

POTTERIES MISSION METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales · Charity number 1134240

Details

Other names	STOKE NORTH METHODIST CIRCUIT
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2010-02-10
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE PURPOSES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH ARE AND SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN SINCE THE DATE OF UNION THE ADVANCEMENT OF -(A) THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DOCTRINAL STANDARDS AND THE DISCIPLINE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH;(B) ANY CHARITABLE PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY CONNEXIONAL, DISTRICT, CIRCUIT, LOCAL OR OTHER ORGANISATION OF THE METHODIST CHURCH;(C) ANY CHARITABLE PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY SOCIETY OR INSTITUTION SUBSIDIARY OR ANCILLARY TO THE METHODIST CHURCH;(D) ANY PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY CHARITY BEING A CHARITY SUBSIDIARY OR ANCILLARY TO THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Activities: Potteries Mission Circuit a Christian community empowering local churches, through sharing of their resources to: Increase awareness of God's presence. Help people grow in faith through mutual love, care and development of God-given gifts. Meet needs of all people in a changing world through service and challenging of injustice. Work out faith in daily life and share the good news of Christ.

Classification

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

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Staffordshire
- Stoke-on-trent City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£404,706	£447,730	-	-
2024-08-31	£529,525	£484,004	£3,208,112	6
2023-08-31	£898,395	£485,835	£3,142,664	6
2022-08-31	£180,553	£368,000	-	-
2021-08-31	£295,370	£264,450	-	-
2020-08-31	£419,986	£298,288	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Joseph Neil Lightfoot Adams	Chair	2023-09-01
ARTHUR SHAW		2022-09-01
Alan Nickisson		2022-09-01
Alexandra Bamford		2023-09-01
Alistair Lias		2024-09-01
Anne Cumberlidge		2025-09-01
BARBARA BARNES		2014-03-10
CHRISTINE ANN STANYER		
Carole Foster		2016-09-15
Chris Thompson		2022-09-01
DAWN ELIZABETH BIRKS		2022-09-01
David Bailey		2025-09-01
FRANCES CHRISTINE ROWE		
Frances Adams		2025-09-01
Geoff Hill		2022-09-01
Gillian Goulding		2024-09-01
Gillian Holmes		2022-09-01
Gillian Rawlinson		2022-09-01
Glenn Gerald Parkes MBE		2022-09-01
HARRY BOWYER		
Helen Elisabeth Lewis		2022-09-01
Helen Hutt		2023-09-01
Hilary Hands		2022-09-01
Hilary Harvey		2021-09-01
Ian Stanley Turner		2022-09-01
JACQUELINE PARKES		2022-09-01
JANET SHAW		2014-03-10

Name	Role	Appointed
JOHN SMITH		2025-09-01
JUNE DOLAN		
Jacqui Gillon		2022-09-01
Jean Bunker		2022-09-01
KATHLEEN MARY ROBERTS		
KENDALL PROSSER ACIS MCIPD		
Kate Miller		2022-09-01
Linda Lawton		2013-09-01
Linda Tweats		2024-09-01
MARGARET HILDA SEEWOOSAHA		2022-09-01
Margaret Taylor		2025-09-01
Matthew Cooke		2025-09-01
Matthew Smith		2023-09-01
Melanie Jane Salt		2022-09-01
Moirra Blurton		2024-09-01
Norma Ellen Ball		2022-09-01
PAUL OWEN DMS		
PAUL PLANT		2014-03-10
Patricia Ann Austin		2022-09-01
RAY PERRY		2014-03-10
ROB BLURTON		2009-09-01
Rachel Thomas-Prasad		2024-09-01
Rebecca Condliffe		2022-09-01
Rev PAMELA ANN ROBERTS		2022-09-01
Rev Paul Parker		2022-09-01
SUSAN ALISON BROWN		2022-09-01
SUSAN BOWYER		
SUSAN HOWIE		2022-09-01

Name	Role	Appointed
SUSAN MARY COOKE		2013-02-11
SUZANNE KERRY MOORE		2022-09-01
Shaun Gloyne		2021-09-01
Stephen Davies		2022-09-01
Susan Harris		2023-09-01
Susan Lawn		2024-09-01
TERENCE GEORGE TIDESWELL		
Yvonne Farnell		2021-09-01

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date			Period end date		
Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year
01	09	2024	31	08	2025

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Potteries Mission Circuit
Other names charity is known by	None
Registered charity number (if any)	1134240
Charity's principal address	409 Ford Green Road Norton Stoke on Trent Postcode ST6 8LX

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name (office if any)	Trustee name	Trustee name
Rev. Jenny Dyer (Chairperson)	Mr Harry Bowyer	Mrs Pat Austin
Rev. Joe Adams	Mrs Sue Bowyer	Mrs Jackie Parkes
Rev. Paul Parker	Mr Rob Blurton	Mrs Helen Hutt
Rev. Pam Roberts	Mrs Rebecca Condliffe	Mr Arthur Shaw
Dcn. Rachel Thomas-Prasad	Mr Terry Tideswell	Mr Matt Smith
Mr Paul Owen	Mrs Linda Lawton	Miss Chris Rowe
Mrs Chris Thompson	Mr Carl Farnell	Miss Sue Ray
Mrs Sue Howie	Mrs Gill Goulding	Mrs Susan Lawn
Mr Glenn Parkes	Mr Ray Perry	Mrs Susan Cooke
Mrs Kath Roberts	Mrs Judith Boulton	Mrs Josie Cope
Mrs Dawn Birks	Mr Joe Boulton	Mr Alistair Lias
Mrs Carole Foster	Mrs Norma Ball	Mrs Lesley Lloyd
Mrs Gill Rawlinson	Mr Alan Nickisson	Mrs Sue Brown
Mrs Jacquie Gillon	Mrs Kate Miller	Mrs Margaret Seewoosaha
Dr. Ian Turner	Mrs Gill Holmes	Mr Norman Prophett
Mrs June Dolan	Mrs Helen Lewis	Mr Stephen Davies
Mrs Debbie Clowry	Mr Shaun Gloyne	Mrs Hilary Hands
Mr Geoff Hill	Mrs Barbara Barnes	Mrs Pauline Turner
Ms Alex Bamford	Mrs Hilary Harvey	Mrs Linda Tweats
Mrs Jean Bunker	Mrs Yvonne Farnell	
Mrs Suzanne Moore	Mr Paul Plant	
Mr Robert Boardman	Mrs Janet Shaw	
Mrs Sue Harris	Mrs Ann Stanyer	
Mrs Melanie Salt	Mr Kendall Prosser	
Mrs Moira Blurton	Mrs Gill Griffiths	

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

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

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Act of Parliament

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Appointed by local churches and existing trustees
Ministers are automatically trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Induction/Training

- Range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion.
- Leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church' given to each trustee.

Structure

- Part of the Chester and Stoke on Trent District.
- Accountable to the Methodist Conference.

Risks

- Considered by the Circuit Leadership Team.
- Take professional advice as required.
- Regular review process.
- Adopted Safeguarding Policy and ensured it is rolled out to the churches

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

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

- a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;
- b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;
- c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;
- d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The Circuit had throughout this year sixteen churches, which run weekly services of worship (or in one case, twice-monthly). These are open to all people, without charge.

The Circuit also has provided preachers for Sunday services at the Claybourne care home run by Methodist Homes for the Aged.

In addition, the ministers of the Circuit undertake baptisms, weddings and funerals, both for Methodist members and members of the public who request them.

Each of the churches runs or supports various activities, including fellowship and Bible Study groups, children's and youth activities, lunch clubs, and a foodbank, and fundraising for a variety of charities including Christian Aid, Action for Children, All We Can (the Methodist Relief and Development charity) and Methodist Homes for the Aged. In addition, the Circuit runs a project in Burslem supporting people experiencing homelessness. Meals are served every Wednesday and Saturday evening, and church members and others are involved as volunteers, either cooking the meals at home, or being present in the centre to serve the meals and provide conversation and support.

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

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The Circuit Model Trust Fund, had a balance at the year end of August 2025 of £321,244.44. This fund derives from sales of chapels and manses. In addition, a sum of £ 531,291.23 from legacies was also held on the Model Trusts. Model Trust funds are restricted by the Conference. This restriction is an internal regulation though the fund can be used for a variety of purposes. £ 273,117.65 was held in a permanent endowment fund for the relief of poverty. The income from this fund is used for the support of the Night Shelter and foodbank, and other local charitable causes.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Potteries Mission Circuit has gone through large changes in the last year.

In the summer the Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook Church decided to close down the Forsbrook chapel. Previous very small numbers were gathering for the monthly worship. In due course the building will be sold. After the previous Superintendent retired the Staff made the decision to withdraw from monthly worship at Claybourne Methodist Home.

Our former Superintendent Minster retired in August 2025 and I took on that leadership role as the new Superintendent Minister. When she retired we did not replace her and instead dropped down to four full time Ordained Ministers, myself, two additional Presbyters and one Deacon, all of us already in post.

The Methodist Church has big staffing issues and there is definitely a shortage of Presbyters, but that is not the reason we dropped a member of Ordained Staff.

It was very important to me that we refocused the Circuit towards Mission and lay ministry. The Circuit Leadership Team brought into this new approach as did the Methodist District Chair, and we have made some pretty big changes in the opening two months of my Superintendency.

We have appointed two Local Lay Pastors (LLP) each contracted for 20 hours a week, 10 hours in two churches each. A third LLP will be appointed in the coming month or so meaning we will have 60 hours of lay pastoral work in six different communities.

We have appointed one Circuit Lay Pastor (CLP) who is paid to work 5 hours covering gaps in ministry across the Circuit. This worker has held a Lay Pastor role in the area for many years but finally we are paying him.

That CLP has joined two other new Circuit Stewards and a new Property Steward bringing his extensive experience of ministry alongside that of the other new Stewards. We believe we are in a very strong leadership position to guide the Circuit and its communities, Churches and Chapels into new ways of living out our mission.

That team have begun to meet with me to discuss how we are organised and how our money and assets are held. Many of our individual Churches are struggling financially to keep up with the Circuit Assessment which covers the expenditure of the Circuit. At some point early in 2026 we will present to our Circuit Meeting proposals relating to how many non Church buildings we have, how our reserves are kept, and how those reserves are used to assist the ministry of our Churches and the needs of our communities.

Our City a great place to be, but there are significant areas of poverty and problems with homelessness and drug abuse.

We hope that we can in this reshaping of our mission really make more positive inroads into bringing hope to the hopeless.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Potteries Mission Circuit has reviewed its Reserves Policy and now seeks to hold a sum equivalent to at least 6 months' average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on manses and / or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of the closure of a large church or an inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment from churches.

The Circuit is aware that it holds more in Model Trust Funds than is necessary. However, decisions have been taken gradually to reduce these funds, by subsidising the Circuit Assessment and by offering grants to churches for property and employment projects. It is anticipated that there may be further calls on this money as we seek to support our churches with Mission projects.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

There are none.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Our chief source of funds is the assessment paid by the churches, deriving from giving from our church members.

Our chief expenditure is on the stipends of the ministers and salary of the Children and Families Worker, our Lay Pastors and the Circuit Administrator, all engaged in meeting our key objectives.

Funds not needed for day to day activities are invested with Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or the Central Finance Board, under the oversight of the Joint Advisory Committee on the Ethics of Investment.

Section F

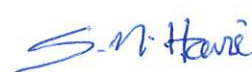
Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Revd Joe Lightfoot-Adams

Mrs Sue Howie

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair (Superintendent Minister)

Circuit Treasurer

Date 11-3-26

Potteries Mission Methodist Circuit

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Potteries Mission Methodist Circuit

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Potteries Mission Methodist Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of Potteries Mission Methodist Circuit 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 Potteries Mission Methodist Circuit's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since Potteries Mission Methodist Circuit's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of , which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Potteries Mission Methodist Circuit as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting 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.

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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Daryl Denson ACMA

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The Dudson Centre
Hope Street
Stoke on Trent
ST1 5DD

14/04/2026
Date:.....

Potteries Mission Methodist Circuit

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2025 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	56,934	-	56,934
Charitable activities	3	285,749	-	285,749
Investment income	4	56,273	5,750	62,023
Total income		<u>398,956</u>	<u>5,750</u>	<u>404,706</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	5	<u>(446,844)</u>	<u>(886)</u>	<u>(447,730)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(446,844)</u>	<u>(886)</u>	<u>(447,730)</u>
Gains/losses on investment assets		<u>(143)</u>	<u>503</u>	<u>360</u>
Net (expenditure)/income		(48,031)	5,367	(42,664)
Gross transfers between funds		<u>4,866</u>	<u>(4,866)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		(43,165)	501	(42,664)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>2,935,498</u>	<u>272,614</u>	<u>3,208,112</u>
Total funds carried forward	13	<u><u>2,892,333</u></u>	<u><u>273,115</u></u>	<u><u>3,165,448</u></u>

The notes on pages 10 to 19 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Potteries Mission Methodist Circuit

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	150,819	-	150,819
Charitable activities	3	305,059	-	305,059
Investment income	4	66,003	7,644	73,647
Total income		<u>521,881</u>	<u>7,644</u>	<u>529,525</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	5	(483,283)	(721)	(484,004)
Total expenditure		(483,283)	(721)	(484,004)
Gains/losses on investment assets		351	19,576	19,927
Net income		38,949	26,499	65,448
Gross transfers between funds		6,923	(6,923)	-
Net movement in funds		45,872	19,576	65,448
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>2,889,626</u>	<u>253,038</u>	<u>3,142,664</u>
Total funds carried forward	13	<u><u>2,935,498</u></u>	<u><u>272,614</u></u>	<u><u>3,208,112</u></u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2024 is shown in note 13.

Potteries Mission Methodist Circuit

(Registration number: 1134240)
Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	8	1,966,066	1,966,066
Current assets			
Debtors	9	20,000	-
Investments	10	1,085,652	1,115,745
Cash at bank and in hand	11	95,170	127,741
		1,200,822	1,243,486
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	(1,440)	(1,440)
Net current assets		1,199,382	1,242,046
Net assets		3,165,448	3,208,112
Funds of the charity:			
Endowment funds		273,115	272,614
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		2,892,333	2,935,498
Total funds	13	3,165,448	3,208,112

The financial statements on pages 7 to 19 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 14/04/20 and signed on their behalf by:


[Mrs. Susan M Howie \(Apr. 14, 2026 16:24:54 GMT+1\)...](#)
 Sue Howie
 Trustee

Potteries Mission Methodist Circuit

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

Potteries Mission Methodist Circuit meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Investment income

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank. Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

Grant provisions

Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient but there is uncertainty about either the timing of the grant or the amount of grant payable.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £0.00 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Current asset investments

Current asset investments are included at the lower of cost and net realisable value / market value.

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Borrowings

Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs. Interest-bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the Statement of Financial Activities over the period of the relevant borrowing.

Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the charity has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Potteries Mission Methodist Circuit

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

Financial instruments

Classification

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the charity after deducting all of its liabilities.

Recognition and measurement

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the charity intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the charity, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

Debt instruments

Debt instruments which meet the following conditions are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method:

(a) The contractual return to the holder is (i) a fixed amount; (ii) a positive fixed rate or a positive variable rate; or (iii) a combination of a positive or a negative fixed rate and a positive variable rate.

(b) The contract may provide for repayments of the principal or the return to the holder (but not both) to be linked to a single relevant observable index of general price inflation of the currency in which the debt instrument is denominated, provided such links are not leveraged.

(c) The contract may provide for a determinable variation of the return to the holder during the life of the instrument, provided that (i) the new rate satisfies condition (a) and the variation is not contingent on future events other than (1) a change of a contractual variable rate; (2) to protect the holder against credit deterioration of the issuer; (3) changes in levies applied by a central bank or arising from changes in relevant taxation or law; or (ii) the new rate is a market rate of interest and satisfies condition (a).

(d) There is no contractual provision that could, by its terms, result in the holder losing the principal amount or any interest attributable to the current period or prior periods.

(e) Contractual provisions that permit the issuer to prepay a debt instrument or permit the holder to put it back to the issuer before maturity are not contingent on future events, other than to protect the holder against the credit deterioration of the issuer or a change in control of the issuer, or to protect the holder or issuer against changes in levies applied by a central bank or arising from changes in relevant taxation or law.

(f) Contractual provisions may permit the extension of the term of the debt instrument, provided that the return to the holder and any other contractual provisions applicable during the extended term satisfy the conditions of paragraphs (a) to (c).

Debt instruments that are classified as payable or receivable within one year on initial recognition and which meet the above conditions are measured at the undiscounted amount of the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received, net of impairment.

With the exception of some hedging instruments, other debt instruments not meeting these conditions are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

Commitments to make and receive loans which meet the conditions mentioned above are measured at cost (which may be nil) less impairment.

Investments

Investments in non-convertible preference shares and non-puttable ordinary or preference shares (where shares are publicly traded or their fair value is reliably measurable) are measured at fair value through profit or loss. Where fair value cannot be measured reliably, investments are measured at cost less impairment.

Investments in subsidiaries and associates are measured at cost less impairment. For investments in subsidiaries acquired for consideration including the issue of shares qualifying for merger relief, cost is measured by reference to the nominal value of the shares issued plus fair value of other consideration. Any premium is ignored.

Potteries Mission Methodist Circuit

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Derivative financial instruments

The charity uses derivative financial instruments to reduce exposure to foreign exchange risk and interest rate movements. The charity does not hold or issue derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes.

Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value at the date a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently remeasured to their fair value at each reporting date. The resulting gain or loss is recognised in statement of financial activities immediately unless the derivative is designated and effective as a hedging instrument, in which event the timing of the recognition in statement of financial activities depends on the nature of the hedge relationship.

Fair value measurement

The best evidence of fair value is a quoted price for an identical asset in an active market. When quoted prices are unavailable, the price of a recent transaction for an identical asset provides evidence of fair value as long as there has not been a significant change in economic circumstances or a significant lapse of time since the transaction took place. If the market is not active and recent transactions of an identical asset on their own are not a good estimate of fair value, the fair value is estimated by using a valuation technique.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds		Total
	General	Other	2025
	£	£	£
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from companies, trusts and similar proceeds	25,063	7,481	32,544
Donations from individuals	700	-	700
Legacies	-	23,690	23,690
	<u>25,763</u>	<u>31,171</u>	<u>56,934</u>
	Unrestricted funds		Total
	General	Other	2024
	£	£	£
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from companies, trusts and similar proceeds	28,924	110,500	139,424
Donations from individuals	2,005	-	2,005
Legacies	-	390	390
Grants, including capital grants;			
Grants from other charities	9,000	-	9,000
	<u>39,929</u>	<u>110,890</u>	<u>150,819</u>

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3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £
Assessments on Churches	285,749	285,749
	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2024 £
Assessments on Churches	305,059	305,059

4 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Other £	Endowment funds Permanent £	Total 2025 £
Income from dividends; Dividends receivable from other listed investments	-	223	5,750	5,973
Interest receivable and similar income; Interest receivable on bank deposits	1,097	-	-	1,097
Other income from fixed asset investments	17,898	-	-	17,898
Other income from current asset investments	-	37,055	-	37,055
	18,995	37,278	5,750	62,023

	Unrestricted funds General £	Other £	Endowment funds Permanent £	Total 2024 £
Income from dividends; Dividends receivable from other listed investments	-	20,761	7,644	28,405
Interest receivable and similar income; Interest receivable on bank deposits	2,538	-	-	2,538
Other income from fixed asset investments	11,877	-	-	11,877
Other income from current asset investments	-	30,827	-	30,827
	14,415	51,588	7,644	73,647

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5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total
	General	Other		2025
	£	£	£	£
Grants and donations	30,808	11,427	-	42,235
Stipends and Expenses	232,094	-	-	232,094
Property maintenance	13,405	-	-	13,405
District assessment & Levy	81,305	11,323	-	92,628
Office Expenses	26,730	-	-	26,730
Other outgoings	36,127	3,626	886	40,639
	<u>420,469</u>	<u>26,376</u>	<u>886</u>	<u>447,731</u>
	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total
	General	Other		2024
	£	£	£	£
Grants and donations	49,461	20,969	-	70,430
Stipends and Expenses	203,021	-	-	203,021
Property maintenance	34,934	-	-	34,934
District assessment & Levy	78,937	35,399	-	114,336
Office Expenses	23,855	-	-	23,855
Other outgoings	29,958	6,749	721	37,428
	<u>420,166</u>	<u>63,117</u>	<u>721</u>	<u>484,004</u>

6 Trustees remuneration and expenses

During the year the charity made the following transactions with trustees:

Joseph Adams

£3,126 (2024: £3,181) of expenses were reimbursed to Joseph Adams during the year.

Carl Farnell

£Nil (2024: £639) of expenses were reimbursed to Carl Farnell during the year.

Paul Owen

£640 (2024: £567) of expenses were reimbursed to Paul Owen during the year.

Paul Parker

£1,745 (2024: £799) of expenses were reimbursed to Paul Parker during the year.

Pam Roberts

£2,232 (2024: £2,069) of expenses were reimbursed to Pam Roberts during the year.

Carole Foster

£Nil (2024: £13) of expenses were reimbursed to Carole Foster during the year.

Jacqui Gillon

£49 (2024: £72) of expenses were reimbursed to Jacqui Gillon during the year.

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No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any other benefits from the charity during the year.

7 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

8 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 September 2024	<u>1,966,066</u>	<u>1,966,066</u>
At 31 August 2025	1,966,066	1,966,066
Depreciation		
At 31 August 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net book value		
At 31 August 2025	<u><u>1,966,066</u></u>	<u><u>1,966,066</u></u>
At 31 August 2024	<u><u>1,966,066</u></u>	<u><u>1,966,066</u></u>

9 Debtors

	2025 £
Trade debtors	<u><u>20,000</u></u>

10 Current asset investments

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash deposits	<u><u>1,085,652</u></u>	<u><u>1,115,745</u></u>

11 Cash and cash equivalents

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash on hand	(148)	(42)
Cash at bank	<u>95,318</u>	<u>127,783</u>
	<u><u>95,170</u></u>	<u><u>127,741</u></u>

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12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals	<u>1,440</u>	<u>1,440</u>

13 Funds

	Balance at 1 September 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2025 £
Unrestricted funds						
<i>General</i>						
General Fund	2,092,367	330,506	(420,468)	77,392	-	2,079,797
Circuit Model Trust Fund	<u>843,131</u>	<u>68,450</u>	<u>(26,376)</u>	<u>(72,526)</u>	<u>(143)</u>	<u>812,536</u>
	2,935,498	398,956	(446,844)	4,866	(143)	2,892,333
Endowment funds						
<i>Permanent</i>						
Memorial Fund	<u>272,614</u>	<u>5,750</u>	<u>(886)</u>	<u>(4,866)</u>	<u>503</u>	<u>273,115</u>
Total funds	<u>3,208,112</u>	<u>404,706</u>	<u>(447,730)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>360</u>	<u>3,165,448</u>

	Balance at 1 September 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2024 £
Unrestricted funds						
<i>General</i>						
General Fund	1,831,895	359,403	(155,166)	56,235	-	2,092,367
Circuit Model Trust Fund	<u>1,057,731</u>	<u>162,478</u>	<u>(328,117)</u>	<u>(49,312)</u>	<u>351</u>	<u>843,131</u>
	2,889,626	521,881	(483,283)	6,923	351	2,935,498
Endowment funds						
<i>Permanent</i>						
Memorial Fund	<u>253,038</u>	<u>7,644</u>	<u>(721)</u>	<u>(6,923)</u>	<u>19,576</u>	<u>272,614</u>
Total funds	<u>3,142,664</u>	<u>529,525</u>	<u>(484,004)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,927</u>	<u>3,208,112</u>

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14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds		Endowment funds	Total funds at
	General	Other	Permanent	31 August
	£	£	£	2025
Tangible fixed assets	1,966,066	-	-	1,966,066
Current assets	115,172	812,535	273,115	1,200,822
Current liabilities	(1,440)	-	-	(1,440)
Total net assets	<u>2,079,798</u>	<u>812,535</u>	<u>273,115</u>	<u>3,165,448</u>

	Unrestricted funds		Endowment funds	Total funds at
	General	Other	Permanent	31 August
	£	£	£	2024
Tangible fixed assets	1,966,066	-	-	1,966,066
Current assets	127,740	843,132	272,614	1,243,486
Current liabilities	(1,440)	-	-	(1,440)
Total net assets	<u>2,092,366</u>	<u>843,132</u>	<u>272,614</u>	<u>3,208,112</u>

15 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

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Potteries Mission Methodist Circuit

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

Potteries Mission Methodist Circuit

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	09	2023		31	08	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Potteries Mission Circuit
Other names charity is known by	None
Registered charity number (if any)	1134240
Charity's principal address	409 Ford Green Road Norton Stoke on Trent Postcode ST6 8LX

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name (office if any)	Trustee name	Trustee name
Rev. Jenny Dyer (Chairperson)	Mr Harry Bowyer	Mrs Pat Austin
Rev. Joe Adams	Mrs Sue Bowyer	Mrs Jackie Parkes
Rev. Paul Parker	Mr Rob Blurton	Mrs Helen Hutt
Rev. Pam Roberts	Mrs Rebecca Condliffe	Mr Arthur Shaw
Mr Paul Owen	Mr Terry Tideswell	Mr Matt Smith
Mrs Chris Thompson	Mrs Linda Lawton	Miss Chris Rowe
Mr Carl Farnell	Ms Helen Snashall	Miss Sue Ray
Mrs Sue Howie	Mrs Jean Machin	Mr John Smith
Mr Glenn Parkes	Mr Ray Perry	Mrs Susan Cooke
Mrs Kath Roberts	Mrs Judith Boulton	Mrs Josie Cope
Mrs Dawn Birks	Mr Joe Boulton	Mrs Margaret Smith
Mrs Carole Foster	Mrs Norma Ball	Mrs Lesley Lloyd
Mrs Gill Rawlinson	Mr Alan Nickisson	Mrs Sue Brown
Mrs Jackie Gillon	Mrs Kate Miller	Mrs Margaret Seewoosaha
Dr. Ian Turner	Mrs Gill Holmes	Norman Prophett
Mrs June Dolan	Mrs Helen Lewis	Stephen Davies
Mrs Debbie Clowry	Mr Shaun Gloyne	Hilary Hands
Mr Geoff Hill	Mrs Barbara Barnes	
Ms Alex Bamford	Mrs Hilary Harvey	
Mrs Jean Bunker	Mrs Yvonne Farnell	
Mrs Suzanne Moore	Mr Paul Plant	
Mr Robert Boardman	Mrs Janet Shaw	
Mrs Sue Harris	Mrs Ann Stanyer	
Mrs Melanie Salt	Mr Kendall Prosser	

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

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

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Act of Parliament

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Appointed by local churches and existing trustees
Ministers are automatically trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Induction/Training

- ◆ Range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion.
- ◆ Leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church' given to each trustee.

Structure

- ◆ Part of the Chester and Stoke on Trent District.
- ◆ Accountable to the Methodist Conference.

Risks

- ◆ Considered by the Circuit Leadership Team.
- ◆ Take professional advice as required.
- ◆ Regular review process.
- ◆ Adopted Safeguarding Policy and ensured it is rolled out to the churches

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

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

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

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

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

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

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The Circuit had throughout this year sixteen churches, which run weekly services of worship (or in one case, twice-monthly). These are open to all people, without charge. The Circuit also provides preachers for Sunday services at the Claybourne care home run by Methodist Homes for the Aged. In addition, the ministers of the Circuit undertake baptisms, weddings and funerals, both for Methodist members and members of the public who request them.

Each of the churches runs or supports various activities, including fellowship and Bible Study groups, children’s and youth activities, lunch clubs, and a foodbank, and fundraising for a variety of charities including Christian Aid, Action for Children, All We Can (the Methodist Relief and Development charity) and Methodist Homes for the Aged. In addition, the Circuit runs a project in Burslem supporting people experiencing homelessness. Meals are served every Wednesday and Saturday evening, and church members and others are involved as volunteers, either cooking the meals at home, or being present in the centre to serve the meals and provide conversation and support.

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

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The Circuit Model Trust Fund, following the purchase of a new manse, had a balance at the year end of August 2024 of £267,647.22. This fund derives from sales of chapels and manses. In addition, a sum of £507,631.77 from legacies was also held on the Model Trusts. Model Trust funds are restricted by the Conference. This restriction is an internal regulation though the fund can be used for a variety of purposes. £272,614.40 was held in a permanent endowment fund for the relief of poverty. The income from this fund is used for the support of the Night Shelter and foodbank, and other local charitable causes.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The year began with some changes to our staff team. One of our co-Superintendents, Revd Linda Catlow, left in August 2023 to move to a new appointment in Lancaster, and this left Revd Jenny Dyer as sole Superintendent. In addition, Revd Joe Adams arrived from Colchester to take responsibility for most of the churches Linda had been covering. He took charge of Temple Street, Trentham, Fenton Park and West End Methodist Churches. We therefore continued to have a staff team comprising four ministers (known as Presbyters), a Lay Pastor, a Children and Families Worker and the Circuit Administrator.

In addition to this staff, we continued to have the support of a District Team offering ministry at two churches with significant challenges: Longton Central Hall and Fegg Hayes. At Longton Central Hall, two lay officers from the District (Ian White and Sally Graham) continued to support moves towards the development of the back part of the Hall for housing. Two retired ministers also offered pastoral visiting (Revd Joyce Smith) and preaching support (Revd Arthur Wakelin). At Fegg Hayes, where there is a significant community centre, one retired minister (Revd Paul Clapham) offered both pastoral and preaching support.

Sadly, in February 2024, our Children and Families Worker Nick Jeffries handed in his notice to move to a similar post in the neighbouring circuit. This was a disappointment to us because Nick's work had had a significant impact at a number of our churches. We reviewed the post and readvertised it. The new appointee was Matthew Cooke, a fairly new Christian and a member of our Norton church, where he had built up a Junior Church from scratch. Matt started work in June and is lead the Open-the-Book group that is going into schools at Fegg Hayes and Norton. Matt is also running an after-school club and Junior Church at Norton, supporting Messy Church and Junior Church at Tunstall, seeking to get a new group off the ground at Fegg Hayes, and supporting the Broadway church in Meir to develop its thinking about children's work and its links with schools. He has also been approached by some of our other churches to give advice and input.

The Circuit Zoom Bible Study group has continued on Thursday evenings. During Advent and Lent and 'Bible Month' in June it expanded to take in more attendees. During Advent and Lent various of the churches also ran in-person study groups.

In June we were glad to present long-service certificates to two Local Preachers: Paul Owen, who had been preaching for 50 years, and Joy McShee who had been preaching for 60 years.

None of the full-time staff were leaving in summer 2024, but the two-year stint of the District Team was coming to an end. We entered the stationing process seeking a Deacon to work at and from Longton Central Hall and Fegg Hayes Methodist Church. [In the Methodist Church, Deacons are regarded as an Order of Ministry equal in status to Presbyters, but whereas Presbyters have a ministry of Word and Sacrament, Deacons have a ministry of Outreach and Service.] We were matched with Deacon Rachel Thomas-Prasad, who is coming to us from Birmingham, and we look forward to her arrival in September 2024.

Section D

Achievements and performance

During the year we had purchased a new manse meant for the incoming Deacon. Our intention was also to sell the manse that Revd Linda had vacated. Deacon Rachel however preferred the manse that Linda had vacated and so we will delay its sale while Rachel and family are in the Circuit. We intend to let out the newly bought manse, which will bring in income. It will also increase our stock of available manses to offer future ministers.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Potteries Mission Circuit has reviewed its Reserves Policy and now seeks to hold a sum equivalent to at least 6 months' average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on manses and / or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of the closure of a large church or an inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment from churches.

The Circuit is aware that it holds more in Model Trust Funds than is necessary. However, decisions have been taken gradually to reduce these funds, by subsidising the Circuit Assessment and by offering grants to churches for property and employment projects. It is anticipated that there may be further calls on this money as we seek to support Longton Central Hall in ambitious property proposals that are currently being explored.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

There are none.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Our chief source of funds is the assessment paid by the churches, deriving from giving from our church members.

Our chief expenditure is on the stipends of the ministers and salary of the Children and Families Worker and the Circuit Administrator, all engaged in meeting our key objectives.

Funds not needed for day to day activities are invested with Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or the Central Finance Board, under the oversight of the Joint Advisory Committee on the Ethics of Investment.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		S.M. Howie
Full name(s)	Revd Jennifer Margaret Dyer	Mrs Sue Howie
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair (Superintendent Minister)	Circuit Treasurer

Date09/03/2025

Potteries Mission Methodist Circuit

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Potteries Mission Methodist Circuit

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Potteries Mission Methodist Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of Potteries Mission Methodist Circuit 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 Potteries Mission Methodist Circuit's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since Potteries Mission Methodist Circuit's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of , which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Potteries Mission Methodist Circuit as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting 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.

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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Daryl Denson ACMA

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The Dudson Centre
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ST1 5DD

09/04/25
Date:.....

Potteries Mission Methodist Circuit

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	150,819	-	150,819
Charitable activities	3	305,059	-	305,059
Investment income	4	66,003	7,644	73,647
Total income		<u>521,881</u>	<u>7,644</u>	<u>529,525</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	5	(483,283)	(721)	(484,004)
Total expenditure		(483,283)	(721)	(484,004)
Gains/losses on investment assets		351	19,576	19,927
Net income		38,949	26,499	65,448
Gross transfers between funds		6,923	(6,923)	-
Net movement in funds		45,872	19,576	65,448
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>2,889,626</u>	<u>253,038</u>	<u>3,142,664</u>
Total funds carried forward	12	<u><u>2,935,498</u></u>	<u><u>272,614</u></u>	<u><u>3,208,112</u></u>

The notes on pages 11 to 20 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2024 (continued)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	499,440	-	499,440
Charitable activities	3	345,820	-	345,820
Investment income	4	45,340	7,795	53,135
Total income		<u>890,600</u>	<u>7,795</u>	<u>898,395</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	5	<u>(485,082)</u>	<u>(753)</u>	<u>(485,835)</u>
Total expenditure		(485,082)	(753)	(485,835)
Gains/losses on investment assets		<u>-</u>	<u>(11,222)</u>	<u>(11,222)</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		405,518	(4,180)	401,338
Gross transfers between funds		7,042	(7,042)	-
Other recognised gains and losses				
Gains/losses on revaluation of fixed assets for charity's own use		<u>1,157,093</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,157,093</u>
Net movement in funds		1,569,653	(11,222)	1,558,431
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>1,319,973</u>	<u>264,260</u>	<u>1,584,233</u>
Total funds carried forward	12	<u><u>2,889,626</u></u>	<u><u>253,038</u></u>	<u><u>3,142,664</u></u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2023 is shown in note 12.

Potteries Mission Methodist Circuit

(Registration number: 1134240)
Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	8	1,966,066	1,701,006
Current assets			
Investments	9	1,115,745	1,310,769
Cash at bank and in hand	10	<u>127,741</u>	<u>131,750</u>
		1,243,486	1,442,519
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>(1,440)</u>	<u>(861)</u>
Net current assets		<u>1,242,046</u>	<u>1,441,658</u>
Net assets		<u>3,208,112</u>	<u>3,142,664</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Endowment funds		272,614	253,038
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>2,935,498</u>	<u>2,889,626</u>
Total funds	12	<u>3,208,112</u>	<u>3,142,664</u>

The financial statements on pages 8 to 20 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 09/04/25..... and signed on their behalf by:

.....
Sue Howie
Trustee

Potteries Mission Methodist Circuit

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

Potteries Mission Methodist Circuit meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Investment income

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank. Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

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Grant provisions

Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient but there is uncertainty about either the timing of the grant or the amount of grant payable.

Government grants

Government grants are recognised based on the accrual model and are measured at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Grants are classified as relating either to revenue or to assets. Grants relating to revenue are recognised in income over the period in which the related costs are recognised. Grants relating to assets are recognised over the expected useful life of the asset. Where part of a grant relating to an asset is deferred, it is recognised as deferred income.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £0.00 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Current asset investments

Current asset investments are included at the lower of cost and net realisable value / market value.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Borrowings

Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs. Interest-bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the Statement of Financial Activities over the period of the relevant borrowing.

Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the charity has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024 (continued)

Financial instruments

Classification

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the charity after deducting all of its liabilities.

Recognition and measurement

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the charity intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the charity, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

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Debt instruments

Debt instruments which meet the following conditions are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method:

- (a) The contractual return to the holder is (i) a fixed amount; (ii) a positive fixed rate or a positive variable rate; or (iii) a combination of a positive or a negative fixed rate and a positive variable rate.
- (b) The contract may provide for repayments of the principal or the return to the holder (but not both) to be linked to a single relevant observable index of general price inflation of the currency in which the debt instrument is denominated, provided such links are not leveraged.
- (c) The contract may provide for a determinable variation of the return to the holder during the life of the instrument, provided that (i) the new rate satisfies condition (a) and the variation is not contingent on future events other than (1) a change of a contractual variable rate; (2) to protect the holder against credit deterioration of the issuer; (3) changes in levies applied by a central bank or arising from changes in relevant taxation or law; or (ii) the new rate is a market rate of interest and satisfies condition (a).
- (d) There is no contractual provision that could, by its terms, result in the holder losing the principal amount or any interest attributable to the current period or prior periods.
- (e) Contractual provisions that permit the issuer to prepay a debt instrument or permit the holder to put it back to the issuer before maturity are not contingent on future events, other than to protect the holder against the credit deterioration of the issuer or a change in control of the issuer, or to protect the holder or issuer against changes in levies applied by a central bank or arising from changes in relevant taxation or law.
- (f) Contractual provisions may permit the extension of the term of the debt instrument, provided that the return to the holder and any other contractual provisions applicable during the extended term satisfy the conditions of paragraphs (a) to (c).

Debt instruments that are classified as payable or receivable within one year on initial recognition and which meet the above conditions are measured at the undiscounted amount of the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received, net of impairment.

With the exception of some hedging instruments, other debt instruments not meeting these conditions are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

Commitments to make and receive loans which meet the conditions mentioned above are measured at cost (which may be nil) less impairment.

Investments

Investments in non-convertible preference shares and non-puttable ordinary or preference shares (where shares are publicly traded or their fair value is reliably measurable) are measured at fair value through profit or loss. Where fair value cannot be measured reliably, investments are measured at cost less impairment.

Investments in subsidiaries and associates are measured at cost less impairment. For investments in subsidiaries acquired for consideration including the issue of shares qualifying for merger relief, cost is measured by reference to the nominal value of the shares issued plus fair value of other consideration. Any premium is ignored.

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Derivative financial instruments

The charity uses derivative financial instruments to reduce exposure to foreign exchange risk and interest rate movements. The charity does not hold or issue derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes.

Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value at the date a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently remeasured to their fair value at each reporting date. The resulting gain or loss is recognised in statement of financial activities immediately unless the derivative is designated and effective as a hedging instrument, in which event the timing of the recognition in statement of financial activities depends on the nature of the hedge relationship.

Fair value measurement

The best evidence of fair value is a quoted price for an identical asset in an active market. When quoted prices are unavailable, the price of a recent transaction for an identical asset provides evidence of fair value as long as there has not been a significant change in economic circumstances or a significant lapse of time since the transaction took place. If the market is not active and recent transactions of an identical asset on their own are not a good estimate of fair value, the fair value is estimated by using a valuation technique.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds		Total
	General	Other	2024
	£	£	£
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from companies, trusts and similar proceeds	28,924	110,500	139,424
Donations from individuals	2,005	-	2,005
Legacies	-	390	390
Grants, including capital grants;			
Grants from other charities	9,000	-	9,000
	<u>39,929</u>	<u>110,890</u>	<u>150,819</u>
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Total
	General	Other	2023
	£	£	£
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from companies, trusts and similar proceeds	17,038	94,059	111,097
Donations from individuals	1,772	-	1,772
Legacies	-	80,462	80,462
Donations from community groups	8,150	295,459	303,609
Grants, including capital grants;			
Government grants	2,500	-	2,500
	<u>29,460</u>	<u>469,980</u>	<u>499,440</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024 (continued)

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2024 £
Assessments on Churches	305,059	305,059
	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2023 £
Assessments on Churches	345,820	345,820

4 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Other £	Endowment funds Permanent £	Total 2024 £
Income from dividends;				
Dividends receivable from other listed investments	-	20,761	7,644	28,405
Interest receivable and similar income;				
Interest receivable on bank deposits	2,538	-	-	2,538
Other income from fixed asset investments	11,877	-	-	11,877
Other income from current asset investments	-	30,827	-	30,827
	14,415	51,588	7,644	73,647
	Unrestricted funds General £	Other £	Endowment funds Permanent £	Total 2023 £
Income from dividends;				
Dividends receivable from other listed investments	-	152	7,795	7,947
Interest receivable and similar income;				
Interest receivable on bank deposits	1,527	-	-	1,527
Other income from fixed asset investments	6,460	-	-	6,460
Other income from current asset investments	-	37,201	-	37,201
	7,987	37,353	7,795	53,135

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024 (continued)

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total
	General	Other		2024
	£	£	£	£
Grants and donations	49,461	20,969	-	70,430
Stipends and Expenses	203,021	-	-	203,021
Property maintenance	34,934	-	-	34,934
District assessment & Levy	78,937	35,399	-	114,336
Office Expenses	23,855	-	-	23,855
Other outgoings	29,958	6,749	721	37,428
	<u>420,166</u>	<u>63,117</u>	<u>721</u>	<u>484,004</u>
	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total
	General	Other		2023
	£	£	£	£
Grants and donations	38,666	-	-	38,666
Stipends and Expenses	204,767	-	-	204,767
Property maintenance	32,035	-	-	32,035
District assessment & Levy	72,149	82,989	-	155,138
Office Expenses	19,741	-	-	19,741
Other outgoings	32,767	1,968	753	35,488
	<u>400,125</u>	<u>84,957</u>	<u>753</u>	<u>485,835</u>

6 Trustees remuneration and expenses

During the year the charity made the following transactions with trustees:

Joseph Adams

£3,181 (2023: £Nil) of expenses were reimbursed to Joseph Adams during the year.

Carl Farnell

£639 (2023: £Nil) of expenses were reimbursed to Carl Farnell during the year.

Paul Owen

£567 (2023: £Nil) of expenses were reimbursed to Paul Owen during the year.

Paul Parker

£799 (2023: £Nil) of expenses were reimbursed to Paul Parker during the year.

Pam Roberts

£2,069 (2023: £Nil) of expenses were reimbursed to Pam Roberts during the year.

Carole Foster

£13 (2023: £Nil) of expenses were reimbursed to Carole Foster during the year.

Jacqui Gillon

£72 (2023: £Nil) of expenses were reimbursed to Jacqui Gillon during the year.

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No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any other benefits from the charity during the year.

7 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

8 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 September 2023	1,701,066	1,701,066
Additions	<u>265,000</u>	<u>265,000</u>
At 31 August 2024	1,966,066	1,966,066
Depreciation		
At 31 August 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net book value		
At 31 August 2024	<u>1,966,066</u>	<u>1,966,066</u>
At 31 August 2023	<u>1,701,066</u>	<u>1,701,066</u>

9 Current asset investments

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash deposits	<u>1,115,745</u>	<u>1,310,769</u>

10 Cash and cash equivalents

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash on hand	(42)	64
Cash at bank	<u>127,783</u>	<u>131,686</u>
	<u>127,741</u>	<u>131,750</u>

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11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals	<u>1,440</u>	<u>861</u>

12 Funds

	Balance at 1 September 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2024 £
Unrestricted funds						
<i>General</i>						
General Fund	1,831,895	359,403	(155,166)	56,235	-	2,092,367
Circuit Model Trust Fund	<u>1,057,731</u>	<u>162,478</u>	<u>(328,117)</u>	<u>(49,312)</u>	<u>351</u>	<u>843,131</u>
	2,889,626	521,881	(483,283)	6,923	351	2,935,498
Endowment funds						
<i>Permanent</i>						
Memorial Fund	<u>253,038</u>	<u>7,644</u>	<u>(721)</u>	<u>(6,923)</u>	<u>19,576</u>	<u>272,614</u>
Total funds	<u>3,142,664</u>	<u>529,525</u>	<u>(484,004)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,927</u>	<u>3,208,112</u>
	Balance at 1 September 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2023 £
Unrestricted funds						
<i>General</i>						
General Fund	628,868	383,267	(400,125)	62,792	1,157,093	1,831,895
Circuit Model Trust Fund	<u>691,105</u>	<u>507,333</u>	<u>(84,957)</u>	<u>(55,750)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,057,731</u>
	1,319,973	890,600	(485,082)	7,042	1,157,093	2,889,626
Endowment funds						
<i>Permanent</i>						
Memorial Fund	<u>264,260</u>	<u>7,795</u>	<u>(753)</u>	<u>(7,042)</u>	<u>(11,222)</u>	<u>253,038</u>
Total funds	<u>1,584,233</u>	<u>898,395</u>	<u>(485,835)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,145,871</u>	<u>3,142,664</u>

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13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds		Endowment funds	Total funds at
	General	Other	Permanent	31 August
	£	£	£	2024
Tangible fixed assets	1,966,066	-	-	1,966,066
Current assets	127,740	843,132	272,614	1,243,486
Current liabilities	(1,440)	-	-	(1,440)
Total net assets	<u>2,092,366</u>	<u>843,132</u>	<u>272,614</u>	<u>3,208,112</u>

	Unrestricted funds		Endowment funds	Total funds at
	General	Other	Permanent	31 August
	£	£	£	2023
Tangible fixed assets	1,701,006	-	-	1,701,006
Current assets	131,750	1,057,731	253,038	1,442,519
Current liabilities	(861)	-	-	(861)
Total net assets	<u>1,831,895</u>	<u>1,057,731</u>	<u>253,038</u>	<u>3,142,664</u>

14 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

Accounts

Charity registration number: 1134240

Potteries Mission Methodist Circuit

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 August 2023



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	09	2022		31	08	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Potteries Mission Circuit
Other names charity is known by	None
Registered charity number (if any)	1134240
Charity's principal address	409 Ford Green Road
	Norton
	Stoke on Trent
Postcode	ST6 8LX

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name (office if any)	Trustee name (office if any)	Trustee name (office if any)
Rev. J Dyer (Chairperson)	Mr Harry Bowyer	Mrs Pat Austin
Rev. Linda Catlow	Mrs Sue Bowyer	Mrs Jackie Parkes
Rev. Paul Parker	Mr Rob Blurton	Mr David Swann
Rev. Pam Roberts	Mrs Rebecca Condliffe	Mr Arthur Shaw
Mr Paul Owen	Mr Terry Tideswell	Mrs Lesley Bould
Mrs Chris Thompson	Mrs Linda Lawton	Miss Chris Rowe
Mr Carl Farnell	Ms Helen Snashall	Miss Sue Ray
Mrs Sue Howie	Mrs Jean Machin	Mr John Smith
Mr Glenn Parkes	Mr Ray Perry	Mrs Susan Cooke
Mrs Kath Roberts	Mrs Judith Boulton	Mrs Josie Cope
Mrs Dawn Birks	Mr Joe Boulton	Mrs Margaret Smith
Mrs Carol Foster	Mrs Norma Ball	Mrs Lesley Lloyd
Mrs Gill Rawlinson	Mr Alan Nickisson	Mrs Sue Brown
Mrs Jackie Gillon	Mrs Kate Miller	Mrs Margaret Seewoosaha
Dr. Ian Turner	Mrs Gill Holmes	Norman Prophett
Mrs June Dolan	Mrs Helen Lewis	Stephen Davies
Mrs Debbie Clowry	Mr Shaun Gloyne	Hilary Hands
Mr Geoff Hill	Mrs Barbara Barnes	
Mrs Alison Gibson	Mrs Hilary Harvey	
Mrs Jean Bunker	Mrs Yvonne Farnell	
Mrs Suzanne Moore	Mr Paul Plant	
Mrs Frances Adams	Mrs Janet Shaw	
Mrs Mary Ball	Mrs Ann Stanyer	
Mrs Melanie Salt	Mr Kendall Prosser	
	Mrs Olwen Brooks	

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Deed Of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Act of Parliament
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by local churches and existing trustees Ministers are automatically trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Induction/Training

- ◆ Range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion.
- ◆ Leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church' given to each trustee.

Structure

- ◆ Part of the Chester and Stoke on Trent District.
- ◆ Accountable to the Methodist Conference.

Risks

- ◆ Considered by the Circuit Leadership Team.
- ◆ Take professional advice as required.
- ◆ Regular review process.
- ◆ Adopted Safeguarding Policy and ensured it is rolled out to the churches

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

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

- a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;
- b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;
- c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;
- d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The Circuit had throughout this year sixteen churches, which run weekly services of worship (or in one case, twice-monthly). These are open to all people, without charge. The Circuit also provides preachers for Sunday services at the Claybourne care home run by Methodist Homes for the Aged. In addition, the ministers of the Circuit undertake baptisms, weddings and funerals, both for Methodist members and members of the public who request them.

Each of the churches runs or supports various activities, including fellowship and Bible Study groups, children's and youth activities, lunch clubs, and a foodbank, and fundraising for a variety of charities including Christian Aid, Action for Children, All We Can (the Methodist Relief and Development charity) and Methodist Homes for the Aged. In addition, the Circuit runs a project in Burslem supporting people experiencing homelessness. Meals are served every Wednesday and Saturday evening, and church members and others are involved as volunteers, either cooking the meals at home, or being present in the centre to serve the meals and provide conversation and support.

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

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The Circuit Model Trust Fund had a balance at the year end of August 2023 of £653,204.13. This fund derives from sales of chapels and manses. In addition, a sum of £404,825.87 from legacies was also held on the Model Trusts. Model Trust funds are restricted by the Conference. This restriction is an internal regulation though the fund can be used for a variety of purposes. £252,081.80 was held in a permanent endowment fund for the relief of poverty. The income from this fund is used for the support of the Night Shelter and foodbank, and other local charitable causes.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The year began on a high note, with the merger of Stoke-on-Trent (North) and Stoke-on-Trent South Methodist Circuits, to form the new Potteries Mission Circuit. The merger was celebrated at a service at Tunstall in September 2022, led by the District Chair, Revd Helen Kirk. At that service, we also welcomed an incoming minister, Revd Paul Parker. He joined the staff team making a total of four presbyters, a lay pastor and the circuit administrator, and took on responsibility for Tunstall, Salem (in Smallthorne), Bucknall and Milton churches.

The start of the year also saw the inauguration of a District Team to offer ministry at two churches with significant challenges: Longton Central Hall and Fegg Hayes. At Longton, two lay officers from the District (Ian White and Sally Graham) offered support as the Central Hall seeks to progress a property proposal to convert the back of the building into affordable single-occupancy apartments. In addition, two retired ministers offered pastoral visiting (Revd Joyce Smith) and preaching support (Revd Arthur Wakelin). At Fegg Hayes, where there is a significant community centre, one retired minister (Revd Paul Clapham) offered both pastoral and preaching support.

At its first Circuit Meeting, the Circuit adopted a new Mission Policy, and set about putting in place a policy under which churches could apply for circuit grants. It also had the privilege of hearing the testimonies of two candidates for ordained ministry, though sadly, for different reasons, both later decided to withdraw from the process. One though, Rody Riguerre (originally from Haiti) was later in the year accredited as a Local Preacher.

At its second Circuit Meeting, the Circuit met at Longton Central Hall, to see the extent of the buildings and to discuss the development proposal.

In September 2022, we interviewed for a Children and Families Worker and appointed Nick Jeffries, who started work at the end of October. This post is funded from the proceeds of sale of Ball Green Methodist Church. Over the rest of the year, Nick has initiated a 'Lego Church' at Fegg Hayes, an afterschool club called 'Ignite' at Norton, and a Junior Church at Tunstall, worked with the existing Messy Church at Tunstall, and led the Open-the-Book group going into schools at Fegg Hayes and Norton.

We had expected the Circuit to start with seventeen churches, but sadly during summer 2022 Lightwood Methodist Church took a decision to close. The building was sold by auction in February 2023. The proceeds of sale are available for grants to circuit churches. A gift of £1,000 was made to each church in the spring to cover the increased fuel costs churches had faced over the winter. And we were glad to make a grant to Temple Street during the year for their new community garden, and to celebrate with them their bronze Eco Church award.

The zoom Bible Study group, inherited from the Stoke North Circuit, has continued on Thursday evenings. During Advent and Lent and 'Bible Month' in June it expanded to take in more attendees from the South of the Circuit. During these times, an in-person group also ran at West End,

Section D

Achievements and performance

open to everyone in the Circuit, for those for whom zoom is not their preference.

During the year, mandatory Equality, Diversity and Inclusion training was rolled out for stewards and preachers, and a general training session for church stewards was run by a minister and a Circuit Steward.

The new Circuit was led for its first year by two Co-Superintendents, Revd Linda Catlow and Revd Jenny Dyer. At the end of the year, Linda moves to Lancaster to take up a new appointment, and so during the year we entered the stationing process and were glad to be matched with Revd Joe Adams. Joe arrives in September 2023 to take responsibility for Fenton Park, Temple Street, Trentham and West End churches.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Potteries Mission Circuit has reviewed its Reserves Policy and now seeks to hold a sum equivalent to at least 6 months' average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on manses and / or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of the closure of a large church or an inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment from churches.

The Circuit is aware that it holds more in Model Trust Funds than is necessary. However, decisions have been taken gradually to reduce these funds, by subsidising the Circuit Assessment and by offering grants to churches for property and employment projects. It is anticipated that there may be further calls on this money as we seek to support Longton Central Hall in ambitious property proposals that are currently being explored.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

There are none.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Our chief source of funds is the assessment paid by the churches, deriving from giving from our church members.

Our chief expenditure is on the stipends of the ministers and salary of the Children and Families Worker and the Circuit Administrator, all engaged in meeting our key objectives.

Funds not needed for day to day activities are invested with Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or the Central Finance Board, under the oversight of the Joint Advisory Committee on the Ethics of Investment.

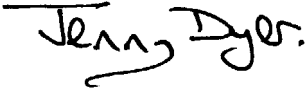
Section F	Other optional information
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Section G	Declaration
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The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees’ report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees

Signature(s)		S.M. Howie
Full name(s)	Revd Jennifer Margaret Dyer	Mrs Sue Howie
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair (Superintendent Minister)	Circuit Treasurer

Date	18/06/2024
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Potteries Mission Methodist Circuit

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustee of Potteries Mission Methodist Circuit

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Potteries Mission Methodist Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of Potteries Mission Methodist Circuit 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 Potteries Mission Methodist Circuit's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since Potteries Mission Methodist Circuit's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of , which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Potteries Mission Methodist Circuit as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting 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.

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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Daryl Denson ACMA

VAST
The Dudson Centre
Hope Street
Stoke on Trent
ST1 5DD

Date: Jun 20, 2024
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Potteries Mission Methodist Circuit

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	499,440	-	499,440
Charitable activities	3	345,820	-	345,820
Investment income	4	45,340	7,795	53,135
Total income		<u>890,600</u>	<u>7,795</u>	<u>898,395</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	5	(485,082)	(753)	(485,835)
Total expenditure		(485,082)	(753)	(485,835)
Gains/losses on investment assets		-	(11,222)	(11,222)
Net income/(expenditure)		405,518	(4,180)	401,338
Gross transfers between funds		7,042	(7,042)	-
Other recognised gains and losses				
Gains/losses on revaluation of fixed assets for charity's own use		1,157,093	-	1,157,093
Net movement in funds		1,569,653	(11,222)	1,558,431
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>1,319,973</u>	<u>264,260</u>	<u>1,584,233</u>
Total funds carried forward	14	<u><u>2,889,626</u></u>	<u><u>253,038</u></u>	<u><u>3,142,664</u></u>

The notes on pages 11 to 22 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Potteries Mission Methodist Circuit

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2023 (continued)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	29,936	-	29,936
Charitable activities	3	123,097	-	123,097
Investment income	4	27,520	-	27,520
Total income		<u>180,553</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>180,553</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	5	(368,000)	-	(368,000)
Total expenditure		(368,000)	-	(368,000)
Gains/losses on investment assets		(2,391)	(23,821)	(26,212)
Net expenditure		<u>(189,838)</u>	<u>(23,821)</u>	<u>(213,659)</u>
Net movement in funds		(189,838)	(23,821)	(213,659)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>1,509,811</u>	<u>288,081</u>	<u>1,797,892</u>
Total funds carried forward	14	<u><u>1,319,973</u></u>	<u><u>264,260</u></u>	<u><u>1,584,233</u></u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2022 is shown in note 14.

Potteries Mission Methodist Circuit

(Registration number: 1134240)
Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	9	1,701,006	543,913
Current assets			
Debtors	10	-	5,405
Investments	11	1,310,769	955,365
Cash at bank and in hand	12	131,750	95,014
		1,442,519	1,055,784
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	(861)	(15,464)
Net current assets		1,441,658	1,040,320
Net assets		3,142,664	1,584,233
Funds of the charity:			
Endowment funds		253,038	264,260
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		2,889,626	1,319,973
Total funds	14	3,142,664	1,584,233

The financial statements on pages 8 to 22 were approved by the trustee, and authorised for issue on Jun 20, 2024
and signed on behalf by:


Mrs Susan M Howie (Jun 20, 2024 16:17 GMT+1)

Sue Howie
Trustee

Potteries Mission Methodist Circuit

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

Potteries Mission Methodist Circuit meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Investment income

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank. Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Potteries Mission Methodist Circuit

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2023 (continued)

Grant provisions

Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient but there is uncertainty about either the timing of the grant or the amount of grant payable.

Government grants

Government grants are recognised based on the accrual model and are measured at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Grants are classified as relating either to revenue or to assets. Grants relating to revenue are recognised in income over the period in which the related costs are recognised. Grants relating to assets are recognised over the expected useful life of the asset. Where part of a grant relating to an asset is deferred, it is recognised as deferred income.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £0.00 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Current asset investments

Current asset investments are included at the lower of cost and net realisable value / market value.

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Potteries Mission Methodist Circuit

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2023 (continued)

Trade creditors

are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Borrowings

Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs. Interest-bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the Statement of Financial Activities over the period of the relevant borrowing.

Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the charity has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Financial instruments

Classification

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the charity after deducting all of its liabilities.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2023 (continued)

Recognition and measurement

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the charity intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the charity, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2023 (continued)

Debt instruments

Debt instruments which meet the following conditions are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method:

(a) The contractual return to the holder is (i) a fixed amount; (ii) a positive fixed rate or a positive variable rate; or (iii) a combination of a positive or a negative fixed rate and a positive variable rate.

(b) The contract may provide for repayments of the principal or the return to the holder (but not both) to be linked to a single relevant observable index of general price inflation of the currency in which the debt instrument is denominated, provided such links are not leveraged.

(c) The contract may provide for a determinable variation of the return to the holder during the life of the instrument, provided that (i) the new rate satisfies condition (a) and the variation is not contingent on future events other than (1) a change of a contractual variable rate; (2) to protect the holder against credit deterioration of the issuer; (3) changes in levies applied by a central bank or arising from changes in relevant taxation or law; or (ii) the new rate is a market rate of interest and satisfies condition (a).

(d) There is no contractual provision that could, by its terms, result in the holder losing the principal amount or any interest attributable to the current period or prior periods.

(e) Contractual provisions that permit the issuer to prepay a debt instrument or permit the holder to put it back to the issuer before maturity are not contingent on future events, other than to protect the holder against the credit deterioration of the issuer or a change in control of the issuer, or to protect the holder or issuer against changes in levies applied by a central bank or arising from changes in relevant taxation or law.

(f) Contractual provisions may permit the extension of the term of the debt instrument, provided that the return to the holder and any other contractual provisions applicable during the extended term satisfy the conditions of paragraphs (a) to (c).

Debt instruments that are classified as payable or receivable within one year on initial recognition and which meet the above conditions are measured at the undiscounted amount of the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received, net of impairment.

With the exception of some hedging instruments, other debt instruments not meeting these conditions are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

Commitments to make and receive loans which meet the conditions mentioned above are measured at cost (which may be nil) less impairment.

Investments

Investments in non-convertible preference shares and non-puttable ordinary or preference shares (where shares are publicly traded or their fair value is reliably measurable) are measured at fair value through profit or loss. Where fair value cannot be measured reliably, investments are measured at cost less impairment.

Investments in subsidiaries and associates are measured at cost less impairment. For investments in subsidiaries acquired for consideration including the issue of shares qualifying for merger relief, cost is measured by reference to the nominal value of the shares issued plus fair value of other consideration. Any premium is ignored.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2023 (continued)

Derivative financial instruments

The charity uses derivative financial instruments to reduce exposure to foreign exchange risk and interest rate movements. The charity does not hold or issue derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes.

Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value at the date a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently remeasured to their fair value at each reporting date. The resulting gain or loss is recognised in statement of financial activities immediately unless the derivative is designated and effective as a hedging instrument, in which event the timing of the recognition in statement of financial activities depends on the nature of the hedge relationship.

Fair value measurement

The best evidence of fair value is a quoted price for an identical asset in an active market. When quoted prices are unavailable, the price of a recent transaction for an identical asset provides evidence of fair value as long as there has not been a significant change in economic circumstances or a significant lapse of time since the transaction took place. If the market is not active and recent transactions of an identical asset on their own are not a good estimate of fair value, the fair value is estimated by using a valuation technique.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds		Total
	General	Other	2023
	£	£	£
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from companies, trusts and similar proceeds	17,038	94,059	111,097
Donations from individuals	1,772	-	1,772
Legacies	-	80,462	80,462
Donations from community groups	8,150	295,459	303,609
Grants, including capital grants;			
Government grants	2,500	-	2,500
	<u>29,460</u>	<u>469,980</u>	<u>499,440</u>
		Unrestricted funds	
		General	Total
		£	2022
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from individuals		29,936	29,936
		<u>29,936</u>	<u>29,936</u>

Potteries Mission Methodist Circuit

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2023 (continued)

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2023 £
Assessments on Churches	345,820	345,820
	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2022 £
Assessments on Churches	123,097	123,097

4 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Other £	Endowment funds Permanent £	Total 2023 £
Income from dividends; Dividends receivable from other listed investments	-	152	7,795	7,947
Interest receivable and similar income; Interest receivable on bank deposits	1,527	-	-	1,527
Other income from fixed asset investments	6,460	-	-	6,460
Other income from current asset investments	-	37,201	-	37,201
	7,987	37,353	7,795	53,135
	Unrestricted funds General £	Other £		Total 2022 £
Interest receivable and similar income; Interest receivable on bank deposits		10,840	-	10,840
Other income from fixed asset investments		6,015	-	6,015
Other income from current asset investments		-	10,665	10,665
		16,855	10,665	27,520

Potteries Mission Methodist Circuit

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2023 (continued)

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total
	General	Other		2023
	£	£	£	£
Grants and donations	38,666	-	-	38,666
Stipends and Expenses	204,767	-	-	204,767
Property maintenance	32,035	-	-	32,035
District assessment & Levy	72,149	82,989	-	155,138
Office Expenses	19,741	-	-	19,741
Other outgoings	32,767	1,968	753	35,488
	<u>400,125</u>	<u>84,957</u>	<u>753</u>	<u>485,835</u>

	Unrestricted funds		Total
	General	Other	2022
	£	£	£
Grants and donations	700	110,500	111,200
Stipends and Expenses	129,123	-	129,123
Property maintenance	15,558	-	15,558
District assessment & Levy	35,648	15,977	51,625
Depreciation	121	-	121
Office Expenses	7,043	-	7,043
Other outgoings	2,391	50,939	53,330
	<u>190,584</u>	<u>177,416</u>	<u>368,000</u>

6 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year include:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Depreciation of fixed assets	<u>-</u>	<u>121</u>

7 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

Potteries Mission Methodist Circuit

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2023 (continued)

8 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 September 2022	543,913	543,913
Revaluations	252,375	252,375
Additions	904,718	904,718
At 31 August 2023	1,701,006	1,701,006
Depreciation		
At 31 August 2023	-	-
Net book value		
At 31 August 2023	1,701,006	1,701,006
At 31 August 2022	543,913	543,913

10 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	-	5,405

11 Current asset investments

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash deposits	1,310,769	955,365

12 Cash and cash equivalents

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash on hand	64	-
Cash at bank	131,686	95,014
	131,750	95,014

Potteries Mission Methodist Circuit

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2023 (continued)

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	-	15,464
Accruals	861	-
	<u>861</u>	<u>15,464</u>

14 Funds

	Balance at 1 September 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £
Unrestricted funds					
<i>General</i>					
General Fund	628,868	383,267	(400,125)	62,792	1,157,093
Circuit Model Trust Fund	<u>691,105</u>	<u>507,333</u>	<u>(84,957)</u>	<u>(55,750)</u>	<u>-</u>
	1,319,973	890,600	(485,082)	7,042	1,157,093
Endowment funds					
<i>Permanent</i>					
Memorial Fund	<u>264,260</u>	<u>7,795</u>	<u>(753)</u>	<u>(7,042)</u>	<u>(11,222)</u>
Total funds	<u>1,584,233</u>	<u>898,395</u>	<u>(485,835)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,145,871</u>
					Balance at 31 August 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
<i>General</i>					
General Fund					1,831,895
Circuit Model Trust Fund					<u>1,057,731</u>
					2,889,626
Endowment funds					
<i>Permanent</i>					
Memorial Fund					<u>253,038</u>
Total funds					<u>3,142,664</u>

Potteries Mission Methodist Circuit

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2023 (continued)

	Balance at 1 September 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 August 2022 £
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
General Fund	649,564	169,888	(190,584)	628,868
Circuit Model Trust Fund	<u>860,247</u>	<u>10,665</u>	<u>(179,807)</u>	<u>691,105</u>
	1,509,811	180,553	(370,391)	1,319,973
Endowment funds				
<i>Permanent</i>				
Memorial Fund	<u>288,081</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(23,821)</u>	<u>264,260</u>
Total funds	<u><u>1,797,892</u></u>	<u><u>180,553</u></u>	<u><u>(394,212)</u></u>	<u><u>1,584,233</u></u>

Potteries Mission Methodist Circuit

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2023 (continued)

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds		Endowment funds	Total funds at
	General	Other	Permanent	31 August
	£	£	£	2023
				£
Tangible fixed assets	1,701,006	-	-	1,701,006
Current assets	131,750	1,057,731	253,038	1,442,519
Current liabilities	<u>(861)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(861)</u>
Total net assets	<u>1,831,895</u>	<u>1,057,731</u>	<u>253,038</u>	<u>3,142,664</u>

16 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

PMMC Accounts for Signing

Final Audit Report

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Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	09	2021	To	31	08	2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Stoke-on-Trent North Methodist Circuit

Other names charity is known by None

Registered charity number (if any) 1134240

Charity's principal address

409 Ford Green Road

Norton

Stoke on Trent

Postcode ST6 8LX

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name (office if any)	Trustee name (office if any)	Trustee name (office if any)
Rev. J Dyer (Chairperson)	Mr R Blurton	Mrs A Stanyer
Rev. K Kerchal	Mr T Tideswell	Mr K Prosser
Rev. J Smith	Mr D Floyd	
	Mr E Hambleton	Mrs L Bould
Mr P Owen	Mrs L Lawton	Miss C Rowe
Mr Carl Farnell		Mr J Tildsley
Mrs Jill Bennett	Mr D Broad	Miss P Baker
Mrs E Scott	Mr R Perry	Miss S Ray
Mr H Bowyer	Mrs J Machin	
Mrs S Cooke	Ms H Snashall	Mr J Smith
Mrs C Foster		Mrs B Wilson
Mrs K Roberts	Mrs B Barnes	Mrs M Smith
Mrs O Brooks	Mr S Gloyne	Mrs J Cope
	Mrs M Joynson	
Mrs J Dolan		
Mrs D Clowry	Mrs Y Farnell	
Mr A Hickerman	Mr P Plant	
	Mrs J Shaw	
Mrs S Bowyer	Mr N Holdcroft	
Mrs P Turner		

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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- ♦ Considered by the Circuit Leadership Team.
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Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

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

- a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;
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- c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;
- d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The Circuit had throughout this year nine churches, which run weekly services of worship (or in one case, twice-monthly). These are open to all people, without charge. The Circuit also provides preachers for Sunday services at the Claybourne care home run by Methodist Homes for the Aged. In addition, the ministers of the Circuit undertake baptisms, weddings and funerals, both for Methodist members and members of the public who request them.

Each of the churches runs or supports various activities, including fellowship and Bible Study groups, children's and youth activities, lunch clubs, and a foodbank, and fundraising for a variety of charities including Christian Aid, Action for Children, All We Can (the Methodist Relief and Development charity) and Methodist Homes for the Aged. In addition, the Circuit runs a project in Burslem supporting people experiencing homelessness. Meals are served every Wednesday and Saturday evening, and church members and others are involved as volunteers, either cooking the meals at home, or being present in the centre to serve the meals and provide conversation and support.

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

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The Circuit Model Trust Fund had a balance at the year end of August 2022 of £314,200.47. This fund derives from sales of chapels and manse. In addition, a sum of £321,488.56 from legacies was also held on the Model Trusts. Model Trust funds are restricted by the Conference. This restriction is an internal regulation though the fund can be used for a variety of purposes. £264,260.45 was held in a permanent endowment fund for the relief of poverty. The income from this fund is used for the support of the Night Shelter and foodbank, and other local charitable causes.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

All our churches had re-opened for worship on Easter Sunday 2021 following the lockdowns of the Covid pandemic. A weekly Bible Study group that started on Zoom while it was not possible to meet 'in-person' is still continuing on Zoom. Other groups and activities that had to cease during Covid were still restarting and recovering in September 2021, and have continued to do so.

One of our former churches which had decided not to re-open after Covid – Ball Green Methodist Church – was put on the market. Since it had been built less than 25 years before with money from the Coalfields Regeneration Trust, their consent to the sale had to be obtained. It was given subject to the money being used for the employment of a Children and Families Worker. Towards the end of the year a sale was agreed to the Redeemed Christian Church of God, and the post of Children and Families Worker was advertised.

A decision was taken at the 2021 Methodist Conference to allow churches to register for same-sex marriages and as a result conversations were held in each of our Church Councils to decide whether to do so. In the event, a number of churches decided to register for such marriages and others not to, and some to delay the decision to a later date. In some churches these were difficult conversations, and a number of church members decided to leave the Methodist Church and worship in other more socially conservative churches.

During the previous year our Circuit had taken the decision to merge with Stoke-on-Trent (South) Circuit from September 2022. The year 2021-2022 was therefore the final year of the Stoke-on-Trent North Circuit. Many of our circuit-level meetings were held jointly during the year, as we got to know the staff and officers of the south circuit and laid plans for the merger. We look forward from September 2022 to being a circuit of 17 churches, covering most parts of Stoke-on-Trent and some of the villages beyond its boundary, and to working with a larger Circuit Leadership Team.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

In the light of the pandemic, the Stoke on Trent North Circuit has reviewed its Reserves Policy and now seeks to hold a sum equivalent to at least 6 months' average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on manses and / or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of the closure of a large church or an inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment from churches.

The Circuit is aware that it holds more in Model Trust Funds than is necessary. However, decisions have been taken gradually to reduce these funds, by subsidising the Circuit Assessment and by offering grants to churches for property and employment projects. It is anticipated that once we have merged with Stoke-on-Trent (South) Circuit, there may be further calls on this money as we seek to support Longton Central Hall in ambitious property proposals that are currently being explored.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

There are none.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Our chief source of funds is the assessment paid by the churches, deriving from giving from our church members.

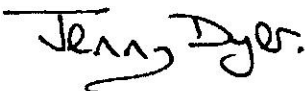
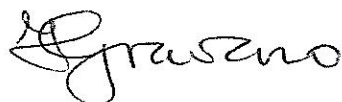
Our chief expenditure is on the stipends of the ministers and salary of the Circuit Administrator, all engaged in meeting our key objectives.

Funds not needed for day to day activities are invested with Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or the Central Finance Board, under the oversight of the Joint Advisory Committee on the Ethics of Investment.

Section F**Other optional information****Section G****Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Revd Jennifer Margaret Dyer	Francesca Gravano
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair (Superintendent Minister)	Circuit Meeting Secretary

Date 17/7/23

Name of Circuit

STOKE NORTH

Circuit No

11/15

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

	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2021-22 £	Total 2020-21 £
Income							
1 Donations and legacies						0	30
2 Income from monetary investments	10,840	10,665				21,505	7,940
3 Income from investment properties	6,015					6,015	5,596
4 Assessments on Churches	123,097					123,097	123,843
5 Capital Receipts						0	136,253
6 Grants received						0	0
7 Other charitable income	29,936					29,936	21,708
8 Total income	169,888	10,665	0	0	0	180,553	295,370
Expenditure							
9 Grants and donations	700	110,500				111,200	0
10 Salaries and associated costs	129,123					129,123	133,681
11 Property maintenance	15,558					15,558	11,807
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy						0	34,288
13 District Assessment & Levy	35,648	15,977				51,625	45,313
14 Depreciation	121					121	121
15 Office expenses	7,043					7,043	4,242
16 Other outgoings	2,391	50,939				53,330	34,998
17 Total charitable expenditure	190,584	177,416	0	0	0	368,000	264,450
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments						0	0
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties		-2,391			-23,821	-26,212	44,615
20 Net income/(expenditure)	-20,696	-169,142	0	0	-23,821	-213,659	75,535
21 Transfers between funds						0	0
22 Other gains/(losses)							
23 Net movement in funds	-20,696	-169,142	0	0	-23,821	-213,659	75,535
24 Total funds brought forward	649,564	860,247			288,081	1,797,892	1,722,357
25 Total funds carried forward	628,868	691,105	0	0	264,260	1,584,233	1,797,892

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2022

General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals 2021/22	Totals 2020/21
£	£	£	£	£	£	£

Fixed Assets

Circuit Manses & Equipment	543,913				543,913	544,034
Investment properties	0				0	0
Investments	0				0	0
Total fixed assets	543,913	0	0	0	543,913	544,034

Current Assets

Debtors	5,405				5,405	17,820
Loans by the Circuit					0	0
Investments with TMCP		691,105		264,260	955,365	1,148,328
Central Finance Board Deposits	23,346				23,346	48,092
Cash at Bank and in hand	71,668				71,668	41,400
Total current assets	100,419	691,105	0	264,260	1,055,784	1,255,640

Current liabilities

Creditors (due in under 1 year)	15,464				15,464	1,782
Grants payable within 2020-21					0	0
Total current liabilities	15,464	0	0	0	15,464	1,782
Net current assets/liabilities	84,955	691,105	0	264,260	1,040,320	1,253,858

Total assets less current liabilities	628,868	691,105	0	264,260	1,584,233	1,797,892
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Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)						
Grants payable after 2020-21					0	0
Loans to the Circuit					0	0
Net assets	628,868	691,105	0	264,260	1,584,233	1,797,892

Funds of the Circuit

General Fund (Unrestricted)	628,868				628,868	649,564
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)		691,105			691,105	860,247
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)			0		0	0
Total Unrestricted Funds					1,319,973	1,509,811
Restricted Funds				0	0	0
Endowment Funds				264,260	264,260	288,081
Total Funds	628,868	691,105	0	264,260	1,584,233	1,797,892



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

STOKE NORTH METHODIST CIRCUIT

On accounts for the year
ended

31st AUGUST 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1134240

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st August 2022.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity'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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Association of Certified Public Accountants.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

Signed:

Date:

28/2/23

Name:

GLENN GERALD PARKES MBE

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

Address: THE MANSE, TEMPLE STREET
FENTON, STOKE-ON-TRENT
ST4 4NW

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date Period end date
 Day Month Year Day Month Year
From 01 09 2020 **To** 31 08 2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name **Stoke-on-Trent North Methodist Circuit**

Other names charity is known by **None**

Registered charity number (if any) **1134240**

Charity's principal address **409 Ford Green Road**

Norton

Stoke on Trent

Postcode

ST6 8LX

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name (office if any)	Trustee name (office if any)	Trustee name (office if any)
Rev. J Dyer (Chairperson) /	Mr K Turner	Mrs I Pope
Rev. K Kerchal //	Mr JB Claydon	Mr P Plant
Rev. J Smith	Mrs S Bowyer	Mrs J Shaw
	Mrs P Turner	Mr N Holdcroft
Mr P Owen /		
Ms H Snashall	Mr R Blurton	Mrs A Stanyer
Mr I Websell	Mr T Tideswell	Mr G Bennett
Mrs E Scott	Mr D Floyd	Mr K Prosser
Mr H Bowyer	Mr E Hambleton	
Mrs S Cooke	Mrs L Lawton	Mrs L Bould
Mrs C Foster		Miss C Rowe
Mrs J Speed	Mr D Broad	Mr J Tildsley
Mrs L Parker	Mr R Perry	Miss P Baker
Mrs K Roberts	Mrs J Machin	Miss S Ray
Mrs O Brooks		
	Mrs D Williams	Mrs B Whiston
Mrs J Dolan	Miss G Deakin	Mr G Simcock
Mrs D Fenton	Mr P Meredith	Mr J Smith
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Mr D Wright	Mrs B Barnes	
Mrs A Flavell	Mrs M Rowley	
Mrs D Boulton	Mrs M Joynton	

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Type of adviser

Name

Address

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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The Circuit began the year with eleven churches (though two of the smaller ones then decided not to reopen after the Covid lockdown). In 'normal times' each of the churches runs weekly services of worship. These are open to all people, without charge. The Circuit also in normal times provides preachers for Sunday services at the Claybourne care home run by Methodist Homes for the Aged. In addition, the ministers of the Circuit undertake baptisms, weddings and funerals (the last of which of course continued throughout the pandemic), both for Methodist members and any others who request them.

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During 2020-21, some of these activities had to be temporarily paused, while others were able to continue throughout. This will be detailed in Section D. Since Easter 2021, almost all the activities that were paused have been gradually reopening and recovering.

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

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:

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- contribution made by volunteers.

The Circuit Model Trust Fund had a balance at the year end of August 2021 of £329,698.01. This fund derives from sales of chapels and manses. In addition, a sum of £460,890.04 from legacies was also held on the Model Trusts. Model Trust funds are restricted by the Conference. This restriction is an internal regulation though the fund can be used for a variety of purposes. £288,080.78 was held on permanent endowments, mainly in one large endowment for the relief of poverty. The income from this fund is used for the support of the Night Shelter and foodbank, and other local charitable causes.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

In September 2020, the previous Superintendent, Rev Christopher Ambler, moved on, and a new Superintendent, Rev Jennifer Dyer, came into post. At the time, the country was gradually emerging from the first Covid-19 lockdown, and most of our churches restarted worship in September 2020. They were obliged to stop worship again during November, and then again from January to March 2021. All the churches reopened for worship on Easter Sunday 4th April 2021 and have continued open since.

A weekly service of worship and a Bible Study group moved onto Zoom while they were not possible 'in-person', and the Bible Study group has remained on Zoom. Some activities were able to continue throughout the pandemic: for instance support and volunteering for the foodbank, and for the Night Shelter. The Night Shelter was not able to provide its usual dormitory-style accommodation, but changed its modus operandi to providing takeaway meals, and supporting with food those accommodated by the local authority in hotels. Literally thousands of meals were supplied in this way on Wednesday and Saturday evenings over the course of the year.

Other activities, such as lunchclubs and children's groups, were obliged to close for an extended period during the pandemic, but have been gradually reopening and recovering since Easter 2021.

Sadly, two of our (numerically) smaller churches decided not to reopen after lockdown. The first was Longport Methodist Church. The members dispersed to other churches, and the building was put on the market and sold in June 2021. The second was Ball Green Methodist Church. Since the building there is relatively new and in good condition, we are hoping to sell or lease it to another worshipping congregation or community group.

Shortly after the start of the year, we received an approach from the Stoke-on-Trent (South) Circuit to consider a merger. This had been discussed before but not brought to a conclusion. We held a number of meetings to discuss the financial and mission implications of a merger, and then on 6th July 2021 our Circuit Meeting voted unanimously for the merger, which will take place from September 2022.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

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The Circuit is aware that it holds more in Model Trust Funds than is

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Details of any funds materially in deficit

There are none.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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Section F

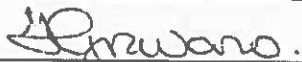
Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Revd Jennifer Margaret Dyer	Francesca Gravano
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair (Superintendent Minister)	Circuit

Date

9/3/22

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		30					30
2 Income from monetary investments		62	7,878				7,940
3 Income from investment properties		5,596					5,596
4 Assessments on Churches		123,843					123,843
5 Capital Receipts			136,253				136,253
6 Grants received		0					0
7 Other charitable income		20,535	1,173				21,708
8 Total income		150,066	145,304	0	0	0	295,370
Expenditure							
9 Grants and donations							0
10 Salaries and associated costs		133,681					133,681
11 Property maintenance		11,807					11,807
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy			34,288				34,288
13 District Assessment & Levy		35,072	10,241				45,313
14 Depreciation		121					121
15 Office expenses		4,242					4,242
16 Other outgoings		11,992	23,006				34,998
17 Total charitable expenditure		196,915	67,535	0	0	0	264,450
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments							0
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties			44,615				44,615
20 Net income/(expenditure)		-46,849	122,384	0	0		75,535
21 Transfers between funds							0
22 Other gains/(losses)							
23 Net movement in funds		-46,849	122,384	0	0		75,535
24 Total funds brought forward		696,413	1,025,944				1,722,357
25 Total funds carried forward		649,564	1,148,328	0	0		1,797,892

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	544,034				544,034	544,155
Investment properties					0	
Investments					0	
Total fixed assets	544,034	0	0	0	544,034	544,155

Current Assets

Debtors	17,820				17,820	11,143
Loans by the Circuit					0	
Investments with TMCP		860,247		288,081	1,148,328	1,025,944
Central Finance Board Deposits	48,092				48,092	59,226
Cash at Bank and in hand	41,400				41,400	83,237
Total current assets	107,312	860,247	0	0	288,081	1,255,640

Current liabilities

Creditors (due in under 1 year)	1,782				1,782	1,348
Grants payable within 2020-21					0	
Total current liabilities	1,782	0	0	0	1,782	1,348
Net current assets/liabilities	105,530	860,247	0	0	288,081	1,178,202

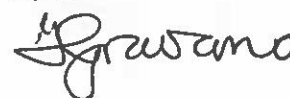
Total assets less current liabilities	649,564	860,247	0	0	288,081	1,797,892
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Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)						
Grants payable after 2020-21					0	
Loans to the Circuit					0	
Net assets	649,564	860,247	0	0	288,081	1,797,892

Funds of the Circuit

General Fund (Unrestricted)	649,564				649,564	696,413
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)		1,148,328			1,148,328	1,025,944
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)			0		0	
Total Unrestricted Funds					1,797,892	1,722,357
Restricted Funds				0	0	
Endowment Funds					0	
Total Funds	649,564	1,148,328	0	0	1,797,892	1,722,357

Signed



Circuit Treasurer

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

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

2 Funds

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

3 Accounting policies

Basis

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

Incoming Resources

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

Resources Expended

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

Grants

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

VAT

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

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Circuit

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

The freehold property is shown in the accounts at 2015 deemed values, of which the land component is deemed to be £350,000. 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.

Investment Properties

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

Investments

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

Debtors and Prepayments

The prepayment included in the accounts is in respect of registration fees for the 3 Generate youth event in November 2016.

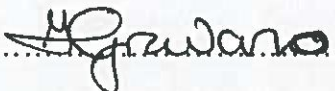
Creditors

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

Name of Circuit ...STOKE NORTH..... No...11/15.....

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... 1/3/22

Name and address of treasurer 838 High Lane

..... Stoke on Trent Post Code... ST6 6HG

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were presented to the Circuit meeting held on 9th March 2022

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting REV. JENNY DYER Date 14/7/22

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Stoke North Methodist Circuit

Charity Number 11/15

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Stoke North Methodist Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2021 set out on pages ... to 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 STOKES NORTH..... No ...11/15.....

Independent Examiner's Statement

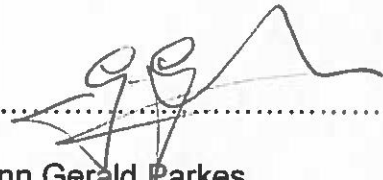
The Circuit's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Association of Certified Public Accountants.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; 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 not obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner: Glenn Gerald Parkes

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner: ACPA

Name of firm: Glenn Parkes & Co Ltd

Address: The Manse, Temple Street, Fenton, Stoke-on-Trent, ST4 4NW.

Date 8/3/22

Accounts

Charity registration number: 1134240

Stoke North Methodist Circuit

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

Stoke North Methodist Circuit

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date
 Day Month Year
 From 01 09 2019 To 31 08 2020
 Period end date
 Day Month Year

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Stoke-on-Trent North Methodist Circuit

Other names charity is known by None

Registered charity number (if any) 1134240

Charity's principal address 409 Ford Green Road

Norton

Stoke on Trent

Postcode ST6 8LX

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name (office if any)	Trustee name (office if any)	Trustee name (office if any)
Rev. C Ambler (Chairman)	Mr K Turner	Mrs I Pope
Rev. K Kerchal	Mr JB Claydon	Mr P Plant
Rev. J Smith	Mrs S Bowyer	Mrs J Shaw
	Mrs P Turner	Mr N Holdcroft
Mr P Owen		
Ms H Snashall	Mr R Blurton	Mrs A Stanyer
Mr I Websell	Mr T Tideswell	Mr G Bennett
Mrs E Scott	Mr D Floyd	Mr K Prosser
Mr H Bowyer	Mr E Hambleton	
Mrs S Cooke	Mrs L Lawton	Mrs L Bould
Mrs C Foster		Miss C Rowe
Mrs J Speed	Mr D Broad	Mr J Tildsley
Mrs L Parker	Mr R Perry	Miss P Baker
Mrs K Roberts	Mrs J Machin	Miss S Ray
Mrs O Brooks		
	Mrs D Williams	Mrs B Whiston
Mrs J Dolan	Miss G Deakin	Mr G Simcock
Mrs D Fenton	Mr P Meredith	Mr J Smith
Mr A Hickerman	Mrs I Sant	Mrs B Wilson
Mr D Wright	Mrs B Barnes	
Mrs A Flavell	Mrs M Rowley	
Mrs D Boulton	Mrs M Joynson	

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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser Name Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

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

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Act of Parliament

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Appointed by local churches and existing trustees
Ministers are automatically trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Induction/Training

- ♦ Range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion.
- ♦ Leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church' given to each trustee.

Structure

- ♦ Part of the Chester and Stoke on Trent District.
- ♦ Accountable to the Methodist Conference.

Risks

- ♦ Considered by the Circuit Leadership Team.
- ♦ Take professional advice as required.
- ♦ Regular review process.
- ♦ Adopted Safeguarding Policy and ensured it is rolled out to the churches

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

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

- a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;
- b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;
- c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;
- d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The Circuit had during 2019-20 11 churches, each of which (until the pandemic) ran weekly services of worship. These were open to all people, without charge. The Circuit also provided preachers for Sunday services at the Claybourne care home run by Methodist Homes for the Aged. In addition, the ministers of the Circuit undertook baptisms, weddings and funerals, both for Methodist members and any others who requested them.

Each of the churches ran or supported various activities, which taken together included fellowship and Bible Study groups, children's activities, a youth club, lunch clubs, and a foodbank, and fundraising for a variety of charities including Christian Aid, Action for Children, All We Can (the Methodist Relief and Development charity) and Methodist Homes for the Aged. In addition, the Circuit ran a winter Night Shelter in Burslem, which accommodated and provided meals through the winter months for people who were sleeping rough. Many church members were involved as volunteers on site, or cooked and delivered meals.

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

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The Circuit Model Trust Fund had a balance at the year end of August 2020 of £253,219.67

This fund derives from sales of chapels and manses and is restricted by the Conference. This restriction is an internal regulation though the fund can be used for a variety of purposes

Section D

Achievements and performance

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

In September 2019, the Circuit opened a new church – 'Norton Community Church' – in a former community centre on the Norton estate. This had resulted from the amalgamation of Norton Green and Norton St John's Methodist Churches, and the sale of their two buildings. A great deal of work was put into refurbishing the community centre to make a pleasant and flexible worship space with up-to-date community facilities.

In September 2019, the Circuit also began the process of seeking a new Superintendent Minister to replace Revd Christopher Ambler in September 2020. The appointment was listed by the District as a 'critical appointment', because of the nature of the area and the work of the Night Shelter. This meant that the Methodist Church was committed to filling it. In November 2019, it was agreed that Revd Jennifer Dyer, the then Superintendent of Derby Circuit, would be the new appointee.

The Circuit also reviewed and updated the Circuit Policy document. This is done annually to reflect the current structure and aspirations of the Circuit.

The Night Shelter operated as usual through December to March to provide dormitory-style accommodation three nights a week for those sleeping rough. During this time, a review of the operation of the Night Shelter was conducted by Revd Will Morrey, a former President of the Methodist Conference. Resulting from this, the Circuit entered into a partnership agreement with Swan Bank Church in Burslem (the owner of the premises) to regulate their working together. Another agreement was entered into with the charity 'Brighter Futures', which would have led to the Night Shelter operating seven nights a week, had the pandemic not intervened.

The second half of the year of course proved very different from the first. The government required the closure of all church services from 22nd March 2020, because of Covid-19. Ministers and others in the churches worked hard to keep in touch with people by telephone and regular mailings. When it became possible in the summer for some gatherings to resume, subject to social distancing and other safeguards, a few outdoor gatherings were cautiously held. Although it became legal to hold church services from the beginning of July, the Circuit's churches decided to aim for September, because of the vulnerability of many of our church members, and because of the measures that needed to be put in place before churches could open. Online services began, via 'Zoom', for those that could access them.

The Night Shelter also had to close for accommodation. From the summer, the volunteers instead began cooking and delivering meals to those rough sleeping and in emergency hotel accommodation, first once a week and then twice.

Sadly, during the summer it proved necessary to make the Children's Worker redundant, most of the projects she was involved in having come to a natural end owing to the volunteers moving away or suffering a

Section D

Achievements and performance

deterioration in health. The Circuit had been working on developing a differently configured post, but this plan was put on hold when lockdown came.

By the end of August 2020, several of the churches were preparing to re-open for worship in September. The Night Shelter was continuing to provide takeaway meals and waiting to see whether they would be allowed to provide accommodation through the coming winter months.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Reserves Policy for the Stoke on Trent (North) Circuit is to hold a sum equivalent to at least 3 months' average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on manses and / or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of the closure of a large church or an inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment from churches

It is necessary to hold sufficient working capital to enable the quarterly payment of stipends and business expenses for 1 Full time Circuit Superintendent Minister, 2 Full-Time Ministers, 1 Part-time Children's Worker and a part time Circuit Administrator; and our contribution to the District.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

There are none.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Our chief source of funds is the assessment paid by the churches, deriving from giving from our church members.

Our chief expenditure is on the stipends of the ministers and salary of the Circuit Administrator and Children's Worker, all engaged in meeting our key objectives.

Funds not needed for day to day activities are invested with Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or the Central Finance Board, under the oversight of the Joint Advisory Committee on the Ethics of Investment.

Section F

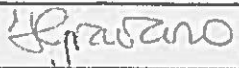
Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Revd Jennifer Margaret Dyer	Francesca Gravano
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair (Superintendent Minister)	Circuit Administrator

Date

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Stoke North Methodist Circuit

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Stoke North Methodist Circuit

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2020 which are set out on pages 9 to 20.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees of Stoke North Methodist Circuit 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 Stoke North Methodist Circuit's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since Stoke North Methodist Circuit's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ACPA, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Stoke North Methodist Circuit as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting 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.

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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Glenn Parkes
Independent Examiner
ACPA

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Temple St
Fenton
Stoke-on-Trent
ST4 4NW

6 July 2021

Stoke North Methodist Circuit

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 August 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and Legacies	2	24,158	-	24,158
Charitable Activities	3	14,558	-	14,558
Other Trading Activities	4	369,692	-	369,692
Investment Income	5	11,578	-	11,578
Other Income	6	-	-	-
Total Income		419,986	-	419,986
Expenditure on:				
Raising Funds		43,385	-	43,385
Charitable Activities		254,903	-	254,903
Total Expenditure		298,288	-	298,288
Net Income		121,698	-	121,698
Net Movement in Funds		121,698	-	121,698
Reconciliation of Funds				
Total Funds brought forward		1,590,127	10,529	1,600,656
Total Funds carried forward		<u>1,711,825</u>	<u>10,529</u>	<u>1,722,354</u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above period

Stoke North Methodist Circuit

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2020

	Note	2020 £
Fixed Assets		
Tangible Assets	13	<u>544,155</u>
Current Assets		
Debtors	14	11,143
Cash at bank and in hand	15	<u>1,168,407</u>
		1,179,550
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	16	<u>1,351</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>1,178,199</u>
Net Assets		<u><u>1,722,354</u></u>
Funds of the Charity		
Restricted Income Funds		
Restricted Funds		10,529
Unrestricted Income Funds		
Unrestricted Funds		1,711,825
Total Funds	17	<u><u>1,722,354</u></u>

The financial statements on pages 8 to 18 were approved by the Trustees, and authorised for issue on 14th September 2021 and signed on their behalf by:



Reverend J. Dyer
Chair and Trustee

Stoke North Methodist Circuit

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

Stoke North Methodist Circuit meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Investment income

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank. Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Stoke North Methodist Circuit

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees's meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £0.00 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Stoke North Methodist Circuit

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

Trade creditors

are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Borrowings

Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs. Interest-bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the Statement of Financial Activities over the period of the relevant borrowing.

Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the charity has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees's discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Financial instruments

Classification

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the charity after deducting all of its liabilities.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

Recognition and measurement

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the charity intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the charity, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

Stoke North Methodist Circuit

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

Debt instruments

Debt instruments which meet the following conditions are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method:

(a) The contractual return to the holder is (i) a fixed amount; (ii) a positive fixed rate or a positive variable rate; or (iii) a combination of a positive or a negative fixed rate and a positive variable rate.

(b) The contract may provide for repayments of the principal or the return to the holder (but not both) to be linked to a single relevant observable index of general price inflation of the currency in which the debt instrument is denominated, provided such links are not leveraged.

(c) The contract may provide for a determinable variation of the return to the holder during the life of the instrument, provided that (i) the new rate satisfies condition (a) and the variation is not contingent on future events other than (1) a change of a contractual variable rate; (2) to protect the holder against credit deterioration of the issuer; (3) changes in levies applied by a central bank or arising from changes in relevant taxation or law; or (ii) the new rate is a market rate of interest and satisfies condition (a).

(d) There is no contractual provision that could, by its terms, result in the holder losing the principal amount or any interest attributable to the current period or prior periods.

(e) Contractual provisions that permit the issuer to prepay a debt instrument or permit the holder to put it back to the issuer before maturity are not contingent on future events, other than to protect the holder against the credit deterioration of the issuer or a change in control of the issuer, or to protect the holder or issuer against changes in levies applied by a central bank or arising from changes in relevant taxation or law.

(f) Contractual provisions may permit the extension of the term of the debt instrument, provided that the return to the holder and any other contractual provisions applicable during the extended term satisfy the conditions of paragraphs (a) to (c).

Debt instruments that are classified as payable or receivable within one year on initial recognition and which meet the above conditions are measured at the undiscounted amount of the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received, net of impairment.

With the exception of some hedging instruments, other debt instruments not meeting these conditions are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

Commitments to make and receive loans which meet the conditions mentioned above are measured at cost (which may be nil) less impairment.

Investments

Investments in non-convertible preference shares and non-puttable ordinary or preference shares (where shares are publicly traded or their fair value is reliably measurable) are measured at fair value through profit or loss. Where fair value cannot be measured reliably, investments are measured at cost less impairment.

Investments in subsidiaries and associates are measured at cost less impairment. For investments in subsidiaries acquired for consideration including the issue of shares qualifying for merger relief, cost is measured by reference to the nominal value of the shares issued plus fair value of other consideration. Any premium is ignored.

Stoke North Methodist Circuit

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August 2020

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds General £	Total Funds £
Donations and legacies		
Legacies	24,158	24,158
Total for 2020	24,158	24,158

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds General £	Total Funds £
Income from charitable activities	14,558	14,558
Total for 2020	14,558	14,558

4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds General £	Total Funds £
Other Income from other trading activities	369,692	369,692
Total for 2020	369,692	369,692

5 Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds General £	Total Funds £
Income from dividends:		
Dividends receivable from group undertakings	4,974	4,974
Interest receivable and similar income:		
Interest receivable on loans to related parties	6,604	6,604
Total for 2020	11,578	11,578

Stoke North Methodist Circuit

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August 2020

7 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted Funds General £	Total Funds £
Investment management costs		
Property repairs	43,385	43,385
Total for 2020	43,385	43,385

8 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds General £	Total Funds £
Allocated support costs	138,662	138,662
Governance costs	116,241	116,241
Total for 2020	254,903	254,903

9 Analysis of governance and support costs

	Unrestricted Funds General £	Total Funds £
Legal Fees	1,863	1,863
Depreciation	121	121
Other governance costs	252,919	252,919
Total for 2020	254,903	254,903

10 Net incoming/outgoing resources

	Unrestricted Funds General £	Total Funds £
Net incoming/outgoing resources for the year include		
Depreciation of fixed assets	121	121
Total for 2020	121	121

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11 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees were remunerated during the year

12 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation

13 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Land and Buildings £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 September 2019	544,397	544,397
At 31 August 2020	<u>544,397</u>	<u>544,397</u>
Depreciation		
Charge for the year	121	121
At 31 August 2020	<u>242</u>	<u>242</u>
Net Book Value		
At 31 August 2020	544,155	544,155
At 1 September 2019	<u>544,276</u>	<u>544,276</u>

14 Debtors

	2020 £
Trade Debtors	<u>11,143</u>

15 Cash and cash equivalents

	2020 £
Cash on hand	8
Cash at bank	<u>1,168,399</u>
	<u>1,168,407</u>

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16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020
	£
Trade creditors	<u>1,351</u>

17 Funds

	Balance at 1 September 2019 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Balance at 31 August 2020 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	1,590,127	419,986	298,288	1,711,825
				-
Restricted funds	10,529	-	-	10,529
				-
Total	<u>1,600,656</u>	<u>419,986</u>	<u>298,288</u>	<u>1,722,354</u>

18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds General £	Total Funds at 31-Aug 2020 £
Tangible Fixed Assets	544,155	544,155
Current Assets	1,179,550	1,179,550
Current Liabilities	1,351	1,351
Total Net Assets	<u>1,725,056</u>	<u>1,725,056</u>