



The Methodist Church

Grantham & Vale of Belvoir Circuit (22/15)

Registered Charity no 1134260

Managing Trustees Report Sept 2021 - August 2022

Governance

The Grantham and Vale of Belvoir Methodist Circuit operates under the governance of the Methodist Conference. Conference is regulated by the Deed of Union 1932 and the Methodist Church Act 1976

Registration with the Charity Commission

The Grantham and Vale of Belvoir Methodist Circuit has been registered with the Charity Commission since 11th February 2010 with the number 1134260

Circuit Mission Statement

Our Calling is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission.

We will seek to do this by

- ☐ Offering the very best in WORSHIP
- ☐ Introducing JESUS as FRIEND and SAVIOUR
- ☐ Working with OTHER CHURCHES
- ☐ Respecting those with a DIFFERENT OUTLOOK
- ☐ Sharing RESOURCES and NEEDS
- ☐ Thinking GLOBALLY

Nature and purpose

Standing Order 500 of the Constitutional Discipline and Practice of the Methodist Church states that the circuit is the primary unit through which churches express their inter-connection in the Body of Christ for the purposes of mission, mutual encouragement and help

Responsibilities

- ☐ provision of ministerial oversight and pastoral care to its 10 congregations through a team of 2 presbyteral ministers, 1 authorised minister, 4 supernumerary ministers, 3 supernumerary deacons and 3 lay workers
- ☐ supply of lay preachers to lead worship
- ☐ allocation of financial and other resources
- ☐ provision of advice through lay officers
- ☐ organisation of training opportunities and other special events
- ☐ maintenance of 3 circuit manse

Organisation

The circuit is an umbrella organisation serving 10 congregations with 329 members and with an additional number on the community roll. One congregation is a Local Ecumenical Partnership between the Methodist and United Reformed Churches

The Circuit meeting is responsible for the affairs of the Circuit and the development of policy. It exercises spiritual leadership and administrative efficiency and acts as a focal point for the working fellowship of the churches, overseeing their pastoral, training and evangelistic work. Currently 3 meetings are held each year when officers are appointed, accounts adopted, reports on circuit work received and the business of the circuit taken forward.

Between Circuit meetings the Circuit Leadership Team is responsible for the affairs of the circuit. It meets as required and consists of

Rev. Martin Smithson and Rev. Neil Maynard, (presbyteral ministers),
Rev. Dr Peter Stevenson (authorised minister)
Pamela Harrison (treasurer)
Brian Mellors (senior circuit steward),
Susan Sulston, Marion Hingey-Hickson and Pat Hiley(circuit stewards)
Hilary Taylor (circuit administrator)

Trustees

The members of the Circuit meeting act as Trustees of the Circuit property. There are currently 56 trustees, being the presbyteral ministers, the supernumerary ministers and deacons, the Circuit stewards, the Circuit treasurer and other Circuit office holders, lay workers and the treasurers and stewards of each church together with representatives of its constituent congregations. The circuit administrator acts as meeting secretary

Trustees are-

Rev. Martin Smithson
Rev. Neil Maynard
Rev. Dr Peter Stevenson
Brian Mellors
Marion Hingley Hickson
Susan Sulston
Pat Hiley
Pamela Harrison
Deacon Lois Bell
Rev. Graham Coleman
Rev. Peter Sulston
Hilary Taylor
Sarah Hobbs
Eleri Bristow
Peter Broekhuizen
Lynn Mellors
John Eagles
Hazel Wallis
Audrey Cawthorn
Max Teare
John Simpson
Helen Taylor
Jean Breckenridge
Denhys Lambley
Chris Morgan
Mark Harrison
Helen Scorrer
Wendy Winfield
Roger Winfield
John Crookes

David Woodcock
Anne Woodcock
Jane Bancroft
Paul Bancroft
David Atkins
Mavis Beeson
Cynthia Prater
John Prater
Richard Scoffield
Janet Thacker
Dorothy Jacklin
Carole Boyle
Amy Kirton
Christine Whittle
Val Henstock
Pat Whyte
John Hunter
Frank Hedley
Bronwyn Hedley
Margaret Winfield
Geoff Cawthorn
Elaine Robinson
Gill Taylor
David Taylor
Louise Ritchie
Rowena Ward Barrow

Contact address

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Related Parties

The Circuit forms part of the Nottingham and Derby District of the Methodist Church and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference

The Circuit comprises the following local churches

Bingham	Bottesford	ChristChurch	Local Ecumenical Partnership	Grantham
Colsterworth	Cropwell Bishop	Cropwell Butler		
East Bridgford	Great Gonerby	Harrowby Lane	Grantham	Skillington

Policies

The following Circuit policies are in place: Reserves, Safeguarding, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, Disability, Data Protection

Outturn

Over the year the Circuit received £177,526.76 in income and incurred £155,210.96 expenditure, thereby achieving a surplus of £22,315.80 over the year

Total assets stand at £721,521.34

Income

The Circuit derives its income chiefly through assessment payments from circuit churches, contributions from some churches towards the employment of lay workers and the sale of property

Reserves Policy

The Circuit Reserves Policy is appended to this report

Independent Examiner

Mrs Amy Kirton

Bank details

Virgin Money

Formerly The Yorkshire Bank

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Review of activities Sept 2021 - Aug 2022

The Circuit and its churches continue to recover from the constraints of Covid 19. There has been a full return to worshipping in person although live-streaming continues to be used and printed worship material is emailed to members and posted to those not on-line. Weekly worship material is also uploaded onto the Circuit website.

Staff

A successful stationing process in the Autumn resulted in the appointment of Rev. Tim Morris as Circuit superintendent and presbyter in the west of the Circuit from September 2022. Tim will have oversight of Bingham, East Bridgford, Cropwell Bishop and Cropwell Butler churches

In July we said farewell to Rev. Martin Smithson and his wife Jude who retired after 6 years in ministry with us

The Circuit continues to employ three lay workers, ie one administrator and two outreach and pastoral workers.

The lay pastoral worker (East) working chiefly in Bottesford and Orston has had another successful year, helping to re-establish in-person activities such as "Hullabaloo" mum baby and toddler group and the Friendship group for older members. Strong links with the Bottesford Churches Together movement have been maintained and the "Praying the Streets" initiative revived.

The Families and Youth worker (Bingham East Bridgford and Flintham) has had a year of re-energizing, re-building and in some cases reassessing her work. The post is a collaborative venture and is jointly funded by the Circuit, Bingham and East Bridgford Methodist churches and St Marys , Bingham and the Fosse Group Anglican churches. Messy church sessions

and school bible clubs are organised in Bingham and East Bridgford and a new venture, a Board Games Club for 11-18 year olds started during the year. Who Let the Dads Out – a monthly meeting for male carers and younger children resumed in October.

Although District approval for another lay worker has been secured it was considered prudent to further postpone recruitment due to current uncertainty around the Circuit's financial position and the need to re-assess our needs and priorities, partly as a result of the pandemic

Our former Local Preacher and Circuit Steward Steve Sutton has completed his third year training for the presbyteral ministry. He is now serving as probationer presbyter in Frinton-on-Sea, Essex

Plan/Local preachers

The Circuit drew up its first full preaching plan since the pandemic.

Sue Barnes and Jenny Fytche completed their training and qualified as local preachers. They were accepted by the Circuit meeting in June

Churches

The chapel at Orston which officially closed for worship in 2021 was sold in April 2022 for £221,000. Methodists have since with the help of the Anglican Community co-ordinated a monthly Orston Village Coffee Morning held in the village Hall. This has been a successful means for continuing fellowship and witness. The Circuit lay worker has supported members through this process

Trusteeship

The Circuit has continued to address issues raised by the Conference resolution to raise the required number of church trustees to 12. Conversations have continued exploring ways churches with small memberships might join with others or be more closely linked

Mission

The Circuit Easter Offering collection in aid of World Mission was re-instated after the pandemic and raised a total of £1100

Safeguarding

Over 20 people have completed the advanced safeguarding course during the year, some in person but most on line. Bingham church acted as Circuit hub for the District Safeguarding conference in March on the theme of Safeguarding Challenges in Later Life

Future planning

The Circuit Leadership prepared and circulated a number of questions to Church Councils in order to assess where we stand after the pandemic and how best to use our resources to support our churches and plan for mission. The responses are being considered and will feed into a Mission plan

Refugees

The Circuit Leadership considered offering the use of a then-vacant manse to house refugees from Ukraine. This proposal was researched in some detail but it was felt the lack of a suitable scheme for corporate sponsors and the lack of clear legal guidance made it inadvisable

GRANTHAM AND VALE OF BELVOIR METHODIST CIRCUIT

Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2022

Balance Sheet

Opening Balances as at 1.9.21

Current Account	18149.25	
CFB Deposit Account	45853.86	
Model Trust Fund	88097.32	
Other Trusts	45850.80	
Reserve Fund	<u>304396.52</u>	
Totals	502347.75	
Loan to Bingham	<u>52500.00</u>	
Total Funds	554847.75	
Plus Excess Income over Expenditure	22315.80	
Plus increase in reserves	139357.79	(net Orston sale £150428.51)
Orston transfer of funds	<u>5000.00</u>	
Total	£ 721521.34	=====

Represented by:-

Balances at 31.8.22	
Current Account	23796.63
CFB Deposit Account	77522.28
Model Trust Fund	238783.11
Other Trusts	44694.44
Reserve Fund	<u>294224.88</u>
Totals	679021.34
Loan to Bingham	<u>42500.00</u>
	£ 721521.34
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Grantham and Vale of Belvoir Circuit

Year ended 31st August 20

Reserves Policy

Circuit Reserves Policy

These accounts disclose all the funds held by the Circuit Meeting as Charity Trustees. Our Reserves Policy relates to our General (unrestricted) funds, which are freely available to be used for any or all the purposes of the Circuit.

Aims

Our aim is:

- to secure and sustain the Circuit's viability and future.
- to give reassurance that the Circuit, which is a charity, intends to use all the money coming into its care for the purpose of the charity.

Mission policy

The Circuit's Mission Statement is that our calling is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission. Our mission policy to this end provides:

the ministerial oversight and pastoral care of the ten local congregations in the Circuit.

the support of the ministry team of two presbyteral ministers, 45% of a URC minister who is AP, five supernumerary presbyters, three supernumerary deacons and three lay workers.

the maintenance of three circuit manses - one has been let out since October 2020.

Financial Plans

The Circuit Assessment is reviewed annually and covers the costs associated with the Circuit's mission. Under Standing Orders, the Circuit must meet its financial obligations in relation to the support of its ministers and the maintenance of its manses. The total cost last financial year was £153325 (2021 was £171291). An amount was drawn down to refurbish the Princess Drive Manse, however, we were fortunate to receive a grant towards most of the costs incurred. Manse maintenance costs have been charged direct to the General Fund. Major items have been drawn down from the Model Trust Fund, with Circuit Meeting approval. We make annual provision for our Manse maintenance programme to maintain each Manse.

Grantham and Vale of Belvoir Circuit Year ended 31st August 2022

Reserves Policy

Unrestricted Funds: General Fund:

Our reserves Policy is to hold at least six months expenditure in hand for regular expenditure, i.e. usually about £100,000. As well as the General fund, the Circuit maintains designated funds which are also of an unrestricted nature. These designated funds are for the following purposes:

Manse Fund

To meet regular, cyclical maintenance and repairs for three manses, calculated at about 7.5% of insured value. This year, the Manses combined valuation was £850212. Therefore we need to maintain a reserve for Manses of £63766.

Youth Work

To fund circuit youth work and assist with costs such as the Youth Worker at the Western end of the Circuit, the Sutton-on-Sea trip and Stathern weekend.

Restricted Funds: The Circuit Model Trust Fund

This fund derives from the sales of chapels and manses and its use is restricted by Conference. This restriction is a Methodist connexional regulation, but the fund may be used for a variety of purposes with appropriate approval.

Investments

The Circuit holds CFB Mixed Managed Fund Investments in order to manage medium and long term cash flows. The investment realised a gain in the year and also produces a small income. The Circuit also holds Endowments which are restricted by Trust Deeds.

Charity Commission

The Circuit is registered with the Charity Commission, reference 1134260. The Annual Report and the annual Financial Statements for the Circuit under this registration have been filed during the year, as required.

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

GRANTHAM AND VALE OF BELVOIR

Circuit

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 AUGUST 2022

NOTTINGHAM AND DERBY

District

Circuit no

22-15

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1134260

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

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

Ministers:

REUGREND TIMOTHY MORRIS

REUGREND NEIL MAYNARD

Circuit Stewards:

MR BRIAN MELLORS

MRS MARION HINGLEY-HICKSON

MRS SUSAN SULSTON

MRS PATRICIA HILEY

Treasurer:

MRS PAMELA HARRISON

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

GRANTHAM AND
VALE OF BELVOIR Circuit

SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	Note				
a2	Assessment/Share		157901		157901	152269
a3	Capital receipts		5000	213992	218992	109365
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		606	744	1350	468
a5	Grants		7402		7402	
a6	Other receipts		17135		17135	18564
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		188044	214736	402780 (a8)	280666

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		85948		85948	95808
b3	Manse Costs		19177		19177	18608
b4	Administration etc		6953	251	7204	5295
b5	District Assessment		37040	2202	39242	34125
b6	Grants & donations					
b7	Church Sales Levy			61597	61597	12883
b8	Other payments		11610		11610	27836
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		160728	64050	224778 (b9)	194555

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	27316	150686	178002	86111
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		368400	88097		(c6)
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	395716	238783	634499	404435
c4	Transfers and adjustments		(172)		(172) (c7)	52062
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c3+c4)		395544	238783	634327 (c8)	456497 (c6)

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

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

SECTION E Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Circuit accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Circuit Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross receipts and payments totals of the Circuit. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold of £250,000, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the Circuit and connected Circuit Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS		Receipts		Payments		Net Receipts/ Payments		Adjustments		Opening balances		Closing balances	
e1													
e2													
e3													
e4													
e5													
e6													
e7													
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds										(e11)		(e12)
e9	Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	402780	(a8)	224778	(b9)	178002	(172)	(c7)	456497	(c6)	634327	(c8)	
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	402780		224778		178002	(172)		456497	(x)	634327	(y)	
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward		TOTAL RECEIPTS		TOTAL PAYMENTS									

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2022

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	18149	23797
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	45854	77522
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	392494	533008
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL	456497 (c8)	634327 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	456497 (x)	634327 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	1 September 2021	31 August 2022
g1 Investments (include Endowments)	45851	44698
g2 Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	807725	850212
g3 Other Assets	52500	42500
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

f4 include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 include only CFB Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trust accounts this is inserted in line f5)

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Name of Circuit ...GRANTHAM AND VALE OF BELVOIR No. 22-15

Declarations and Scrutiny

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

Signature of treasurer P. Harrison Date 19-10-22

Name and address of treasurer PAMELA HARRISON 9 TELFORD WAY
COLSTERWORTH GRANTHAM Lincs Post Code N633 5GH

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 were/will be presented to the Circuit meeting held on 7th December, 2022

Signature of the Chair of the meeting: Rev. Tom Morris

Name of the Chair of the meeting: Rev. Tom Morris Date 7/12/22

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Grantham and Vale of Belvoir Circuit

Charity Number 1134260

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Grantham and Vale of Belvoir Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2022 set out on pages 2 to 5. As the Circuit's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Name of Circuit ...GRANTHAM AND VALE OF BELVOIR... No ...22-15

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

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

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

Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner MRS A J KIRTON

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address SCHOOL BANK, CONSTERWORTH ROAD, SKILLINGTON,

..... GRANTHAM, Lincs Post Code NG33 5HF

Date 20. 10 2022

* delete or circle as appropriate