u>

MIDDLESBROUGH & ESTON CIRCUIT
BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2023

	Notes	£	<u>2023</u> £	£	<u>2022</u> £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	6		1,304,262		1,304,262
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors and prepayments	7	3,908		480	
Central finance board		157,015		112,276	
Model Trust fund		194,792		218,814	
Cash at bank and in hand	9	108,917		99,942	
Endowments and bequests		2,791		2,768	
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			467,423		432,280
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors	8	35,276		34,444	
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NET CURRENT ASSETS			432,147		399,836
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NET ASSETS			1,736,409		1,704,098
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Financed by:					
ACCUMULATED FUNDS					
Model Trust Fund			194,792		218,814
Endowments & Bequests			2,791		2,768
General funds			1,473,826		1,417,516
Revaluation Reserve			65,000		65,000
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			1,736,409		1,704,098
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Dated:

On behalf of the Circuit Committee

MIDDLESBROUGH & ESTON CIRCUIT

NOTES TO THE 2023 ACCOUNTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 General information and basis of preparation

Middlesbrough & Eston Circuit was registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 1st February 2010. The charity registration number is 1133911. The charity's principle address is Nunthorpe Methodist Church, Connaught Road, Nunthorpe, Middlesbrough, TS7 0BP.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

1.2 Incoming Resources

This represents the grants, assessments and other income receivable during the period.

1.3 Resources Expended

Resources expended are allocated to the particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity.

1.4 Recognition of income

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources; the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

MIDDLESBROUGH & ESTON CIRCUIT

NOTES TO THE 2023 ACCOUNTS –continued

2. ASSESSMENTS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Eston Grange	-	2,000
Grove Hill	9,000	6,000
Linthorpe Road	-	4,590
Marton	32,252	30,000
Normanby	10,160	8,000
Nunthorpe	41,200	40,392
Stainton	3,300	3,200
Trinity	25,000	24,000
Avenue Community Project	3,000	3,000
Chinese Synod	-	5,000
	<u>123,912</u>	<u>126,182</u>

3. PAID EMPLOYEES

Staff costs paid during the year were split:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	70,442	79,730
Employer's National Insurance costs	5,843	7,563
Pension costs	13,375	20,311
Sickpay Refund	(48,635)	-
Total staff costs	<u>41,025</u>	<u>107,604</u>
Average number of full time equivalent employees	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

No member of the management committee received any remuneration in the year for services as a trustee.

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

4. PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES

Payments to trustees only included refunds of expenses incurred on behalf of the Circuit (e.g stationery, postage, computer supplies etc)

	2023	2022
	£	£
Total amount paid	<u>280</u>	<u>201</u>
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

MIDDLESBROUGH & ESTON CIRCUIT
NOTES TO THE 2023 ACCOUNTS –continued

5.	MANSE EXPENSES		
		2023	2022
		£	£
	Rates	5,432	8,010
	Quinquennial inspections	2,280	2,676
	Insurance	4,172	3,498
		<u>11,884</u>	<u>14,184</u>

6.	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS		
			<u>Manses</u>
	Cost/Valuation at 1 st September 2022		1,304,262
	Additions		-
	Disposal		<u> </u>
	Cost/Valuation at 31 st August 2023		1,304,262
	Depreciation at 1 st September 2022		-
	Charge for the year		<u> </u>
	Depreciation 31 st August 2023		<u> </u>
	Net book value at 31 st August 2023		<u><u>1,304,262</u></u>

We do not regard the value as being less than cost. We have carried out an impairment review and have decided that the property is not an inalienable asset and so consider that no depreciation is necessary.

7.	DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS		
		2023	2022
		£	£
	Debtors and prepayments	3,908	480
		<u>3,908</u>	<u>480</u>

MIDDLESBROUGH & ESTON CIRCUIT
NOTES TO THE 2023 ACCOUNTS –continued

8. CREDITORS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals	3,481	3,111
Benevolent fund 10	1,226	1,226
Young people & Education Resources	46	379
Receipts in advance	30,523	29,728
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	<u>35,276</u>	<u>34,444</u>

9. CASH AT BANK

Cash at bank includes £37,927 held for the Avenue Project.

10. BENEVOLENT FUND

The uses of these funds are designated by the committee, only for use as deemed appropriate by the Circuit officers to help in situations of hardship. The movement in the funds during the year was as follows:

	£
Balance brought forward at 1 st September 2022	1,226
Add: Offerings collected at Circuit services	-
Less: Fund payments	-
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	-
Balance carried forward at 31 st August 2023	<hr/> <u>1,226</u>

11. CONTROL

No individual or group controls the Circuit.

12. GRANT TO TFFC

The Circuit have agreed to give TFFC a total grant of £30,000 payable over 5 years. A third Payment of £6,000 was paid in the year to 31st August 2023 with the remaining balance of £12,000 payable over the next 2 years.

MIDDLESBROUGH & ESTON METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1133911

Accounts

The Methodist Church

Middlesbrough & Eston Circuit

Trustees Annual Report

For the Period 1st September 2021 to 31st August 2022

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 Recommendation Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard. (FRSSE)

REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Charity Name: Middlesbrough & Eston Methodist Circuit

Registered Charity Number: 1133911

Charity's Principal Address: Circuit Office
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Website: www.middlesbroughandestonmethodistcircuit.org.uk

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80 Borough Road
Middlesbrough
TS1 2JN

Bankers: HSBC
60 Albert Road,
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Investment Bankers: Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

The Middlesbrough & Eston Methodist Circuit forms part of the Darlington District of the Methodist Church (Registered Charity No: 1133814). The Governing Documents are the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)

With effect from 1st February 2010 the Middlesbrough & Eston Methodist Circuit was registered as a Charity with the Charity Commission - Registration number 1133911. The trustees of the Circuit meet regularly, at least 3 times each year, in the Circuit Meeting. This is the ultimate decision-making body of the Circuit, operating under the terms of Methodist Standing Orders.

An 'Executive Committee', known as the 'Circuit Leadership Team', meets on a two monthly basis between Circuit Meetings. It is made up of the Ministers and Stewards of the Circuit. Meetings are held at Marton Church.

The CLT have created teams to support areas of responsibility across the Circuit.

Team Lead	Team members
Finance : Lesley Duffield	Kay Braithwaite, Pat Barrett
Property: Julie O'Key	Bernard Nixon , Brian Glover
Communications:	Dave Elliott, Elaine Mackintosh Anne Smith
Learning and Development	John Hinton

The Trustees of the Circuit are either ex-officio or appointed by the Church Councils of one of the seven Methodist Churches which make up the Circuit. These Churches are, Grove Hill, Linthorpe Road, Marton, Normanby, Nunthorpe, Trinity and Stainton

The Trustees for 2021/2022 will be:

Rev David Godfrey	Superintendent Minister (Chair)
Rev Charity Hamilton	Minister
Rev Christopher Wood Archer	Minister
Rev Leonard Karn	Supernumerary Minister

Circuit Stewards

Mrs Julie O'Key	Senior Circuit Steward	Property and Finance
Mrs Lesley Duffield	Circuit Steward	Treasurer
Neil Mapplebeck	Circuit Steward	
Mrs Dawn Harris	Circuit Steward	

Mrs Pat Hinton

Circuit Meeting Secretary

Members/Trustees of the Circuit Meeting:

Mrs Ann Bardsley

Mrs P Brown

Mrs P Barrett

Mrs Judith Bone

Mrs Kay Braithwaite

Mr Mark Richard Braithwaite

Mr David Bye

Mr Malcolm Carling

Mrs Patricia Carter

Mr E Chibuke

Mrs Elsie Dodds

Mr David Elliott

Mrs Catherine Everitt

Mr Brian Glover

Mrs Dawn Harris

Mr J Harris

Mr John Hinton

Mr Keith Johnson

Mrs J Lambert

Mrs Sharon-Kay Kuen Loveridge

Mrs B Lindley

Mr John Martin

Mrs Patricia Margaret Martin

Mrs Doreen Rosemary Mealing

Mrs Elizabeth Milburn

Mrs Barbara Phyllis Morley

Mrs Kathleen Newton

Mr Bernard Nixon

Mrs Julie Dorothy Elizabeth O'Key

Mrs Jean Parker

Mrs Dorothy Hudson

Mrs Michelle Scurrah

Mrs Kathleen Smithies

Miss Claire Tate

Mrs Margaret Ruth Taylor

Mrs Julie Heather Thomas

Mrs Yvonne Cotton

Mrs C Roberts

Mrs G Wildon

Trustees from 2021/2022 No Longer Serving

Mrs Maureen Borley

Mr Walter Severs

Mr and Mrs Collett
Mrs Jean Bird
Mrs H Click

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Middlesbrough & Eston Methodist Circuit and which will enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Standing Orders of the Methodist Church and the Charities Act 1993. They are also responsible for taking reasonable steps to safeguard the assets of the charity and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities. The Trustees are also responsible for the properties owned by the Circuit, namely our Manses (one of which is rented out to provide a source of income) and the Avenue Church (which has no active congregation) but is operated as a Community Project providing facilities for local residents within the Middlesbrough and Eston area.

Risk Management

The Risk Management arrangements of the Circuit are identified in the Circuit Risk Register and are divided into 4 main risk groups, namely Governance, Operational, Financial and External Risks. The Risk Register was approved by the Circuit Meeting on the 19th June 2014 and is regularly reviewed by the Circuit leadership Team.

Safeguarding

The Circuit has adopted the Statement of Safeguarding Principles agreed by the Methodist Church and the Church of England as identified below:

We are committed to:

- *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.

A Safeguarding Policy was approved by the Circuit Meeting on the 19th March 2019 and will be reviewed annually.

Sources and Management of funds

Circuit Treasurer.

The Circuit Treasurer is Lesley Duffield and her team.

It has been recognised by the Circuit that the roles and responsibilities of the Circuit Treasurer have increased over the last few years. So to that end the Circuit Leadership team has taken the decision to use a professional financial management firm to take on some of the roles of the Circuit Treasurer due to the increasing work load and complexity of the job. The Accountants Leonard Bye has taken on some of the financial management and staffing responsibilities.

Circuit Funds are obtained in a number of ways:

- The Methodist Churches contribute from their weekly offerings — known as the Assessment;
- Grants from other bodies towards the work in the Circuit. These include: Methodist Church Connexional Funds, The Darlington District of the Methodist Church;
- Income from renting out any vacant properties e.g. Manses.

Investment Policy

A Deposit Fund administered by the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church is utilised to deposit any Circuit General Funds surplus to immediate requirements.

Reserves Policy

It is the current policy of the Circuit Meeting to maintain a basic balance in the reserve of £125,000.

Related Parties

The Middlesbrough & Eston Methodist Circuit maintains close links with:

- The Methodist Asylum Project, Middlesbrough (Registered charity no: 1132820);
- The Linthorpe Road Resource Centre Limited (Registered charity no: 1126421);

Each of these is independent charity with their own boards of trustees and are financially independent of the Methodist Circuit. However, members of staff of these charities have employment contracts through the Middlesbrough & Eston Methodist Circuit.

The circuit also has links with Together Middlesbrough (Reg Charity no.1159355)

OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES

Charitable objects:

The purposes of the Methodist Church are 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 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.

Our Circuit Mission:

To Love Christ,
To Grow in Christ,
To Show Christ's love,
To Make Christ known

Our Circuit Vision:

The sense of mission conveyed here can be furthered through a statement of vision which expresses the kind of Circuit we seek to be:

The Middlesbrough and Eston Methodist Circuit seeks to be a connected community united in Christ to pursue our common mission. We are dependent on God's grace

and dedicated to God's service. We seek to nurture Christian discipleship which can take root, develop and flourish.

We seek to share our stories of God's love with others in the hope that they too will come to faith. We seek to show Christian love in action in the hope that the vulnerable will grow stronger and that the poor will be helped.

We aim to be passionately committed to:

- God centred worship which is biblically based, doctrinally sound, culturally relevant and accessible to all
- Underpinning our sense of mission with a strong commitment to prayerfulness
- Life-long learning as a fundamental element of our common vocation as disciples of Jesus
- Mutual support, encouragement and care
- Showing God's love for society through practical acts of service
- Sharing our faith with others - always with gentleness and respect
- Helping others to grow in their Christian discipleship.

This is all summarised in a document we have called "Our Compass" which is detailed below:

Our Compass

Pilgrims on a journey often use a compass to help orientate themselves in changing environments and to help them understand the direction that they should travel.

This is our compass.

Who Are We?

We are a connected community of Christ's disciples who worship God with the whole of our lives.

What Defines Us?

Our Passion for Jesus

Why?

Because He first loved us and gives power to our lives

What Are We Here For?

To Love Christ, To Grow in Christ, To Show Christ's Love, and to Make Christ Known

How Do We Live This?

By our prayerful day-by-day devotion to Jesus

By Caring Deeply and Sharing Openly

By serving as part of our communities

By introducing new people to Jesus

What Do We Hope For?

We long to see lives transformed by God's grace as we are prayerfully devoted to Jesus.

We long to discover more of God's love as we share together in churches which are caring and inclusive discipleship communities.

We long to make friends with those around us and serve as good neighbours.

We long to see the church grow as we invite more people to live as disciples of Jesus.

Public Benefit

When planning our activities for the year, the Circuit and the individual Churches are aware of the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. Public benefit will be delivered by adherence to our Vision for the work of the Circuit within the area in which we live.

Ministerial Team

The Superintendent Minister is Rev David Godfrey. Rev Christopher Wood Archer completes his appointment in August 2022 and the Circuit had insufficient funds to make a replacement appointment. The other member of the Circuit team is Rev Charity Hamilton.

Invitation and stationing

Rev Charity Hamilton asked for an extension of one year of her appointment in the Circuit and that has been approved.

Lay Employees

Elaine McIntosh	Lay employee Circuit office
Mrs Sharon Sewell	Lay Employee

Safeguarding

The safeguarding policy was approved on 15th September 2021 and DBS verification has taken place for key members of the Churches in the Circuit. Further training events have taken place and there will be a rolling programme of training in the Circuit.

The Circuit continues to be vigilant in its application of safeguarding policy and is aware that there are regular updates coming from Central office that need to be incorporated into Circuit policy. Training and update sessions are offered in the Circuit when the need arises.

Risk

The Circuit Meeting agreed a risk strategy which was reviewed by the Circuit Leadership Team. The risk assessment will be reviewed this year by the leadership team.

Property

Quinquennial Inspections were completed for Trinity (TFFC) and Nunthorpe Methodist Churches.

Linthorpe Road Methodist Church and Resource Centre

The Chinese church became a member of the Methodist church in 2021 and they meet for worship fortnightly in Linthorpe Road.

The Resource Centre is run by a management team with involvement from the Circuit and it continues to provide services to the community of Middlesbrough. As part of the Linthorpe Road premises there are two shop units that have been refurbished and are now rented out. This has added to the income of the Resource centre.

Key Activities during the Report Year 2020/2021

Changes and Challenges for the Circuit as we emerge from Covid pandemic

Congregations have not returned to the pre-covid numbers. Some churches have been significantly affected by the pandemic and so sadly felt unable to reopen due the extra burden that is placed upon worshipping communities with Covid restrictions and aging congregations. One of our smaller congregations of Eston Grange ceased to meet for worship.

The pandemic has shown us that there are online opportunities for mission, prayer and worship and we plan to continue and develop these moments. The move towards online connection is a challenge that the leadership team feels must be met and developed. The MEMC.co.uk website has a following and we have noted increased activity since Covid.

Circuit Review Project

The Circuit Review was a response to the challenges that present to us in this decade that would have emerged with or without the Covid pandemic. We are all aware of the difficulties that we are all presented with in terms of congregational

numbers, finance and buildings that require maintenance. These things were happening before the pandemic but following it they came into sharp focus.

The Circuit Leadership team agreed to meet with all the churches and discuss and investigate ways forward in the post Covid environment. We were led in our preparation by the Chairman of the District Rev Richard Andrew.

We will have to do some things differently and we appreciate the word “change” can be exciting and frightening at the same time. The developments that are required are being felt throughout the Methodist church and so what we are experiencing is not unique to us. So this give us places and people we can talk to see the various models that are being used to meet these modern life challenges.

We have asked churches to be active in a review process and we are involved in developing and encouraging new projects and forms of worship. This is an on-going process which we hope will give us a pathway for the future.

Within the circuit these are the evidence of continuing mission in the community:

Trinity Methodist Church and Family Friendly Centre

The family centre has continued to support families in the West Middlesbrough area with food and clothes parcel, Christmas packs for the children and with the recent reopening of the coffee shop now a Food bank Centre. There has been a noticeable need to emotional and mental support following the long periods of isolation due to Covid.

The “Together Better Middlesbrough” initiative continues and the families are visited regularly with food and help with school uniforms.

The Centre has a garden area and there are some members who are keen gardeners. Funding has been sort and the plan is to develop a community garden.

Other groups and activities are in progress as the Covid restrictions are lifted.

Linthorpe Road Resource Centre

Linthorpe Road Resource Centre has completed its project that was funded initially by the EU.

Actions:

- Circuit continues to financial support to continue the project

- The two shop areas have been refurbished and are now rented out

Great efforts were made by the present board of Trustees to invite new members on to the board to re-invigorating leadership and purpose to the Resource centre.

Some projects are continuing such as MAP (Methodist Asylum Project) and are well attended and supported. The need for MAP has increased due to the effects of the pandemic and the Circuit feels this is a vital service in Middlesbrough and the local area. Ailsa Adamson plans to retire after many years devoted to the project. She will be greatly missed and we are grateful for her many years of service.

A new leader will be appointed. The need for MAP has increased due to more asylum seekers residing in Middlesbrough and the adjoining borough.

Millennium Meals

The service Millennium Meals has used the kitchen to prepare and takeout food to people in need throughout the pandemic.

Junction 42

Junction 42 works with ex-offenders throughout the North East and Scotland to support new Christians in their Christian journey. They are developing their network in Middlesbrough meeting at Linthorpe Road.

The Circuit wishes to support a Methodist witness and presence in the town centre of Middlesbrough.

The Avenue Project

The Avenue Methodist Church is the responsibility of the Circuit as it does not have a worshipping Methodist community. However there are a number of groups that meet their including the Congolese Church so that there is a Christian witness on the site. The groups are charged rent and the building is self-sustaining at this time. The Leadership team will need to address the management and the role of this project in the life the Circuit over the next 3-4 years.

Nunthorpe Methodist Church

The Christmas celebration included a Carol Service in the open air on Christmas Eve and was attended by approximately 200 people, with children and dogs! Fortunately the weather provided a cold but dry evening.

Young Sunday

There are 12 children who still meet on Zoom as part of Young Sunday.

Various acts of witness were shown throughout the circuit. There was an outdoor service and carol singing one cold afternoon and a travelling nativity set visited

homes in the period of Advent. Many other acts of worship were created to celebrate the Christmas story.

Plans for 2022/23

- The Circuit review conversation has provided many topics are areas of interest and development. The CLT were encouraged by the response from many of the congregations and some actions have already been taken. We will continue to support groups to plan for success in their churches.
- It has also provided a platform for more collaborative working and worship and we hope that will grow as congregations get to know each other better.
- There is evidence that the MEMC website is attracting more contacts and people are using the at Home worship service. We will need to evaluate this development and how we can take it further.

**Darlington District
Circuit number:13/02**

MIDDLESBROUGH & ESTON CIRCUIT
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2022

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF

MIDDLESBROUGH & ESTON CIRCUIT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2022

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st August 2022 which are set out on pages 3 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of the Circuit Meeting and independent examiners

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Regulators. This examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Circuit Treasurer and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

Dated: 21st March 2023

Mrs J. E. Shield BA FCA
Leonard Bye Limited
Chartered Accountants
80 Borough Road
Middlesbrough
TS1 2JN

MIDDLESBROUGH & ESTON CIRCUIT
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2022

		<u>2022</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
		£	£	£	£
		Restricted	Unrest'ed	Totals	Totals
		Funds	Funds	Totals	Totals
INCOMING RESOURCES	Notes				
Assessments	2		126,182	126,182	138,226
Interest received		904	522	1,426	1,278
Grants received			-	-	-
Letting income			6,417	6,417	6,965
Capital Receipts			-	-	-
Other Income			16,208	16,208	-
Total incoming resources		<u>904</u>	<u>149,329</u>	<u>150,233</u>	<u>146,469</u>
Resources expanded					
Stipends, salaries and pensions	3		107,604	107,604	107,680
Ministerial associated costs:					
Removals			-	-	-
Training and stationing			-	-	-
District Expenses		12,328	40,000	52,328	44,820
Ministerial administration cost:					
Postage and stationery			172	172	377
Telephones			2,397	2,397	2,522
Travel			2,457	2,457	1,803
Removals			-	-	-
Office functions:					
Office services			12,711	12,711	12,990
Printing and stationery	4		629	629	230
Accounting, Bookkeeping & payroll			3,199	3,199	3,393
TMCP administration fee		801	-	801	696
Bank Charges			81	81	-
CMTF Contribution			-	-	17,349
Manse expenses	5		14,184	14,184	9,856
Manse repairs			14,937	14,937	5,734
Other expenses:					
Methodist publishing house			306	306	348
Pulpit supply			156	156	-
Sundry expenses			270	270	46
Evangelism, mission outreach			-	-	1,000
Avenue Project			1,529	1,529	2,459
Advertising & Misc expenses			443	443	-
Outreach Worker Grant			6,000	6,000	6,000
Legal & Professional Fees			5,470	5,470	2,650
Loans written off			-	-	28,000
Net capital payments			-	-	-
Profit on Disposal of Manse			-	-	-
Total resources expended		<u>13,129</u>	<u>212,545</u>	<u>225,674</u>	<u>247,953</u>
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING)		(12,225)	(63,216)	(75,441)	(101,484)
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS		(50,000)	50,000	-	-
RECLASSIFICATION OF FUNDS		-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(62,225)	(13,216)	(75,441)	(101,484)
FUND BALANCES B/FORWARD		<u>283,806</u>	<u>1,495,733</u>	<u>1,779,539</u>	<u>1,881,023</u>
FUND BALANCES C/FORWARD		<u>221,581</u>	<u>1,482,517</u>	<u>1,704,098</u>	<u>1,779,539</u>

MIDDLESBROUGH & ESTON CIRCUIT
BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2022

	Notes	£	<u>2022</u> £	£	<u>2021</u> £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	6		1,304,262		1,304,262
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors and prepayments	7	480		16,839	
Central finance board		112,276		122,198	
Model Trust fund		218,814		281,040	
Cash at bank and in hand	9	99,942		86,739	
Endowments and bequests		2,768		2,768	
		434,280		509,584	
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors	8	34,444		34,307	
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
			399,836		475,277
NET ASSETS					
			1,704,098		1,779,539
Financed by:					
ACCUMULATED FUNDS					
Model Trust Fund			218,814		281,040
Endowments & Bequests			2,768		2,766
General funds			1,417,516		1,430,733
Revaluation Reserve			65,000		65,000
			1,704,098		1,779,539

Mrs L. Duffield

Dated: 8th March 2023

On behalf of the Circuit Committee

MIDDLESBROUGH & ESTON CIRCUIT

NOTES TO THE 2022 ACCOUNTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 General information and basis of preparation

Middlesbrough & Eston Circuit was registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 1st February 2010. The charity registration number is 1133911. The charity's principle address is Nunthorpe Methodist Church, Connaught Road, Nunthorpe, Middlesbrough, TS7 0BP.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

1.2 Incoming Resources

This represents the grants, assessments and other income receivable during the period.

1.3 Resources Expended

Resources expended are allocated to the particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity.

1.4 Recognition of income

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources; the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

MIDDLESBROUGH & ESTON CIRCUIT

NOTES TO THE 2022 ACCOUNTS –continued

2. ASSESSMENTS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Eston Grange	2,000	7,000
Grove Hill	6,000	-
Linthorpe Road	4,590	6,090
Marton	30,000	31,064
Normanby	8,000	20,250
Nunthorpe	40,392	39,678
Stainton	3,200	3,144
Trinity	24,000	31,000
Avenue Community Project	3,000	-
Chinese Synod	5,000	-
	<u>126,182</u>	<u>138,226</u>

3. PAID EMPLOYEES

Staff costs paid during the year were split:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	79,730	78,940
Employer's National Insurance costs	7,563	7,900
Pension costs	20,311	20,840
	<u>107,604</u>	<u>107,680</u>
Total staff costs	<u>107,604</u>	<u>107,680</u>
Average number of full time equivalent employees	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

No member of the management committee received any remuneration in the year for services as a trustee.

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

4. PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES

Payments to trustees only included refunds of expenses incurred on behalf of the Circuit (e.g stationery, postage, computer supplies etc)

	2022	2021
	£	£
Total amount paid	<u>201</u>	<u>230</u>
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

MIDDLESBROUGH & ESTON CIRCUIT
NOTES TO THE 2022 ACCOUNTS –continued

5.	MANSE EXPENSES	2022	2021
		£	£
	Rates	8,010	6,636
	Quinquennial inspections	2,676	-
	Insurance	3,498	3,220
		<u>14,184</u>	<u>9,856</u>

6.	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS		<u>Manses</u>
	Cost/Valuation at 1 st September 2021		1,304,262
	Additions		-
	Disposal		<u> </u>
	Cost/Valuation at 31 st August 2022		1,304,262
	Depreciation at 1 st September 2021		-
	Charge for the year		<u> </u>
	Depreciation 31 st August 2022		<u> </u>
	Net book value at 31 st August 2022		<u><u>1,304,262</u></u>

We do not regard the value as being less than cost. We have carried out an impairment review and have decided that the property is not an inalienable asset and so consider that no depreciation is necessary.

7.	DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS	2022	2021
		£	£
	Debtors and prepayments	480	1,675
	Linthorpe Road Resource Centre/Wholly Organic	-	15,164
		<u>480</u>	<u>16,839</u>

MIDDLESBROUGH & ESTON CIRCUIT
NOTES TO THE 2022 ACCOUNTS –continued

8. CREDITORS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Accruals	3,111	3,880
Benevolent fund 10	1,226	1,276
Young people & Education Resources	379	753
Receipts in advance	29,728	28,398
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	34,444	34,307
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9. CASH AT BANK

Cash at bank includes £31,242 held for the Avenue Project.

10. BENEVOLENT FUND

The uses of these funds are designated by the committee, only for use as deemed appropriate by the Circuit officers to help in situations of hardship. The movement in the funds during the year was as follows:

	£
Balance brought forward at 1 st September 2021	1,276
Add: Offerings collected at Circuit services	150
Less: Fund payments	(200)
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	(50)
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Balance carried forward at 31 st August 2022	1,226
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11. CONTROL

No individual or group controls the Circuit.

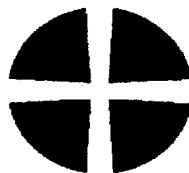
12. GRANT TO TFFC

The Circuit have agreed to give TFFC a total grant of £30,000 payable over 5 years. A second Payment of £6,000 was paid in the year to 31st August 2022 with the remaining balance of £18,000 payable over the next 3 years.

MIDDLESBROUGH & ESTON METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1133911

Accounts



THE METHODIST CHURCH
TEMPLATE REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
(ACCRUALS BASIS)
for the year ended 31 August

MIDDLESBROUGH & ESTON

Circuit

Registered Charity - Registration number

1133911

DARLINGTON District No / Circuit No 13nn/nn02

Ministers

REV DAVID GODFREY
REV CHRISTOPHER WOOD ARCHER
REV CHARITY HAMILTON
REV LEONARD KARN

Circuit Stewards

MRS JULIE O'KEY
MR NEIL MAPPLEBECK
MRS ANNE SMITH
MRS DAWN HARRIS
MRS PAT HINTON

Circuit Treasurer

MRS LESLEY DUFFIELD

The Methodist Church

Middlesbrough & Eston Circuit

Trustees Annual Report

For the Period 1st September 2020 to 31st August 2021

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommendation Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard. (FRSSE)

REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Charity Name: Middlesbrough & Eston Methodist Circuit

Registered Charity Number: 1133911

Charity's Principal Address: Circuit Office
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Auditors: Leonard Bye,
Chartered Accountants,
80 Borough Road
Middlesbrough
TS1 2JN

Bankers: HSBC
60 Albert Road,
Middlesbrough TSI IRS

Investment Bankers: Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

The Middlesbrough & Eston Methodist Circuit forms part of the Darlington District of the Methodist Church (Registered Charity No: 1133814). The Governing Documents are the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)

With effect from 1st February 2010 the Middlesbrough & Eston Methodist Circuit was registered as a Charity with the Charity Commission - Registration number 1133911. The trustees of the Circuit meet regularly, at least 3 times each year, in the Circuit Meeting. This is the ultimate decision-making body of the Circuit, operating under the terms of Methodist Standing Orders. During the period covered by this report the meetings on 16th September 2020 and March 9th were done on Zoom.

An 'Executive Committee', known as the 'Circuit Leadership Team', meets on a two monthly basis between Circuit Meetings. It is made up of the Ministers and Stewards of the Circuit. During 2020/21 CLT meetings were held using Zoom due to the pandemic. More recently meetings are in Marton Church.

The CLT have created teams to support areas of responsibility across the Circuit.

Team Lead	Team members
Finance : Lesley Duffield	Kay Braithwaite, Pat Barrett
Property: Julie O'Key	Bernard Nixon , Brian Glover
Communications: Anne Smith	Dave Elliott, Elaine Mackintosh
Learning and Development Ruth Lewis & John Hinton	Christopher Wood Archer, Ruth Taylor, Sheila Wallace, Kate Dykes

The Trustees of the Circuit are either ex-officio or appointed by the Church Councils of one of the eight Methodist Churches which make up the Circuit. These Churches are Eston Grange, Grove Hill, Linthorpe Road, Marton, Normanby, Nunthorpe, Trinity and Stainton

The Trustees for 2020/2021 will be:

Rev David Godfrey	Superintendent Minister (Chair)
Rev Christopher Wood Archer	Minister
Rev Charity Hamilton	Minister
Rev Leonard Karn	Supernumerary Minister

Circuit Steward		
Mrs Julie O'Key	Senior Circuit Steward	Property and Finance
Mrs Lesley Duffield	Circuit Steward	Treasurer
Neil Mapplebeck	Circuit Steward	
Mrs Anne Smith	Circuit Steward	Communications
Mrs Dawn Harris	Circuit Steward	

Mrs Pat Hinton	Circuit Meeting Secretary
Mrs Lesley Duffield	Circuit Treasurer
Elaine McIntosh	Lay employee Circuit office
Mrs Sharon Sewell	Lay Employee

Members/Trustees of the Circuit Meeting:

Mrs Ann Bardsley
Mrs P Brown
Mrs P Barrett
Mrs Jean Bird
Mrs Judith Bone
Mrs Maureen Borley
Mrs Kay Braithwaite
Mr Mark Richard Braithwaite
Mr David Bye
Mr Malcolm Carling
Mrs Patricia Carter
Mr E Chibuke
Mrs H Click
Mr and Mrs Collett
Mrs Elsie Dodds
Mr David Elliott
Mrs Catherine Everitt
Mr Brian Glover
Mrs Dawn Harris
Mr J Harris
Mr John Hinton
Mr Keith Johnson
Mrs J Lambert
Mrs Sharon-Kay Kuen Loveridge
Mrs B Lindley
Mr John Martin
Mrs Patricia Margaret Martin
Mrs Doreen Rosemary Mealing
Mrs Elizabeth Milburn
Mrs Barbara Phyllis Morley
Mrs Kathleen Newton
Mr Bernard Nixon
Mrs Julie Dorothy Elizabeth O'Key
Mrs Jean Parker
Mrs Dorothy Hudson
Mrs Michelle Scurrah
Mr Walter Severs
Mrs Kathleen Smithies
Miss Claire Tate
Mrs Margaret Ruth Taylor
Mrs Julie Heather Thomas

Mrs Yvonne Cotton
Mrs C Roberts
Mrs G Wildon

Trustees from 2020/2021 No Longer Serving

Mrs J Bennison
Mr B Coldwell
Mrs K Dykes
Mr J Wilkinson
Mrs R Lewis
Mrs J Nimmo

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Middlesbrough & Eston Methodist Circuit and which will enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Standing Orders of the Methodist Church and the Charities Act 1993. They are also responsible for taking reasonable steps to safeguard the assets of the charity and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities. The Trustees are also responsible for the properties owned by the Circuit, namely the our Manses (one of which is rented out to provide a source of income) and the Avenue Church (which has no active congregation) but is operated as a Community Project providing facilities for local residents within the Middlesbrough and Eston area.

Risk Management

The Risk Management arrangements of the Circuit are identified in the Circuit Risk Register and are divided into 4 main risk groups, namely Governance, Operational, Financial and External Risks. The Risk Register was approved by the Circuit Meeting on the 19th June 2014 and is regularly reviewed by the Circuit leadership Team.

Safeguarding

The Circuit has adopted the Statement of Safeguarding Principles agreed by the Methodist Church and the Church of England as identified below:

We are committed to:

- *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.

A Safeguarding Policy was approved by the Circuit Meeting on the 19th March 2019 and will be reviewed annually.

Sources and Management of funds

Circuit Treasurer.

The Circuit Treasurer is Lesley Duffield and her team.

It has been recognised by the Circuit that the roles and responsibilities of the Circuit Treasurer have increased over the last few years. So to that end the Circuit Leadership team has taken the decision to use a professional financial management firm to take on some of the roles of the Circuit Treasurer due to the increasing work load and complexity of the job. The Accountants Leonard Bye has taken on some of the financial management and staffing responsibilities.

Circuit Funds are obtained in a number of ways:

- The Methodist Churches contribute from their weekly offerings — known as the Assessment;
- Grants from other bodies towards the work in the Circuit. These include: Methodist Church Connexional Funds, The Darlington District of the Methodist Church;
- Income from renting out any vacant properties e.g. Manses.

Investment Policy

A Deposit Fund administered by the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church is utilised to deposit any Circuit General Funds surplus to immediate requirements.

Reserves Policy

It is the current policy of the Circuit Meeting to maintain a basic balance in the reserve of £125,000.

Related Parties

The Middlesbrough & Eston Methodist Circuit maintains close links with:

- The Methodist Asylum Project, Middlesbrough (Registered charity no: 1132820);
- The Linthorpe Road Resource Centre Limited (Registered charity no: 1126421);

Each of these are independent charities with their own boards of trustees and are financially independent of the Methodist Circuit. However, members of staff of these charities have employment contracts through the Middlesbrough & Eston Methodist Circuit.

The circuit also has links with Together Middlesbrough (Reg Charity no.1159355)

OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES

Charitable objects:

The purposes of the Methodist Church are 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 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.

Our Circuit Mission:

To Love Christ,
To Grow in Christ,
To Show Christ's love,
To Make Christ known

Our Circuit Vision:

The sense of mission conveyed here can be furthered through a statement of vision which expresses the kind of Circuit we seek to be:

The Middlesbrough and Eston Methodist Circuit seeks to be a connected community united in Christ to pursue our common mission. We are dependent on God's grace and dedicated to God's service. We seek to nurture Christian discipleship which can take root, develop and flourish.

We seek to share our stories of God's love with others in the hope that they too will come to faith. We seek to show Christian love in action in the hope that the vulnerable will grow stronger and that the poor will be helped.

We aim to be passionately committed to:

- God centred worship which is biblically based, doctrinally sound, culturally relevant and accessible to all
- Underpinning our sense of mission with a strong commitment to prayerfulness
- Life-long learning as a fundamental element of our common vocation as disciples of Jesus
- Mutual support, encouragement and care
- Showing God's love for society through practical acts of service
- Sharing our faith with others - always with gentleness and respect
- Helping others to grow in their Christian discipleship.

This is all summarised in a document we have called "Our Compass" which is detailed below:

Our Compass

Pilgrims on a journey often use a compass to help orientate themselves in changing environments and to help them understand the direction that they should travel.

This is our compass.

Who Are We?

We are a connected community of Christ's disciples who worship God with the whole of our lives.

What Defines Us?

Our Passion for Jesus

Why?

Because He first loved us and gives power to our lives

What Are We Here For?

To Love Christ, To Grow in Christ, To Show Christ's Love, and to Make Christ Known

How Do We Live This?

By our prayerful day-by-day devotion to Jesus

By Caring Deeply and Sharing Openly

By serving as part of our communities

By introducing new people to Jesus

What Do We Hope For?

We long to see lives transformed by God's grace as we are prayerfully devoted to Jesus.

We long to discover more of God's love as we share together in churches which are caring and inclusive discipleship communities.

We long to make friends with those around us and serve as good neighbours.

We long to see the church grow as we invite more people to live as disciples of Jesus.

Public Benefit

When planning our activities for the year, the Circuit and the individual Churches are aware of the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. Public benefit will be delivered by adherence to our Vision for the work of the Circuit within the area in which we live.

Ministerial Team

We welcomed Rev David Godfrey in September 2020 from the Thirsk and Northallerton Circuit.

Invitation and stationing

At the present time the ministerial team has three presbyters. The normal process would be that in 2022 we would be looking for a new member as the present incumbent Rev Wood Archer would have completed his appointment, however, the Circuit finances showed that we are unable to support three ministers. The circuit finances were presented to Circuit meeting which then voted to reduce staffing to two presbyters.

Safeguarding

The safeguarding policy was approved on 16th September 2020 and DBS verification has taken place for key members of the Churches in the Circuit. Further training events have taken place and there will be a rolling programme of training in the Circuit.

The Circuit continues to be vigilant in its application of safeguarding policy and is aware that there are regular updates coming from Central office that need to be incorporated into Circuit policy. Training and update sessions are offered in the Circuit when the need arises.

Risk

The Circuit Meeting agreed a risk strategy which was reviewed by the Circuit Leadership Team in May 2019. The risk assessment will be reviewed this year by the leadership team.

Property

Eston Grange Methodist Church has not re-opened and the members are discussing when to officially announce that they will cease to meet for worship.

Quinquennial Inspections were completed for Trinity (TFFC) and Nunthorpe Methodist Churches and The Avenue Manse(rented).

Linthorpe Road Methodist Church and Resource Centre

Linthorpe Road Church decided ceased to meet for worship in July 2021 and will have their final service in November 2021.

The Chinese church became a member of the Methodist church in 2021 and they meet for worship fortnightly in Linthorpe Road.

The Resource Centre is run by a management team with involvement from the Circuit and it continues to provide services to the community of Middlesbrough.

Key Activities during the Report Year 2020/2021

The Marriage and Relationship Road Show

In the period of Advent the Circuit ministerial team led sessions on the document produced by The Methodist Church "God in Love Unites Us". This was an opportunity to discuss relationships and in particular our Methodist response to same sex marriage.

Changes and Challenges for the Circuit as we emerge from Covid pandemic

In March 2020 the first lockdown occurred and church meeting for worship ceased.

Some churches opened last summer (2021) following Covid risk assessments. People were welcomed to join again for worship with restrictions on numbers, social distancing and with no singing. As the months have gone on despite other periods of Covid concern we have managed to remain open thanks to the vaccine programme and members choosing to meet with some restrictions.

Congregations have not returned to the pre-covid numbers as some members are vulnerable and choosing to shield and limit their social contacts but there are still opportunities to join on line worship and people are feeling more connected to their friends in church. At Christmas time churches managed celebrations of carol singing and readings by moving outside and taking the opportunity to witness to communities.

Some churches have been significantly affected by the pandemic and so sadly felt unable to reopen due the extra burden that is placed upon worshipping communities with Covid restrictions and aging congregations. Two of our smaller congregations are in the process of ceasing to meet for worship.

During periods of lockdown we had opportunities to meet with the ministerial team in bible study and prayer using Zoom. Churches have also had Church Council meetings using Zoom. The pandemic has shown us that there are online opportunities for mission, prayer and worship and we plan to continue and develop these moments. The move towards online connection is a challenge that the leadership team feels must be met and developed.

The challenges going forward are significant and the leadership team are looking at ways of having conversations with the remaining churches how best to use the resources we have. Change is inevitable and the pandemic has brought the issues of property, membership and finance into sharp focus. We aim to plan for growth rather than drift into slow decline and closure. There are opportunities to develop worship and discipleship and our faith must bear witness to presence of God in our Christian lives.

Within the circuit these are the evidence of continuing mission in the community:

Trinity Methodist Church and Family Friendly Centre

The family centre has continued to support families in the West Middlesbrough area with food and clothes parcel, Christmas packs for the children and with the recent reopening of the coffee shop now a Foodbank Centre. There has been a noticeable need to emotional and mental support following the long periods of isolation due to Covid.

The "Together Better Middlesbrough" initiative continues and the families are visited regularly with food and help with school uniforms.

The Centre has a garden area and there are some members who are keen gardeners. Funding has been sorted and the plan is to develop a community garden.

Other groups and activities are in progress as the Covid restrictions are lifted.

Linthorpe Road Resource Centre

Following the District review in March 2019 the decision was made that the Linthorpe Road Resource Centre should have Circuit financial support as the penalties for failure to complete the project would be too severe.

Actions:

- Circuit continues to financial support to continue the project
- The two shop areas have been refurbished and are now rented out
- Great efforts were made by the present board of Trustees to invite new members on to the board to re-invigorating leadership and purpose to the Resource centre.

Some projects are continuing such as MAP (Methodist Asylum Project) and are well attended and supported. The need for MAP has increased due to the effects of the pandemic and the Circuit feels this is a vital service in Middlesbrough and the local area,

The service Millennium Meals has used the kitchen to prepare and takeout food to people in need throughout the pandemic.

Junction 42 works with ex-offenders throughout the North East and Scotland to support new Christians in their Christian journey. They are developing their network in Middlesbrough meeting at Linthorpe Road.

The Circuit wishes to support a Methodist witness and presence in the town centre of Middlesbrough.

The Avenue Project

The Avenue Methodist Church is the responsibility of the Circuit as it does not have a worshipping Methodist community. However there are a number of groups that meet their including the Congolese Church so that there is a Christian witness on the site. The groups are charged rent and the building is self-sustaining at this time. The Leadership team will need to address the management and the role of this project in the life the Circuit over the next 3-4 years.

Young Sunday

There are 12 children who still meet on Zoom as part of Young Sunday. They met at the beach in the summer with BBQ and treats for all.

Christmas

Various acts of witness were shown throughout the circuit. There was an outdoor service and carol singing one cold afternoon and a travelling nativity set visited homes and care homes in Advent. Many other acts of worship were created to celebrate the Christmas story.

Plans for 2021/22

- The pandemic has affected all areas of personal and church life. Difficult and painful decisions will have to be discussed with the churches as to the sustainability of our present situation. The Circuit Leadership Team has been led in its review process by the Chairman of the District and the Ministerial team and a plan to review the remaining churches in the Circuit is in progress.
- The Circuit will continue discussion with churches to address concerns and to examine productive ways forward.
- The team is aware that change is essential and that the presentation of worship in churches and in the online environment is a process that must be embraced and developed.

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	184	1,093		1		1,278
3	Income from investment properties						0
4	Assessments on Churches	138,226					138,226
5	Capital Receipts						0
6	Grants received						0
7	Other charitable income	6,965					
8	Total income	145,375	1,093	-	1	-	146,469
Expenditure							
9	Grants and donations	6,000					6,000
10	Salaries and associated costs	107,680					107,680
11	Property maintenance	15,590					15,590
12	Connexional assessment & model trust levy		18,045				18,045
13	District Assessment & Levy	44,820					44,820
14	Depreciation						0
15	Office expenses	21,315					21,315
16	Other outgoings	34,503					34,503
17	Total charitable expenditure	229,908	18,045	0	0	0	247,953
18	Gains/(losses) on monetary investments						0
19	Gains/(losses) on Manse disposal						0
20	Net income/(expenditure)	-84,533	-16,952	0	1	0	-101,484
21	Transfers between funds	50,000	-	50,000			0
22	Reclassification of funds						0
23	Net movement in funds	-34,533	-66,952	0	1	0	-101,484
24	Total funds brought forward	1,530,266	347,991		2,766		1,881,023
25	Total funds carried forward	1,495,733	281,039	-	2,767	-	1,779,539

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
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets							
Circuit Manses & Equipment	1,304,262					1,304,262	1,304,262
Investment properties						0	
Investments						0	
Total fixed assets	1,304,262	0	0	0	0	1,304,262	1,304,262
Current Assets							
Debtors	1,675					1,675	30,310
Loans by the Circuit	15,164					15,164	15,164
Investments with TMCP		281,040		2,768		283,808	350,757
Central Finance Board Deposits	122,198					122,198	146,078
Cash at Bank and in hand	86,739					86,739	73,701
Total current assets	225,776	281,040	0	2,768	0	509,584	616,010
Current liabilities							
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	34,307					34,307	39,249
Grants payable within 2018-19						0	0
Total current liabilities	34,307	0	0	0	0	34,307	39,249
Net current assets/liabilities	191,469	281,040	0	2,768	0	475,277	576,761
Total assets less current liabilities	1,495,731	281,040	0	2,768	0	1,779,539	1,881,023
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)							
Grants payable after 2018-19						0	
Loans to the Circuit						0	
Net assets	1,495,731	281,040	0	2,768	0	1,779,539	1,881,023
Funds of the Circuit							
General Fund (Unrestricted)	1,495,731					1,495,731	1,608,390
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)		281,040				281,040	85,353
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)			0			0	
Total Unrestricted Funds						1,776,771	1,693,743
Restricted Funds				2,768		2,768	2,364
Endowment Funds					0	0	
Total Funds	1,495,731	281,040	0	2,768	0	1,779,539	1,696,107

Signed

Circuit Treasurer

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102 – the Charities SORP (FRS102) and taking note of the Update Bulletin 1 issued in 2016.

2 Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Circuit which are Unrestricted. The Circuit Model Trust Fund has wide purposes defined in Standing Orders and is categorised as unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose. There are no Endowment funds. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the final note to these accounts. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

Incoming Resources

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Resources Expended

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Circuit to pay out resources.

Grants

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

VAT

Since the Circuit is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Circuit

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500.

The Manse buildings is shown in the accounts at 2020 deemed values. No depreciation is provided on the building because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings (on the assumption that it had reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The property has been reviewed for impairment.

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long term purposes of the charity.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors are made up of sundry debtors and loans owing from Linthorpe Road Resource Centre.

Creditors

Creditors include both sundry expenses and specifically the 1st quarter assessment received in August.

4 Payment to Trustees

There were no payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit Meeting, this excludes stipends.

Trustee expenses

	2020/21	2019/20
Number of Trustees	2	2
Total amount	£230	£281

Expense payments primarily relate to reimbursement for travel and computing costs

5 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

	2020/21 £	2019/20 £
Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	2,283	1,223
Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	1,110	840

6 Paid employees

Staff Costs paid during the year were:

	2020/21	2019/20
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	£ 78,940	77,112
Employer's National Insurance costs	£ 7,900	7,660
Pension costs	£ 20,840	20,163
Total staff costs	£ 107,680	104,935

Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year were:

	3	3
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7 Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

At the 31st August 2020 there are no capital commitments.

No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2020.

8 For information only Money received and passed on to External Organisations

	2020/21	2019/20
	£	£
Balance brought forward from last year		
Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations	0	0
Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations	0	0
Balance carried forward	0	0

9 Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or valuation

	Land £	Manses £	Other buildings £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Balance brought forward	0	1,304,262	0	0		1,304,262
Additions		0				
Revaluations (+/-)						
Disposals (-)						
Transfers * (+/-)						
Balance carried forward	0	1,304,262		0		1,304,262

Accumulated depreciation

Balance brought forward				00		
Depreciation charge for year (-)				0		
Revaluations (+/-)						
Disposals (-)						
Transfers* (+/-)						
Balance carried forward				0		

Net book value

Brought forward	0	1,304,262	0	0		1,304,262
Carried forward	0	1,304,262	0	0		1,304,262

10 Investment assets

The circuit has no Investment properties

The circuit has no common investment fund holdings

11 Loans

The Circuit currently has no loans

12 Analysis of restricted and designated funds

2020-21

Restricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
Benevolent Fund	1,538	90	-352		1,276	
Development Fund	0	0	0		0	Available for funding outreach and development work
Circuit resource centre	0	0	0		0	Fund designated for the maintenance of the centre.
Totals	1,538	90	-352		1,276	

Comparative analysis of restricted and designated funds 2019-2020

Restricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
Benevolent Fund	658	1,330	-450		1,538	Support for individuals in specific need
Development Fund	0	0	0		0	Available for funding outreach and development work
Circuit resource Fund	0	0	0		0	Fund designated for the maintenance of the centre.
Totals	658	1,330	-450		1,538	

Circuit
DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that these accrual based accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 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 L Duffield Date 31/03/22

Name of Treasurer LESLEY DUFFIELD

Address 14 CRANFORD GARDENS, ACKLAM
MIDDLESBROUGH TS 5 8AQ

Presentation to the Circuit Meeting for approval.

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 Aug were, or
will be* presented to the Circuit Meeting at its meeting on

and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting David Godfrey →

Name of the Chair of the meeting Revd DAVID GODFREY .

Date 9th March 2022

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

MIDDLESBROUGH & ESTON Circuit

This Report is on the Circuit Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2021

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Circuit's trustees are responsible for ensuring that the annual report and accounts for the year to 31 August 2016 present a true and fair view of the Circuit's income and expenditure for the year and of its assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date. The trustees consider that an audit is not necessary for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

* Please delete or circle as appropriate

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items, in nature or scale, or disclosures in the accounts, seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair view. My report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than as disclosed below*)

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act.
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met, or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

(3) 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.

Name of independent examiner

MRS J E SHIELD

Signature of independent examiner

J. Shield.

Relevant Professional qualification of independent examiner

FCA

Name of firm (where appropriate)

LEONARD RYE LIMITED

Address

80 BOROUGH ROAD
MIDDLEBROUGH
TS1 2JN

Date

29/3/2022

* Please delete or circle as appropriate

**Darlington District
Circuit number:13/02**

MIDDLESBROUGH & ESTON CIRCUIT
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2021

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
MIDDLESBROUGH & ESTON CIRCUIT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2021

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st August 2021 which are set out on pages 3 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of the Circuit Meeting and independent examiners

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Regulators. This examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Circuit Treasurer and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

J. Shield

Dated: 29th March 2022

J. E. Shield F.C.A
Leonard Bye Limited
Chartered Accountants
80 Borough Road
Middlesbrough
TS1 2JN

MIDDLESBROUGH & ESTON CIRCUIT
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2021

		<u>2021</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
		£	£	£	£
		<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Unrest'ed</u>	<u>Totals</u>	<u>Totals</u>
		<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>		
INCOMING RESOURCES	Notes				
Assessments	2		138,226	138,226	184,425
Interest received		1,094	184	1,278	3,594
Grants received			-	-	-
Letting income			6,965	6,965	7,271
Capital Receipts			-	-	262,840
Total incoming resources		<u>1,094</u>	<u>145,375</u>	<u>146,469</u>	<u>458,130</u>
Resources expanded					
Stipends, salaries and pensions	3		107,680	107,680	104,935
Ministerial associated costs:					
Removals			-	-	-
Training and stationing			-	-	-
District Expenses			44,820	44,820	47,870
Ministerial administration cost:					
Postage and stationery			377	377	308
Telephones			2,522	2,522	2,678
Travel			1,803	1,803	4,718
Removals			-	-	2,112
Office functions:					
Office services			12,990	12,990	11,613
Printing and stationery	4		230	230	281
Accounting, Bookkeeping & payroll			3,393	3,393	2,063
TMCP administration fee		696	-	696	301
CMTF Contribution		17,349	-	17,349	-
Manse expenses	5		9,856	9,856	9,738
Manse repairs			5,734	5,734	22,522
Other expenses:					
Circuit training			-	-	300
Methodist publishing house			348	348	238
Pulpit supply			-	-	-
Sundry expenses			46	46	926
Evangelism, mission outreach			1,000	1,000	(955)
Avenue Project			2,459	2,459	2,528
Advertising & Misc expenses			-	-	300
Outreach Worker Grant	12		6,000	6,000	-
Legal & Professional Fees			2,650	2,650	-
Loans written off	13		28,000	28,000	-
Net capital payments			-	-	-
Profit on Disposal of Manse			-	-	(52,177)
Total resources expended		<u>18,045</u>	<u>229,908</u>	<u>247,953</u>	<u>160,299</u>
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING)		(16,951)	(84,533)	(101,484)	297,831
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS		(50,000)	50,000	-	-
RECLASSIFICATION OF FUNDS				-	(112,915)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		<u>(66,951)</u>	<u>(34,533)</u>	<u>(101,484)</u>	<u>184,916</u>
FUND BALANCES B/FORWARD		<u>350,757</u>	<u>1,530,266</u>	<u>1,881,023</u>	<u>1,696,107</u>
FUND BALANCES C/FORWARD		<u>283,806</u>	<u>1,495,733</u>	<u>1,779,539</u>	<u>1,881,023</u>

MIDDLESBROUGH & ESTON CIRCUIT
BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2021

	Notes	£	<u>2021</u> £	£	<u>2020</u> £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	6		1,304,262		1,304,262
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors and prepayments	7	16,839		45,474	
Central finance board		122,198		146,078	
Model Trust fund		281,040		347,991	
Cash at bank and in hand	9	86,739		73,701	
Endowments and bequests		2,768		2,766	
			509,584	616,010	
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors	8	34,307		39,249	
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
			475,277		576,761
NET ASSETS					
			1,779,539		1,881,023
Financed by:					
ACCUMULATED FUNDS					
Model Trust Fund			281,040		347,991
Endowments & Bequests			2,766		2,766
General funds			1,495,733		1,530,266
			1,779,539		1,881,023

L Duffield

Dated: 3/03/2022

On behalf of the Circuit Committee

MIDDLESBROUGH & ESTON CIRCUIT

NOTES TO THE 2021 ACCOUNTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 General information and basis of preparation

Middlesbrough & Eston Circuit was registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 1st February 2010. The charity registration number is 1133911. The charity's principle address is Nunthorpe Methodist Church, Connaught Road, Nunthorpe, Middlesbrough, TS7 0BP.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost (except that investments are shown at market value) in accordance with Statements of Recommended Practice (SORP 2019) and the Charities Act 2011. The format of the SOFA and balance sheet takes advantage of the small charity concessions set out in the SORP.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

1.2 Incoming Resources

This represents the grants, assessments and other income receivable during the period.

1.3 Resources Expended

Resources expended are allocated to the particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity.

1.4 Recognition of income

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources; the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

MIDDLESBROUGH & ESTON CIRCUIT

NOTES TO THE 2021 ACCOUNTS –continued

2. ASSESSMENTS

	2021	2020
	£	£
Eston Grange	7,000	8,168
Grove Hill	-	13,701
Linthorpe Road	6,090	6,060
Marton	31,064	30,160
Normanby	20,250	33,684
Nunthorpe	39,678	38,900
Ormesby	-	17,430
Stainton	3,144	3,082
Trinity Avenue	31,000	30,240
	-	3,000
	<u>138,226</u>	<u>184,425</u>

3. PAID EMPLOYEES

Staff costs paid during the year were split:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	78,940	77,112
Employer's National Insurance costs	7,900	7,660
Pension costs	20,840	20,163
Total staff costs	<u>107,680</u>	<u>104,935</u>
Average number of full time equivalent employees	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

No member of the management committee received any remuneration in the year for services as a trustee.

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

4. PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES

Payments to trustees only included refunds of expenses incurred on behalf of the Circuit (e.g stationery, postage, computer supplies etc)

	2021	2020
	£	£
Total amount paid	<u>230</u>	<u>281</u>
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>

MIDDLESBROUGH & ESTON CIRCUIT
NOTES TO THE 2021 ACCOUNTS –continued

5.	MANSE EXPENSES	2021	2020
		£	£
	Rates	6,636	6,658
	Quinquennial inspections	-	-
	Insurance	3,220	3,080
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		9,856	9,738
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6.	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS		
		<u>Manses</u>	
	Cost/Valuation at 1 st September 2020	1,304,262	
	Additions	-	
	Disposal	<hr/>	
	Cost/Valuation at 31 st August 2021	1,304,262	
		<hr/>	
	Depreciation at 1 st September 2020	-	
	Charge for the year	-	
		<hr/>	
	Depreciation 31 st August 2021	-	
		<hr/> <hr/>	
	Net book value at 31 st August 2021	1,304,262	
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We do not regard the value as being less than cost. We have carried out an impairment review and have decided that the property is not an inalienable asset and so consider that no depreciation is necessary.

7.	DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS	2021	2020
		£	£
	Debtors and prepayments	1,675	2,310
	Linthorpe Road Resource Centre/Wholly Organic	15,164	43,164
		<hr/>	<hr/>
		16,839	45,474
		<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>

8.	CREDITORS	2021	2020
		£	£
	Accruals	3,880	8,574
	Benevolent fund 9	1,276	1,538
	Young people & Education Resources	753	1,166
	Receipts in advance	28,398	27,971
		<hr/>	<hr/>
		34,307	39,249
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MIDDLESBROUGH & ESTON CIRCUIT
NOTES TO THE 2021 ACCOUNTS –continued

9. CASH AT BANK

Cash at bank includes £32,771 held for the Avenue Project.

10. BENEVOLENT FUND

The uses of these funds are designated by the committee, only for use as deemed appropriate by the Circuit officers to help in situations of hardship. The movement in the funds during the year was as follows:

	£
Balance brought forward at 1 st September 2020	1,538
Add: Offerings collected at Circuit services	90
Less: Fund payments	(352)
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	(262)
Balance carried forward at 31 st August 2021	<hr/> <u>1,276</u>

11. CONTROL

No individual or group controls the Circuit.

12. GRANT TO TFFC

The Circuit have agreed to give TFFC a total grant of £30,000 payable over 5 years. A total of £6,000 was paid in the year to 31st August 2021 with the remaining balance of £24,000 payable over the next 4 years.

13. LOANS WRITTEN OFF

Loans written off were £28,000 owed from Linthorpe Road Resource Centre. It was agreed by the board of trustees of Middlesbrough and Eston Circuit that these were to be written off this year.

MIDDLESBROUGH & ESTON METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1133911

Accounts

The Methodist Church

Middlesbrough & Eston Circuit

Trustees Annual Report

For the Period 1st September 2019 to 31st August 2020

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommendation Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard. (FRSSE)

REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Charity Name: Middlesbrough & Eston Methodist Circuit

Registered Charity Number: 1133911

Charity's Principal Address: Circuit Office
Nunthorpe Methodist Church
Connaught Road
Nunthorpe
Middlesbrough
TS7 0BP

Telephone: 01642 323924

Email: mbrocircuit@gmail.com

Website: www.middlesbroughandestonmethodistcircuit.org.uk

Auditors: Leonard Bye,
Chartered Accountants,
80 Borough Road
Middlesbrough
TS1 2JN

Bankers: HSBC
60 Albert Road,
Middlesbrough TSI IRS

Investment Bankers: Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

The Middlesbrough & Eston Methodist Circuit forms part of the Darlington District of the Methodist Church (Registered Charity No: 1133814). The Governing Documents are the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)

With effect from 1st February 2010 the Middlesbrough & Eston Methodist Circuit was registered as a Charity with the Charity Commission - Registration number 1133911. The trustees of the Circuit meet regularly, at least 3 times each year, in the Circuit Meeting. This is the ultimate decision-making body of the Circuit, operating under the terms of Methodist Standing Orders. During the period covered by this report the Circuit Meeting met on 11th September 2019. The meeting on 17th March 2020 was cancelled due to the Covid 19 Pandemic, and the meeting on 16th September 2020 was done by Zoom.

An 'Executive Committee', known as the 'Circuit Leadership Team', meets on a two monthly basis between Circuit Meetings. It is made up of the Ministers and Stewards of the Circuit. During 2020 CLT meetings were held using Zoom due to the pandemic.

The CLT have created teams to support areas of responsibility across the Circuit.

Team Lead	Team members
Finance : Lesley Duffield	Kay Braithwaite, Pat Barrett
Property: Julie O'Key	Bernard Nixon , Brian Glover
Communications: Anne Smith	Dave Elliott, Elaine Mackintosh
Learning and Development Ruth Lewis	Christopher Wood Archer, Ruth Taylor, Sheila Wallace, Kate Dykes
Social Justice: John Hinton	Jean Nimmo

The Trustees of the Circuit are either ex-officio or appointed by the Church Councils of one of the eight Methodist Churches which make up the Circuit. These Churches are Eston Grange, Grove Hill, Linthorpe Road, Marton, Normanby, Nunthorpe, Trinity and Stainton

The Trustees for 2019/2020 will be:

Rev Susan Greenwood	Superintendent Minister (Chair)
Rev Christopher Wood Archer	Minister
Rev Charity Hamilton	Minister

Rev Leonard Karn

Supernumerary Minister

Mrs Pat Barrett

Circuit Steward

Mrs Lesley Duffield

Circuit Steward

Treasurer

Mrs Ruth Lewis

Circuit Steward

Learning and Development

Mrs Anne Smith

Senior Circuit Steward

Communications

Mrs Julie O'Key

Circuit Steward

Property and Finance

Mrs Pat Hinton

Circuit Meeting Secretary

Mrs Lesley Duffield

Circuit Treasurer

Elaine McIntosh

Lay employee Circuit office

Mrs Sharon Sewell

Lay Employee

Ms Amanda Boldison Employee	Lay	Staff were made redundant in January 2020
Mrs Anita Zabrocky Employee	Lay	
Sandra Daniels Employee	Lay	

Mrs Ann Bardsley

Mrs Joan Bennison

Mrs Jean Bird

Mrs Judith Bone

Mrs Maureen Borley

Mrs Kay Braithwaite

Mr Mark Richard Braithwaite

Mr David Bye

Mr Malcolm Carling

Mrs Patricia Carter

Mr Brian Coldwell

Mr E Chibuke

Mrs H Click

Mrs Elsie Dodds

Mrs Kate Dykes

Mr David Elliott

Mrs Catherine Everitt

Mr Brian Glover

Mrs Dawn Harris

Mr J Harris

Mr John Hinton

Mr Keith Johnson

Mrs J Lambert

Mrs Sharon-Kay Kuen Loveridge

Mrs B Lindley

Mr John Martin
Mrs Patricia Margaret Martin
Mrs Doreen Rosemary Mealing
Mrs Elizabeth Milburn
Mrs Barbara Phyllis Morley
Mrs Kathleen Newton
Mr Bernard Nixon
Mrs Julie Dorothy Elizabeth O'Key
Mrs Jean Parker
Mrs Dorothy Hudson
Mrs Michelle Scurrah
Mr Walter Severs
Mrs Kathleen Smithies
Miss Claire Tate
Mrs Margaret Ruth Taylor
Mrs Julie Heather Thomas
Mr John Wilkinson
Mrs Yvonne Cotton
Mrs C Roberts

Trustees from 2019/2020 No Longer Serving

People who are no longer members of the circuit meeting -

Rev Sue Greenwood
Mr Keith Armstrong
Mr Ray Counter
Mrs Joyce Hill
Mr Geoffrey Payne
Mr Bill Reeve
Mrs Dorothy Pearson
Mrs C Womack
Ms A Bolderson

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Middlesbrough & Eston Methodist Circuit and which will enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Standing Orders of the Methodist Church and the Charities Act 1993. They are also responsible for taking reasonable steps to safeguard the assets of the charity and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities. The Trustees are also responsible for the properties owned by the Circuit, namely the our Manses (one of which is rented out to provide a source of income) and the Avenue Church (which has no active congregation) but is operated as a Community Project providing facilities for local residents within the Middlesbrough and Eston area.

Risk Management

The Risk Management arrangements of the Circuit are identified in the Circuit Risk Register and are divided into 4 main risk groups, namely Governance, Operational, Financial and External Risks. The Risk Register was approved by the Circuit Meeting on the 19th June 2014 and is regularly reviewed by the Circuit leadership Team.

Safeguarding

The Circuit has adopted the Statement of Safeguarding Principles agreed by the Methodist Church and the Church of England as identified below:

We are committed to:

- *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.

A Safeguarding Policy was approved by the Circuit Meeting on the 19th March 2019 and will be reviewed annually.

Sources and Management of funds

Circuit Treasurer.

The Circuit Treasurer is Lesley Duffield and her team.

It has been recognised by the Circuit that the roles and responsibilities of the Circuit Treasurer have increased over the last few years. So to that end the Circuit Leadership team has taken the decision to use a professional financial management firm to take on some of the roles of the Circuit Treasurer due to the increasing work load and complexity of the job. The Accountants Leonard Bye has taken on some of the financial management and staffing responsibilities.

Circuit Funds are obtained in a number of ways:

- The Methodist Churches contribute from their weekly offerings — known as the Assessment;
- Grants from other bodies towards the work in the Circuit. These include: Methodist Church Connexional Funds, The Darlington District of the Methodist Church;
- Income from renting out any vacant properties e.g. Manses.

Investment Policy

A Deposit Fund administered by the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church is utilised to deposit any Circuit General Funds surplus to immediate requirements.

Reserves Policy

It is the current policy of the Circuit Meeting to maintain a basic balance in the reserve of £125,000.

Related Parties

The Middlesbrough & Eston Methodist Circuit maintains close links with:

- The Methodist Asylum Project, Middlesbrough (Registered charity no: 1132820);
- The Linthorpe Road Resource Centre Limited (Registered charity no: 1126421);

Each of these are independent charities with their own boards of trustees and are financially independent of the Methodist Circuit. However, members of staff of these charities have employment contracts through the Middlesbrough & Eston Methodist Circuit.

The circuit also has links with Together Middlesbrough (Reg Charity no.1159355)

OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES

Charitable objects:

The purposes of the Methodist Church are 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 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.

Our Circuit Mission:

To Love Christ,
To Grow in Christ,
To Show Christ's love,
To Make Christ known

Our Circuit Vision:

The sense of mission conveyed here can be furthered through a statement of vision which expresses the kind of Circuit we seek to be:

The Middlesbrough and Eston Methodist Circuit seeks to be a connected community united in Christ to pursue our common mission. We are dependent on God's grace and dedicated to God's service. We seek to nurture Christian discipleship which can take root, develop and flourish.

We seek to share our stories of God's love with others in the hope that they too will come to faith. We seek to show Christian love in action in the hope that the vulnerable will grow stronger and that the poor will be helped.

We aim to be passionately committed to:

- God centred worship which is biblically based, doctrinally sound, culturally relevant and accessible to all
- Underpinning our sense of mission with a strong commitment to prayerfulness
- Life-long learning as a fundamental element of our common vocation as disciples of Jesus
- Mutual support, encouragement and care
- Showing God's love for society through practical acts of service
- Sharing our faith with others - always with gentleness and respect
- Helping others to grow in their Christian discipleship.

This is all summarised in a document we have called “Our Compass” which is detailed below:

Our Compass

Pilgrims on a journey often use a compass to help orientate themselves in changing environments and to help them understand the direction that they should travel.

This is our compass.

Who Are We?

We are a connected community of Christ's disciples who worship God with the whole of our lives.

What Defines Us?

Our Passion for Jesus

Why?

Because He first loved us and gives power to our lives

What Are We Here For?

To Love Christ, To Grow in Christ, To Show Christ's Love, and to Make Christ Known

How Do We Live This?

By our prayerful day-by-day devotion to Jesus

By Caring Deeply and Sharing Openly

By serving as part of our communities

By introducing new people to Jesus

What Do We Hope For?

We long to see lives transformed by God's grace as we are prayerfully devoted to Jesus.

We long to discover more of God's love as we share together in churches which are caring and inclusive discipleship communities.

We long to make friends with those around us and serve as good neighbours.

We long to see the church grow as we invite more people to live as disciples of Jesus.

Public Benefit

When planning our activities for the year, the Circuit and the individual Churches are aware of the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. Public benefit will be delivered by adherence to our Vision for the work of the Circuit within the area in which we live.

Ministerial Team

Reverend Sue Greenwood is in her final year with this Circuit as she retires in August 2020.

Invitation and stationing

The process of stationing began in September 2019 and we were successful in the first round of stationing. Rev David Godfrey from the Thirsk and Northallerton Circuit was matched with us and an invitation from the Circuit was accepted.

Safeguarding

The safeguarding policy was approved on 16th September 2020 and DBS verification has taken place for key members of the Churches in the Circuit. Further training events have taken place and there will be a rolling programme of training in the Circuit.

The Circuit continues to be vigilant in its application of safeguarding policy and is aware that there are regular updates coming from Central office that need to be incorporated into Circuit policy. Training and update sessions are offered in the Circuit when the need arises.

Risk

The Circuit Meeting agreed a risk strategy which was reviewed by the Circuit Leadership Team in May 2019. The risk assessment will be reviewed this year by the leadership team.

Property

Ormesby Church and Parkside Manse were put on the market in September 2019 and both were sold with contracts exchanged before the end of 2019.

Quinquennial Inspections were completed for Linthorpe Road and Grove Hill Methodist Churches.

Key Activities during the Report Year 2019/2020

The Marriage and Relationship Road

The Marriage and Relationship Road Show was presented at Trinity Methodist Church on October 3rd 2019.

The changes made to church life due to the pandemic

This period has been a year of two halves: of pre and post lockdowns and we have had to re- invent our worshipping life and the role of the churches.

In March 2020 the first lockdown occurred and church meeting for worship ceased.

It was with great sadness that our churches closed for worship and all the other activities and meetings that were part of church life. As we grew accustomed to life with the restrictions presbyters and members looked for other ways to keep in touch with church communities. Many phone calls and emails were made to support the elderly living on their own and families who had children and were involved in home schooling. Keeping in touch through technology became the norm.

Churches actions and responses to the situation varied according to the age of the membership. Our older smaller congregations phoned each other regularly to encourage and support one another.

Churches that usually had contact with many families looked for ways to support them with deliveries of food and school supplies of books, pens and paper. This has become a regular activity and is ongoing through the pandemic.

In the summer of 2020 when we were allowed to reopen property and church stewards made careful plans and preparations to open safely with social distancing and mask wearing obligatory. Congregations were limited and services were shorter without singing. Some churches felt that they could not open safely.

Worship developed for the circuit with online services. Initially these were available to be read or listened to, but with time services were on Zoom which was very much appreciated by congregations. Church business resumed on line with the use of Zoom and this included leadership meetings and Circuit meetings.

Prayer groups, bible study and coffee mornings all became available on Zoom and services could be accessed on line and Facebook. Despite all the restrictions we were still able to worship and the availability of worship using technology and it was felt that there has been an opportunity to reach out to people who wanted to hear the Good News but felt uncomfortable in attending church.

Churches did not abandon all activities they have just had to change to fit the situation.

Trinity Methodist Church

The restrictions of the pandemic from March 2020 required churches to re-evaluate their support for congregations and communities. One of largest projects that we are involved in is “The Feast of Fun” which runs at Trinity Methodist church. It is an ecumenical project to address the needs of families who will struggle to feed their children and themselves in the summer holidays and is supported by “Together better Middlesbrough”. This was hugely successful across the two boroughs and many families had been supported during previous school holidays. The project then changed its activity to delivering food parcels to families in the area. In the summer as restrictions were relaxed the small coffee shop re-opened and became a haven for those living on their own and families who continued to need support.

Linthorpe Road Resource Centre

Following the District review in March 2019 the decision was made that the Linthorpe Road Resource Centre should have Circuit financial support as the penalties for failure to complete the project would be too severe.

Actions:

- Circuit agreed financial support to continue the project
- The two shop areas were refurbished with a grant from MAP so that they could be rented out in 2020 to bring income into the Resource Centre.
- Great efforts were made by the present board of Trustees to invite new members on to the board to re-invigorating leadership and purpose to the Resource centre.
- Lay worker staff had to be made redundant due to the financial situation

Some projects are continuing such as MAP (Methodist Asylum Project) and are well attended and supported. The service Millennium Meals has used the kitchen to prepare and takeout food to people in need throughout the pandemic.

The Circuit wishes to support a Methodist witness and presence in the town centre of Middlesbrough.

Young Sunday

Junior church went onto Zoom! Our young people (those who are at senior school) joined together once a month with Rev Charity Hamilton and other members to share

in worship, bible study and activities. They are making new friends and sharing their experiences of being in a pandemic: A positive story in these dark times.

Christmas

Various acts of witness were shown throughout the circuit. There was an outdoor service and carol singing one cold afternoon, one church made a large frieze and joined in a window display in an area that was doing the Twelve Days of Christmas. A nativity story was created for very young children and put out on Facebook and YouTube and a travelling nativity set visited homes and care homes in Advent. Many other acts of worship were created to celebrate the Christmas story.

Plans for 2020/21

- The pandemic has affected all areas of personal and church life. The next twelve months will be very challenging for many church congregations as we have all been affected financially to varying degrees. Difficult and painful decisions will have to be discussed with the churches as to the sustainability of our present situation. The Circuit Leadership Team had already planned a review process of the “strengths and weakness” of the circuit and this will become more necessary as a result of the pandemic.
- We have been successful through the invitation and stationing committee in maintaining three presbyters within the Circuit. This is becoming more challenging in the present financial climate and the Leadership team are engaging with local treasurers and church stewards to assess the best way forward to sustain our worshipping congregations. There are to be discussions with all involved in the financial needs of the Circuit during this next year.

Darlington District
Circuit number: 13/02

MIDDLESBROUGH & ESTON CIRCUIT
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2020

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
MIDDLESBROUGH & ESTON CIRCUIT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2020

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st August 2020 which are set out on pages 3 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of the Circuit Meeting and independent examiners

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Regulators. This examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Circuit Treasurer and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

J. Shield.

Dated: 1st April 2021

J. E. Shield A.C.A
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Chartered Accountants
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MIDDLESBROUGH & ESTON CIRCUIT
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2020

		<u>2020</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
		£	£	£	£
		<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Unrest'ed</u>	<u>Totals</u>	<u>Totals</u>
		<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>		
INCOMING RESOURCES	Notes				
Assessments	2		184,425	184,425	180,157
Interest received		2,552	1,042	3,594	1,543
Grants received					-
Letting income			7,271	7,271	(31)
Bequests					-
Other income- Avenue Project			-	-	2,379
Capital Receipts		262,840		262,840	-
Total incoming resources		<u>265,392</u>	<u>192,738</u>	<u>458,130</u>	<u>184,048</u>
Resources expanded					
Stipends, salaries and pensions	3		104,935	104,935	92,735
Ministerial associated costs:					
Removals				-	-
Training and stationing				-	-
District Expenses		2,134	45,736	47,870	46,023
Ministerial administration cost:					
Postage and stationery			308	308	520
Telephones			2,678	2,678	1,734
Travel			4,718	4,718	7,227
Removals			2,112	2,112	600
Office functions:					
Office services			11,613	11,613	7,243
Computer expenses				-	-
Printing and stationery	4		281	281	673
Accounting, Bookkeeping & payroll			2,063	2,063	2,685
TMCP administration fee		188	113	301	179
Manse expenses	5		9,738	9,738	11,967
Manse repairs			22,522	22,522	(505)
Other expenses:					
Circuit training			300	300	-
Methodist publishing house			238	238	289
Pulpit supply				-	-
Sundry expenses			926	926	1,091
Evangelism, mission outreach			(955)	(955)	208
Avenue Project			2,528	2,528	-
Chinese Intern			-	-	-
Advertising & Misc expenses		30	270	300	45
Net capital payments					-
Profit on Disposal of Manse			(52,177)	(52,177)	-
Total resources expended		<u>2,352</u>	<u>157,947</u>	<u>160,299</u>	<u>172,714</u>
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING)		<u>263,040</u>	<u>34,791</u>	<u>297,831</u>	<u>11,334</u>
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS					
RECLASSIFICATION OF FUNDS			(112,915)	(112,915)	
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		<u>263,040</u>	<u>(78,124)</u>	<u>184,916</u>	<u>11,334</u>
FUND BALANCES B/FORWARD		<u>87,717</u>	<u>1,608,390</u>	<u>1,696,107</u>	<u>1,684,773</u>
FUND BALANCES C/FORWARD		<u>350,757</u>	<u>1,530,266</u>	<u>1,881,023</u>	<u>1,696,107</u>

MIDDLESBROUGH & ESTON CIRCUIT
BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2020

	Notes	£	<u>2020</u> £	£	<u>2019</u> £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	6		1,304,262		1,365,000
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors and prepayments	7	45,474		55,881	
Central finance board		146,078		139,031	
Model Trust fund		347,991		85,353	
Cash at bank and in hand	9	73,701		93,814	
Endowments and bequests		2,766		2,364	
			<u>616,010</u>		<u>376,443</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors	8		39,249		45,336
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
			<u>576,761</u>		<u>331,107</u>
NET ASSETS					
			<u><u>1,881,023</u></u>		<u><u>1,696,107</u></u>
Financed by:					
ACCUMULATED FUNDS					
Model Trust Fund			347,991		85,353
Endowments & Bequests			2,766		2,364
General funds			1,530,266		1,608,390
			<u><u>1,881,023</u></u>		<u><u>1,696,107</u></u>

L. Duffield

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Dated: 5/3/2021

On behalf of the Circuit Committee

MIDDLESBROUGH & ESTON CIRCUIT

NOTES TO THE 2019 ACCOUNTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 General information and basis of preparation

Middlesbrough & Eston Circuit was registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 1st February 2010. The charity registration number is 1133911. The charity's principle address is Nunthorpe Methodist Church, Connaught Road, Nunthorpe, Middlesbrough, TS7 0BP.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 (as updated through Update Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost (except that investments are shown at market value) in accordance with Statements of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005) and the Charities Act 2011. The format of the SOFA and balance sheet takes advantage of the small charity concessions set out in the SORP.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

The charity adopted SORP (FRS 102) in the current year but this has not affected the financial position or performance.

1.2 Incoming Resources

This represents the grants, assessments and other income receivable during the period.

1.3 Resources Expended

Resources expended are allocated to the particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity.

1.4 Recognition of income

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources; the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

MIDDLESBROUGH & ESTON CIRCUIT

NOTES TO THE 2020 ACCOUNTS –continued

2. ASSESSMENTS

	2020	2019
	£	£
Eston Grange	8,168	15,952
Grove Hill	13,701	13,434
Linthorpe Road	6,060	9,475
Marton	30,160	29,750
Normanby	33,684	33,230
Nunthorpe	38,900	38,361
Ormesby	17,430	2,843
Stainton	3,082	2,982
Trinity	30,240	29,640
Avenue	3,000	4,500
	<u>184,425</u>	<u>180,157</u>

3. PAID EMPLOYEES

Staff costs paid during the year were split:

	2020	2019
	£	£
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	77,112	66,377
Employer's National Insurance costs	7,660	6,808
Pension costs	20,163	19,550
Total staff costs	<u>104,935</u>	<u>92,735</u>
Average number of full time equivalent employees	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

No member of the management committee received any remuneration in the year for services as a trustee.

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

4. PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES

Payments to trustees only included refunds of expenses incurred on behalf of the Circuit (e.g stationery, postage, computer supplies etc)

	2020	2019
	£	£
Total amount paid	<u>281</u>	<u>673</u>
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

MIDDLESBROUGH & ESTON CIRCUIT
NOTES TO THE 2020 ACCOUNTS –continued

5.	MANSE EXPENSES	2020	2019
		£	£
	Rates	6,658	6,549
	Quinquennial inspections	-	1,620
	Insurance	3,080	3,798
		<u>9,738</u>	<u>11,967</u>

6.	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS		<u>Manses</u>
	Cost/Valuation at 1 st September 2019		1,365,000
	Additions		-
	Disposal		60,738
	Cost/Valuation at 31 st August 2020		<u>1,304,262</u>
	Depreciation at 1 st September 2019		-
	Charge for the year		-
	Depreciation 31 st August 2020		<u>-</u>
	Net book value at 31 st August 2020		<u>1,304,262</u>

We do not regard the value as being less than cost. We have carried out an impairment review and have decided that the property is not an inalienable asset and so consider that no depreciation is necessary.

7.	DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS	2020	2019
		£	£
	Debtors and prepayments	2,310	12,717
	Linthorpe Road Resource Centre/Wholly Organic	43,164	43,164
		<u>45,474</u>	<u>55,881</u>

MIDDLESBROUGH & ESTON CIRCUIT
NOTES TO THE 2020 ACCOUNTS –continued

8. CREDITORS

	2020	2019
	£	£
Accruals	8,574	3,613
Benevolent fund 9	1,538	658
Young people & Education Resources	1,166	1,581
Receipts in advance	27,971	39,484
	39,249	45,336

9. CASH AT BANK

Cash at bank includes £35,230 held for the Avenue Project.

10. BENEVOLENT FUND

The uses of these funds are designated by the committee, only for use as deemed appropriate by the Circuit officers to help in situations of hardship. The movement in the funds during the year was as follows:

		£
Balance brought forward at 1 st September 2019		658
Add: Offerings collected at Circuit services	1,330	
Less: Fund payment	(450)	
	1,538	1,538
Balance carried forward at 31 st August 2020		

11. CONTROL

No individual or group controls the Circuit.