

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

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2021-22
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income							
1 Donations and legacies		960					960
2 Income from monetary investments		384	455				839
3 Income from investment properties		26,266					26,266
4 Assessments on Churches		362,956					362,956
5 Capital Receipts			90,342				90,342
6 Grants received							0
7 Other charitable income		80,454					80,454
8 Total income		471,020	90,797	-	-	-	561,817
Expenditure							
9 Grants and donations		34,350		20,500			54,850
10 Salaries and associated costs		224,692					224,692
11 Property maintenance		39,181					39,181
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy			1,787				1,787
13 District Assessment & Levy		88,070					88,070
14 Depreciation							0
15 Office expenses		4,981					4,981
16 Other outgoings		84,365					84,365
17 Total charitable expenditure		475,639	1,787	20,500	0	0	497,926
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments							0
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties							
20 Net income/(expenditure)		-4,618	89,010	-20,500	0	0	63,892
21 Transfers between funds		-	90,342	90,342			0
22 Other gains/(losses)							
23 Net movement in funds		-4,618	-1,332	69,842	0	0	63,892
24 Total funds brought forward							0
25 Total funds carried forward		- 4,618	- 1,332	69,842	-	-	63,892

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		960					960
2 Income from monetary investments		153	159				312
3 Income from investment properties		26,596					26,596
4 Assessments on Churches		363,031					363,031
5 Capital Receipts			56,245				56,245
6 Grants received							0
7 Other charitable income		96,129					
8 Total income		486,869	56,404	-	-	-	543,273
Expenditure							
9 Grants and donations							0
10 Salaries and associated costs		333,450					333,450
11 Property maintenance		27,406					27,406
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy			215				215
13 District Assessment & Levy		89,860					89,860
14 Depreciation							0
15 Office expenses		3,677					3,677
16 Other outgoings		10,242					10,242
17 Total charitable expenditure		464,635	215	0	0	0	464,850
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments							0
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties							
20 Net income/(expenditure)		22,234	56,189	0	0	0	78,423
21 Transfers between funds							0
22 Other gains/(losses)							
23 Net movement in funds		22,234	56,189	0	0	0	78,423
24 Total funds brought forward							0
25 Total funds carried forward		22,234	56,189	-	-	-	78,423

Name of Circuit

Bramhall & Wythenshawe

Circuit No

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2022

Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2021/22 £	Totals 2020/21 £
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Fixed Assets

Circuit Manses & Equipment	2,815,523					2,815,523	2,512,062
Investment properties						0	
Investments						0	
Total fixed assets	2,815,523	0	0	0	0	2,815,523	2,512,062

Current Assets

Debtors	34,957					34,957	34,460
Loans by the Circuit	0					0	0
Investments with TMCP	0	76,834	76,342			153,176	64,166
Central Finance Board Deposits	22,088		78,586			100,674	101,461
Cash at Bank and in hand	28,271					28,271	62,819
Total current assets	85,316	76,834	154,928	0	0	317,078	262,906

Current liabilities

Creditors (due in under 1 year)	4,497					4,497	2,895
Grants payable within 2021-22						0	
Total current liabilities	4,497	0	0	0	0	4,497	2,895
Net current assets/liabilities	80,819	76,834	154,928	0	0	312,581	260,011

Total assets less current liabilities	2,896,342	76,834	154,928	0	0	3,128,104	2,772,073
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Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)							
Grants payable after 2021-22						0	
Loans to the Circuit						0	
						0	
Net assets	2,896,342	76,834	154,928	0	0	3,128,104	2,772,073

Funds of the Circuit

General Fund (Unrestricted)	2,896,342					2,896,342	2,679,415
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)		76,834				76,834	64,166
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)			154,928			154,928	28,492
Total Unrestricted Funds						3,128,104	2,772,073
Restricted Funds				0		0	
Endowment Funds					0	0	
Total Funds	2,896,342	76,834	154,928	0	0	3,128,104	2,772,073

Signed

Circuit Treasurer

To be completed by Circuits with total income and endowments of more than £500,000

Name of Circuit Bramhall & Wythenshawe

Circuit No

19/15

Cash flow statement for the year ended 31 August 2022

Statement of cash flows	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Cash from operating activities			
Net cash used in operating activities		-27,290	21,866
Cash flows from investing activities			
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		839	312
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment		90,342	56,245
Purchase of property, plant and equipment			
Purchase of intangible assets			
Proceeds from the sale of investments			
Purchase of investments			
Other			
Net cash provided by investing activities		91,181	56,557
Cash flows from financing activities			
New borrowing			
Repayments of borrowing			
Net cash used in financing activities		0	0
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		63,891	78,423
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		234,205	155,782
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		298,096	234,205
Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities		2022 £	2021 £
Net income for the reporting period (as per statement of financial activities)		-27,290	21,866
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation and amortisation charges			
Profit on the sale of fixed assets		90,342	56,245
Loss on the sale of fixed assets			
Gains on investments			
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		839	312
Decrease/(increase) in stocks			
(increase)/decrease in debtors		-497	-4,637
increase/(decrease) in creditors		1,602	-1,122
Net cash used in operating activities		64,996	72,664
Analysis of cash and cash equivalent		2022 £	2021 £
Cash in hand		28,271	62,819
Short term deposit (less than 3 months)		253,850	165,627
Total cash and cash equivalents		282,121	228,446

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. Designated funds are where funds have been allocated for a specific purpose but are categorised as unrestricted so their use can be changed. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose. There are also the following Endowment funds as listed. 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.

Income Recognition

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. When the grant is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years is treated as a provision for future commitments in the Balance Sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years as instalments are paid in accordance with the originally agreed terms.

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

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000.

The freehold properties are shown in the accounts at 2022 deemed values, of which the land component is not given as a separate amount. No depreciation is provided on the buildings because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings (on the assumption that they had reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than their current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The properties have 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 major Debtors items relate to: The payment of the September stipends in August. Adjustment to salary payments due from Cheadle Hulme church, where the circuit pays salaries on behalf of those churches. Assessments due from 2 of the churches who have been unable to arrange to pay them because of the pandemic. These delayed payments have been reviewed and it is considered too soon to decide whether they will ever be paid.

Creditors

Creditors items relate to the audit fee and balancing payments to Wilmslow, Handforth and Bramhall re church salaries.

Sale and purchase of manse in Wilmslow

The circuit decided to upgrade the manse accommodation in the Wilmslow section of the circuit by selling the existing manse and purchasing a new one.

The net sale proceeds of £90,342 are reflected in these accounts as capital receipts

BRAMHALL AND WYTHENSHAW Circuit

	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted	Endowment	2022 Total	2021 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
4. Donations and legacies							
General donations	960					960	960
Mental Health Fund			0			0	-
Refugee Fund			0			0	-
Legacies						0	
Total	960	0	0	0	0	960	960

	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted	Endowment	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
5. Charitable activities - other							
Rental of Manses	26,266					26,266	26,596
Charitable activities - Other 2							
Charitable activities - Other 3							
Total	26,266	0		0		26,266	26,596

	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted	Endowment	2022 Total	2021 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
6. Other trading activities							
Lettings (Property name) - 1						-	
Lettings (Property name) - 2						-	
Lettings (Property name) - 3						-	
Lettings (Property name) - 4						-	
Miscellaneous 1						-	
Miscellaneous 2						-	
Miscellaneous 3						-	
Miscellaneous 4						-	
Total	-	-		-		-	-

	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted	Endowment	2022 Total	2021 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
7. Investment income							
Central Finance Board	384					384	312
Rental income						-	
Other		455				455	
Total	384	455		-		839	312

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8. Payment to Trustees	This year	Last year
Payments made to trustees £	Nil	Nil
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	0	
Nature of the expenses	Expense payments primarily relate to reimbursement for travel and	
Total amount paid	£ Nil	Nil
9. Fees for examination or audit of the accounts		
Independent examiner's or £	1,500	1,500
Other fees (eg: advice, £		
10. Paid employees		
Staff Costs paid during the year were:		
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	£ 41,187	40,513
Employer's National Insurance costs	£ 2,511	2,879
Pension costs	£ 2,471	2,764
Total staff costs	£ 46,169	46,156
Average number of staff employed during the year were:	3	3

These figures represent the lay staff employed directly by the circuit.

The ministerial staff working in the circuit are "employed" by the Methodist Church centrally and are not included

**11 Tangible
Fixed Assets**

Detail of assets held,
State number of manses, specifically reference other buildings managed by the circuit and separately identify property treated as investment property.
Provided summary information in respect of other categories and specific reference should be made in respect of any assets under construction.

Cost or valuation

	Residential Land £	Other Land £	(There are a total of 7 manses) Manse £	Other buildings £	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under constructio n £	Total £
Balance brought forward			2,512,062	0	0			2,512,062
Additions			399,493					399,493
Revaluations (+/-)			355,878					355,878
Disposals (-)			451,910	0				451,910
Transfers * (+/-)								0
Balance carried forward	0	0	2,815,523	0	0	0	0	2,815,523

Accumulated depreciation

**Basis		SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB	
** Rate						

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

Net book value

Brought forward	-	-	2,512,062	-	-	-	-	2,512,062
Carried forward	-	-	2,815,523	-	-	-	-	2,815,523

* The "transfers" row is for movements between fixed asset categories.

** Indicate the method of depreciation by deleting the method not applicable (SL = straight line; RB = reducing balance).

12 Investments

The funds that support the Circuit Model Trust Fund and the Manses Fund are held

Analysis of investment movements

		This year	Prev year
Exchange			
Investments held in common investment funds,			
Exchange			
Other investments			
Total		0	0

Change in investment values

Carrying (market) value at beginning of year			0
Add: additions to investments at cost			
Less: disposals at carrying value			0
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation			0
Carrying (market) value at end of year		0	0

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13. Analysis of current assets

This year

Circuit

Last year

**Debtors and
prepayments**

£

£

Pre paid assessments

0

Accrued income

Other debtors

34,957

34,460

**Total debtors
and
prepayments**

34,957

34,460

**Analysis of cash
at bank**

Bank balance

held in Unity

Trust

28,271

62,819

Bank balance

held in CFB

100,674

104,461

Bank balance

held in TMCP

153,176

64,166

Total Cash and Bank

282,121

231,446

14. Analysis of current liabilities and long term creditors

Trade Creditors

£ 1,500

1,500

Other Creditors

£ 2,997

1,395

**Total Current
Liabilities**

£ 4,497

2,895

15. Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

At the 31st August 2022 the Circuit has no capital commitments.

No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2022.

16. Loans

Source	Purpose of loan	Amount brought forward	New borrowings	Loan interest	Repayable in the year	Balance at year end
						0
						0
						0
						0
Totals		0	0	0	0	0 X

Repayment due

Due within 12 months	31/08/2023								0
Due between 1 and 5 years	31/08/2024		31/08/2025		31/08/2026		31/08/2027		0
Due later than 5 years									0 Y

Note: the two totals X and Y must agree

17. Detailed analysis of individual fund movements

Unrestricted
Funds

Unrestricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
General	2,679,415	763,160	475,639	-70,594	2,896,342	
Circuit Model Trust	64,166	90,797	1,787	-76,342	76,834	76834
Designated - Mental Health fund	358	0	0		358	To provide awareness and training of mental health problems
Designated - Refugee Support fund	800	0	0		800	To provide support to refugees
Designated - Grants fund	27,334	0	20,500	146,936	153,770	To provide grants towards approved circuit and church projects
Totals	2,772,073	853,957	497,926	0	3,128,104	

Restricted
Funds

Restricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
Benevolent Fund					0	Support for individuals in specific need
		0			0	
					0	
					0	
					0	
Totals	0	0	0	0	0	

Endowment Name	How the capital is invested	The current value of the capital	Annual income	What the income was used for
Totals		0	0	

The reasons for the transfers between funds were as follows:

Name of Circuit: **Bramhall & Wythenshawe** No. **19/15**

Declarations and Scrutiny

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

Signature of treasurer Date.....

Name and address of treasurer: David James, 19 Conway Road,

Cheadle Hulme, Cheadle Post Code: SK8 6BP

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

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting Date

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Bramhall & Wythenshawe Circuit (19/15)

Charity Number 1134354

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Bramhall & Wythenshawe Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2022 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.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Circuit: Bramhall & Wythenshawe No: 19/15

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 ACCA.

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; 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/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

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Name of firm

Address

..... Post Code

Date

* delete or circle as appropriate

BRAMHALL AND WYTHENSHAW Circuit

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Introduction

The circuit is part of the wider Methodist church and comprises 12 churches across the border between Greater Manchester and Cheshire. The circuit was formed in 2012 by the merging of the former Bramhall and Wythenshawe circuits. The circuit forms part of the Manchester and Stockport District. Whilst this report concentrates on the financial aspects of the circuit's work, a fuller picture can be obtained by visiting the circuit website:

www.bramhallwythenshawmethodists.org.uk

Aims and organisation

We are a circuit whose faith is:

- celebrated in worship
- committed to spiritual growth
- expressed in sharing the good news
- worked out with people of all ages within our communities

Together as a Circuit we:

- undertake to provide opportunities to worship God in spirit and in truth
- undertake to encourage each other in our journey of discipleship
- are committed to serving others and by sharing our faith encouraging others into discipleship
- will seek to work with Christians and churches of other traditions to further the work of the gospel.

Review of the year

The financial position this year has still been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. Whilst the restrictions on the use of church buildings eased, both for worship and for other church and community purposes, the numbers of people using them, for both worship and community activities, have not recovered to pre-pandemic levels which has generally led to a reduction in church income. However, most of the churches have been able to continue the payment of their assessments to the circuit. 2 of the churches have not been able to pay their full assessments. The 2 manses that are let are bringing in a good rental income.

The normal operations of the circuit during the year resulted in a deficit where expenditure exceeded income by £12.3k. The budget for the year had predicted a small surplus of some £0.7k. The major reasons for this are: a) A one off payment of £34.3k to the Methodist Church's pension reserve fund and b) lower expenditure than forecast in other areas.

A new manse was purchased for the minister in the Wilmslow section of the circuit. This was funded by the sale of the previous manse in Wilmslow. This resulted in nett income of £90,342 to the circuit after the payment of fees and levies. It is the intention to use this money partially in the provision of grants to the circuit churches so that they can further their work and also to improve the energy efficiency of circuit property.

Income trends

In recognition of the effects of the pandemic, the assessment on the churches was kept the same for 2021/22. A reduced assessment on the circuit from the district has allowed a 5% reduction in church assessments for 2022/23. Recent events, such as the double digit increase in inflation, mean that a substantial increase in income from the churches will be required in 2023/24. This will come at a time when churches also have increased costs and, as reported above, reduced income. The circuit leadership are addressing these serious concerns.

Expenditure trends

Stipend expenditure has increased each financial year in line with conference approved increases. Lay salaries are increased in line with stipends except where the funding church cannot afford to. The number of ministerial staff reduced from 5 to 4 in 2021. This number will be reviewed in 2024.

20% of expenditure is the Circuit contribution to the District and Connexion, of which a significant part is used to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church.

It is realised that the circuit has increased balances and discussions are commencing about the ways in which these balances can be used to further the work of the circuit.

Fund balances

As at 31 August 2022 the net current unrestricted assets of the Circuit were £343k. Of that sum, £154k has been designated to provide funds for grants to circuit churches and specific circuit projects. The balance of £189k gives approximately 6 months cover for budgeted expenditure.

Plans for 2022/23

Circuit financial plans for the coming year were prepared on the basis that the staffing levels were changing to 4 full time ordained staff and 3 lay staff. the lay staff contribute an average of 26 hours per week each. The approved stipend and lay salary increases of 4.54% have been budgeted for, combined with a 5% increase in council tax and utilities costs. The district assessment has fallen slightly.

Church assessments were decreased by 5% and discussions are continuing with the churches about introducing a revised method of calculating church assessments.

The existing manse in Wilmslow was sold in June 2022 and a replacement bought in the Dean Row area.

This generated additional funds of £90k. These funds have been designated for use in giving grants to the churches to assist with their mission and to allow circuit and church property to be made more energy efficient. £14k of this was paid in grants during 2021/22.

The project with the Emmaus community at St Andrew's church in Wythenshawe is moving forward. The circuit budget for 2022/23 provides for expenditure of £5k on this project but it is anticipated that more will be spent, both in 2022/23 and subsequent years.

The circuit has taken responsibility for the upkeep of the churches at Northenden and St Andrews from the local church councils. Provision for this has been made in the 2022/23 budget.

Bramhall & Wythenshawe Circuit
Trustee's Annual Report on Finance and Governance

Basis of preparation and legal framework

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.

Full Name of Charity: The Bramhall and Wythenshawe Circuit

Registration Charity Number: 1134354

Date of registration 16th February 2010

Main communication address

Circuit administrator, Circuit Office, c/o Cheadle Trinity church,
Massie Street, Cheadle. SK8 1DU

The members of the Bramhall and Wythenshawe Methodist Circuit meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of circuit office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the local churches.

Fully membership is shown as Appendix A to this report.

Circuit Ministers and officers

Active Circuit Ministers: Rev Philip Peacock (superintendent)
Rev Louise Gough

Rev Sarah Parkin

Rev Dave Warnock

Circuit & Church Lay Workers (during the year): Mrs Sarah Hooks, Ms Cassie Jennings, Mr Stuart Ratcliffe, Mrs Pauline Moore, Mrs Susie Metcalfe, Dr Emma Coe, Mr Richard Baker, Mr Matt Hill

Circuit Stewards

Mr Mike Cowling
Mr Nigel Day
Mrs Pam Howie
Mr David James (treasurer)

Administrator: Mrs Jenny Manning

Mr David James acted as the principal officer overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the circuit during the year.

Independent examiner: Loughran & Murphy Accountants, Suite A, 65a Alderley Road, Wilmslow, Cheshire. SK9 1NZ

Investment Bankers: Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church

Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

BRAMHALL AND WYTHENSHAW Circuit

Aims and organisation

The Charity objective is to act as a Resource provider within the area around the south east of Stockport MBC, the northern part of Cheshire East and the Wythenshawe area of the City of Manchester for the Methodist Church:

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have

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

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

Public Benefit

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

Structure, Governance and Management

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

Trustee Training

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

Related Parties

The Circuit is part of the Manchester and Stockport District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The following Methodist Churches are linked to the circuit:

(LEP - Local Ecumenical Partnership)

Bramhall

Brownley Green

Cheadle Trinity (LEP)

Cheadle Hulme

Christ Church Colshaw (LEP)

St Mary's Handforth

Heald Green

Lawton Moor

Northenden

Styal

Wilmslow

St Andrew's Wythenshawe

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Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Circuit Stewards with professional advice taken as required.

Safeguarding

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

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

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

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

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

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Circuit is to hold a minimum sum equivalent to 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 any inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment from churches.

Circuit Managing Trustees as at 31st August 2022

Category	Name (s) / Role	Representing Church	Number
Presbyter & Deacons Stationed	Rev Philip Peacock Superintendent Rev Louise Gough Rev Sarah Parkin Rev Dave Warnock Rev Kathleen Loughlin	CH W, StM TC CH S B C LM N BG HG StA Authorised Presbyter	5
Circuit Stewards	Nigel Day Senior Steward Dave James Treasurer Pam Howie Mike Cowling <i>Vacancy</i> <i>Vacancy</i> <i>Vacancy</i>		7
Other Presbyters & Deacons residing in the Circuit able and willing to serve	Rev Geoffrey Barnard Rev David Clowes Rev Margaret Hall Sister Irene Jolly Rev Alan Mimmack Rev Charles Nevin Rev Bob Richards		7
Secretary of Meeting (Acting)	Michael Cowling		1
Secretary of Local Preachers Meeting	Sylvia Cowling		1
Circuit Lay Employees	Sarah Hooks Lay Pastor Cassandra Jennings Lay Pastor	BG HG LM N StA BG HG LM N StA	2
Circuit Manse Steward	Ian Castledine		1
Circuit Property Secretary	John Ream		1
Circuit Safeguarding Officer(s)	Judith Castledine <i>Vacancy</i>		2
Circuit Methodist Women in Britain President	Jo Richards		1
Circuit MHA Coordinator	<i>Vacancy</i>		1
Circuit Action for Children Coordinator	Terrie Baker		1
Worship Enabler(s)	Rev Louise Gough Sue Markall		2
Rep to the District Council	Rev Sarah Parkin		1
Circuit & Synod Elected Rep of the District Synod	Cassandra Jennings		1
Two representatives from the Local Preachers Meeting	Mary Langton Nick Harding		2
FROM LOCAL CHURCHES			
Church Stewards	Angela Clowes Phemy Houghton <i>Vacancy</i> Derek Malpas Dudley Ashworth <i>Vacancy</i> <i>Vacancy</i> <i>Vacancy</i> Lynne Hodson <i>Vacancy</i> Margaret Radcliffe Julie Hassell	B BG CH C HG LM N StA StM S TC W	12
Church Treasurers	Claire Lee Mary Quayle Maurice Turnpenney Tony Blundell Peter Bayley Bob Thomson John Theakston Lilian Trimble Bob Alexander <i>Vacancy</i> Elizabeth Ainsworth Bill Deverell	B BG CH C HG LM N StA StM S TC W	12
Two representatives from each Church	Elaine Bates John Benvie Greg Davis Malcolm Cockill Joanne Scoltock Barbara Clark Jim Jones <i>Vacancy</i> John Harrison Marjorie Wilson Praveen Jayaprakasam Margaret Lloyd <i>Vacancy</i> <i>Vacancy</i> Irene Hammond Marilyn Snell Roberta Gerrard Margaret Wright Janet George <i>Vacancy</i> <i>Vacancy</i> <i>Vacancy</i> Chris Goddard Avril Tucker	B B BG BG CH CH C C HG HG LM LM N N StA StA StM StM S S TC TC W W	24
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