NORTH WILTSHIRE METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales · Charity number 1133989

Details

Other names	THE METHODIST CHURCH CHIPPENHAM
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2010-02-02
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 subsiduary or ancillary to the Methodist Church;(d) any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.

Activities: Resourcing body for local churches and support of mission at home and abroad

Classification

- **How:** Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

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Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£311,684	£528,627	-	-
2024-08-31	£419,319	£358,778	-	-
2023-08-31	£364,872	£788,243	-	-
2022-08-31	£370,078	£504,379	-	-
2021-08-31	£325,883	£427,448	-	-

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Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anthony David Prichard		2014-09-01
CHRISTANA JOY CLIFFORD		
Catherine Plenderleith		2025-06-01
Corinne Vivienne Wethers		2023-09-01
Deacon Stephen Francis Roe		2021-09-01
Dianne Joy Slater		2023-07-28
Elizabeth Gillian Osborne		2021-09-01
Eric George Hewitt		2024-09-01
Graham Robert Crawshaw BADMSMCIPS		2014-09-01
JOHN STEPHEN DAVIS		
Jacqueline Snyder FCCA		2014-09-01
Jane Elizabeth Gourley		2024-09-01
Jane Foster		2024-08-29
Jonathan Edwards		2026-01-30
Jonathan Henry Lyle CB FREng		2019-09-01
Judith Furse		2014-09-01
Julie Dawn Coe		2014-09-01
Kay Ashlin		2019-06-12
Keith Lawrence Harmer		2019-09-18
LORNA JEAN COCKING		
Linda Denise Morley		2020-02-01
Lynda Thomson		2014-09-01
Margaret Hill		2025-11-11
Marilyn Yvonne Margaret Dixon		2014-09-01
Matthew John Vatcher		2022-09-01
Nathalie Catherine Marshall		2020-09-01
Nigel Tucker		2023-09-19

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Name	Role	Appointed
PAUL ANTHONY WEBB		
Paul Walley Kohn BA Cert Ed		2014-09-01
Peter Bernard Whittington		2014-09-01
Professor Clifford Michael Friend		2021-09-01
RICHARD JOHN WYNN WALTERS BVSCCTBR		
Rachel Irene Collins		2022-09-01
Rev Andrew Bird		2020-09-01
Rev Anthony Ward Jones		2023-09-01
Rev David Gray		2014-09-01
Rev Geoffrey David Floyd		2022-09-01
Rev Mark Barrett		2023-09-01
Rev Stephen Mason Skinner LLB BA		2019-09-01
Richard William Osbourne		2021-09-01
Robert McMurdo Woods		2022-09-01
Sandra Mary Wylie		2023-03-21
Sharon Vatcher		2023-03-14
Sitiveni Qalobulaiwasaikabara		2025-09-01
Trevor Durston		2024-08-29
Wilma Ann Goodfellow		2014-09-01

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NORTH WILTSHIRE METHODIST CIRCUIT

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Accounts

NORTH WILTSHIRE CIRCUIT
Accruals Accounts

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

NORTH WILTSHIRE	Circuit

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 AUGUST 2025

BRISTOL	District	Circuit no	22/7

Charity Registration number	1133989

Ministers:

Rev David Gray
Rev Stephen Skinner
Rev Rachel Collins
Rev Andrew Bird
Deacon Stephen Roe

Circuit Stewards:

Lynda Thomson
Nigel Tucker
Clifford Friend
Kay Ashlin
Peter Armitage

Treasurer:

Circuit steward Lynda Thomson who produced this report with Angela Roe (bookkeeper)

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

Introduction

The North Wiltshire Methodist circuit covers Swindon, Marlborough, Chippenham and their surrounding villages. It is made up of 11 Methodist churches and two stand alone Ecumenical Partnerships (Dorcan and the Pilgrim Centre Swindon) The formal Ecumenical Partnership with Dorcan will cease on 31st August 2026 however Methodist values and services led by Methodist preachers are planned to continue. Bath Road, is part of an informal LEP with the URC and Anglicans in Old Town Swindon. Christchurch Methodist Fellowship (CMF) are also part of an informal arrangement with the Anglicans at St Mary's, Marlborough.

Chiseldon is a class of Aldbourne with Ramsbury however the congregation worship with Holy Cross C of E church in Chiseldon. Great Somerford is a class of Sheldon Road but worships in its own building. Rodbourne church which was a class of St Andrew's ceased to meet in April 2025 but the building is still in use and is now an asset of the circuit. The hope is to develop it into a community hub to service the local area.

The North Wiltshire circuit is currently seeking approval to merge with the Upper Thames circuit wef 1st September 2027. We seek to enact the calling of the Methodist Church, as we through worship aim to increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love. We work together to help people to grow and learn as Christians through mutual support and care as we strive to be good neighbours to people in need and to challenge injustice and we witness eagerly to make more followers of Jesus Christ.

Review of the year

The circuit income is primarily drawn from the assessments paid by the circuit churches and with the rental income from one of the circuit manses.

Overall Financial Results

The total funds for the circuit increased by £85k from £2,944k to £3,029k over the year.

General and other

Investment properties sold (see note14)

Rodbourne Methodist Church has been added to the investment properties at a value of £160,000, as it is now a Circuit owned building run as a Community Hub

As of 31st August 2025, the funds held in current accounts and the MTF were £1,192k - This equates to about 30 months of expenditure.

Manses Review

The circuit currently has six houses of which five are occupied by ministers (four Presbyters and a Deacon) employed by the Methodist Church.

Chippenham Manses

The circuit has used the proceeds of the sales of two manses to facilitate the purchase of a new manse on the Patterdown development as part of our outreach and mission focus. This is a New People New Places incentive being led by District.

Swindon Manses

There are three manses in Swindon and no changes are expected in the next 24-36 months. One is being kept as an investment property and is privately let and two are lived in by ministers. It is unlikely that the ministerial team will increase above the 5 at present in the current layout of the circuit. It is more likely that numbers will decrease with the circuit looking to employ lay workers to cover the shortfall. This will be re-evaluated when the merger with Upper Thames goes ahead.

Church Governance

In June 2024 the Circuit meeting approved the Dissolution of the single congregation LEP at Dorcan. There is still a desire to remain ecumenical and to welcome other denominations, as well as using litergy in the Methodist tradition but the Church will no longer be an Anglican/Methodist LEP. The Dorcan churches (St Paul's and St Timothy's) will become part of a Local Ecumenical co-operative scheme with the lead partner being the Church of England.

Central Church, Swindon known as The Pilgrim Centre is a Baptist/Methodist/URC LEP currently under the care of a Baptist pastor. When this tenure ends there is an expectation that the church will look to the Circuit to provide a Methodist presbyter to take over this role. In the meantime the circuit is looking to employ a Deacon from September 2026 to be based in Swindon, and working with the Pilgrim Centre, Bath Road and Rodbourne Community Hub, with the objective of facilitating a fresh focus on mission in the town.

Staff changes

There have been no staff changes this year 24/25, however we are now in stationing as both Rev Stephen Skinner and Deacon Stephen Roe sit down in August 2026.

Trustees annual report on finance and governance legal framework

Name of the charity: North Wiltshire Methodist Circuit

Charity registration number: 1133989

Main communication address: Circuit Administrator, c/o Studley Methodist Church, Studley Lane, Studley, Calne SN11 9NH

The members of the North Wiltshire Methodist circuit meeting are the charities trustees, membership be made up of circuit office holders ministers and representatives appointed by the local church.

A full list of the membership is shown in appendix A to this report

Lynda Thomson was the circuit steward with overall responsibility for Finance.

Independent examiner for year ended 31st August 2025 is Lisa Hobbs of

UHY Ross Brooke - Chartered Accountants

16 Dorcan Business Village, Murdock Road, Dorcan, Swindon, Wiltshire

Investment Bankers are the Central Finance Board of the Methodist church and Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes.

Aims and organisation

The Charity's objectives are to act as a resource provider within the area around North Wiltshire for

the Methodist church. The purposes of the Methodist church are and have deemed to have been since the date of union the advancement of:

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

Any charitable purpose for the time being of the Connexional, District, Circuit, Local Church or other organisation of the Methodist Church

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This is achieved through the following:

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

The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses, small groups and other events

The resourcing of pastoral work including but not exclusively the visiting of the sick and bereaved

Taking religious assemblies in local schools

Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services

Provision of chaplaincy services

Public benefit

We confirm the trustees have regard to the charity commissioners guidance on public benefit structure and management of the Methodist Church Act (1976). Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist church by order of the annual conference (CPD). Day to day management of the circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership Team, the Circuit Meeting and the Local Preachers meeting.

Trustee training

A range of guidance is produced by the Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the circuit specifically the leaflet "The role of the trustee in the Methodist church" which is available to all new circuit meeting members as part of their induction as trustees.

Related parties:

The circuit is part of the Bristol District and is also accountable to the Methodist conference

The circuit consists of the following churches:

Aldbourne & Ramsbury with Chiseldon (class)

Bath Road

Central Chippenham

Central Swindon (Pilgrim Centre) LEP of Baptist, URC and Methodist

Christchurch Methodist Fellowship

Dorcan LEP of Anglican and Methodist

Great Somerford (class of Central Chippenham)

Lyneham

Pewsey

Sheldon Road

Stratton

St. Andrews and Rodbourne (class)

Studley

Risk management

Major risks are identified by the circuit leadership team who take professional advice where necessary. Income and expenditure are reviewed regularly at circuit leadership meetings and circuit meetings where annual budgets are agreed and a review of activities undertaken.

Reserves policy

The circuit holds the equivalent approx. 4 months funding for general purposes and lay worker activities in cash or near cash assuming no other major expenditure in the event of an inability to raise the full circuit assessment for the churches in the short term. Including the Model Trust Fund, the circuit holds two years of average expenditure and therefore the circuit trustees believe there are sufficient funds to secure the mid to long term ability to meet the liabilities of the circuit .

Safeguarding

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

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

The care and nurture and respectful ministry with all children and 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 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 by co-operating 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 refer to the proper authorities any member of our church community known to have offended against a child or young person or vulnerable adult.

All these principles will follow legislation guidance and recognised good practice.

The North Wiltshire circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional safeguarding policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches. The North Wiltshire circuit commits itself to a vision of support advice and training for lay and ordained people that ensures people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Approved on 15/4/26

Rev. David Gray

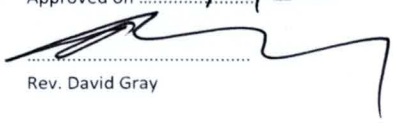
THE NORTH WILTSHIRE METHODIST CIRCUIT
STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the Trustees should follow best practise and

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practise have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enable them both to ascertain the financial position of the charity and that ensure that the financial statements comply with the applicable law, regulations and trust deeds. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved on 15/4/26



Rev. David Gray

APPENDIX A
NORTH WILTSHIRE METHODIST CIRCUIT
Year until end August 2025

MINISTERS

Rev David Gray	Trustee
Rev Stephen Skinner	Trustee
Rev Rach Collins	Trustee
Deacon Stephen Roe	Trustee
Rev Andrew Bird	Trustee

SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS

Rev Tony Barnes	Expressed wish not to attend meetings this year
Rev Pam Stranks	Expressed wish not to attend meetings this year
Rev Susan Howe	Expressed wish not to attend meetings this year
Rev Mark Barrett	Trustee
Rev A Ward Jones	Trustee
Rev Geoffrey Floyd	Trustee
Rev Janet Evans	Trustee

CIRCUIT STEWARDS

Nigel Tucker	
Kay Ashlin	
Lynda Thomson	
Peter Armitage	Until July 2025
Clifford Friend	

CIRCUIT SAFEGUARDING CO-ORDINATOR
Mrs Allison Burchell

LOCAL PREACHERS MEETING SECRETARY

Eric Hewitt	From September 2024

CHURCH CIRCUIT MEETING REPRESENTATIVES

Aldbourne & Ramsbury

Richard Osbourne	Trustee
Liz Osbourne	Trustee
Julie Coe	Trustee

Bath Road

George Kennedy	Trustee
Matt Vatcher	Trustee
Sharon Vatcher	Trustee

Central, Chippenham

Wyn Walters	Trustee
Lorna Cocking	Trustee
Marilyn Dixon	Trustee
Paul Webb	Trustee from Great Somerford class of Central

Central, Swindon

Judith Furse	Trustee
Christine Durant	Trustee

Chiseldon	
Paul Kohn	Trustee
Christchurch	
Jonathan Lyle	Trustee
Sandra Wylie	Trustee
Dorcan	
Tony Prichard	Trustee
Nathalie Marshall	Trustee
Lyneham	
Wilma Goodfellow	
Ann Allen	Trustee until March 2025
Kate Plenderleith	Trustee from June 2025
Stitiveni Qalobulaiwasaikabara	Trustee from September 2025
Pewsey	
Pete Whittington	Trustee
Robert Woods	Trustee
Bert Venman	Trustee
Sheldon Road	
Trevor Durston	Trustee
Corinne Wethers	Trustee
John Davis	Trustee
St. Andrews & Rodbourne	
Dianne Slater	Trustee
Jackie Snyder	Trustee
Hilary Franklin	Trustee
David Holder	Trustee until April 2025
Stratton	
Graham Crawshaw	Trustee
Keith Harmer	Trustee
Jane Foster	Trustee
Studley	
Christina Clifford	Trustee
Linda Morley	Trustee
Bryant Vincent	Trustee Until December 2024
Ruth Woodhouse	Trustee from March 2025

Name of Circuit: North Wiltshire Circuit No 22/7

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		133	44,869	1,611	143			**46,756**
3 Income from investment properties		10,738						**10,738**
4 Assessments on Churches		252,588						**252,588**
5 Capital Receipts								**0**
6 Grants received								**0**
7 Other charitable income		1,602						**1,602**
8 **Total income**		**265,061**	**44,869**	**1,611**	**143**	**-**		**311,684**
Expenditure								
9 Grants and donations		9,060			1,553			**10,613**
10 Salaries and associated costs		258,684						**258,684**
11 Property maintenance		70,092			736			**70,828**
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy			24,030					**24,030**
13 District Assessment & Levy		71,536	60,651	475	141			**132,803**
14 Depreciation								**0**
15 Office expenses		3,114						**3,114**
16 Other outgoings		28,162			393			**28,555**
17 **Total charitable expenditure**		**440,648**	**84,681**	**475**	**2,823**	**0**		**528,627**
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments			-	149				-149
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties		160,000	141,611					301,611
20 **Net income/(expenditure)**		**-15,587**	**101,799**	**987**	**-2,680**	**0**		**84,519**
21 Transfers between funds		- 124,727	124,727					0
22 Other gains/(losses)								
23 **Net movement in funds**		**-140,314**	**226,526**	**987**	**-2,680**	**0**		**84,519**
24 Total funds brought forward		2,008,126	893,162	35,943	7,588			2,944,819
25 Total funds carried forward		**1,867,812**	**1,119,688**	**36,930**	**4,908**	**-**		**3,029,338**

Name of Circuit: North Wiltshire Circuit No 22/7

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		2,108	49,593	1,783	189		**53,673**
3 Income from investment properties		11,367					**11,367**
4 Assessments on Churches		347,305					**347,305**
5 Capital Receipts							**0**
6 Grants received		1,500			4,000		**5,500**
7 Other charitable income		1,474					**1,474**
8 **Total income**		**363,754**	**49,593**	**1,783**	**4,189**	**-**	**419,319**
Expenditure							
9 Grants and donations		17,908					**17,908**
10 Salaries and associated costs		247,626					**247,626**
11 Property maintenance		50,771					**50,771**
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy		-	49,089				**-49,089**
13 District Assessment & Levy		71,536					**71,536**
14 Depreciation							**0**
15 Office expenses		2,584					**2,584**
16 Other outgoings		13,833	3,501	98	10		**17,442**
17 **Total charitable expenditure**		**404,258**	**-45,588**	**98**	**10**	**0**	**358,778**
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments				306			306
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties		- 51,500	201,719				150,219
20 **Net income/(expenditure)**		**-92,004**	**296,900**	**1,991**	**4,179**	**0**	**211,066**
21 Transfers between funds		623,654 -	623,034 -	441 -	179		0
22 Other gains/(losses)							0
23 **Net movement in funds**		**531,650**	**-326,134**	**1,550**	**4,000**	**0**	**211,066**
24 Total funds brought forward		1,476,476	1,219,296	34,393	3,588		2,733,753
25 Total funds carried forward		**2,008,126**	**893,162**	**35,943**	**7,588**	**-**	**2,944,819**

Name of Circuit
North Wiltshire

Circuit No 7/22

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 £
				4				
Fixed Assets								
Circuit Manses & Equipment		1,399,390					1,399,390	1,399,390
Investment properties		437,200					437,200	556,200
Investments							0	0
Total fixed assets		**1,836,590**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1,836,590**	**1,955,590**
Current Assets								
Debtors		18,974					18,974	25,878
Loans by the Circuit							0	0
Investments with TMCP			1,119,688	36,930	2,461		1,159,079	932,693
Central Finance Board Deposits		22,418					22,418	25,142
Cash at Bank and in hand		39,719			2,447		42,166	54,404
Total current assets		**81,111**	**1,119,688**	**36,930**	**4,908**	**0**	**1,242,637**	**1,038,117**
Current liabilities								
Creditors (due in under 1 year)		49,889					49,889	48,888
Grants payable within one year							0	0
Total current liabilities		49,889	0	0	0	0	**49,889**	**48,888**
Net current assets/liabilities		**31,222**	**1,119,688**	**36,930**	**4,908**	**0**	**1,192,748**	**989,229**
Total assets less current liabilities		**1,867,812**	**1,119,688**	**36,930**	**4,908**	**0**	**3,029,338**	**2,944,819**
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)								
Grants payable after one year							**0**	**0**
Loans to the Circuit							**0**	**0**
							0	**0**
Net assets		**1,867,812**	**1,119,688**	**36,930**	**4,908**	**0**	**3,029,338**	**2,944,819**
Funds of the Circuit								
General Fund (Unrestricted)		1,867,812					1,867,812	2,008,126
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			1,119,688				1,119,688	893,162
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)				36,930			36,930	35,943
Total Unrestricted Funds							**3,024,430**	**2,937,231**
Restricted Funds					4,908		4,908	7,588
Endowment Funds						0	0	0
Total Funds		**1,867,812**	**1,119,688**	**36,930**	**4,908**	**0**	3,029,338	2,944,819

Signed

Circuit Treasurer

THE NORTH WILTSHIRE METHODIST CIRCUIT
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDING 31 AUGUST 2025

1 Basis of accounting and accounting policies

i Accounting standard

The financial statements are prepared in compliance with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS102), and FRS102, The Financial Reporting Standard, applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland

ii Public benefit entity

The North Wiltshire circuit meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.
Assets and liabilities are initially recognized at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s) below

iii 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.

iv Content

The financial information presented is relevant reliable and comparable and complete.
Where estimates are used these are based on experience research and judgement.
The accounts are expressed in £ Sterling rounded to the nearest pound

v Going concern

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

vii Consolidation

The circuit has denominational regulatory oversight in respect of the work of the Churches within the circuit but has no legal or operational control of those churches and their governing bodies except in extreme circumstances.
For this reason the financial statements of churches within the circuit are not consolidated into these financial statements

viii Income

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.

ix Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or where a constructive obligation arises, where the amount is reliably measured and it is considered more likely than not there will be an outflow of economic activity.

x 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.

xi VAT

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

xi 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 £1,000.
The freehold property is shown in the accounts at 2016 deemed values, of which the land component is deemed to be £700,000, except for the Patterdown manse purchased last year which is shown at cost. No depreciation is provided on the buildings 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.

xii Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors relate to the payment of Ministers stipends in August that relates to September.
Also assessments for 24/25 outstanding at 31st August 2024.

xiii Creditors

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

xiv Impact of Accounting Changes
The accounts are prepared on SAGE cloud software.

xv Monetary Investments
The Circuit's Investments are in monetary assets classified as basic financial instruments
under FRS102 and are held by the Trustees for Methodist church purposes TMCP. As custodian
trustees the valuations at market value are those provided by TMCP.
The funds that support the Circuit Model Trust Fund and the Manses fund are held by TMCP
in interest funds on which interest is credited to the accounts each month.
These are regarded as medium and long-term investments.
TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust Property including
Legacies, Endowments and Accumulated Funds. Trust Property is held for and on behalf of local
Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day to day management of trust property.
TMCP ensure that, through providing guidance and acting under their direction,
the managing trustees comply with charities law or Methodist policy as determined
by the Methodist conference.

xvi Investment Properties
From time to time the Circuit may hold residential property (formerly Manses) which is surplus to requirements

xvi Methodist Connexional funds
The Methodist church connexion raises assessments against the circuit's these are paid
quarterly to the Districts.
A small sum is retained by the District to meet its own cost otherwise these
assessments are paid quarterly to the connexion.
The circuit raises assessments on circuit churches which are paid quarterly to the circuit.
These cover mainly the cost of running the circuit including staffing and the District
assessment above. The circuit may act as an agent for ad hoc collections for
various funds controlled and then administered by the Methodist church

2 Funds
The funds held constitute a General Fund 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 are held for a narrower purpose.
A New People New Places Grant as been received from the District. This is held as a restricted fund.
Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Donations and legacies

		Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust fund	Restricted	2025	2024
Trust Fund				0	0	0
Donations				0	0	0
Legacies				0	0	0
Total						

4 Income from properties

	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust fund	Restricted	2025	2024
105 Ermin street	10,738			10,738	11,367
Total	10,738	0	0	10,738	11,367

5 Investment income

	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust fund	Restricted	2025	2024
General Fund	1,744		143	1,887	4,080
Circuit Advance Fund		44,869		44,869	49,593
Total	1,744	44,869	143	46,756	53,673

6 Payment to staff	**2025**	**2024**
Ministers , Admin and other lay workers.		
Stipends	186,412	175,485
Nat Insurance	20,387	16,718
Pension	32,713	40,643
Travel/phone /other	19,172	14,780
Total staff	258,684	247,626

Staff numbers (average no employed)	**2025**	**2024**
Ministers	5	5
Admin	1	1
Lay workers	0	0
Lay workers part time	0	0
Total staff	6	6
At 31 August 2025 there were no lay workers		
Lay/Admin workers included above:	0	0
Payroll	32,891	30,384
Travel/phone /other	282	202
Total	33,173	30,586

During 2024/2025 6 people were employed all the time.

The circuit is required to provide accommodation for each minister and their families and this is seen as a benefit to the Circuit. Ministers are expected to occupy the manse provided for them. The circuit bears the cost of repairs, maintenance, building insurance, council tax and water rates. These figures are not separately disclosed as benefits-in-kind for ministers as HMRC does not seek to tax these receipts in the hands of ministers.

7 Payment to trustees

No trustees receive any salaries or benefits as trustees.

However, the following trustees are also ministers and in that capacity receive stipends as minsters and the benefit of job related accommodation.

During 2024/2025 there were five ministers employed by the circuit who all are trustees :

2025	2024
Rev David Gray	Rev David Gray
Rev Stephen Skinner	Rev Stephen Skinner
Rev Rachel Collins	Rev Rachel Collins
Deacon Stephen Roe	Deacon Stephen Roe
Rev Andrew Bird	Rev Andrew Bird

	2025	2024
Stipends	158,202	149,074
Nat Insurance	17,398	14,296
Pension	31,020	39,059
Travel/phone /other	16,778	13,728
Total	223,398	216,157

Other trustee payments

	2025	2024
Circuit cost of manses occupied by ministers:	49,035	41,317
Number of manses	5	5

7 Payment to trustees (contd)

Trustees who are not staff members received the following		
Telephone costs	0	0
Travel Expenses	37	988

8 Fees for examination of accounts

A fee of £1,440 is payable this year which is a creditor at 31 August 2025

9 Loans

The circuit had no loans at 31st August 2025 (nil last year)

10 Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

The circuit had no capital commitments at 31st August 2025 (nil last year)
No contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2025 (nil last year)

11 Tangible Fixed Assets Cost or Valuation	£ Residential Land	£ Other Land	£ Manses	£ Investment Properties	£ Other Fixed	£ Fixtures Fittings	£ Total
Balance b/f			1,399,390	556,200			1,955,590
Additions				160,000			160,000
Revaluations							
Disposals				-279,000			-279,000
Transfers							
Balance c/f	0	0	1,399,390	437200	0	0	1,836,590
Accumulated Depreciation							
Balance b/f							
Additions							
Revaluations							
Disposals							
Transfers							
Balance c/f	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

One propertiy held as investment property at 31/8/24 was sold in 24/25 (see note 14)
Rodbourne has been bought in as a new investment property at the value of £160,000
We expect the value to increase in the next year pending further renovations.

12 Analysis of Current Assets

Debtors and Prepayments	**2025**	**2024**
Accrued income held by Allen and Harris	0	1,561
Other Debtors/prepayments	18,974	24,317
Total debtors and prepayments	18,974	25,878

Monies held by Allen and Harris at 31.8.23 was ommited and has been bought in on the SOFA as gains on monetry investments.

Analysis of cash at bank	**2025**	**2024**
Bank Balance held in Lloyds Bank Current	23,379	21,401
Bank Balance held in Lloyds Bank Deposit	18,787	33,003
Bank Balance held in Methodist Central Finance Board	22,418	25,142
Total Cash at bank	64,584	79,546

13 Analysis of current liabilities	**2025**	**2024**
Other Creditors/accruels	48,449	47,448
Independent Examiner	1,440	1,440
	49,889	48,888

14 Tangible Fixed Assets: Properties sold	Sales Value	Connexional Levy	N.B.V. at 31.08.24	Net proceeds
Investment properties in balance sheet at 31.8.24:-				
Frogwell Manse	420,611	24,030	279,000	117,581
Total	420,611	24,030 -	279,000	117,581

16 Other income	**2025**	**2024**
Rent on manse temporarily not used for a minister	10,738	11,367
Other	1,602	1,474
Total other income	12,340	12,841

15 Activity analysis

	Income	Expend.	Net
General Fund	311,684	(525,570)	(213,886)
District Levy on CMTF			0
Cost of closed churches and manses for sale		(3,057)	(3,057)
Cost of new manses		0	0
Sub Total	311,684	(528,627)	(216,943)
Gains/(losses) on monetary investments			
Investment properties sold(see note14)	420,611	(279,000)	141,611
Gains/(losses) on monetary investments		(149)	(149)
Revaluations of investment properties		160,000	160,000
Investment properties - closed churches (Luckington and Sherston)			0
Overall gain(loss) in SOFA	732,295	(647,776)	84,519

Overall gain(loss) in SOFA	84,519
Increase in reserves net	84,519

Name of Circuit North Wiltshire Methodist Circuit No 7/22

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2024 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 15/4/26

Name and address of treasurer Lynda Thomson 56 Deansfield, Cricklade, Swindon SN6 6BP

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025

will be presented to the Circuit meeting held

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 15/4/26

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev. David Gray Date

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

North Wiltshire Methodist Circuit

Charity Number 1133989

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the North Wiltshire Methodist Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2025 set out on pages 1 to 21. As the Circuit's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Name of Circuit North Wiltshire Methodist Circuit No 7/22

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

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

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

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

I have 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 I Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner ..... Lisa Hobbs .....

Name of independent examiner Mrs Lisa Hobbs

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner Chartered Certified Accountant

Name of firm: UHY Ross Brooke - Chartered Accountants:

Address: Unit 16, Dorcan Business Village, Murdock Road, Dorcan, Swindon, Wiltshire

Post Code SN3 5HY

Date ..... 15/4/26 .....

NORTH WILTSHIRE METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1133989

Accounts

NORTH WILTSHIRE CIRCUIT
Accruals Accounts

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

NORTH WILTSHIRE	Circuit

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 AUGUST 2024

BRISTOL	District	Circuit no	7/22

Charity Registration number	1133989

Ministers:

Rev David Gray
Rev Stephen Skinner
Rev Rachel Collins
Rev Andrew Bird
Deacon Stephen Roe

Circuit Stewards:

Lynda Thomson
Nigel Tucker
Clifford Friend
Kay Ashlin
Peter Armitage

Treasurer:

Circuit steward Lynda Thomson who produced this report with Angela Roe (bookkeeper)

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

Introduction

The North Wiltshire Methodist circuit covers Swindon, Marlborough, Chippenham and surrounding villages. It is made up of 11 Methodist churches and two stand alone Ecumenical Partnerships (Dorcan and Pilgrim Centre Swindon).
Two of the churches worship in two buildings with one fellowship the "class" of the other. (St Andrew's with Rodbourne(class) and Aldbourne with Chiseldon (class))
One church, Bath Road, is part of an informal LEP with the URC and Anglicans in Old Town Swindon

Aims and organisation

We seek to enact the calling of the Methodist Church, as we through worship seek to increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love.
We share together to help people to grow and learn as Christians through mutual support and care as we strive to be good neighbours to people in need and to challenge injustice and we witness eagerly to make more followers of Jesus Christ.

Review of the year

The circuit income is primarily drawn from the assessments paid by the circuit churches and with the rental income from one of the circuit manses .

Overall Financial Results

The total funds for the circuit increased by £211k from £2,733k to £2,944k over the year.

As of 31st August 2024, the funds held in current accounts and the MTF were £987k
This equates to about 25 months of expenditure.

Manses Review

The circuit currently has six houses of which five are occupied by ministers (four Presbyters and a Deacon) employed by the Methodist Church.
The circuit review of the manses as mentioned in the 20/21 report with the aim of consolidating the properties is almost complete with the imminant sale of the Frogwell Manse.

(1) Chippenham manses
Monkton Hill manse was sold in January 2023 and Frogwell manse in November 2024.
The circuit has used the proceeds of these sales to facilitate the purchase of 5 Pudding Lane on the Patterdown development as part of our outreach and mission focus.
This is a New People New Places incentive being led by District.

(2) Swindon manses
There are three manses in Swindon and no changes are expected in the next 24-36 months.
One is being kept as an investment property and is privately let and two are lived in by ministers.
It is unlikely that the circuit ministerial team will increase above the current five ministers.
It is more likely that numbers will decrease with the circuit looking to employ lay workers to cover the shortfall.

Church buildings
Sherston
The church was sold in March 2024.

Luckington
The church was sold in March 2024.

Church governance
In June 2024 the Circuit meeting approved the Dissolution of the single congregation LEP at Dorcan
There is still a desire to remain ecumenical and to welcome other denominations as well as using litergy in the Methodist tradition but the Church will no longer be an Anglican/Methodist LEP.
The Dorcan churches (St Paul's and St Timothy's) will become part of a Local Ecumenical co-operative scheme with the Lead Partner being the Church of England.

Cental Church, Swindon known as The Pilgrim Centre is a Baptist/Methodist/URC LEP currently under the care of a Baptist pastor. When this tenure ends there is an expectation that the church will look to the Circuit to provide a Methodist presbyter to take over this role.

Staff changes
Rev Rach Collins who joined the circuit in August 2022 as a Probationary Presbyter was ordained in June 2024
Rev Stephen Skinner was granted a 2 year extension in Sept 2023 for the period September 2024 to Aug 2026.

Trustees annual report on finance and governance

Legal framework

Name of the charity: North Wiltshire Methodist circuit

Charity registration number: 1133989

Name of firm: UHY Ross Brooke - Chartered Accountants

Main communication address

Circuit Administrator

c/o Studley Methodist Church, Studley Lane, Studley, Calne SN11 9NH

The members of the North Wiltshire Methodist circuit meeting are the charity's trustees. Membership is made up of circuit office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the local churches.

A full list of the membership is shown in appendix A to this report

Lynda Thomson was the circuit steward with overall responsibilty for Finance.

Independent examiner for year ended 31st August 2024 is Lisa Hobbs of UHY Ross Brooke - Chartered Accountants, 16 Dorcan Business Village, Murdock Road Dorcan, Swindon, Wiltshire.

Investment Bankers Central finance board of the Methodist church and Trustees for Methodist church purposes.

Aims and organisation

The charity's objectives to act as a resource provider within the area around North Wiltshire for the Methodist church.

The purposes of the Methodist church are and have deemed to have been since the date of union the advancement of:

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

b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of the Connexional District circuit local church or other organization 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 the charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist church

This is achieved through the following:

i) The resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non members alike

ii) The teaching of Christianity through Sermons, courses, small groups and the other events

iii) The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved

iv) Taking religious assemblies in local schools

v) Promotion of Christianity through staging of events and services

vi) Provision of chaplaincy services to the local university and other institutions

Public benefit

We confirm the trustees have regard to the charity commissioners guidance on public benefit.

Structure governance and management

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

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Day to day management of the circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership Team, the Circuit Meeting and the local preachers meeting.

Trustee training

A range of guidance is produced by the Methodist connexion to support the effective running of the circuit specifically the leaflet the role of the trustee in the Methodist church which is available to all new circuit meeting members as part of their induction as trustees.

Related parties

The circuit is part of the Bristol District and is also accountable to the Methodist conference.

The circuit consists of the following churches:

Aldbourne & Ramsbury with Chiseldon
Christchurch Methodist Fellowship
Pewsey
Sheldon Road
Central Chippenham
Great Somerford
Lyneham
Studley
Bath Road
St. Andrews and Rodbourne
Stratton
Dorcan LEP of Anglican and Methodist
Central Swindon LEP of Baptist, URC and Methodist

Risk management

Major risks are identified by the circuit leadership team who take professional advice where necessary.

Income and expenditure are reviewed regularly at circuit leadership meetings and circuit meetings where annual budgets are agreed and a review of activities undertaken.

Reserves policy

The circuit holds the equivalent approx. 4 months funding for general purposes and lay worker activities in cash or near cash assuming no other major expenditure in the event of an inability to raise the full circuit assessment for the churches in the short term.

Including the Model Trust fund, the circuit holds two years of average expenditure and therefore the circuit trustees believe there are sufficient funds to secure the mid to long term ability to meet the liabilities of the circuit .

Safeguarding

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

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

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

The North Wiltshire circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional safeguarding policy; government legislation ,guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.
The North Wiltshire circuit commits itself to a vision of support advice and training for lay and ordained people that ensures people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Approved on 5/3/25

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Rev. David Gray

THE NORTH WILTSHIRE METHODIST CIRCUIT
STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the Trustees should follow best practise and

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practise have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enable them both to ascertain the financial position of the charity and that ensure that the financial statements comply with the applicable law, regulations and trust deeds. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved on 5/3/25

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Rev. David Gray

APPENDIX A

NORTH WILTSHIRE METHODIST CIRCUIT

Year until end August 2024

MINISTERS

Rev David Gray	Trustee
Rev Stephen Skinner	Trustee
Rev Rach Collins	Trustee
Deacon Stephen Roe	Trustee
Rev Andrew Bird	Trustee

MINISTERS IN OTHER APPOINTMENTS

MINISTERS WITHOUT APPOINTMENT

SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS

Rev Tony Barnes	Expressed wish not to attend meetings this year
Rev Pam Stranks	Expressed wish not to attend meetings this year
Rev Susan Howe	Expressed wish not to attend meetings this year
Rev Mark Barrett	Trustee
Rev A Ward Jones	Trustee
Rev Geoffrey Floyd	Trustee
Rev Janet Evans	Expressed wish not to attend meetings this year
Rev Roy Howard	Expressed wish not to attend meetings this year

CIRCUIT STEWARDS

Nigel Tucker	Trustee
Kay Ashlin	Trustee
Lynda Thomson	Trustee
Peter Armitage	Trustee
Clifford Friend	Trustee

CIRCUIT SAFEGUARDING CO-ORDINATOR

Mrs Allison Burchell

LOCAL PREACHERS MEETING SECRETARY

Geoffrey Rhodes	Trustee

CHURCH CIRCUIT MEETING REPRESENTATIVES

Aldbourne & Ramsbury

Richard Osbourne	Trustee
Liz Osbourne	Trustee
Julie Coe	Trustee

Bath Road

George Kennedy	Trustee
Matt Vatcher	Trustee
Sharon Vatcher	Trustee

Central, Chippenham

Wyn Walters	Trustee
Lorna Cocking	Trustee
Marilyn Dixon	Trustee

Central, Swindon

Judith Furse	Trustee
Christine Durant	Trustee

Chiseldon		
Paul Kohn	Trustee	
Christchurch		
Jonathan Lyle	Trustee	
Sandra Wylie	Trustee	
Dorcan		
Tony Prichard	Trustee	
Nathalie Marshall	Trustee	
Lyneham		
Wilma Goodfellow	Trustee	
Ann Allen	Trustee	
Pewsey		
Pete Whittington	Trustee	
Robert Woods	Trustee	
Bert Venman	Trustee	
Sheldon Road		
John Davis	Trustee	
Corinne Wethers	Trustee	
Annette Foster	Trustee	Until May 2024
St. Andrews & Rodbourne		
Jackie Snyder	Trustee	
David Holder	Trustee	
Hilary Franklin	Trustee	
Dianne Slater		
Stratton		
Graham Crawshaw	Trustee	
Keith Harmer	Trustee	
Studley		
Christina Clifford	Trustee	
Linda Morley	Trustee	
Bryant Vincent	Trustee	
Great Somerford (formerly Trinity)		
Paul Webb	Trustee	

North Wiltshire Circuit

Circuit No 7/22

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	**Note 3**						0
2 Income from monetary investments	**Note 5**	2,108	49,593	1,783	189		**53,673**
3 Income from investment properties	**Note 4**	11,367					**11,367**
4 Assessments on Churches		347,305					**347,305**
5 Capital Receipts							**0**
6 Grants received		1,500			4,000		**5,500**
7 Other charitable income	**Note 16**	1,474					**1,474**
8 **Total income**		**363,754**	**49,593**	**1,783**	**4,189**	**-**	**419,319**
Expenditure							
9 Grants and donations		17,908					**17,908**
10 Salaries and associated costs	**Note 6**	247,626					**247,626**
11 Property maintenance		50,771					**50,771**
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy		-	49,089				**-49,089**
13 District Assessment & Levy		71,536					**71,536**
14 Depreciation							**0**
15 Office expenses		2,584					**2,584**
16 Other outgoings		13,833	3,501	98	10		**17,442**
17 **Total charitable expenditure**		**404,258**	**-45,588**	**98**	**10**	**0**	**358,778**
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments				306			306
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties		- 51,500	201,719				150,219
20 **Net income/(expenditure)**		**-92,004**	**296,900**	**1,991**	**4,179**	**0**	**211,066**
21 Transfers between funds		623,654 -	623,034 -	441 -	179		0
22 Other gains/(losses)							0
23 **Net movement in funds**		**531,650**	**-326,134**	**1,550**	**4,000**	**0**	**211,066**
24 Total funds brought forward		1,476,476	1,219,296	34,393	3,588		2,733,753
25 Total funds carried forward		**2,008,126**	**893,162**	**35,943**	**7,588**	**-**	**2,944,819**

Name of Circuit **North Wiltshire Methodist Circuit** Circuit No **7/22**

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2023

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	2022-23
		£	£	£	£	£		£
Income								
1 Donations and legacies								0
2 Income from monetary investments		1,230	26,105	737	114			28,186
3 Income from investment properties		11,679						11,679
4 Assessments on Churches		319,587						319,587
5 Capital Receipts								0
6 Grants received								0
7 Other charitable income	note 16	5,420						5,420
8 **Total income**		**337,916**	**26,105**	**737**	**114**	-		**364,872**
Expenditure								
9 Grants and donations		4,250						4,250
10 Salaries and associated costs		215,750						215,750
11 Property maintenance		38,482						38,482
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy			432,279					432,279
13 District Assessment & Levy		65,492						65,492
14 Depreciation								0
15 Office expenses		14,523						14,523
16 Other outgoings		16,021	1,338	98	10			17,468
17 **Total charitable expenditure**		**354,518**	**433,617**	**98**	**10**	**0**		**788,243**
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments			-	489				-489
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties		- 199,800	1,255,298					1,055,498
20 **Net income/(expenditure)**		**-216,402**	**847,786**	**150**	**104**	**0**		**631,638**
21 Transfers between funds		98,336 -	98,000 -	228 -	108			0
22 Other gains/(losses)								0
23 **Net movement in funds**		**-118,066**	**749,786**	**-78**	**-4**	**0**		**631,638**
24 Total funds brought forward		1,594,542	469,510	34,471	3,592	-		2,102,114
25 **Total funds carried forward**		**1,476,476**	**1,219,296**	**34,393**	**3,588**	-		**2,733,752**

North Wiltshire Circuit

Circuit No 7/22

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	11	1,399,390					1,399,390	883,900
Investment properties	11	556,200					556,200	434,200
Investments							0	
Total fixed assets		**1,955,590**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1,955,590**	**1,318,100**
Current Assets								
Debtors	12	25,878					25,878	85,248
Loans by the Circuit							0	
Investments with TMCP			893,162	35,943	3,588		932,693	1,257,277
Central Finance Board Deposits	12	25,142					25,142	39,002
Cash at Bank and in hand	12	50,404			4,000		54,404	102,913
Total current assets		**101,424**	**893,162**	**35,943**	**7,588**	**0**	**1,038,117**	**1,484,440**
Current liabilities								
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	13	48,888					48,888	68,788
Grants payable within 2022-23							0	
Total current liabilities		48,888	0	0	0	0	48,888	68,788
Net current assets/liabilities		**52,536**	**893,162**	**35,943**	**7,588**	**0**	**989,229**	**1,415,652**
Total assets less current liabilities		**2,008,126**	**893,162**	**35,943**	**7,588**	**0**	**2,944,819**	**2,733,752**
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)								
Grants payable after 2022-23							0	
Loans to the Circuit							0	
							0	
Net assets		**2,008,126**	**893,162**	**35,943**	**7,588**	**0**	**2,944,819**	**2,733,752**
Funds of the Circuit								
General Fund (Unrestricted)		2,008,126					2,008,126	1,476,475
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			893,162				893,162	1,219,296
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)				35,943			35,943	34,393
Total Unrestricted Funds							**2,937,231**	**2,730,164**
Restricted Funds					7,588		7,588	3,588
Endowment Funds						0	0	
Total Funds		**2,008,126**	**893,162**	**35,943**	**7,588**	**0**	**2,944,819**	**2,733,752**

Signed

Circuit Treasurer

THE NORTH WILTSHIRE METHODIST CIRCUIT

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDING 31 AUGUST 2024

1 Basis of accounting and accounting policies

i Accounting standard

The financial statements are prepared in compliance with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS102), and FRS102, The Financial Reporting Standard, applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

ii Public benefit entity

The North Wiltshire circuit meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.
Assets and liabilities are initially recognized at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s) below.

iii 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.

iv Content

The financial information presented is relevant reliable and comparable and complete.
Where estimates are used these are based on experience research and judgement.
The accounts are expressed in £ Sterling rounded to the nearest pound.

v Going concern

Based on the monetary assets and human resources available at 31st of August 2024 the trustees believe that the circuit is a going concern.

vii Consolidation

The circuit has denominational regulatory oversight in respect of the work of the Churches within the circuit but has no legal or operational control of those churches and their governing bodies except in extreme circumstances.
For this reason the financial statements of churches within the circuit are not consolidated into these financial statements.

viii Income

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.

ix Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or where a constructive obligation arises, where the amount is reliably measured and it is considered more likely than not there will be an outflow of economic activity.

x 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.

xi VAT

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

xi 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 £1,000.
The freehold properties are shown in the accounts at 2016 deemed values, except for the manse purchased this year which is shown at cost. No depreciation is provided on the buildings 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 properties have been reviewed for impairment.

xii Debtors and Prepayments
Debtors relate to the payment of Ministers stipends in August that relates to September.
Also assessments for 24/25 outstanding at 31st August 2024.

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

xiv Impact of Accounting Changes
The accounts are now prepared on SAGE cloud software.

xv Monetary Investments
The Circuit's Investments are in monetary assets classified as basic financial instruments under FRS102 and are held by the Trustees for Methodist church purposes TMCP. As custodian trustees the valuations at market value are those provided by TMCP.
The funds that support the Circuit Model Trust Fund and the Manses fund are held by TMCP in interest funds on which interest is credited to the accounts each month.
These are regarded as medium and long-term investments.
TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust Property including Legacies, Endowments and Accumulated Funds. Trust Property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day to day management of trust property.
TMCP ensure that, through providing guidance and acting under their direction, the managing trustees comply with charities law or Methodist policy as determined by the Methodist conference.

xvi Investment Properties
From time to time the Circuit may hold residential property (formerly Manses) which is surplus to requirements.

xvi Methodist Connexional funds
The Methodist church connexion raises assessments against the circuit's these are paid quarterly to the Districts.
A small sum is retained by the District to meet its own cost otherwise these assessments are paid quarterly to the connexion.
The circuit raises assessments on circuit churches which are paid quarterly to the circuit.
These cover mainly the cost of running the circuit including staffing and the District assessment above. The circuit may act as an agent for ad hoc collections for various funds controlled and then administered by the Methodist church.

2 Funds
The funds held constitute a General Fund 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 are held for a narrower purpose.
A New People New Places Grant as been received from the District. This is held as a restricted fund.
Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust fund	Restricted	2024	2023
Trust Fund				0	0
Donations				0	0
Legacies				0	0
Total					

4 Income from properties

	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust fund	Restricted	2024	2023
105 Ermin street	11367			11,367	11,679
Total	11367	0	0	11367	11679

Frogwell Manse is in the process of being sold and awaiting completion.

5 Investment income

	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust fund	Restricted	2024	2023
Central Finance Board	3,891		189	4,080	2,081
Circuit Advance Fund		49,593		49,593	26,105
Total	3,891	49,593	189	53,673	28,186

6 Payment to staff

	2024	2023
Ministers , Admin and other lay workers.		
Stipends	175,485	162,706
Nat Insurance	16,718	17,116
Pension	40,643	35,928
Travel/phone /other	14,780	9,162
Total staff	247,626	224,912
Staff numbers (average no employed)		
Ministers	5	5
Admin	1	1
Lay workers		
Lay workers part time		
Total staff	6	6
At 31 August 2024 there were no lay workers		
Lay/Admin workers included above:		
Payroll	30,384	28,118
Travel/phone /other	202	433
Total	30,586	28,551

During 2023/2024 6 people were employed all the time.

The circuit is required to provide accommodation for each minister and their families and this is seen as a benefit to the Circuit. Ministers are expected to occupy the manse provided for them. The circuit bears the cost of repairs, maintenance, building insurance, council tax and water rates. These figures are not separately disclosed as benefits-in-kind for ministers as HMRC does not seek to tax these receipts in the hands of ministers.

7 Payment to trustees

No trustees receive any salaries or benefits as trustees.

However, the following trustees are also ministers and in that capacity receive stipends as minsters and the benefit of job related accommodation.

During 2023/2024 there were five ministers employed by the circuit who all are trustees :

2024	2023
Rev David Gray	Rev David Gray
Rev Stephen Skinner	Rev Stephen Skinner
Rev Rachel Collins	Rev Rachel Collins
Deacon Stephen Roe	Deacon Stephen Roe
Rev Andrew Bird	Rev Andrew Bird

Their costs which are included in the staff costs above are :	2024	2023
Stipends	149074	138,213
Nat Insurance	14296	14,961
Pension	39059	34,458
Travel/phone /other	13728	8,729
Total	216,157	196,361
Other trustee payments		

7 Payment to trustees (contd)

	2024	2023
Circuit cost of manses occupied by ministers:	41,317	47,378
Number of manses	5	5
Trustees who are not staff members received the following		
Telephone costs	0	47
Travel Expenses (mainly to unoccupied premises)	988	0

8 Fees for examination of accounts

A fee of £1,440 is payable this year which is a creditor at 31 August 2024.

9 Loans

The circuit had no loans at 31st August 2024 (nil last year).

10 Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

The circuit had no capital commitments at 31st August 2024 (nil last year).
No contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2024 (nil last year).

11 Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or Valuation	£ Residential Land	£ Other Land	£ Manses	£ Investment Properties	£ Other Fixed	£ Fixtures Fittings	£ Total
Balance b/f			883,900	434,200			1,318,100
Additions			688,990				688,990
Revaluations				105,500			105,500
Disposals				-157,000			-157,000
Transfers			-173,500	173,500			
Balance c/f	0	0	1,399,390	556,200	0	0	1,955,590
Accumulated Depreciation							
Balance b/f			0				0
Additions							
Revaluations							0
Disposals							
Transfers							
Balance c/f	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Two properties held as investment properties at 31/8/23 were sold in 23/24 (see note 14)
One Property is held as an investment property at 31/08/23 to be sold in 24/25
This is brought in at the value at market less connexional levy.
Frogwell Manse, Chippenham £279,000

12 Analysis of Current Assets

Debtors and Prepayments	**2024**	**2023**
Loans made to District & Churches	-	-
Accrued income held by Allen and Harris	1,561	-
Deposit on new manse prepaid	-	68,000
Other Debtors/prepayments	24,317	17,248
Total debtors and prepayments	25,878	85,248

Monies held by Allen and Harris at 31.8.23 was ommited and has been bought in on the SOFA as additional rental income in the year.

Analysis of cash at bank	**2024**	**2023**
Bank Balance held in Lloyds Bank Current	21,401	52,892
Bank Balance held in Lloyds Bank Deposit	33,003	50,021
Bank Balance held in Methodist Central Finance Board	25,142	39,002
Total Cash at bank	79,546	141,915

13 Analysis of current liabilities	**2024**	**2023**
Trade Creditors		
Grants to Churches		
Grants received in advance		
Other Creditors/accruals	47,448	67,348
Independent Examiner	1,440	1,440
	48,888	68,788

14 Tangible Fixed Assets: Properties sold	Sales Value	Connexional Levy		NBV at 31.8.23	Net proceeds
Investment properties in balance sheet at 31.8.23:-					
Luckington Methodist Church, The Green Luckington, Chippenham	91,429	(14,286)		(28,000)	49,143
Sherston Methodist Church, Grove Road, Sherston, Chippenham	167,626	(43,050)		(129,000)	(4,424)
Sub total	259,055	(57,336)	-	(157,000)	44,719
	-	-	-		-
Sub total					
Total	259,055	(57,336)	-	(157,000)	44,719

15 Activity analysis

	Income	Expend.	Net
General Fund	419,319	(38,505)	380,814
District Levy on CMTF		(82,697)	(82,697)
Connexional assessment & model trust levy refund	131,786		131,786
Cost of closed churches and manses for sale		(5,049)	(5,049)
Cost of new manses		(5,536)	(5,536)
Sub Total	551,105	(131,786)	419,319
Gains/(losses) on monetary investments	306		306
Investment properties sold(see note14)	259,055	(157,000)	102,055
Revaluations of investment properties	105,500		105,500
Investment properties - closed churches			0
Overall gain(loss) in SOFA	915,966	(288,786)	627,180

16 Other income

	2024	2023
Rent on manse temporarily not used for a minister	11,367	11,679
Other	1,474	5,420
Total other income	12,841	17,099

17 Post Balance sheet events

An offer has been made and accepted on the Frogwell Manse with completion expected in early 2025.

Name of Circuit North Wiltshire Methodist Circuit No 7/22

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2024 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 18/3/2025

Name and address of treasurer Lynda Thomson 56 Deansfield, Cricklade, Swindon SN6 6BP

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024

will be presented to the Circuit meeting held at Pewsey Methodist Church

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

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev. David Gray Date 18th March 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

North Wiltshire Methodist Circuit

Charity Number 1133989

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the North Wiltshire Methodist Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2024 set out on pages 1 to 21. As the Circuit's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Name of Circuit North Wiltshire Methodist Circuit No 7/22

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

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

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

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

I have 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 I Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner .....L Hobbs.....

Name of independent examiner Mrs Lisa Hobbs

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner Chartered Certified Accountant

Name of firm: UHY Ross Brooke - Chartered Accountants:

Address: Unit 16, Dorcan Business Village, Murdock Road, Dorcan, Swindon, Wiltshire

Post Code SN3 5HY

Date ..12/3/2025.....

NORTH WILTSHIRE METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1133989

Accounts

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

NORTH WILTSHIRE	Circuit

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

BRISTOL	District	Circuit no	7/22

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number	1133989

Ministers:

Rev David Gray

Rev Stephen Skinner

Rev Rachel Collins

Rev Andrew Bird

Deacon Stephen Roe

Circuit Stewards:

Lynda Thomson

Tom Wethers

Clifford Friend

Kay Ashlin

Peter Armitage

Treasurer:

Joint Treasurers Lynda Thomson who produced this report and Simon Nuttall

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

Introduction

The North Wiltshire Methodist circuit covers Swindon, Marlborough, Chippenham and surrounding villages. It is made up of 11 Methodist churches and two stand alone Ecumenical Partnerships (Dorcan and Pilgrim Centre Swindon).
Two of the churches worship in two buildings with one fellowship the "class" of the other.
One church , Bath Road Swindon, is part of an LEP with the URC and Anglicans in Old Town Swindon

Aims and organisation

As Methodists, we seek to enact the calling of the message church, as we through worship, seek to increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love. We share together to help people to grow and learn as Christians through mutual support and care as we strive to be good neighbours to people in need and to challenge injustice and we witness eagerly to make more followers of Jesus Christ.

Review of the year

The circuit income is primarily drawn from the assessments paid by the circuit churches and with the rental income from one of the circuit manses .

Overall Financial Results

The total funds for the circuit increased by £631k from £2,102k to £2,733k over the year.
The circuit committed to use the proceeds of the sale of the Monkton Hill manse (£258k) to be used as part payment for a new manse . The sale proceeds are included above.

General and other	8,419
District Levy on CMTF	(26,463)
Investment properties sold(see note14)	509,482
Revaluations of investment properties	(16,800)
Investment properties - closed churches (Luckington and Sherston)	157,000
Overall gain(loss)	631,638

The general and other includes £11k relating to professional fees and utilities on closed churches and manses and £ 5k for the purchase costs of the new manse. A connexional levy was refunded for £131,786 in December 2023 when the replacement manse was purchased.
As of 31st August 2023, the funds held in current accounts and the MTF were £1361k but £1103k after earmarking the funding for the new manse. This equates to about 30 months of expenditure.

Manses Review

The circuit currently has six houses of which five are occupied by ministers (four Presbyters and a Deacon) employed by the Methodist Church.
The circuit reviewed the manses as mentioned in the 20/21 report with the aim of consolidating the properties including the possible use of a manse as part of developing the mission of the circuit by moving into a new build project.

During the year to 31st August 23 the following decisions were made with the following outcomes:
(1) Chippenham manses
Monkton Hill manse was sold in January 2023 and the circuit is using the proceeds to facilitate the purchase of a new manse on the Patterdown development as part of our outreach and mission focus and the New People New Places incentive. With a minister living in a manse in a new build area this could lead to the church being a blessing to the community whilst living incarnationally.
The new manse completed in December 2023.
The manse at Frogwell will also need to be sold once it has been vacated, but the circuit can cover these funds out of reserves in the short term.

(2) Swindon Manses
There are three manses in Swindon and no changes are expected in the foreseeable future.
One is being kept as an investment property and is privately let and two are lived in by ministers.

It is unlikely that the circuit ministerial team will increase above the current five ministers.

Church buildings

Wroughton Church
The church was sold in July 2023 The cash received was £176k and the NBV at 31/8/23 was £79k.

Christchurch , Marlborough
The church was sold in January 2023. The cash received was £288k. The congregation have mainly joined with St Mary's C of E in Marlborough and become Christchurch Methodist Fellowship.

Cleverton
In September 2022 a building survey identified that Cleverton chapel was suffering from subsidence.
The cost of repairs was prohibitive and it was decided to close and sell the building.
The property was sold in June 2023 and cash received was £127k.

Church governance

In September 2022 Sherston and Luckington congregations agreed to merge but agreement could not be reached on where the combined fellowship would worship. In December 2022 the Circuit meeting voted for both buildings to close and the fellowship now worships in a village hall.
Both buildings have been put up for sale with an expectation of sale in 2024.

Staff changes

Rev Rach Collins joined the circuit in August 2022 as a Probationary Presbyter.
Rev David Gray succeeded Rev Mark Barrett as Superintendent Minister from 1st September 2022.

Trustees annual report on finance and governance

Legal framework

Name of the charity: North Wiltshire Methodist circuit

Charity registration number: 1133989

Name of firm: UHY Ross Brooke - Chartered Accountants

Main communication address

Circuit Administrator

c/o Studley Methodist Church, Studley Lane, Studley, Calne SN11 9NH

The members of the North Wiltshire Methodist circuit meeting are the charities trustees, membership is made up of circuit office holders ministers and representatives appointed by the local church.

A full list of the membership is shown in appendix A to this report.

Mr. Simon Nuttall FCA acted as joint Circuit Treasurer with responsibility for day to day control.
Lynda Thomson was the circuit steward with overall resonsibilty for Finance.
Independent examiner for year ended 31st August 2023 is Lisa Hobbs of UHY Ross Brooke - Chartered Accountants, 16 Dorcan Business Village, Murdock Road Dorcan, Swindon, Wiltshire.
Investment Bankers Central - finance board of the Methodist church and Trustees for Methodist church purposes.

Aims and organisation

The charities objectives to act as a resource provider within the area around North Wiltshire for the Methodist church.
The purposes of the Methodist church are and have deemed to have been since the date of union the advancement of:

a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of the Methodist church
b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of the Connexional District circuit local church or other organization 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 the charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist church

This is achieved through the following:
i) The resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non members alike
ii) The teaching of Christianity through Sermons, courses, small groups and the other events
iii) The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved
iv) Taking religious assemblies in local schools
v) Promotion of Christianity through staging of events and services
vi) Provision of chaplaincy services to the local university and other institutions

Public benefit

We confirm the trustees have regard to the charity commissioners guidance on public benefit.

Structure governance and management

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

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Day to day management of the circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership Team, the Circuit Meeting and the local preachers meeting.

Trustee training

A range of guidance is produced by the Methodist connexion to support the effective running of the circuit specifically the leaflet the role of the trustee in the Methodist church which is available to all new circuit meeting members as part of their induction as trustees.

Related parties

The circuit is part of the Bristol District and is also accountable to the Methodist conference.

The circuit consists of the following churches:

Christchurch Methodist Fellowship
Pewsey
Aldbourne & Ramsbury with Chiseldon — Chiseldon is a class of Aldbourne
Central Chippenham
Lyneham
Studley
Trinity
Stratton
Bath Road
Chiseldon
Sheldon Road
St. Andrews and Rodbourne — Rodbourne is a class of St Andrews
Dorcan LEP of Anglican and Methodist
Central Swindon LEP of Baptist, URC and Methodist

Risk management

Major risks are identified by the circuit leadership team who take professional advice where necessary.

Income and expenditure are reviewed regularly at circuit leadership meetings and circuit meetings where annual budgets are agreed and a review of activities undertaken.

Reserves policy

The circuit holds the equivalent approx. 4 months funding for general purposes and lay worker activities in cash or near cash assuming no other major expenditure in the event of an inability to raise the full circuit assessment for the churches in the short term.

Including the Model Trust fund, the circuit holds two years of average expenditure and therefore the circuit trustees believe there are sufficient funds to secure the mid to long term ability to meet the liabilities of the circuit .

Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness.

Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ.

Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

a) The care and nurture and respectful ministry with all children and young people and adults.

b) The safeguarding and protection of all children and young people and adults when they are vulnerable.

c) By establishing of safe caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.

d) We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the church in love with safer recruitment principles including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.

e) We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, by co-operating with the police and local authority in any investigation.

f) We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.

g) We will seek to challenge any abuse of power especially by anyone in a position of trust.

h) We will seek to offer pastoral care and support including supervision and refer to the proper authorities any member of our church community known to have offended against a child or young person or vulnerable adult.

i) In all these principles will follow legislation guidance and recognised good practice.

The North Wiltshire circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional safeguarding policy; government legislation ,guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

The North Wiltshire circuit commits itself to a vision of support advice and training for lay and ordained people that ensures people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Approved on 20/2/24

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Rev. David Gray

THE NORTH WILTSHIRE METHODIST CIRCUIT
STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the Trustees should follow best practise and

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practise have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enable them both to ascertain the financial position of the charity and that ensure that the financial statements comply with the applicable law, regulations and trust deeds. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved on 20/2/24

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Rev. David Gray

APPENDIX A
NORTH WILTSHIRE METHODIST CIRCUIT
Year until end August 2023

MINISTERS

Rev David Gray	Trustee	
Rev Stephen Skinner	Trustee	
Rev Rach Collins	Trustee	From Sept 22
Deacon Stephen Roe	Trustee	
Rev Andrew Bird	Trustee	

MINISTERS IN OTHER APPOINTMENTS

MINISTER WITHOUT APPOINTMENT

SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS

Rev Tony Barnes	Expressed wish not to attend meetings this year	
Rev Pam Stranks	Expressed wish not to attend meetings this year	
Rev Susan Howe	Expressed wish not to attend meetings this year	
Rev Mark Barrett	Trustee	To attend from June 2023
Rev A Ward Jones	Trustee	
Rev Geoffrey Floyd	Trustee	
Rev Janet Evans	Trustee	

CIRCUIT STEWARDS

Tom Wethers	Trustee	
Kay Ashlin	Trustee	
Lynda Thomson	Trustee	
Peter Armitage	Trustee	
Clifford Friend	Trustee	From December 2022

CIRCUIT SAFEGUARDING CO-ORDINATOR
Mrs Allison Burchell

LOCAL PREACHERS MEETING SECRETARY

Geoffrey Rhodes	Trustee	

CHURCH CIRCUIT MEETING REPRESENTATIVES

Aldbourne & Ramsbury

Richard Osbourne	Trustee	
Liz Osbourne	Trustee	
Julie Coe	Trustee	

Bath Road

George Kennedy	Trustee	
Matt Vatcher	Trustee	
Sharon Vatcher	Trustee	From March 2023

Central, Chippenham

Wyn Walters	Trustee	
Lorna Cocking	Trustee	
Marilyn Dixon	Trustee	

Central, Swindon

Judith Furse	Trustee	
Christine Durant	Trustee	

Chiseldon

Name of Circuit **North Wiltshire Methodist Circuit** Circuit No **7/22**

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2023

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	2022-23
		£	£	£	£	£		£
Income								
1 Donations and legacies	**note 3**							0
2 Income from monetary investments	**note 5**	1,230	26,105	737	114			**28,186**
3 Income from investment properties	**note 4**	11,679						**11,679**
4 Assessments on Churches		319,587						**319,587**
5 Capital Receipts								**0**
6 Grants received								**0**
7 Other charitable income	**note 16**	5,420						**5,420**
8 **Total income**		**337,916**	**26,105**	**737**	**114**	-		**364,872**
Expenditure								
9 Grants and donations		4,250						**4,250**
10 Salaries and associated costs	**note 6**	215,750						**215,750**
11 Property maintenance		38,482						**38,482**
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy			432,279					**432,279**
13 District Assessment & Levy		65,492						**65,492**
14 Depreciation								**0**
15 Office expenses		14,523						**14,523**
16 Other outgoings		16,021	1,338	98	10			**17,467**
17 **Total charitable expenditure**		**354,518**	**433,617**	**98**	**10**	**0**		**788,243**
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments			-	489				**-489**
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties		- 199,800	1,255,298					**1,055,498**
20 **Net income/(expenditure)**		**-216,402**	**847,786**	**150**	**104**	**0**		**631,638**
21 Transfers between funds		98,336 -	98,000 -	228 -	108			0
22 Other gains/(losses)								0
23 **Net movement in funds**		**-118,066**	**749,786**	**-78**	**-4**	**0**		**631,638**
24 Total funds brought forward		1,594,542	469,510	34,471	3,592	-		2,102,114
25 Total funds carried forward		**1,476,476**	**1,219,296**	**34,393**	**3,588**	-		**2,733,752**

Paul Kohn	Trustee	
David Easter	Trustee	
Clifford Friend from Mar 21	Trustee	Swapped to Circuit Steward Dec 22
Christchurch		
Jonathan Lyle	Trustee	
David Wylie	Trustee	Until March 2023
Sandra Wylie	Trustee	From June 2023
Dorcan		
Tony Prichard	Trustee	
Nathalie Marshall	Trustee	
Lyneham		
Wilma Goodfellow	Trustee	
Ann Allen	Trustee	
Pewsey		
Pete Whittington	Trustee	
Robert Woods	Trustee	
Bert Venman	Trustee	From March 2023
Sheldon Road		
John Davis	Trustee	
Simon Nuttall (Joint Circuit Treasurer)	Trustee	
Adrian Foster	Trustee	Until December 2022
Trevor Durston	Trustee	
Annette Foster	Trustee	
St. Andrews & Rodbourne		
Denise Topp	Trustee	Until March 2023
Jackie Snyder	Trustee	
David Holder	Trustee	
Hilary Franklin	Trustee	From December 2022
Dianne Slater		From June 2023
Stratton		
Graham Crawshaw	Trustee	
Keith Harmer	Trustee	
Studley		
Christina Clifford	Trustee	
Richard French	Trustee	Deceased Feb 2023
Linda Morley	Trustee	
Bryant Vincent	Trustee	From December 2022
Great Somerford (formerly Trinity)		
Paul Webb	Trustee	
Tony Webb	Trustee	Until March 2023
Andy Grey	Trustee	Until March 2023

Name of Circuit **North Wiltshire Methodist Circuit** Circuit No **7/22**

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2022

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2021-22 £
Income							
1 Donations and legacies							0
2 Income from monetary investments		224	2,201	150	17		2,593
3 Income from investment properties		11,203					11,203
4 Assessments on Churches		321,673					321,673
5 Capital Receipts							0
6 Grants received							0
7 Other charitable income		1,609					1,609
8 Total income		**334,710**	**2,201**	**150**	**17**	**-**	**337,078**
Expenditure							
9 Grants and donations		2,000					2,000
10 Salaries and associated costs		209,775					209,775
11 Property maintenance		81,194					81,194
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy			92,605				92,605
13 District Assessment & Levy		70,668					70,668
14 Depreciation							0
15 Office expenses		10,529					10,529
16 Other outgoings		36,324	1,172	102	10		37,608
17 Total charitable expenditure		**410,490**	**93,777**	**102**	**10**	**0**	**504,379**
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments			-	1,183			-1,183
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties		- 109,000	73,996				-35,004
20 Net income/(expenditure)		**-184,780**	**-17,580**	**-1,134**	**7**	**0**	**-203,488**
21 Transfers between funds		- 92,249	92,300 -	48 -	3		0
22 Other gains/(losses)		16,369 -	16,369				0
23 Net movement in funds		**-260,660**	**58,351**	**-1,182**	**3**	**0**	**-203,488**
24 Total funds brought forward		1,855,202	411,158	35,653	3,589		2,305,602
25 Total funds carried forward		**1,594,542**	**469,510**	**34,471**	**3,592**	**-**	**2,102,114**

Name of Circuit **North Wiltshire Methodist Circuit** **Circuit No 7/22**

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023

	Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2022/23 £	Totals 2021/22 £
Fixed Assets								
Circuit Manses & Equipment		883,900					883,900	883,900
Investment properties		434,200					434,200	634,000
Investments							0	0
Total fixed assets		**1,318,100**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1,318,100**	**1,517,900**
Current Assets								
Debtors	12	85,248					85,248	33,004
Loans by the Circuit	12						0	19,200
Investments with TMCP			1,219,296	34,393	3,588		1,257,277	507,573
Central Finance Board Deposits	12	39,002					39,002	44,344
Cash at Bank and in hand	12	102,913					102,913	52,134
Total current assets		**227,163**	**1,219,296**	**34,393**	**3,588**	**0**	**1,484,440**	**656,255**
Current liabilities								
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	13	68,788					68,788	72,040
Grants payable within 2023-24							0	0
Total current liabilities		**68,788**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**68,788**	**72,040**
Net current assets/liabilities		**158,375**	**1,219,296**	**34,393**	**3,588**	**0**	**1,415,652**	**584,215**
Total assets less current liabilities		**1,476,475**	**1,219,296**	**34,393**	**3,588**	**0**	**2,733,752**	**2,102,115**
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)								
Grants payable after 2018-19							0	
Loans to the Circuit								
Net assets		**1,476,475**	**1,219,296**	**34,393**	**3,588**	**0**	**2,733,752**	**2,102,115**
Funds of the Circuit								
General Fund (Unrestricted)		1,476,475					1,476,475	1,594,542
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			1,219,296				1,219,296	469,510
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)				34,393			34,393	34,471
Total Unrestricted Funds							**2,730,164**	**2,098,523**
Restricted Funds					3,588		3,588	3,592
Endowment Funds						0	0	
Total Funds	SOFA	**1,476,475**	**1,219,296**	**34,393**	**3,588**	**0**	**2,733,752**	**2,102,115**

Signed

Circuit Treasurer

THE NORTH WILTSHIRE METHODIST CIRCUIT

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDING 31 AUGUST 2023

1 Basis of accounting and accounting policies

i Accounting standard

The financial statements are prepared in compliance with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS102), and FRS102, The Financial Reporting Standard, applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

ii Public benefit entity

The North Wiltshire circuit meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.
Assets and liabilities are initially recognized at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s) below.

iii 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.

iv Content

The financial information presented is relevant reliable and comparable and complete.
Where estimates are used these are based on experience research and judgment.
The accounts are expressed in £ Sterling rounded to the nearest pound.

v Going concern

Based on the monetary assets and human resources available at 31st of August 2023 the trustees believe that the circuit is a going concern.

vii Consolidation

The circuit has denominational regulatory oversight in respect of the work of the Churches within the circuit but has no legal or operational control of those churches and their governing bodies except in extreme circumstances.
For this reason the financial statements of churches within the circuit are not consolidated into these financial statements.

viii Income

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.

ix Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or where a constructive obligation arises, where the amount is reliably measured and it is considered more likely than not there will be an outflow of economic activity.

x 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.

xi VAT

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

xi 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 £1,000.

The freehold property is shown in the accounts at 2016 deemed values, of which the land component is deemed to be £700,000. 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.

xii Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors relate to the payment of Ministers stipends in August that relates to September.

xiii Creditors

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

xiv Impact of Accounting Changes

There have been no Accounting Changes during this year.

xv Monetary Investments

The Circuit's Investments are in monetary assets classified as basic financial instruments under FRS102 and are held by the Trustees for Methodist church purposes TMCP. As custodian trustees the valuations at market value are those provided by TMCP.

The funds that support the Circuit Model Trust Fund and the Manses fund are held by TMCP in interest funds on which interest is credited to the accounts each month.

These are regarded as medium and long-term investments.

TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust Property including Legacies, Endowments and Accumulated Funds. Trust Property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day to day management of trust property.

TMCP ensure that, through providing guidance and acting under their direction, the managing trustees comply with charities law or Methodist policy as determined by the Methodist conference.

xvi Investment Properties

From time to time the Circuit may hold residential property (formerly Manses) which is surplus to requirements.

xvi Methodist Connexional funds

The Methodist church connexion raises assessments against the circuit's these are paid quarterly to the Districts.

A small sum is retained by the District to meet its own cost otherwise these assessments are paid quarterly to the connexion.

The circuit raises assessments on circuit churches which are paid quarterly to the circuit.

These cover mainly the cost of running the circuit including staffing and the District assessment above. The circuit may act as an agent for ad hoc collections for various funds controlled and then administered by the Methodist church

2 Funds

The funds held constitute a General Fund 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 are held for a narrower purpose.

Details for each material fund are disclosed in the final note to these accounts.

Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Donations and legacies

Trust Fund	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust fund	Restricted	2023	2022
Donations			0	0	0
Legacies			0	0	0
Total			0	0	0

4 Income from properties

	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust fund	Restricted	2022	2022
105 Ermin street	11679			11,679	11,203
Total	11679	0	0	11,679	11203

5 Investment income

	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust fund	Restricted	2023	2022
Central Finance Board	1,967		114	2,081	391
Circuit Advance Fund		26,105		26,105	2,201
Total	1,967	26,105	114	28,186	2,593

6 Payment to staff

	2023	2022
Ministers , Admin and other lay workers.		
Stipends	162,706	158,593
Nat Insurance	17,116	14,240
Pension	35,928	36,943
Travel/phone /other	9,162	10,501
Total staff	224,912	220,276

Staff numbers (average no employed)		
Ministers	5	5
Admin	1	1
Lay workers		
Lay workers part time		
Total staff	6	6

At 31 August 2023 there were no lay workers

Lay/Admin workers included above:		
Payroll	28,118	27,288
Travel/phone /other	433	298
Total	28,551	27,586

During 2022/2023 6 people were employed all the time.

The circuit is required to provide accommodation for each minister and their families and this is seen as a benefit to the Circuit. Ministers are expected to occupy the manse provided for them. The circuit bears the cost of repairs, maintenance, building insurance, council tax and water rates. These figures are not separately disclosed as benefits-in-kind for ministers as HMRC does not seek to tax these receipts in the hands of ministers.

7 Payment to trustees

No trustees receive any salaries, expenses or benefits as trustees.

However, the following trustees are also ministers and in that capacity receive stipends as minsters and the benefit of job related accommodation.

During 2022/2023 there were five ministers employed by the circuit who all are trustees :

2023	2022
Rev David Gray	Rev Mark Barrett
Rev Stephen Skinner	Rev Stephen Skinner
Rev Rachel Collins	Rev David Gray
Deacon Stephen Roe	Deacon Stephen Roe
Rev Andrew Bird	Rev Andrew Bird

Their costs which are included in the staff costs above are :

	2023	2022
Stipends	138,213	134,925
Nat Insurance	14,961	12,829
Pension	34,458	34,733
Travel/phone /other	8,729	7,049
Total staff	196,361	189,537

Other trustee payments

	2023	2022
Circuit cost of manses occupied by ministers:	47,378	81,194
Number of manses	5	5

Trustees who are not staff members received the following

Telephone costs	47

8 Fees for examination of accounts

A fee of £1,440 is payable this year which is a creditor at 31 August 2023.

9 Loans

The circuit had no loans at 31st August 2023 (nil last year).

10 Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

The circuit had no capital commitments at 31st August 2023 (nil last year).
No contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2023 (nil last year).

11 Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or Valuation	£ Residential Land	£ Other Land	£ Manses	£ Investment Properties	£ Other Fixed	£ Fixtures Fittings	£ Total
Balance b/f			883,900	634,000			1,517,900
Additions				157,000			157,000
Revaluations				-16,800			-16,800
Disposals				-340,000			-340,000
Transfers							
Balance c/f	0	0	883,900	434,200	0	0	1,318,100
Accumulated Depreciation							
Balance b/f			0				0
Additions							
Revaluations							0
Disposals							
Transfers							
Balance c/f	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Two properties held as investment properties at 31/8/22 were sold in 22/23
Two other church buildings closed during the year and these were sold in the year(see note14)
Two others were closed and these are brought in at the values below at market less connexional levy.

Luckington Methodist Church, The Green Luckington ,Chippenhar	28000
Sherston Methodist Church,Grove Road , Sherston	129000

12 Analysis of Current Assets

Debtors and Prepayments	**2023**	**2022**
Loans made to District & Churches	-	19,200
Accrued income		
Deposit on new manse prepaid	68,000	
Other Debtors	17,248	33,004
Total debtors and prepayments	85,248	52,204

Included in Loans made to District & Churches is £nil which is due after 1 year (2022 £16,600).

Analysis of cash at bank	2023	2022
Bank Balance held in Lloyds Bank Current	52,892	52,134
Bank Balance held in Lloyds Bank Deposit	50,021	
Bank Balance held in Methodist Central Finance Board	39,002	44,344
Total Cash at bank	141,915	96,478

13 Analysis of current liabilities

	2023	2022
Trade Creditors		
Grants to Churches		
Grants received in advance		
Other Creditors	67,348	70,600
Independent Examiner	1,440	1,440
	68,788	72,040

14 Tangible Fixed Assets: Properties sold

	Sales Value	Connexional Levy	NBV at 31.8.23	Net proceeds
Investment properties in balance sheet at 31.8.22:-				
14, Monkton Hill Chippenham	389,465	- 131,786	- 261,000	- 3,321
Wroughton Methodist Church, High Street, Wroughton, Swindon	253,532	- 77,109	- 79,000	97,423
Sub total	642,997	- 208,895	- 340,000	94,102
Churches closed in 22/23 :-				
Cleverton Methodist Church, Cleverton	172,463	- 44,985	nil	127,478
Christchurch , New Road, Marlborough	439,838	- 151,935	nil	287,903
Sub total	612,301	- 196,920	-	415,380
Total	1,255,298	- 405,816	- 340,000	509,482

15 Activity analysis

	Income	Expend.	Net
General Fund	364,872	(339,482)	25,390
District Levy on CMTF		(26,463)	(26,463)
Cost of closed churches and manses for sale		(11,130)	(11,130)
Cost of new manses		(5,352)	(5,352)
Sub Total	364,872	(382,427)	(17,555)
Gains/(losses) on monetary investments		(489)	(489)
Investment properties sold(see note14)	1,255,298	(745,816)	509,482
Revaluations of investment properties		(16,800)	(16,800)
Investment properties - closed churches (Luckington and Sherston)		157,000	157,000
Overall gain(loss) in SOFA	1,620,170	(988,532)	631,638

The circuit has committed to purchasing a replacement manse in Chippenham for £700,000.
The sale prcoeeds of 14 Monkton Hill will be used as part of this purchase so these reserves are commited to that for 23/24

Overall gain(loss) in SOFA	631,638
Less net cash proceeds Monkton Hil as reserve for new manse	(257,679)
Increase in reserves net	373,959

16 Other income	**2023**	**2022**
Rent on manse temporarily not used for a minister	11,679	11,203
Other	5,420	1,609
Total other income	17,099	12,812

17 Post Balance sheet events

The purchase of the Patterdown manse completed on 19th December 2023.

Name of Circuit North Wiltshire Methodist Circuit No 7/22

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2023 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..... 22-2-24

Name and address of treasurer Lynda Thomson 56 Deansfield, Cricklade, Swindon SN6 6BP

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023

will be presented to the Circuit meeting held

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

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev. David Gray Date 20th March 2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the North Wiltshire Methodist Circuit

Charity Number 1133989

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the North Wiltshire Methodist Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2023 set out on pages 1 to 21. As the Circuit's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Name of Circuit North Wiltshire Methodist Circuit No 7/22

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

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

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

I have obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner .....Lisa Hobbs.....

Name of independent examiner Mrs Lisa Hobbs

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner Chartered Certified Accountant

Name of firm: UHY Ross Brooke - Chartered Accountants:

Address: Unit 16, Dorcan Business Village, Murdock Road, Dorcan, Swindon, Wiltshire

Post Code SN3 5HY

Date ..22nd...February..2024.....

Name of Circuit North Wiltshire Methodist Circuit No 7122

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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Signature of Independent examiner .....

Name of Independent examiner Mrs Lisa Hobbs

Relevant professional qualification of Independent examiner: Chartered Certified Accountant

Name of firm: UHY Ross Brooke - Chartered Accountants

Address: Unit 16, Dorcan Business Village, Miandock Road, Dorcan, Swindon, Wiltshire

Post Code SN3 5HY

Date .....

NORTH WILTSHIRE METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1133989

Accounts

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

NORTH WILTSHIRE	Circuit

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

BRISTOL	**District**	**Circuit no**	7/22

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number	1133989

Ministers:

Rev Mark Barrett- Superintendent
Rev Stephen Skinner
Rev David Gray
Rev Andrew Bird
Deacon Stephen Roe

Circuit Stewards:

Lynda Thomson
Tom Wethers
Islay Roberts
Kay Ashlin
Eric Hewitt

Treasurer:

Joint Treasurers Eric Hewitt(to 31/8/22) who produced this report and Simon Nuttall

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

Introduction

The North Wiltshire Methodist circuit covers Swindon, Marlborough, Chippenham and surrounding villages. It is made up of 14 Methodist churches and 3 local ecumenical partnerships. The circuit provides staff support and leadership to the churches that make up the circuit.

Aims and organisation

As Methodists, we seek to enact the calling of the message church, as we through worship, seek to increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love. We share together to help people to grow and learn as Christians through mutual support and care as we strive to be good neighbours to people in need and to challenge injustice and we witness eagerly to make more followers of Jesus Christ.

Review of the year

The circuit income is primarily drawn from the assessments paid by the circuit churches with the rental income from one of the circuit manses .

Overall Financial Results

The total funds for the circuit decreased by £204k from £2,306k to £2,102k over the year.

General and other	(72,357)
District Levy on CMTF	(22,087)
Revaluations of investment properties	(109,000)
Overall gain(loss)	(203,444)

The general and other includes £27,016 relating to professional fees and utilities on churches and manses for sale of £23,321 and £3,695 for fees for Christchurch which is expected to be sold in 22/23
As of 31st August 2022, the funds held in current accounts and the MTF were £566k.
This equates to about 21 months of expenditure.

Manses Review

The circuit currently has seven houses of which five are occupied by minister (Presbyters and a Deacon) employed by the Methodist Church.
The circuit reviewed the manses as mentioned in the 20/21 report with the aim of consolidating the properties including the possible use of a manse as part of developing the mission of the circuit into a new housing.
The review had the following outcomes:

(1) Chippenham manses: Monkton Hill
There are three houses in Chippenham with two occupied by ministers .
The third , 14 Monkton Hill, has not been occupied by a minister for eight years and had been let out to a private user up to end of August 21.

The Methodist Church has a policy of reaching new communities as part of its calling to include New People in New Places. With a minister living in manse in a new build area it could lead to the church being a blessing to the community whilst living incarnationally.
The first move in Chippenham would feed into the circuit NP in NP policy with lessons learnt.
The decision was made to sell the Monkton Hill manse and use the proceeds to facilitate the purchase of a house on a new housing development
To make this happen the manse at Frogwell would also need to be sold.

As this is occupied by a minister and their family a bridging loan would probably be necessary to enable the new build purchase whilst not moving the family until a convenient time
Under the rules of the Methodist Church a levy is payable to the Church centrally on the sale of Monkton Hill. This levy is expected be able to be reclaimed upon purchase of the new house even though Monkton Hill had not been occupied by a minister for over five years.
Monkton Hill is now sold subject to contract.

(2) Swindon Manses
Consideration was given to moving out of the manse in Drove Road with a replacement minister due in September 2022.
A suitable replacement was difficult to find even though some potential ones were visited by circuit stewards. It was decided to remain in Drove Road and complete remedial work.

There are currently three houses in Swindon. If the replacement had been found then the property at Ermin Street which is not occupied by a minister would probably have been sold.
As this is not necessary this will continue to be let to a third party.
This property will now be considered as a potential resource to be used for the NP to NP policy in Swindon in a few years time. Until then it will be rented out.
Although under Methodist rules if the Ermin Street manse is sold after June 2023 when it will not have been occupied by a minister for five years the levy to the church centrally cannot be reclaimed the circuit has applied to have this period extended as the intention is to use it for NP to NP.
This one was left vacant when the minister based at Stratton left in August 2018 and was not replaced is being let on a temporary basis.
It is unlikely that the circuit ministerial team will increase above the current five ministers.

Church buildings

Ramsbury Church
This church was closed for worship in the year 18/19.
The circuit had costs of £6.5k in 21/22 .
It was sold with net receipts of £ 165.8k after the levy to the Methodist Church centrally of £70.5k.
This had a carrying value of £162.3k at 1st Sept 2021 so an excess surplus of £ 3.5k for 21/22

Wroughton Church
The circuit decided to retain the Wroughton Church to work on getting outline planning permission and thereby enhancing the sales value.
the circuit had costs associated with Wroughton £15.1k in the year.

Christchurch , Marlborough
At the March 2022 Circuit Meeting Christchurch announced that they would like to sell their building but continue as a church fellowship in Marlborough.
This was result of lack of cover for necessary activities with declining membership as well as financial challenges. This was accepted at the circuit meeting .
The church fellowship created two working groups which have been working on the way forward.
One group was focussed on selling the property and included circuit meeting reps.
The aim was to sell as soon as possible after closing for worship which would mean less work to look after the building and save the circuit cost of running the church including utility costs and high insurance costs.
The second group's aim was to work out the best situation for the ongoing worship of the members from Christchurch , mainly finding a place for those who want to continue to worship in the town. This could be in a rented space or part of another congregation.

The meeting agreed for the proposal to close the building at Marlborough.
This closure was notified to District to gain permission which has been given.
The last worship in the present building is planned for January 2023 so the building does not become the circuit's responsibility until then.
The building was placed on the market in July 22.)

Lay pastoral workers

2020/2021 was the final year of the three year lay worker programme.
One full time family worker , who had completed her contract in August 2021 was retained on the payroll on maternity leave for 4 months with small cost.
The circuit paid back to District the unused grant of £16,369

Church governance

The churches at Sherston and Luckington agreed to merge

Pension Contribution

In the year 20/21 The Methodist Church requested a voluntary
to cover a shortfall on the Ministers final salary pension scheme.
The circuit has not made a voluntary donation. The Church has not made this mandatory.

Staff change

Deacon Stephen Roe joined the circuit from Wales in September 2021 based in Swindon.
Rev Mark Barrett retired in August 22
Rev David Gray succeeded Rev. Barrett as Superintendent Minister from 1st September 2022.
As it was proving difficult to appoint a Presbyter the circuit meeting agreed to appoint a probationary minister to the vacancy left by Rev Barrett's retirement.
Rev. Rach Collins joined the circuit directly from Queens University in Birmingham in August 2022.
There are no planned changes of minister next year- Sept 22- Aug 23.

Trustees annual report on finance and governance

Legal framework

Name of the charity: North Wiltshire Methodist circuit

Charity registration number: 1133989

Name of firm: UHY Ross Brooke - Chartered Accountants:

Main communication address

Circuit Administrator

c/o Studley Methodist Church, Studley Lane, Studley, Calne SN11 9NH

The members of the North Wiltshire Methodist circuit meeting are the charities trustees, membership be made up of circuit office holders ministers and representatives appointed by the local church.

A full list of the membership is shown in appendix A to this report

Mr. Simon Nuttall FCA acted as joint Circuit Treasurer with responsibility for day to day control
Eric Hewitt F.C.C.A was Joint Circuit Treasure with particular responsibility for reporting.
Independent examiner for year ended 31st August 2022 is Lisa Hobbs of
UHY Ross Brooke - Chartered Accountants, 16 Dorcan Business Village, Murdock
Road Dorcan, Swindon, Wiltshire.
Investment Bankers Central finance board of the Methodist church and
Trustees for Methodist church purposes.

Aims and organisation

The charities objectives to act as a resource provider within the area around North Wiltshire for the Methodist church.
The purposes of the Methodist church are and have deemed to have been since the date of union the advancement of:

a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of the Methodist church
b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of the Connexional District circuit local church or other organization 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 the charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist church

This is achieved through the following:
i) The resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non members alike
ii) The teaching of Christianity through Sermons, courses, small groups and the other events
iii) The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved
iv) Taking religious assemblies in local schools
v) Promotion of Christianity through staging of events and services
vi) Provision of chaplaincy services to the local university and other institutions

Public benefit

We confirm the trustees have regard to the charity commissioners guidance on public benefit

Structure governance and management

The governing documents for the circuit are the Deed of Union (1932) and the Methodist Church Act (1976).
Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist church by order of the annual conference (CPD).
Day to day management of the circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership Team, the Circuit Meeting and the local preachers meeting.

Trustee training

A range of guidance is produced by the Methodist connection to support the effective running of the circuit specifically the leaflet the role of the trustee in the Methodist church which is available to all new circuit meeting members as part of their induction as trustees.

Related parties

The circuit is part of the Bristol District and is also accountable to the Methodist conference
The circuit consists of the following churches:
Marlborough, Pewsey, Aldbourne, Central Chippenham, Lyneham, Studley, Trinity, Stratton, Chiseldon, Luckington, Sheldon Road, Sherston, St. Andrews and Rodbourne ,Wroughton and the following churches which are part of LEPs:
Bath Road, Central Swindon and St Paul's & St. Timothy's are part of LEPs.

Risk management

Major risks are identified by the circuit leadership team who take professional advice where necessary.
Income and expenditure are reviewed regularly at circuit leadership meetings and circuit meetings where annual budgets are agreed and a review of activities undertaken.

Reserves policy

The circuit holds the equivalent approx. 4 months funding for general purposes and lay worker activities in cash or near cash assuming no other major expenditure in the event of an inability to raise the full circuit assessment for the churches in the short term.
Including the Model Trust fund, the circuit holds two years of average expenditure and therefore the circuit trustees believe there are sufficient funds to secure the mid to long term ability to meet the liabilities of the circuit .

Safeguarding

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

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:
a) The care and nurture and respectful ministry with all children and young people and adults.
b) The safeguarding and protection of all children and young people and adults when they are vulnerable.
c) By establishing of safe caring communities which provide a loving environment where

there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
d) We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the church in love with safer recruitment principles including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
e) We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed by co-operating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
f) We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
g) We will seek to challenge any abuse of power especially by anyone in a position of trust.
h) We will seek to offer pastoral care and support including supervision and refer to the proper authorities any member of our church community known to have offended against a child or young person or vulnerable adult.
i) In all these principles will follow legislation guidance and recognised good practice.

The North Wiltshire circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional safeguarding policy; government legislation ,guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.
The North Wiltshire circuit commits itself to a vision of support advice and training for lay and ordained people that ensures people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Future developments

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Approved on .....

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Rev. David Gray

THE NORTH WILTSHIRE METHODIST CIRCUIT
STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the Trustees should follow best practise and

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practise have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enable them both to ascertain the financial position of the charity and that ensure that the financial statements comply with the applicable law, regulations and trust deeds. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved on 25.1.23

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Rev. David Gray

APPENDIX A
NORTH WILTSHIRE METHODIST CIRCUIT
Year until end August 2022
MINISTERS

Rev Mark Barrett	Trustee
Rev Stephen Skinner	Trustee
Rev David Gray	Trustee
Deacon Stephen Roe	Trustee
Rev Andrew Bird	Trustee

MINISTERS IN OTHER APPOINTMENTS

MINISTER WITHOUT APPOINTMENT
Rev Pam Stranks
SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS
Rev Tony Barnes
Rev Janet Evans
Rev Geoffrey Floyd

Rev Susan Howe
CIRCUIT STEWARDS

Mr Tom Wethers	Trustee
Kay Ashlin	Trustee
Lynda Thompson	Trustee
Eric Hewitt (Joint Circuit Treasurer)	Trustee

CIRCUIT SAFEGUARDING CO-ORDINATOR
Mrs Allison Burchell

CHAPLAIN OF FAIRWAYS

Mr Islay Roberts (Circuit Steward from 1 Sept 2020)	Trustee

LOCAL PREACHERS MEETING SECRETARY

Geoffrey Rhodes	Trustee

CHURCH CIRCUIT MEETING REPRESENTATIVES

Aldbourne & Ramsbury

Elizabeth Osbourne	Trustee
Richard Osbourne	Trustee
Julie Coe	Trustee

Bath Road

George Kennedy	Trustee
Adrian King	

Central, Chippenham

Wyn Walters	Trustee
Lorna Cocking	Trustee
Marilyn Dixon	Trustee

Central, Swindon

Judith Furse	Trustee
Christine Durant	Trustee

Chiseldon		
John Townsend to Mar21	Trustee	
Paul Kohn	Trustee	
David Easter	Trustee	
Clifford Friend from Mar 21	Trustee	
Christchurch		
Anne Hancock	Trustee	
Jonathan Lyle	Trustee	
David Wylie	Trustee	
Dorcan		
Tony Prichard	Trustee	
Nathalie Marshall	Trustee	
Luckington		
Robert Simpkins	Trustee	
Lynne Simpkins	Trustee	
Lyneham		
Wilma Goodfellow	Trustee	
Ann Allen	Trustee	
Pewsey		
Pete Whittington	Trustee	
Jackie Lampard	Trustee	
Sheldon Road		
John Davis	Trustee	
Simon Nuttall (Joint Circuit Treasurer)	Trustee	
Adrian Foster	Trustee	
Trevor Durston	Trustee	
Annette Foster	Trustee	
Sherston		
St. Andrews & Rodbourne		
Denise Topp	Trustee	
Jackie Snyder	Trustee	
David Holder	Trustee	
Stratton		
Graham Crawshaw	Trustee	
Keith Harmer	Trustee	
Studley		
Christina Clifford	Trustee	
Richard French	Trustee	
Linda Morley	Trustee	
Trinity		
Paul Webb	Trustee	
Tony Webb	Trustee	
Rita Grey	Trustee	Deceased Feb 2022
Sheila Pickering	Trustee	Until December 2021
Andy Grey	Trustee	

Name of Circuit **North Wiltshire Methodist Circuit** Circuit No **7/22**

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2022

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2021-22 £
Income							
1 Donations and legacies							0
2 Income from monetary investments	**note 5**	224	2,201	150	17		**2,593**
3 Income from investment properties		11,203					**11,203**
4 Assessments on Churches		321,673					**321,673**
5 Capital Receipts							**0**
6 Grants received							**0**
7 Other charitable income	**note 16**	1,609					**1,609**
8 **Total income**		**334,710**	**2,201**	**150**	**17**	**-**	**337,078**
Expenditure							
9 Grants and donations		2,000					**2,000**
10 Salaries and associated costs		209,775					**209,775**
11 Property maintenance		81,194					**81,194**
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy			92,605				**92,605**
13 District Assessment & Levy		70,668					**70,668**
14 Depreciation							**0**
15 Office expenses		10,529					**10,529**
16 Other outgoings		36,324	1,172	102	10		**37,608**
17 **Total charitable expenditure**		**410,490**	**93,777**	**102**	**10**	**0**	**504,379**
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments				- 1,183			-1,183
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties		- 109,000	73,996				-35,004
20 **Net income/(expenditure)**		**-184,780**	**-17,580**	**-1,134**	**7**	**0**	**-203,488**
21 Transfers between funds		- 92,249	92,300	- 48	- 3		0
22 Other gains/(losses)		16,369	- 16,369				0
23 **Net movement in funds**		**-260,660**	**58,351**	**-1,182**	**3**	**0**	**-203,488**
24 Total funds brought forward		1,855,202	411,158	35,653	3,589		2,305,602
25 Total funds carried forward		**1,594,542**	**469,510**	**34,471**	**3,592**	**-**	**2,102,114**

Name of Circuit **North Wiltshire Methodist Circuit** Circuit No **7/22**

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		106	1,568	66	12			**1,752**
3 Income from investment properties		10,740						**10,740**
4 Assessments on Churches		301,775						**301,775**
5 Capital Receipts								**0**
6 Grants received		3,333						**3,333**
7 Other charitable income	**note 16**	8,283						**8,283**
8 **Total income**		**324,237**	**1,568**	**66**	**12**	**-**		**325,883**
Expenditure								
9 Grants and donations		3,000						**3,000**
10 Salaries and associated costs		217,029						**217,029**
11 Property maintenance		76,657						**76,657**
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy			28,296					**28,296**
13 District Assessment & Levy		70,700						**70,700**
14 Depreciation								**0**
15 Office expenses		9,815						**9,815**
16 Other outgoings		20,933	988	24	7			**21,952**
17 **Total charitable expenditure**		**398,133**	**29,284**	**24**	**7**	**0**		**427,448**
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments			-	153				
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties		247,700						**247,700**
20 **Net income/(expenditure)**		**173,803**	**-27,716**	**-110**	**5**	**0**		**145,982**
21 Transfers between funds		55,117 -	55,070 -	42 -	4			0
22 Other gains/(losses)				23,901				23,901
23 **Net movement in funds**		**228,920**	**-82,786**	**23,749**	**0**	**0**		**169,883**
24 Total funds brought forward		1,626,282	493,944	11,904	3,588	-		2,135,719
25 Total funds carried forward		**1,855,202**	**411,158**	**35,653**	**3,589**	**-**		**2,305,602**

Name of Circuit: North Wiltshire Methodist Circuit — Circuit No 7/22

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2022

	Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2021/22 £	Totals 2020/21 £	
Fixed Assets									GN
Circuit Manses & Equipment		883,900					883,000	883,900	R
Investment properties		634,000					634,000	905,300	R
Investments							0	0	
Total fixed assets	11	1,517,900	0	0	0	0	1,517,900	1,789,200	
Current Assets									
Debtors	12	33,004					33,004	23,066	S
Loans by the Circuit	12	19,200					19,200	18,000	
Investments with TMCP			469,510	34,471	3,592		507,573	450,400	
Central Finance Board Deposits	12	44,344					44,344	76,652	T
Cash at Bank and in hand	12	52,134					52,134	36,970	
Total current assets		148,682	469,510	34,471	3,592	0	656,255	603,087	
Current liabilities									
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	13	72,040					72,040	87,585	U
Grants payable within 2018-19							0	0	V
Total current liabilities		72,040	0	0	0	0	72,040	87,585	
Net current assets/liabilities		76,642	469,510	34,471	3,592	0	584,215	516,402	
Total assets less current liabilities		1,594,542	469,510	34,471	3,592	0	2,102,115	2,305,602	
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)									
Grants payable after 2018-19									
Loans to the Circuit							0		V
Net assets		1,594,542	469,510	34,471	3,592	0	2,102,115	2,305,602	
Funds of the Circuit									
General Fund (Unrestricted)		1,594,542					1,594,542	1,855,202	
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			469,510				469,510	411,158	W
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)				34,471			34,471	35,653	
Total Unrestricted Funds							2,098,523	2,302,014	
Restricted Funds					3,592		3,592	3,589	
Endowment Funds						0	0		
Total Funds	SOFA	1,594,542	469,510	34,471	3,592	0	2,102,115	2,305,603	

Signed

25.1.23

Eric Hewitt B.Sc. FCCA
Circuit Treasurer

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDING 31 AUGUST 2022

1 Basis of accounting and accounting policies

i Accounting standard

The financial statements are prepared in compliance with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS102), and FRS102, The Financial Reporting Standard, applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland

ii Public benefit entity

The North Wiltshire circuit meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognized at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s) below

iii 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.

iv Content

The financial information presented is relevant reliable and comparable and complete.
Where estimates are used these are based on experience research and judgment.
The accounts are expressed in £ Sterling rounded to the nearest pound

v Going concern

Based on the monetary assets and human resources available at 31st of August 2022 the trustees believe that the circuit is a going concern

vii Consolidation

The circuit has denominational regulatory oversight in respect of the work of the Churches within the circuit but has no legal or operational control of those churches and their governing bodies except in extreme circumstances.
For this reason the financial statements of churches within the circuit are not consolidated into these financial statements

viii Income

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.

ix Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or where a constructive obligation arises, where the amount is reliably measured and it is considered more likely than not there will be an outflow of economic activity.

x 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.

xi VAT

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

xi 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 £1,000.

The freehold property is shown in the accounts at 2016 deemed values, of which the land component is deemed to be £700,000. 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.

xii Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors relate to the payment of Ministers stipends in August that relates to September.

xiii Creditors

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

xiv Impact of Accounting Changes

There have been no Accounting Changes during this year

xv Monetary Investments

The Circuit's Investments are in monetary assets classified as basic financial instruments under FRS102 and are held by the Trustees for Methodist church purposes TMCP. As custodian trustees the valuations at market value are those provided by TMCP.

The funds that support the Circuit Model Trust Fund and the Manses fund are held by TMCP in interest funds on which interest is credited to the accounts each month.

These are regarded as medium and long-term investments.

TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust Property including Legacies, Endowments and Accumulated Funds. Trust Property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day to day management of trust property.

TMCP ensure that, through providing guidance and acting under their direction, the managing trustees comply with charities law or Methodist policy as determined by the Methodist conference.

xvi Investment Properties

From time to time the Circuit may hold residential property (formerly Manses) which is surplus to requirements

xvi Methodist Connexional funds

The Methodist church connexion raises assessments against the circuit's these are paid quarterly to the Districts.

A small sum is retained by the District to meet its own cost otherwise these assessments are paid quarterly to the connexion.

The circuit raises assessments on circuit churches which are paid quarterly to the circuit. These cover mainly the cost of running the circuit including staffing and the District assessment above. The circuit may act as an agent for ad hoc collections for various funds controlled and then administered by the Methodist church

2 Funds

The funds held constitute a General Fund 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 are held for a narrower purpose.
Details for each material fund are disclosed in the final note to these accounts.
Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Donations and legacies

Trust Fund	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust fund	Restricted	2022	2021
Donations			0	0	0
Legacies			0	0	0
Total			0	0	0

4 Income from properties

	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust fund	Restricted	2022	2021
(i) Investment properties					
14 Monkton Hill					10,740
(ii) Manse vacant					
105 Ermin street	11203			11,203	6,853
Total	11203	0	0	11,203	17593

Monkton Hill , vacant all year, in process of being sold and awaiting completion.

5 Investment income

	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust fund	Restricted	2022	2021
Central Finance Board	374		17	391	153
Circuit Advance Fund		2,201		2,201	1,568
Total	374	2,201	17	2,593	1,721

6 Payment to staff

	2022	2021
Ministers , Admin and other lay workers.		
Stipends	158,593	165,406
Nat Insurance	36,943	37,275
Pension	14,240	14,348
Travel/phone /other	10,501	9,991
Total staff	220,276	227,020
Staff numbers (average no employed)		
Ministers	5.0	5.0
Admin	1.0	1.0
Lay workers		1.0
Lay workers part time		
Total staff	6.0	7.0
At 31 August 2022 there were no lay workers		
Lay/Admin workers included above:		
Payroll	27,288	39,676
Travel/phone /other	298	151
Total	27,586	39,827

During 2021/2022 6 people were employed all the time.

The circuit is required to provide accommodation for each minister and their families and this is seen as a benefit to the Circuit. Ministers are expected to occupy the manse provided for them. The circuit bears the cost of repairs, maintenance, building insurance, council tax and water rates. These figures are not separately disclosed as benefits-in-kind for ministers as HMRC does not seek to tax these receipts in the hands of ministers.

7 Payment to trustees

No trustees receive any salaries, expenses or benefits as trustees.

However, the following trustees are also ministers and in that capacity receive stipends as minsters and the benefit of job related accommodation.

During 2020/2021 there were five ministers employed by the circuit who all are trustees :

2022	2021
Rev Mark Barrett	Rev Mark Barrett
Rev Stephen Skinner	Rev Stephen Skinner
Rev David Gray	Rev David Gray
Deacon Stephen Roe	Rev Andrew Wigley
Rev Andrew Bird	Rev Andrew Bird

Their costs which are included in the staff costs above are :

	2022	2021
Stipends	134,925	131,017
Nat Insurance	12,829	12,006
Pension	34,733	34,330
Travel/phone /other	7,049	6,936
Total staff	189,537	184,289
Other trustee payments		

7 Payment to trustees (contd)

	2022	2021
Circuit cost of manses occupied by ministers:	81,194	72,137
Number of manses	5	5

Trustees who are not staff members received the following

Preaching travel	226	nil

8 Fees for examination of accounts

A fee of £1,440 is payable this year which is a creditor at 31 August 2022

9 Loans

The circuit had no loans at 31st August 2022 (nil last year)

10 Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

The circuit had no capital commitments at 31st August 2022 (nil last year)

No contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2022 (nil last year)

11 Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or Valuation	£ Residential Land	£ Other Land	£ Manses	£ Investment Properties	£ Other Fixed	£ Fixtures Fittings	£ Total
Balance b/f			883,900	905,300			1,789,200
Additions							
Revaluations				-109,000			-109,000
Disposals				-162,300			-162,300
Transfers							
Balance c/f	0	0	883,900	634,000	0	0	1,517,900

Accumulated Depreciation							
Balance b/f			0				0
Additions							
Revaluations							0
Disposals							
Transfers							
Balance c/f	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Ramsbury Church which was closed for worship in 2019 was sold on 21st December 2021 .

The net value paid to the circuit was £165,777

The carrying value at 31/8/21 was £162,300 so a realised gain of £3 ,477 was made .

12 Analysis of Current Assets

Debtors and Prepayments	**2022**	**2021**
Loans made to District & Churches	19,200	16,900
Accrued income		
Other Debtors	33,004	23,066
Total debtors and prepayments	52,204	39,966

Included in Loans made to District & Churches is £16,600 which is due after 1 year. (2021 £11,600)

Analysis of cash at bank	**2022**	**2021**
Bank Balance held in Lloyds Bank	52,144	36,970
Bank Balance held in Methodist Central Finance Board	44,344	76,652
Total Cash at bank	96,488	113,622

13 Analysis of current liabilities

Trade Creditors	**2022**	**2021**
Grants to Churches		
Grants received in advance		16,369
Other Creditors	70,600	69,896
Independent Examiner	1,440	1,320
	72,040	87,585

14 District Grant received

The circuit strategy to employ 3 lay workers for mission work started in September 2018
Bristol district funding for 25% of cost of £60,000 split evenly over three years
The programme ended on 31st August 2021
District grant paid to circuit in advance but not required was £ 16,369 at 31 Aug 2021
This was repaid to the District in on 12 Oct 2021.

15 Activity analysis

	Income	**Expend.**	**Net**
General Fund	337,079	(384,757)	(47,679)
District Levy on CMTF		(22,087)	(22,087)
Cost of closed churches and manses for sale * including cost for Christchurch, Marlborough for advice on sale		(27,016)	(27,016)
Sub Total	337,079	(433,860)	(96,781)
Gains/(losses) on monetary investments		(1,183)	(1,183)
Ramsbury net gain	236,296	(232,819)	3,478
Revaluations of investment properties		(109,000)	(109,000)
Overall gain(loss)	573,375	(776,862)	(203,487)

16 Other income	2022	2021
Rent on manse temporarily not used for a minister	11,203	6,853
Other	321	1,430
Total other income	11,524	8,283

17 Post Balance sheet events

The churches at Sherston and Luckington agreed to become a class of Sheldon Road.

Name of Circuit North Wiltshire Methodist Circuit No 7/22

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2022 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer ..... Date 25-1-23

Name and address of treasurer Eric Hewitt 31, Brentfore Street, Swindon
Post Code SN1 7BN

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022

will be presented to the Circuit meeting held 14th March 2023

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

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev. David Gray Date 25.1.23

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the North Wiltshire Methodist Circuit

Charity Number 1133989

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the North Wiltshire Methodist Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2022 set out on pages 1 to 21. As the Circuit's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Name of Circuit North Wiltshire Methodist Circuit No 7/22

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

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

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

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I have 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 l Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner .....L Hobbs.....

Name of independent examiner Mrs Lisa Hobbs

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner Chartered Certified Accountant

Name of firm: UHY Ross Brooke - Chartered Accountants:

Address: Unit 16, Dorcan Business Village, Murdock Road, Dorcan, Swindon, Wiltshire

Post Code SN3 5HY

Date ...25...January...2023.....

NORTH WILTSHIRE METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1133989

Accounts

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

NORTH WILTSHIRE	Circuit

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

BRISTOL	District	Circuit no	7/22

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number	1133989

Ministers:

Rev Mark Barrett- Superintendent

Rev Stephen Skinner

Rev David Gray

Rev Andrew Bird

Rev Andrew Wigley to July 21

Circuit Stewards:

Lynda Thompson

Tom Wethers

Islay Roberts

Kay Ashlin

Eric Hewitt

Treasurer:

Joint Treasurers Eric Hewitt who produced this report and Simon Nuttall

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

Introduction

The North Wiltshire Methodist circuit covers Swindon, Marlborough, Chippenham and surrounding villages. It is made up of 14 Methodist churches and 3 local ecumenical partnerships. The circuit provides staff support and leadership to the churches that make up the circuit.

Aims and organisation

As Methodists, we seek to enact the calling of the message church, as we through worship, seek to increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love. We share together to help people to grow and learn as Christians through mutual support and care as we strive to be good neighbours to people in need and to challenge injustice and we witness eagerly to make more followers of Jesus Christ.

Review of the year

The circuit income is primarily drawn from the assessments paid by the circuit churches with the rental income from two of the circuit manses.

The one left vacant when the minister based at Stratton left in August 2018 and was not replaced is being let on a temporary basis.

It is unlikely that the circuit ministerial team will increase above the current five ministers.

The circuit is reviewing the manses and deciding which ones to retain and whether some consolidation should be done.
The Ermin Street one which is currently let is part of that review. This manse may be brought back into use by a minister and one of the others sold.
The review should complete in the year 2021/2022.
Under Methodist rules the Ermin Street manse can be sold and not attract a levy from the Methodist connexion until June 2023 when it will not have been occupied by a minister for five years.

The total funds for the circuit increased by £170k from £2,136k to £2,306k over the year.
This needs to put in the context of a loss of £60k on the general account.
The circuit had originally set the assessment in early 2020 to ensure breakeven on the general account. Lower assessments due to closure of Wroughton (£9k) and relief given to 7 churches impacted by COIVD (£20.6k) as well as manse repairs exceeding budget by £35k mainly due to refurbishment of Merlin Way, there was a shortfall of (£62k)
A gain of £175k was made on the investment properties. The Wroughton chapel brought in at £108k and Ramsbury estimate value increased by £71k based on expected sales proceeds by end of 2021.

Travel cost have been running very low due to COVID restriction on visits by ministers

This was the final year of the three year pastoral lay worker project. The 2020/2021 net cost £10k.

Costs associated with the closed churches were Ramsbury £3k and Wroughton £4k.

As of 31st August 2021, the funds held in current accounts and the MTF were £564k.
This equates to about 21 months of expenditure.

Pension Contribution

The Methodist Church at its conference in June 2021 agreed to request voluntary donations to cover the shortfall on pension funds which in turn cover a shortfall on the Ministers final salary pension scheme. This would be based on 15% of circuit and church unrestricted funds. Although the circuit did not agree to make a donation the circuit contribution on the funds reported here would be £85k.
If sufficient funds are not raised by the voluntary donations then the connexion may mandate a payment with £85k an indicator of what may be requested.

COVID impact

The churches of the circuit were impacted by inability to have corporate worship for long periods with some loss of collections and loss of income from lettings.
In the September 2020 Circuit meeting it was agreed to subsidise 7 churches for the 1st half of 2020/2021.
This will leave a shortfall of £20k to be funded from circuit reserves.
Although, overall giving by members was impacted, the widespread use of giving direct from bank accounts that has become part of church life ensured this was moderated.
Churches met their assessments for the year using their reserves where needed.
The Methodist church policy is to use church reserves for this purpose before recourse to using circuit reserves.

Wroughton

In September 2020 the Wroughton Church council agreed to apply to the circuit to be closed. This was result of lack of cover for necessary activities with declining membership and financial challenges. This was accepted at the circuit meeting on 10/12/2020.
At that meeting, the circuit agreed that the resulting annual assessment shortfall of £9k would be met from circuit reserves for 2020/2021 and 2021/2022.

Queens Drive funds

The Methodist church in Queen Drive, Swindon was sold in 2018.
A fund of money, £24k, held by TMCP on behalf of that church mainly for repairs is not now needed. In such cases TMCP has a process whereby the funds can be moved to the local circuit for general use. This was followed this year and this is shown as a one off gain, under "TMCP other" in the accounts.

Key issues

Lay pastoral workers

2020/2021 was the final year of the three year lay worker programme.
One full time family worker continued in post for six months until she went on maternity leave little work was possible in church premises due to COVID restrictions.
She was retained on the payroll on maternity leave.
Churches were not asked for contribution at all in this year.
The circuit informed Bristol District that the final grant due of £6,500 was not now needed.
The circuit will need to pay back to District the unused grant which is estimated at £16,369
The full financial treatment is given in note 14 of the accounts.

Church governance

The churches at Sherston and Luckington had informal discussions on merging.

God in love unites us

The Methodist Church at its conference in June 2021 agreed to allow Methodist churches to register for same sex marriages. This will become a matter for local church councils to decide.

Staff change

Rev David Miller moved on in July 2020 to a circuit in Cornwall at the end of the 5 years normally allowed for Methodist ministers.

Rev Andrew Bird joined the circuit from Eastleigh in September 20

In September 2020, the circuit meeting agreed that Rev Andrew Wigley would move to a new circuit in July 21.

As it was proving difficult to appoint a Presbyter the circuit meeting through the invitation's committee agreed to seek a Deacon.

Deacon Stephen Roe was invited to join the circuit from Wales in September 2021.

A new Invitations committee was formed to decide on the replacement for Mark Barrett from September 2022 after he retires at the end of 2021/2022.

Rev David Gray will become Superintendent minister from September 2022.

Trustees annual report on finance and governance

Legal framework
Name of the charity: North Wiltshire Methodist circuit
Charity registration number: 1133989
Name of firm: UHY Ross Brooke - Chartered Accountants:
Main communication address
Circuit Administrator
c/o Studley Methodist Church, Studley Lane, Studley, Calne SN11 9NH

The members of the North Wiltshire Methodist circuit meeting are the charities trustees, membership be made up of circuit office holders ministers and representatives appointed by the local church.

A full list of the membership is shown in appendix A to this report

Mr. Simon Nuttall FCCA acted as joint Circuit Treasurer with responsibility for day to day control
Eric Hewitt F.C.C.A was Joint Circuit Treasure with particular responsibility for reporting.
Independent examiner for year ended 31st August 2021 is Andrew Brian Ponting FCCA of UHY Ross Brooke - Chartered Accountants, 16 Dorcan Business Village, Murdock Road Dorcan, Swindon, Wiltshire.
Investment Bankers Central finance board of the Methodist church and Trustees for Methodist church purposes.

Aims and organisation

The charities objectives to act as a resource provider within the area around North Wiltshire for the Methodist church.
The purposes of the Methodist church are and have deemed to have been since the date of union the advancement of:

a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of the Methodist church
b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of the Connexional District circuit local church or other organization 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 the charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist church

This is achieved through the following:
i) The resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non members alike
ii) The teaching of Christianity through Sermons, courses, small groups and the other events
iii) The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved
iv) Taking religious assemblies in local schools
v) Promotion of Christianity through staging of events and services
vi) Provision of chaplaincy services to the local university and other institutions

Public benefit

We confirm the trustees have regard to the charity commissioners guidance on public benefit

Structure governance and management

The governing documents for the circuit are the Deed of Union (1932) and the Methodist Church Act (1976).
Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist church by order of the annual conference (CPD).
Day to day management of the circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership Team, the Circuit Meeting and the local preachers meeting.

Trustee training

A range of guidance is produced by the Methodist connection to support the effective running of the circuit specifically the leaflet the role of the trustee in the Methodist church which is available to all new circuit meeting members as part of their induction as trustees.

Related parties

The circuit is part of the Bristol District and is also accountable to the Methodist conference
The circuit consists of the following churches:
Marlborough, Pewsey, Aldbourne, Central Chippenham, Lyneham, Studley, Trinity, Stratton, Chiseldon, Luckington, Sheldon Road, Sherston, St. Andrews and Rodbourne ,Wroughton and the following churches which are part of LEPs:
Bath Road, Central Swindon and St Paul's & St. Timothy's are part of LEPs.

Risk management

Major risks are identified by the circuit leadership team who take professional advice where necessary.
Income and expenditure are reviewed regularly at circuit leadership meetings and circuit meetings where annual budgets are agreed and a review of activities undertaken.

Reserves policy

The circuit holds the equivalent approx. 4 months funding for general purposes and lay worker activities in cash or near cash assuming no other major expenditure in the event of an inability to raise the full circuit assessment for the churches in the short term.
Including the Model Trust fund, the circuit holds two years of average expenditure and therefore the circuit trustees believe there are sufficient funds to secure the mid to long term ability to meet the liabilities of the circuit .

Safeguarding

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

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

a) The care and nurture and respectful ministry with all children and young people and adults.
b) The safeguarding and protection of all children and young people and adults when they are vulnerable.
c) By establishing of safe caring communities which provide a loving environment where

there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
d) We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the church in love with safer recruitment principles including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
e) We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed by co-operating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
f) We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
g) We will seek to challenge any abuse of power especially by anyone in a position of trust.
h) We will seek to offer pastoral care and support including supervision and refer to the proper authorities any member of our church community known to have offended against a child or young person or vulnerable adult.
i) In all these principles will follow legislation guidance and recognised good practice.

The North Wiltshire circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional safeguarding policy; government legislation ,guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.
The North Wiltshire circuit commits itself to a vision of support advice and training for lay and ordained people that ensures people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Future developments
After the year end the members of Christchurch, Marlborough considered the future of this Methodist Church. It is likely the building will be closed however membership is to continue.
The circuit also considered the replacement of two manses. Frogwell is to be considered for sale and Monkton Hill was placed on the market for £400,000 in March 2022.

Approved on 3.1.5.22.....

Mark Barrett.....

Rev Mark Barrett

THE NORTH WILTSHIRE METHODIST CIRCUIT
STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the Trustees should follow best practise and

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practise have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enable them both to ascertain the financial position of the charity and that ensure that the financial statements comply with the applicable law, regulations and trust deeds. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved on 3/5/22

Mark Barrett

Rev Mark Barrett

APPENDIX A

NORTH WILTSHIRE METHODIST CIRCUIT

Year until end August 2020

MINISTERS

Rev Mark Barrett	Trustee
Rev Stephen Skinner	Trustee
Rev David Gray	Trustee
Rev Andrew Wigley to July 21	Trustee
Rev Andrew Bird	Trustee

MINISTERS IN OTHER APPOINTMENTS

Rev Trudie Wigley

MINISTER WITHOUT APPOINTMENT

Rev Pam Stranks

SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS

Rev Tony Barnes

Rev Janet Evans

Rev Geoffrey Floyd

Rev John Withington

Rev Susan Howe

CIRCUIT STEWARDS

Mr Tom Wethers	Trustee
Kay Ashlin	Trustee
Lynda Thompson	Trustee
Eric Hewitt (Joint Circuit Treasurer)	Trustee

CIRCUIT SAFEGUARDING CO-ORDINATOR

Mrs Allison Burchell

CHAPLAIN OF FAIRWAYS

Mr Islay Roberts (Circuit Steward from 1 Sept 2020)	Trustee

CHURCH CIRCUIT MEETING REPRESENTATIVES

Aldbourne & Ramsbury

Sandra Barnes	Trustee
Rachel Browning	Trustee
Julie Coe	Trustee

Bath Road

Gill Stannard	Trustee
Geoffrey Rhodes	Trustee

Central, Chippenham

Wyn Walters	Trustee
Lorna Cocking	Trustee
Marilyn Dixon	Trustee

Central, Swindon

Judith Furse	Trustee

Christine Durant	Trustee
Chiseldon	
John Townsend to Mar21	Trustee
Paul Kohn	Trustee
David Easter	Trustee
Clifford Friends from Mar 21	
Christchurch	
Anne Hancock	Trustee
Jonathan Lyle	Trustee
Dorcan	
Diane Killick to December 2020	Trustee
Tony Prichard	Trustee
Nathalie Marshall from Dec 2020	Trustee
John Davidson from Sept 2020 - June 2021	Trustee
Luckington	
Robert Simpkins	Trustee
Lynne Simpkins	Trustee
Lyneham	
Wilma Goodfellow	Trustee
Ann Allen	Trustee
Pewsey	
Pete Whittington	Trustee
Jackie Lampard	Trustee
Sheldon Road	
John Davis	Trustee
Simon Nuttall (Joint Circuit Treasurer)	Trustee
Adrian Foster	Trustee
Liz Carter until June 21	Trustee
Trevor Durston	Trustee
Annette Foster from Sept 2020	Trustee
Sherston	
St. Andrews & Rodbourne	
Denise Topp from Sept 2020	Trustee
Jackie Snyder	Trustee
David Holder	Trustee
Stratton	
Graham Crawshaw	Trustee
Caroline Corkrum until March 2021	Trustee
Keith Harmer	
Studley	
Christina Clifford	Trustee

Richard French	Trustee
Linda Morley	Trustee

Trinity

Paul Webb	Trustee
Tony Webb	Trustee
Rita Grey	Trustee
Sheila Pickering	Trustee
Andy Grey	

Wroughton

Nigel Fielder until June 21	Trustee
Neil Webb until June 21	Trustee
Bryan Jones until June 21	Trustee

Name of Circuit **North Wiltshire Methodist Circuit** Circuit No **7/22**

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		106	1,568	66	12		**1,752**
3 Income from investment properties		10,740					**10,740**
4 Assessments on Churches		301,775					**301,775**
5 Capital Receipts							**0**
6 Grants received		3,333					**3,333**
7 Other charitable income	**note 16**	8,283					**8,283**
8 **Total income**		**324,237**	**1,568**	**66**	**12**	**-**	**325,883**
Expenditure							
9 Grants and donations		3,000					**3,000**
10 Salaries and associated costs		217,029					**217,029**
11 Property maintenance		76,657					**76,657**
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy			28,296				**28,296**
13 District Assessment & Levy		70,700					**70,700**
14 Depreciation							**0**
15 Office expenses		9,815					**9,815**
16 Other outgoings		20,933	988	24	7		**21,952**
17 **Total charitable expenditure**		**398,133**	**29,284**	**24**	**7**	**0**	**427,448**
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments			-	153			
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties		247,700					**247,700**
20 **Net income/(expenditure)**		**173,803**	**-27,716**	**-110**	**5**	**0**	**145,982**
21 Transfers between funds		55,117 -	55,070 -	42 -	4		0
22 Other gains/(losses)				23,901			23,901
23 **Net movement in funds**		**228,920**	**-82,786**	**23,749**	**0**	**0**	**169,883**
24 Total funds brought forward		1,626,282	493,944	11,904	3,588	-	2,135,719
25 Total funds carried forward		**1,855,202**	**411,158**	**35,653**	**3,589**	**-**	**2,305,602**

Name of Circuit **North Wiltshire Methodist Circuit** Circuit No **7/22**

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

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2019-20 £
Income							
1 Donations and legacies							0
2 Income from monetary investments		600	4,528	99	31		**5,259**
3 Income from investment properties		10,740					**10,740**
4 Assessments on Churches		323,568					**323,568**
5 Capital Receipts							**0**
6 Grants received		9,369					**9,369**
7 Other charitable income	**note 16**	8,152					**8,152**
8 **Total income**		**352,429**	**4,528**	**99**	**31**	**-**	**357,088**
Expenditure							
9 Grants and donations		2,304					**2,304**
10 Salaries and associated costs		224,852					**224,852**
11 Property maintenance		61,002					**61,002**
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy			32,989				**32,989**
13 District Assessment & Levy		73,810					**73,810**
14 Depreciation							**0**
15 Office expenses		15,537					**15,537**
16 Other outgoings		17,740	1,113	24	7		**18,884**
17 **Total charitable expenditure**		**395,246**	**34,102**	**24**	**7**	**0**	**429,379**
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments				75			75
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties		4,000					4,000
20 **Net income/(expenditure)**		**-38,817**	**-29,574**	**151**	**24**	**0**	**-68,216**
21 Transfers between funds		33,099 -	33,000 -	76 -	24		0
22 Other gains/(losses)							0
23 **Net movement in funds**		**-5,718**	**-62,574**	**75**	**0**	**0**	**-68,216**
24 Total funds brought forward		1,631,999	556,518	11,830	3,588		2,203,935
25 Total funds carried forward		**1,626,281**	**493,944**	**11,905**	**3,588**	**-**	**2,135,719**

Name of Circuit **North Wiltshire Methodist Circuit** **Circuit No 7/22**

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		883,900					883,900	1,046,000
Investment properties		905,300					905,300	495,500
Investments							0	
Total fixed assets	**11**	**1,789,200**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1,789,200**	**1,541,500**
Current Assets								
Debtors	**12**	23,066					23,066	19,169
Loans by the Circuit	**12**	16,900					16,900	18,000
Investments with TMCP			411,158	35,653	3,589		450,400	509,437
Central Finance Board Deposits	**12**	76,652					76,652	109,353
Cash at Bank and in hand	**12**	36,970					36,970	55,227
Total current assets		**153,587**	**411,158**	**35,653**	**3,589**	**0**	**603,988**	**711,186**
Current liabilities								
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	**13**	87,585					87,585	116,967
Grants payable within 2018-19							0	
Total current liabilities		**87,585**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**87,585**	**116,967**
Net current assets/liabilities		**66,002**	**411,158**	**35,653**	**3,589**	**0**	**516,403**	**594,219**
Total assets less current liabilities		**1,855,202**	**411,158**	**35,653**	**3,589**	**0**	**2,305,603**	**2,135,719**
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)								
Grants payable after 2018-19							0	
Loans to the Circuit								
Net assets		**1,855,202**	**411,158**	**35,653**	**3,589**	**0**	**2,305,603**	**2,135,719**
Funds of the Circuit								
General Fund (Unrestricted)		1,855,202					1,855,202	1,626,282
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			411,158				411,158	493,944
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)				35,653			35,653	11,904
Total Unrestricted Funds							**2,302,014**	**2,132,131**
Restricted Funds					3,589		3,589	3,588
Endowment Funds						0	0	
Total Funds	**SOFA**	**1,855,202**	**411,158**	**35,653**	**3,589**	**0**	**2,305,603**	**2,135,719**

Signed

Eric Hewitt B.Sc. FCCA
Circuit Treasurer

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 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 ..... Date 3/5/22

Name and address of treasurer Eric Hewitt 31, Brentfore Street, Swindon
Post Code SN1 7BN

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021

will be presented to the Circuit meeting held 16th June 2022

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

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev. Mark Barrett Date 3/5/22

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the North Wiltshire Methodist Circuit

Charity Number 1133989

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the North Wiltshire Methodist Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2021 set out on pages 1 to 21. As the Circuit's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

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

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

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I have 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 l Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner A. B. Ponting

Name of independent examiner Andrew Brian Ponting F.C.C.A.

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner Chartered Certified Accountant

Name of firm: UHY Ross Brooke - Chartered Accountants:

Address: Unit 16, Dorcan Business Village, Murdock Road, Dorcan, Swindon, Wiltshire

Post Code SN3 5HY

Date 4-5-2022.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDING 31 AUGUST 2021

1 Basis of accounting and accounting policies

i Accounting standard

The financial statements are prepared in compliance with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS102), and FRS102, The Financial Reporting Standard, applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland

ii Public benefit entity

The North Wiltshire circuit meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.
Assets and liabilities are initially recognized at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s) below

iii 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.

iv Content

The financial information presented is relevant reliable and comparable and complete.
Where estimates are used these are based on experience research and judgment.
The accounts are expressed in £ Sterling rounded to the nearest pound

v Going concern

Based on the monetary assets and human resources available at 31st of August 2021 the trustees believe that the circuit is a going concern

vii Consolidation

The circuit has denominational regulatory oversight in respect of the work of the Churches within the circuit but has no legal or operational control of those churches and their governing bodies except in extreme circumstances.
For this reason the financial statements of churches within the circuit are not consolidated into these financial statements

viii Income

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.

ix Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or where a constructive obligation arises, where the amount is reliably measured and it is considered more likely than not there will be an outflow of economic activity.

x 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.

xi VAT

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

xi 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 £1,000.

The freehold property is shown in the accounts at 2016 deemed values, of which the land component is deemed to be £700,000. 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.

xii Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors relate to the payment of Ministers stipends in August that's relate to September.

xiii Creditors

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

xiv Impact of Accounting Changes

There have been no Accounting Changes during this year

xv Monetary Investments

The Circuit's Investments are in monetary assets classified as basic financial instruments under FRS102 and are held by the Trustees for Methodist church purposes TMCP. As custodian trustees the valuations at market value are those provided by TMCP.

The funds that support the Circuit Model Trust Fund and the Manses fund are held by TMCP in interest funds on which interest is credited to the accounts each month.

These are regarded as medium and long-term investments.

TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust Property including Legacies, Endowments and Accumulated Funds. Trust Property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day to day management of trust property.

TMCP ensure that, through providing guidance and acting under their direction, the managing trustees comply with charities law or Methodist policy as determined by the Methodist conference.

xvi Investment Properties

From time to time the Circuit may hold residential property (formerly Manses) which is surplus to.

xvi Methodist Connexional funds

The Methodist church connexion raises assessments against the circuit's these are paid quarterly to the Districts.

A small sum is retained by the District to meet its own cost otherwise these assessments are paid quarterly to the connexion.

The circuit raises assessments on circuit churches which are paid quarterly to the circuit. These cover mainly the cost of running the circuit including staffing and the District assessment above. The circuit may act as an agent for ad hoc collections for various funds controlled and then administered by the Methodist church

2 Funds

The funds held constitute a General Fund 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 are held for a narrower purpose.
Details for each material fund are disclosed in the final note to these accounts.
Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Donations and legacies

Trust Fund	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust fund	Restricted	2021	2020
Donations			0	0	0
Legacies			0	0	0
Total			0	0	0

4 Income from properties

	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust fund	Restricted	2021	2020
(i) Investment properties					
14 Monkton Hill	10740			10740	10740
(ii) Manse vacant					
105 Ermin street	6853			6853	3450
Total	17593	0	0	17593	14190

The Circuit leadership team continued to review the needs of the circuit and the provision of manses.
Monkton Hill will now be sold to provide funds for possible future manse moves and refurbishments
The lessees at Monkton Hill were given notice by the circuit and vacated the property in early August 2021

5 Investment income

	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust fund	Restricted	2021	2020
Central Finance Board	148		5	153	731
Circuit Advance Fund		1,568		1,568	4,528
Total	148	1,568	5	1,721	5,259

6 Payment to staff

	2021	2020
Ministers , Admin and other lay workers.	165,406	173,625
Stipends	37,275	36,985
Nat Insurance	14,348	14,242
Pension	9,991	18,983
Travel/phone /other	227,020	243,835
Total staff		

Staff numbers (average no employed)		
Ministers	5.0	5.0
Admin	1.0	1.0
Lay workers	1.0	1.0
Lay workers part time		1.0
Total staff	7.0	8.0

At 31 August 2021 there were no lay workers

Lay workers included above:		
Payroll	39,676	57,344
Travel/phone /other	151	3,186
Total	39,827	60,530

During 2020/2021 5 people were employed all the time, another one for the 1st six months

The circuit is required to provide accommodation for each minister and their families and this is seen as a benefit to the Circuit. Ministers are expected to occupy the manse provided for them. The circuit bears the cost of repairs, maintenance, building insurance, council tax and water rates. These figures are not separately disclosed as benefits-in-kind for ministers as HMRC does not seek to tax these receipts in the hands of ministers.

7 Payment to trustees

No trustees receive any salaries, expenses or benefits as trustees.

However, the following trustees are also ministers and in that capacity receive stipends as minsters and the benefit of job related accommodation.

During 2020/2021 there were five ministers employed by the circuit who all are trustees :

2021	2020
Rev Mark Barrett	Rev Mark Barrett
Rev Stephen Skinner	Rev Stephen Skinner
Rev David Gray	Rev David Gray
Rev Andrew Wigley	Rev Andrew Wigley
Rev Andrew Bird	Rev David Miller

Their costs which are are included in the staff costs above are :

	2021	2020
Stipends	131,017	122,430
Nat Insurance	12,006	11,651
Pension	34,330	33,426
Travel/phone /other	6,936	15,797
Total staff	184,289	183,304

7 Payment to trustees (contd)

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	2021	2020
Circuit cost of manses occupied by ministers:	72,137	59,572
Number of manses	5	5

For 2021 travel and phone costs to trustees other than staff were nil

8 Fees for examination of accounts

A fee of £1,200 is payable this year which is a creditor at 31 August 2021

9 Loans

The circuit had no loans at 31st August 2021 (nil last year)

10 Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

The circuit had no capital commitments at 31st August 2021 (nil last year)
No contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2021 (nil last year)

11 Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or Valuation	£ Residential Land	£ Other Land	£ Manses	£ Investment Properties	£ Other Fixed	£ Fixtures Fittings	£ Total
Balance b/f			1,046,000	495,500			1,541,500
Additions				79,000			79,000
Revaluations				168,700			168,700
Disposals							
Transfers			-162,100	162,100			
Balance c/f	0	0	883,900	905,300	0	0	1,789,200
Accumulated Depreciation							
Balance b/f			0				0
Additions							
Revaluations							0
Disposals							
Transfers							
Balance c/f	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Ramsbury Church which was closed for worship in 2019 was sold after 31 August 2021 (December 2021)
The value in the accounts is based upon the values at completion

11 Tangible Fixed Assets (contd)

Wroughton church closed for worship in March 2021

	Wroughton
Estimated sale value of church	100,000
Estimated Connexional Priority Fund levy	(16,000)
Estimated fees	(5,000)
Value brought in as additions	79,000

12 Analysis of Current Assets

Debtors and Prepayments	**2021**	**2020**
Loans made to District & Churches	16,900	18,000
Accrued income		895
Other Debtors	23,066	18,274
Total debtors and prepaymentss	39,966	37,169

Included in Loans made to District & Churches is £11,300 which is due after 1 year. (2020 £11,900)

Analysis of cash at bank	**2021**	**2020**
Bank Balance held in Lloyds Bank	36,970	55,227
Bank Balance held in Methodist Central Finance Board	76,652	109,353
Total Cash at bank	113,622	164,580

13 Analysis of current liabilities

	2021	**2020**
Trade Creditors		
Grants to Churches		
Grants received in advance	16,369	19,702
Other Creditors	69,896	96,065
Independent Examiner	1,320	1,200
	87,585	116,967

14 District Grant received

The circuit strategy to employ 3 lay workers for mission work started in September 2018
Bristol district funding for 25% of cost of £60,000 split evenly over three years
The circuit received grants from Bristol district to support lay workers in 2019/2020 of of £10,000
At September 2020 there was one family worker employed by the circuit.

The lay workers in post were as follows:

	Months	**Factor**	**% of year**
One family worker for 12 months	6	1.00	0.50
			-
Total lay worker employed as FTE			0.50

14 District Grant received (contd)

Amortised amount of grant for 2020/2021

Grant in advance brought forward		19,702
Amortised for 2020/2021	-	*3,333*
Grants in advance in creditors		16,369

15 Activity analysis

(not including gains/losses on investments or investment properties)

	Income	Expend.	Net
Youth and senior workers	3,333	(13,001)	(9,668)
District Levy on CMTF		(28,296)	(28,296)
Other	322,550	(386,151)	(63,601)
Total activity	325,883	(427,448)	(101,565)

16 Other income	**2021**	**2020**
Church funding for lay workers		3,265
Rent on manse temporarily not used for a minister	6,853	3,450
Other	1,430	1,437
Total other income	8,283	8,152

17 Post Balance sheet events

Ramsbury church was sold in December 2021 for proceeds totalling £165,777.