

SWANSEA & GOWER METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales · Charity number 1134882

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2010-03-12

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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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: As a Circuit we affirm the Priorities of the Methodist Church and seek to:Express the Gospel through worship, word and action in fresh ways that will speak to the needs and culture of the people around us.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Religious Activities, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- City Of Swansea

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£289,795	£308,417	-	-
2024-08-31	£257,101	£293,556	-	-
2023-08-31	£230,567	£200,963	-	-
2022-08-31	£231,722	£247,873	-	-
2021-08-31	£293,459	£302,404	-	-
2020-08-31	£220,375	£221,976	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alan Cram		2012-01-20
Audrey Jean Hinnells		2022-10-23
BEVERLEY POINER		
BLODWEN ROSAMOND O'CONNOR		
BRINLEY WYNNE JONES BA HONS		
CAROLINE BUCKLER		2019-05-02
CAROLYN MARY JENKINS		
Colin Paul Everett		2022-12-08
DAVID JOHN BOAKES		
Dr Laurie Stewart Higgs		2025-05-22
Eleanor Rachel Cuthill		2018-03-01
Geoff Maddock		2004-04-02
Grace Coleman BSC Hons		2018-03-12
HEATHER ANN COLEMAN BSC CQSW		
HILDEGARDE ANN ROBERTS BSC HONS		
Ian Jones Campbell		2024-09-05
Isobel Everett		2021-12-01
JEFFREY STUART COLEMAN		
Janet Mary Neilson		
Janice Heslop		2024-03-01
Jennifer Mary Noble		2025-03-20
KATHLEEN MARGARET JONES		
LARRAINE GILLIAN WORRALL		2017-01-01
Leslie John Want		2012-07-22
Lynne Taylor		2016-09-01
MALCOLM GRIMLEY HNC		
MARJORIE PROBERT		2012-01-20

Name	Role	Appointed
MARK PUNTAN		2022-08-18
Margaret Irene Harrison		2024-06-01
Margaret June Crawford		2025-09-01
Marilyn Harry		2019-12-05
PETER SCOTT BA PGCE		
Patricia Davies		2016-01-01
Paul Kent		2025-05-27
REV PAMELA MARY CRAM BA MA		
REV. H.D. LONG		
ROSEMARY ELAINE DAVIES		
Rev ANDREW WALKER		2012-01-22
Rev Louise Gough		2023-09-01
Rev Margaret Joy Adams		2019-03-21
SANDRA PENGELLY SRN SCM HV		
SELINA TAYLOR BSC HONS		
SYBIL IVY SMITH		
Sandra Cuthill		2018-09-01
Susan Anne Billington		2024-03-01
WINIFRED AUDREY LOUISE HAWKINS B.A.		2022-09-01

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Accounts

Swansea and Gower Methodist Circuit
Charity No 1134882
Report of the Trustees For The Year
Ended 31st August 2025

The Trustees submit their annual report and the independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31st August 2025.

Legal and administrative information

The governing body of the Circuit is the annual conference of the Methodist Church. The Methodist Church Act 1976 gives the authority under which the Methodist Church acts. The constitutional practice and discipline of the Methodist Church governs the activities of the Circuit.

On 12th March 2010 the Circuit registered as a separate charity under the Charities Act 2006 and has been allocated the Registered Number 1134882.

Superintendent Minister: Rev Howard Long

Circuit Address: Swansea and Gower Circuit Office, Mumbles Methodist Church, Mumbles, Swansea SA3 4DH

Organisational Structure

The Swansea and Gower Circuit is made up of eleven churches. These are - Pitton, Horton, Reynoldston, Murton, Mumbles, Uniting Church Sketty, Brunswick, Penlan, Wesley, Morrision, Clydach. There are approximately 455 members, numerous worshipping adherents and community contacts.

There are 8 members of staff. These are Rev Howard Long – Superintendent Minister, Rev Andrew Walker, Rev Louise Gough, Rev Andrew Pearce (Associate Minister – Anglican) Rev Betty McNiven (Associate Minister – Anglican) and Lay Workers – Huw Davies, Heather Davies, Elizabeth Wheeler and Louise Davies (Circuit Admin)

Other office holders (voluntary) include Circuit Stewards – Mrs Heather Coleman, Mrs Grace Coleman (Treasurer), Mrs Lynne Taylor, Mr Colin Everett and Circuit Meeting Secretary Eleanor Cuthill

The members of the Circuit Meeting are the Managing Trustees. During the year 2024/25 the following people served as members of the Circuit Meeting.

CIRCUIT MEETING MEMBERSHIP

STAFF

Revd Howard Long
Rev. Andrew Walker
Rev Louise Gough
Rev Andrew Pearce – Associate Presbyterian
Rev Betty McNiven – Associate Presbyterian

LAY WORKERS

Mr Huw Davies – Ogof Adullam
Mrs Heather Davies – Ogof Adullam
Mrs Elizabeth Wheeler – Ogof Adullam

CIRCUIT ADMINISTRATOR

Mrs Louise Davies

SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS

Rev. Pam Cram – Missions Secretary/MWiB
Rev. Margaret Adams

CIRCUIT ROLES

Mrs Nancy Owens – Circuit Meeting Secretary (part year)
Miss Eleanor Cuthill – Circuit Meeting Secretary (part year)
Mrs Grace Coleman – Circuit Treasurer
Mrs Heather Coleman – Circuit Steward
Mrs Lynne Taylor – Circuit Steward
Mr Colin Everett – Circuit Steward/Property
Mrs Win Hawkins Local Preachers Secretary
Miss Janet Neilson – Art Serve Representative
Mr Jeff Coleman – Circuit Archivist
Mrs Pat Davies – Circuit Safeguarding
Mrs Sandra Pengelly – Circuit MHA representative
Mrs Gill Worrall – Circuit Action for Children representative

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Brunswick Kathleen Jones, Sybil Smith, Malcolm Grimley
Clydach Marilyn Harry, Alan Cram
Horton Hildegarde Roberts, Peter Scott, Audrey Hinnells
Morrison Eleanor Cuthill (part year) Irene Harrison, Janice Heslop
Mumbles Mark Puntan, David Boakes, Caroline Buckler, Geoff Maddock, Cynthia Mumford
Murton Ruth Painter, Marjorie Probert, Susan Billington
Penlan Blodwen O'Connor
Pitton Selina Taylor, Isobel Everett, Carolyn Jenkins
Reynoldston Ian Campbell
Sketty Jon Dyer, Sandra Cuthill, Les Want, Alan Jones
Wesley Elaine Davies, Brinley Jones, Maureen Escourt

Mission and Purpose

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Priorities for the Methodist Church

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To proclaim and affirm its conviction of God's love in Christ, for us and for all the world; and renew confidence in God's presence and action in the world and in the Church

As ways towards realising this priority, the Methodist Church will give particular attention to the following:

- Underpinning everything we do with God-centred worship and prayer
- Supporting community development and action for justice, especially among the most deprived and poor in Britain and worldwide
- Developing confidence in evangelism and in the capacity to speak of God and faith in ways that make sense to all involved
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- Nurturing a culture in the Church which is people-centred and flexible

Swansea and Gower Circuit Policy

As a Circuit we affirm the Priorities of the Methodist Church and seek to:

- Express the Gospel through worship, word and action in ways that will speak to the needs and culture of the people around us.
- Nurture Christian understanding and lifestyle through fellowship groups, study groups and prayer groups in the Churches.
- Encourage growth in church membership through worship and evangelism, mission and pastoral care.
- Support existing chaplaincies and develop other chaplaincy work wherever possible.
- Work in partnership with other churches wherever possible in order for us to share in God's mission more effectively.
- Play a full part in the work of the Methodist Church in Wales while being inspired and challenged as part of the worldwide Church of Christ.
- Be sensitive to environmental issues and be good stewards of our natural resources.

Review of the Year

Staffing: The lay workers, Huw Davies, Heather Davies and Elizabeth Wheeler were made redundant following the closure of the Ogof Adullam project this year. All other staffing remained unchanged. Rev Louise Gough took a sabbatical during the year.

Circuit Leadership Team: The CLT is made up of all staff (lay and ordained) and 4 circuit stewards Heather Coleman (UCS) Grace Coleman (Morrison) Lynne Taylor (Pitton) and Colin Everett (Pitton).

Circuit Strategy: The strategy document was reviewed periodically by the Circuit Leadership Team.

MDR: Ministerial Development Review: This was ongoing throughout the year

Safeguarding: Training sessions continued throughout the circuit. The Annual Safeguarding Policy for the circuit as well as the annual circuit audit was agreed.

EDI – Equality, Diversity and Inclusion: Mandatory training sessions took place throughout the circuit.

Local Preachers: The Local Preachers met regularly online for mutual support, continuing development and LP/WL business.

Bible Month: The circuit supported Bible Month in June concentrating on the Gospel of John

Penlan: Penlan Church Council (made up of trustees from other churches) continued to oversee the property and mission of the church.

Property: The Murton fellowship continued to work towards the sale of their chapel and the development of the hall into a multi-purpose worship/community centre. The work on Sketty manse was completed. A number of Quinquennial reports were completed throughout the year.

Eco Grants: The circuit continued to offer grants to support churches as they work to become more environmentally friendly.

Outreach: Messy Church and a number of Alpha Courses were held throughout the circuit.

Wales Methodist Synod. The circuit was fully represented at all Synod meetings that took place throughout the year including the annual Synod (Sept 2024), Ministerial Synod (March 2025) and the Synod Policy Committee (Online). The Superintendent Minister chaired the Synod Schemes and Grants committee which met online three times during the year.

In the course of the year the Swansea and Gower Circuit has:

- Prepared the preaching plan and organised acts of worship both online and in person
- Arranged four Circuit Meetings dealing with business relating to the Circuit and formulated plans for the future including agreeing the budget and church assessments for the financial year 2025/26

- Completed an annual GDPR and Safeguarding audit
- Arranged EDI Training for all Staff and Office Holders.
- Arranged 2 meetings of the Circuit Mission Committee
- Arranged 6 meetings of the Circuit Leadership Team
- Each minister received regular supervision
- Arranged 4 meetings of the Local Preachers and Worship Leaders as well as various study sessions

SWANSEA & GOWER METHODIST CIRCUIT

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 August 2025

	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals This Year	Previous Year Totals
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources						
Assessment or Share	204,325				204,325	197,833
Capital Receipts						
Interest and Investment Income	911	10,427			11,338	14,972
Grants	4,000				4,000	4,000
Profit on Sale of Buildings	0				0	0
Other Income	20,901		49,231		70,132	40,296
Total Incoming Resources	230,137	10,427	49,231	0	289,795	257,101
Total Resources Expended						
Stipends, Salaries, NIC & Pension costs	107,575	18,701			126,276	128,365
District Assessment	39,844				39,844	40,162
Methodist Church Fund	5,148				5,148	5,194
Telephone & Travel	6,511				6,511	7,295
Insurance, Utilities etc	12,554				12,554	18,466
Maintenance on Manses	15,243	30,000			45,243	25,435
Other Expenditure	32,072				32,072	30,662
Grants & Donations	0	29,811			29,811	26,000
Professional Fees	0	0			0	0
CPF Levy	0	10,958			10,958	11,977
Contributions to District Advance Funds	0				0	0
Total Resources Expended	218,947	89,470	0	0	308,417	293,556
Net Incoming Resources	11,190	-79,043	49,231	0	-18,622	-36,455
Total Funds Brought Forward	656,164	253,102	0			945,721
Funds transfer	0	0	0			
Total Funds Carried Forward at Year End	667,354	174,059	49,231	0	-18,622	909,266

SWANSEA & GOWER METHODIST CIRCUIT

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2025

	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals This Year	Previous Year Totals
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets						
Manses Chapels and Churches	4,040,000				4,040,000	580,979
Total Fixed Assets	<u>4,040,000</u>	0	0	0	<u>4,040,000</u>	<u>580,979</u>
Current Assets						
Debtors and Prepayments	10,457		0		10,457	10,636
Central Finance Board and Trustees for Methodist Purposes Deposit	19,927	174,059			193,986	272,165
Cash at Bank and in Hand	74,931		49,467		124,398	65,556
Total Current Assets	<u>105,315</u>	<u>174,059</u>	<u>49,467</u>	0	<u>328,841</u>	<u>348,357</u>
Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 year)	18,941		236		19,177	20,070
Net Current Assets (Liabilities)	<u>86,374</u>	<u>174,059</u>	<u>49,231</u>	0	<u>309,664</u>	<u>328,287</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	<u>4,126,374</u>	<u>174,059</u>	<u>49,231</u>	0	<u>4,349,664</u>	<u>909,266</u>
Loans and creditors due after 1 year	0	0	0	0	0	0
Provision for liabilities and charges	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net Assets	<u>4,126,374</u>	<u>174,059</u>	<u>49,231</u>	0	<u>4,349,664</u>	<u>909,266</u>
Funds of the Circuit						
General Fund (Unrestricted)	667,353		49,231		716,584	656,164
Revaluation Reserve	3,459,021				3,459,021	0
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)		174,059			174,059	253,102
Total Funds	<u>4,126,374</u>	<u>174,059</u>	<u>49,231</u>	0	<u>4,349,664</u>	<u>909,266</u>

To be Approved by the Swansea & Gower Circuit on 26th May 2026 and signed on their behalf

Rev. Howard Long



Grace Coleman

Registered Charity No. 1134882

Independent Examiner's Report

to the trustees of Swansea & Gower Methodist Circuit (Charity Number 1134882)

I report on the circuit accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent Examiners' Report

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


Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

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

Signed: 

Date: 21/04/2026

Name: CARL WEST

Relevant professional qualification or Body: ACA

Address: 29 YSTRAD ROAD
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- Be sensitive to environmental issues and be good stewards of our natural resources.

Review of the Year

Staffing: Rev Louise Gough was welcomed to serve in the circuit with pastoral responsibility for Uniting Church Sketty and Clydach as well as being part of the University chaplaincy team. Rev Michael Ellor (Associate Presbyterian) stepped down from this role at the beginning of the year. The circuit invitation committee met and recommended that Rev Andy Walker be stationed in the circuit for a further four years from Sept 2025.

Circuit Leadership Team: The CLT is made up of all staff (lay and ordained) and 4 circuit stewards Heather Coleman (UCS) Grace Coleman (Morrison) Lynne Taylor (Pitton) and Colin Everett (Pitton).

Circuit Strategy: A number of presentations were given to the circuit trustees about the existing and planned work by the churches relating to the strategy. The strategy document was reviewed periodically by the Circuit Leadership Team.

MDR: Ministerial Development Review: This was ongoing throughout the year

Safeguarding: Training sessions continued throughout the circuit. The Annual Safeguarding Policy for the circuit as well as the annual circuit audit was agreed. The Connexional 'Theology of Safeguarding Report' was shared throughout the circuit.

EDI – Equality, Diversity and Inclusion: Mandatory training sessions took place throughout the circuit.

Local Preachers: The Local Preachers met regularly online for mutual support, continuing development and LP/WL business.

Bible Month: The circuit supported Bible Month in June concentrating on the Old Testament book of Genesis.

Ogof Adullam Drop-in Centre: The project was open three days a week with many guests attending. The Men's Shed is open at the same time as Ogof Adullam and numbers are growing. The project was visited by the President and Vice President of the Methodist Conference in May. Ogof Adullam is overseen by a circuit management committee.

Penlan: Penlan Church Council (made up of trustees from other churches) continued to oversee the property and mission of the church.

Property: The Wesley building scheme was completed in their Centenary year and officially opened by the President and Vice President of the Methodist Conference. As part of the vision and future for the Murton fellowship permission was granted to sell the chapel and develop the work on the Hall site. The work on Sketty manse was ongoing. A number of Quinquennial reports were completed throughout the year.

Eco Grants: The circuit continued to offer grants to support churches as they work to become more environmentally friendly.

Outreach: Messy Church and a number of Alpha Courses were held throughout the circuit. Reynoldston organised a Stable Trail in December

Wales Methodist Synod. The circuit was fully represented at all Synod meetings that took place throughout the year including the annual Synod (Sept 2023), Ministerial Synod (March 2024) and the Synod Policy Committee (Online). The Superintendent Minister chaired the Synod Schemes and Grants committee which met online three times during the

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- Completed an annual GDPR and Safeguarding audit
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- Arranged meetings of the Ogof Adullam Management Team
- Arranged 2 meetings of the Circuit Mission Committee
- Arranged 6 meetings of the Circuit Leadership Team to discuss the life of the Circuit
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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 August 2024

	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals This Year	Previous Year Totals
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources						
Assessment or Share	197,833				197,833	196,268
Capital Receipts						
Interest and Investment Income	1,001	13,971			14,972	8,586
Grants	4,000				4,000	4,000
Profit on Sale of Buildings	0				0	21,660
Other Income	30,296	10,000			40,296	8,000
Total Incoming Resources	233,130	23,971	0	0	257,101	238,514
Total Resources Expended						
Stipends, Salaries, NIC & Pension costs	128,365				128,365	88,095
District Assessment	40,162				40,162	37,988
Methodist Church Fund	5,194				5,194	4,909
Telephone & Travel	7,295				7,295	4,567
Insurance, Utilities etc	18,466				18,466	17,383
Maintenance on Manses	25,113	322			25,435	16,549
Other Expenditure	30,662				30,662	31,472
Grants & Donations	0	26,000			26,000	24,622
Professional Fees	0	0			0	2,470
CPF Levy	0	11,977			11,977	20,578
Contributions to District Advance Funds	0				0	0
Total Resources Expended	255,257	38,299	0	0	293,556	248,633
Net Incoming Resources	-22,127	-14,328	0	0	-36,455	-10,119
Total Funds Brought Forward	678,291	267,430				955,840
Funds transfer	0	0				
Total Funds Carried Forward at Year End	656,164	253,102	0	0	-36,455	945,721

SWANSEA & GOWER METHODIST CIRCUIT

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals This Year	Previous Year Totals
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Tangible Fixed Assets						
Manses	580,979				580,979	580,979
Total Fixed Assets	580,979	0	0	0	580,979	580,979
Current Assets						
Debtors and Prepayments	10,636		0		10,636	11,808
Central Finance Board and Trustees for Methodist Purposes Deposit	19,063	253,102			272,165	285,544
Cash at Bank and in Hand	64,245		1,311		65,556	83,894
Total Current Assets	93,944	253,102	1,311	0	348,357	381,246
Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 year)	18,759		1,311		20,070	16,504
Net Current Assets (Liabilities)	75,185	253,102	0	0	328,287	364,742
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	656,164	253,102	0	0	909,266	945,721
Loans and creditors due after 1 year	0	0	0	0	0	0
Provision for liabilities and charges	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net Assets	656,164	253,102	0	0	909,266	945,721
Funds of the Circuit						
General Fund (Unrestricted)	656,164				656,164	678,291
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)		253,102			253,102	267,430
Total Funds	656,164	253,102	0	0	909,266	945,721

To be Approved by the Swansea & Gower Circuit on and signed on their behalf

Rev. Howard Long

Grace Coleman

Registered Charity No. 1134882

Independent Examiner's Report

to the trustees of Swansea & Gower Methodist Circuit (Charity Number 1134882)

I report on the circuit accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent Examiners' Report

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

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

Signed: *l West*

Date: *20/03/2025*

Name: *CARL WEST*

Relevant professional qualification or Body: *ACA*

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SWANSEA & GOWER METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1134882

Accounts

Swansea and Gower Methodist Circuit
Charity No 1134882
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Ended 31st August 2023

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The Methodist Church is no longer excepted from the need to register as a charity and on 12th March 2010 the Circuit registered as a separate charity under the Charities Act 2006 and has been allocated the Registered Number 1134882.

Superintendent Minister: Rev Howard Long

Circuit Address: Swansea and Gower Circuit Office, Mumbles Methodist Church, Mumbles, Swansea SA3 4DH

Organisational Structure

The Swansea and Gower Circuit is made up of eleven churches. These are - Pitton, Horton, Reynoldston, Murton, Mumbles, Uniting Church Sketty, Brunswick, Penlan, Wesley, Morrision, Clydach. There are approximately 455 members, numerous worshipping adherents and community 'contacts'.

There are 8 members of staff. These are Rev Howard Long – Superintendent Minister, Rev Andrew Walker, Rev Andrew Pearce (Associate Minister – Anglican) Rev Michael Ellor (Associate Minister – Anglican) Rev Betty McNiven (Associate Minister – Anglican) and Lay Workers – Huw Davies, Heather Davies and Louise Davies (Circuit Admin)

Other office holders (voluntary) include

Circuit Stewards – Mrs Heather Coleman, Ken Allison, Mrs Grace Coleman (Treasurer), Mrs Lynne Taylor, Mrs Laura Honour, Mr Colin Everett and Circuit Meeting Secretary – Mrs Nancy Owens

The members of the Circuit Meeting are the Managing Trustees. During the year 2022/23 the following people served as members of the Circuit Meeting.

CIRCUIT MEETING MEMBERSHIP

STAFF

Revd Howard Long
Rev. Andrew Walker
Rev Andrew Pearce – Associate Presbyter
Rev Betty McNiven – Associate Presbyter
Rev Michael Ellor – Associate Presbyter

LAY WORKERS

Mr Huw Davies – Ogof Adullam
Mrs Heather Davies – Ogof Adullam

CIRCUIT ADMINISTRATOR

Mrs Louise Davies

SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS

Rev. Pam Cram – Missions Secretary/MWiB
Rev. Margaret Adams

CIRCUIT ROLES

Mrs Nancy Owens – Circuit Meeting Secretary
Mrs Grace Coleman – Circuit Treasurer
Mrs Heather Coleman – Circuit Steward
Mr Ken Allison – Circuit Steward (part year)
Mrs Laura Honour – Circuit Steward (part year)
Mrs Lynne Taylor – Circuit Steward
Mr Colin Everett – Circuit Steward (part year)
Mr Alan Cram – Local Preachers Secretary (part year)
Mrs Win Hawkins Local Preachers Secretary (part year)
Miss Janet Neilson – Art Serve Representative
Mr Jeff Coleman – Circuit Archivist
Mrs Pat Davies – Circuit Safeguarding
Mrs Sandra Pengelly – Circuit MHA representative
Mrs Gill Worrall – Circuit Action for Children representative
Mr Andrew Phillips – Circuit Property Secretary
Mr Keith Morris – Circuit Property

CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES

Brunswick Kathleen Jones, Sybil Smith, Malcolm Grimley
Clydach Marilyn Harry, Alan Cram (part year)
Horton Hildegarde Roberts, Peter Scott, Audrey Hinnells
Morrison Eleanor Cuthill
Mumbles Mark Puntan, David Boakes, Caroline Buckler, Geoff Maddock, Cynthia Mumford
Murton Ruth Painter, Marjorie Probert
Penlan Blodwen O'Connor
Pitton Carolyn Jenkins (part year), Selina Taylor, Isobel Everett
Reynoldston Ian Campbell
Sketty Jon Dyer, Sandra Cuthill, Les Want, Alan Jones
Wesley Elaine Davies, Brinley Jones

Mission and Purpose

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Priorities for the Methodist Church

In partnership with others wherever possible, the Methodist Church will concentrate its prayers, resources, imagination and commitments on this priority:

To proclaim and affirm its conviction of God's love in Christ, for us and for all the world; and renew confidence in God's presence and action in the world and in the Church

As ways towards realising this priority, the Methodist Church will give particular attention to the following:

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- Encouraging fresh ways of being Church
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Swansea and Gower Circuit Policy

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- Encourage growth in church membership through worship and evangelism, mission and pastoral care.
- Support existing chaplaincies and develop other chaplaincy work wherever possible.
- Work in partnership with other churches wherever possible in order for us to share in God's mission more effectively.
- Play a full part in the work of the Methodist Church in Wales while being inspired and challenged as part of the worldwide Church of Christ.
- Be sensitive to environmental issues and be good stewards of our natural resources.

Review of the Year

Staffing: It was not possible to appoint a new minister through the Methodist stationing system for this year and so the work of Uniting Church Sketty, Clydach and the University Chaplaincy was covered by existing staff (Rev Andrew Pearce) and Supernumerary ministers (Rev Linda Woollacott, Rev Noel Davies and Rev John Atkinson). A circuit administrator was appointed (Louise Davies). During the year it was agreed through the stationing system that Rev Louise Gough would be appointed to serve in the circuit from September 2023.

Circuit Leadership Team: The CLT is made up of all staff (lay and ordained) and 4 circuit stewards Heather Coleman (UCS) Ken Allison (Mumbles) Grace Coleman (Morriston) Lynne Taylor (Pitton) and Laura Honour (UCS).

During the year Ken Allison and Laura Honour stepped down and were replaced by Colin Everett (Pitton).

Local Preachers: The Local Preachers met regularly online for mutual support, continuing development and LP/WL business. Alan Cram stepped down as LP/WL secretary and was replaced by Win Hawkins. Quentin Hawkins was presented with a certificate recognising 25 years as a Local preacher

Bible Month: The circuit supported Bible Month in June concentrating on the New Testament book of Revelation.

Ogof Adullam Drop-in Centre: The project re-opened in Penlan with many guests attending on three days a week. The project is overseen by a circuit management committee.

Men's Shed: The Men's Shed was officially opened. Swansea Council leaders, members of the community and many friends from the circuit attended the Open Day

Penlan: Penlan Church Council (made up of trustees from other churches) continued to oversee the property and mission of the church.

Safeguarding: Training sessions continued throughout the circuit. The Annual Safeguarding Policy for the circuit was agreed.

Property: The Wesley Building Scheme was ongoing. The sale of the Morriston chapel was completed. Discussions at Murton regarding the consolidating the work in the hall and the chapel on one site were ongoing. The work on Sketty manse was ongoing. A number of Quinquennial reports were completed throughout the year.

Eco Grants: The circuit continued to offer grants to support churches as they work to become more environmentally friendly.

Circuit Strategy: A document detailing circuit strategy for the next five years was presented by the Circuit Leadership Team and distributed to the churches for discussion and action.

Wales Methodist Synod. The circuit was fully represented at all Synod meetings that took place throughout the year including the annual Synod (Sept 2022), Ministerial Synod (March 2023) and the Synod Policy Committee (Online). The Superintendent Minister chaired the Synod Schemes and Grants committee which met online three times during the year.

In the course of the year the Swansea and Gower Circuit has:

- Prepared the preaching plan and organised acts of worship both online and in person
- Arranged four Circuit Meetings dealing with business relating to the Circuit and to formulate plans for the future including agreeing the budget and church assessments for the financial year 2023/24
- Completed an annual GDPR and Safeguarding audit
- Arranged EDI Training for all Staff and Office Holders.
- Arranged meetings of the Ogof Adullam Management Team
- Arranged 2 meetings of the Circuit Mission Committee
- Arranged 6 meetings of the Circuit Leadership Team to discuss the life of the Circuit
- Each minister received regular supervision
- Arranged 4 meetings of the Local Preachers and Worship Leaders as well as various study sessions

SWANSEA & GOWER METHODIST CIRCUIT

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 August 2023

	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals This Year	Previous Year Totals
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources						
Assessment or Share	196,268				196,268	196,580
Capital Receipts						
Interest and Investment Income	639	7,947			8,586	1,255
Grants	4,000				4,000	4,000
Profit on Sale of Buildings	21,660				21,660	62,000
Other Income	8,000	0			8,000	29,887
Total Incoming Resources	230,567	7,947	0	0	238,514	293,722
Total Resources Expended						
Stipends, Salaries, NIC & Pension costs	88,095				88,095	110,026
District Assessment	37,988				37,988	4,963
Methodist Church Fund	4,909				4,909	38,373
Telephone & Travel	4,567				4,567	3,549
Insurance, Utilities etc	17,383				17,383	12,540
Maintenance on Manses	16,549				16,549	5,549
Other Expenditure	31,472				31,472	17,129
Grants & Donations	0	24,622			24,622	55,745
Professional Fees	0	2,470			2,470	0
CPF Levy	0	20,578			20,578	32,858
Contributions to District Advance Funds	0				0	0
Total Resources Expended	200,963	47,670	0	0	248,633	280,732
Net Incoming Resources	29,604	-39,723	0	0	-10,119	12,990
Total Funds Brought Forward	730,347	225,493				942,850
Funds transfer	-81,660	81,660				
Total Funds Carried Forward at Year End	678,291	267,430	0	0	-10,119	955,840

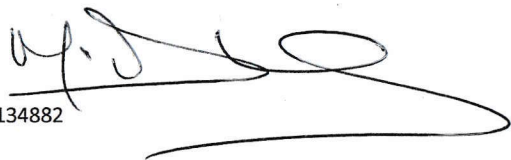
SWANSEA & GOWER METHODIST CIRCUIT

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023

	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals This Year	Previous Year Totals
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets						
Manses	580,979				580,979	640,979
Total Fixed Assets	<u>580,979</u>	0	0	0	<u>580,979</u>	<u>640,979</u>
Current Assets						
Debtors and Prepayments	11,808		0		11,808	6,401
Central Finance Board and Trustees for Methodist Purposes Deposit	18,114	267,430			285,544	242,998
Cash at Bank and in Hand	83,138		756		83,894	84,500
Total Current Assets	<u>113,060</u>	<u>267,430</u>	<u>756</u>	0	<u>381,246</u>	<u>333,899</u>
Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 year)	15,748		756		16,504	19,038
Net Current Assets (Liabilities)	97,312	267,430	0	0	364,742	314,861
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	<u>678,291</u>	<u>267,430</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>945,721</u>	<u>955,840</u>
Loans and creditors due after 1 year	0	0	0	0	0	0
Provision for liabilities and charges	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net Assets	<u>678,291</u>	<u>267,430</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>945,721</u>	<u>955,840</u>
Funds of the Circuit						
General Fund (Unrestricted)	678,291				678,291	730,347
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)		267,430			267,430	225,493
Total Funds	<u>678,291</u>	<u>267,430</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>945,721</u>	<u>955,840</u>

To be Approved by the Swansea & Gower Circuit on June 20th 24 and signed on their behalf

Rev. Howard Long



Grace Coleman

Registered Charity No. 1134882

Independent Examiner's Report

to the trustees of Swansea & Gower Methodist Circuit (Charity Number 1134882)

I report on the circuit accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner

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Signed:



Date:

10/05/2024

Name:

CARL WEST

Relevant professional qualification or Body:

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Address:

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SWANSEA & GOWER METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1134882

Accounts

Swansea and Gower Methodist Circuit
Charity No 1134882
Report of the Trustees For The Year
Ended 31st August 2022

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Superintendent Minister: Rev Howard Long

Circuit Address: Swansea and Gower Circuit Office, Mumbles Methodist Church, Mumbles, Swansea SA3 4DH

Organisational Structure

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CIRCUIT MEETING MEMBERSHIP

STAFF

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Rev. Malcolm Guest
Rev. Frieder Kreschnak
Rev. Margaret Adams

LAY WORKER

Mr Huw Davies – Ogof Adullam

CIRCUIT ROLES

Mrs Nancy Owens – Circuit Meeting Secretary
Mrs Heather Coleman – Circuit Steward
Mr Ken Allison – Circuit Steward
Mrs Laura Honour – Circuit Steward/ Circuit Safeguarding Co-ordinator (Admin) part year
Mrs Lynne Taylor – Circuit Steward/Circuit Safeguarding Co-ordinator (Admin) part year
Mrs Grace Coleman – Circuit Treasurer
Mrs Beverley Poiner – Education and Youth
Mr Alan Cram – Local Preachers Secretary
Miss Janet Neilson – ArtServe Representative
Mr Jeff Coleman – Circuit Archivist
Mrs Pat Davies – Circuit Safeguarding
Mrs Sandra Pengelly – Circuit MHA representative
Mrs Gill Worrall – Circuit Action for Children representative
Mr Andrew Phillips – Circuit Property Secretary
Mr Keith Morris – Circuit Property

CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES

BRUNSWICK

Kath Jones
Sybil Smith
Malcolm Grimley

CLYDACH

Marilyn Harry

HORTON

Hildegarde Roberts
Peter Scott

MORRISTON

Eleanor Cuthill
Irene Dendle
Douglas Dendle

MUMBLES

Richard Williams

Diane Norton
David Boakes
Caroline Buckler
Geoff Maddock
Cynthia Mumford

MURTON

Owain Davies
Ruth Painter
Marjorie Probert

PENLAN

Blodwen O'Connor

PITTON

Carolyn Jenkins
Selina Taylor
Isobel Everett

REYNOLDSTON

Ian Campbell

SKETTY

Jon Dyer
Sandra Cuthill
Les Want
Alan Jones

WESLEY

Elaine Davies
Maureen Estcourt
Brinley Jones

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- Be sensitive to environmental issues and be good stewards of our natural resources.

Review of the Year

Staffing: Rev Leslie Noon moved from the circuit in Aug 2022 to take up an appointment in the North Bedfordshire Circuit. It was not possible to appoint a new minister through the Methodist stationing system and so plans were put in place to cover the work of Uniting Church Sketty, Clydach and the University Chaplaincy with existing staff and Supernumerary ministers. Rev Andrew Walker took a sabbatical from May to September 2022.

Circuit Leadership Team: The CLT is made up of all staff (lay and ordained) and 5 circuit stewards Heather Coleman (UCS) Ken Allison (Mumbles) Grace Coleman (Morrison) Lynne Taylor (Pitton) and Laura Honour (UCS)

Local Preachers: The Local Preachers met regularly online for mutual support, continuing development and LP/WL business. Miss Sue Raad's accreditation service took place at Murton on 3rd October. At the same service Alice Rutter was presented with a 70 year certificate. Mrs Jan Ellor was received as a local preacher in the Methodist Church. Jan was a former Lay Reader in the Church of England and Church in Wales.

Bible Month: The circuit supported Bible Month in June concentrating on the New Testament book of Isaiah

Ogof Adullam Drop-in Centre: The project re-opened in Penlan with many guests attending on three days a week. The project is overseen by a circuit management committee.

Men's Shed: The Men's Shed received planning permission and was built in the summer of this year.

Penlan: Penlan Church Council (made up of trustees from other churches) continued to oversee the property and mission of the church.

Safeguarding: Training sessions continued online throughout the circuit. Laura Honour became the new safeguarding officer for admin replacing Lynne Taylor.

Property: All of the churches re-opened following the Covid 19 pandemic with risk assessments in place

The Wesley Building Scheme Part 2 was given approval by the circuit and Synod. Morriston trustees decided to sell their building. Discussions at Murton regarding the consolidating the work in the hall and the chapel on one site were ongoing

Eco Grants: The circuit made grants available to support churches as they work to become more environmentally friendly.

Circuit Strategy: Questionnaires were sent to all of the churches requesting feedback on current and proposed work as well as challenges the churches currently face and expect to face in the future. The answers to the questionnaires will inform a circuit strategy going forward (expected in 2023).

Wales Methodist Synod. The circuit was fully represented at all Synod meetings that took place online throughout the year including the annual Synod (Sept 2021), and the Synod Policy Committee. The Superintendent Minister chaired the Synod Schemes and Grants committee which met online three times during the year.

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METHODIST CHURCH SWANSEA CIRCUIT
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2022

<u>2020-21</u>		<u>TO 31 AUGUST 2022</u>		
		<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>%</u>
<u>204,742</u>	<u>INCOME</u>			
204,742	ASSESSMENTS	196,580	192,260	102.2
4,000	CHAPLAINCY	4,000	4,000	100.0
281	INTEREST	1,255	68	1845.7
9,048	Other Income	10,887		
	From Model Trust for Pastoral Support, Ogof Ac	19,000	8,000	
<u>4,232</u>	OGOF TO CIRCUIT (0.5/5.0 of assessment)	0	4,338	
<u>222,303</u>		<u>231,722</u>	<u>208,666</u>	
<u>GENERAL EXPENDITURE</u>				
77,600	STIPENDS	73,383	79,540	92.3
20,875	SUPERANNUATION	29,616	21,397	138.4
7,100	EMPLOYERS NATIONAL INSURANCE	7,026	7,277	96.6
8,000	TRAVEL	2,319	4,000	58.0
3,000	TELEPHONE	1,230	2,500	49.2
37,187	METHODIST CHURCH FUND	38,373	39,473	97.2
5,134	SYNOD FUND	4,963	4,963	100.0
	CIRCUIT PROJECT	55,745		
2,000	CIRCUIT TO OGOF		2,000	
1,500	LOCAL PREACHERS	837	1,500	55.8
3,000	SUPERNUMERARIES	1,667	3,000	55.6
3,000	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	2,735	3,000	91.2
2,000	QUINQUENNIAL INSPECTIONS	819	3,000	27.3
10,000	PASTORAL SUPPORT	11,069	12,367	89.5
	OTHER EXPENSES			
<u>180,396</u>		<u>229,785</u>	<u>184,017</u>	124.9
<u>MANSE EXPENDITURE</u>				
7,420	COUNCIL TAX	7,514	8,600	87.4
2,800	WATER RATE	2,687	2,870	93.6
550	GAS SERVICE	659	565	116.5
<u>2,000</u>	INSURANCE	<u>1,680</u>	<u>2,500</u>	67.2
<u>12,770</u>		<u>12,539</u>	<u>14,535</u>	86.3
10,000	REPAIRS	5,549	10,000	55.5
<u>22,770</u>		<u>18,089</u>	<u>24,535</u>	73.7
<u>203,166</u>	<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>247,873</u>	<u>208,552</u>	118.9
19,137	SURPLUS / DEFICIT	-16,152	114	

SWANSEA & GOWER METHODIST CIRCUIT

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 August 2022

	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals This Year	Previous Year Totals
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources						
Assessment or Share	196,580				196,580	204,742
Capital Receipts						
Interest and Investment Income	79	1,176			1,255	281
Grants	4,000				4,000	4,000
Profit on Sale of Buildings	62,000				62,000	75,388
Other Income	29,887	0			29,887	9,048
Total Incoming Resources	292,546	1,176	0	0	293,722	293,459
Total Resources Expended						
Stipends, Salaries, NIC & Pension costs	100,026	10,000			110,026	122,701
District Assessment	4,963				4,963	1,345
Methodist Church Fund	38,373				38,373	38,525
Telephone & Travel	3,549				3,549	4,856
Insurance, Utilities etc	12,540				12,540	13,272
Maintenance on Manses	5,549				5,549	5,011
Other Expenditure	17,129				17,129	27,825
Grants & Donations	0	55,745			55,745	0
Professional Fees	0				0	4,689
CPF Levy	0	32,858			32,858	84,180
Contributions to District Advance Funds	0				0	0
Total Resources Expended	182,129	98,603	0	0	280,732	302,404
Net Incoming Resources	110,417	-97,427	0	0	12,990	-8,945
Total Funds Brought Forward	741,935	200,915				951,795
Funds transfer	-120,867	120,867				
Total Funds Carried Forward at Year End	731,485	224,355	0	0	12,990	942,850

SWANSEA & GOWER METHODIST CIRCUIT

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2022

	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals This Year	Previous Year Totals
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets						
Manses	640,979				640,979	700,979
Total Fixed Assets	640,979	0	0	0	640,979	700,979
Current Assets						
Debtors and Prepayments	6,401		0		6,401	5,991
Central Finance Board and Trustees for Methodist Purposes Deposit	18,643	224,355			242,998	218,348
Cash at Bank and in Hand	83,298		1,202		84,500	86,841
Total Current Assets	108,342	224,355	1,202	0	333,899	311,180
Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 year)	17,836		1,202		19,038	69,309
Net Current Assets (Liabilities)	90,506	224,355	0	0	314,861	241,871
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	731,485	224,355	0	0	955,840	942,850
Loans and creditors due after 1 year	0	0	0	0	0	0
Provision for liabilities and charges	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net Assets	731,485	224,355	0	0	955,840	942,850
Funds of the Circuit						
General Fund (Unrestricted)	731,485				731,485	741,935
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)		224,355			224,355	200,915
Total Funds	731,485	224,355	0	0	955,840	942,850

To be Approved by the Swansea & Gower Circuit on 14th June 23 and signed on their behalf

Rev. Howard Long

Grace Coleman

Registered Charity No. 1134882



Independent Examiner's Report

to the trustees of Swansea & Gower Methodist Circuit (Charity Number 1134882)

I report on the circuit accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent Examiners' Report

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

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

Signed:



Date:

05/06/2023

Name:

CARL WEST

Relevant professional qualification or Body:

ACA

Address:

144 WALTER ROAD

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SWANSEA & GOWER METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1134882

Accounts

Swansea and Gower Methodist Circuit
Charity No 1134882
Report of the Trustees For The Year
Ended 31st August 2021

The Trustees submit their annual report and the independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31st August 2021.

Legal and administrative information

The governing body of the Circuit is the annual conference of the Methodist Church. The Methodist Church Act 1976 gives the authority under which the Methodist Church acts. The constitutional practice and discipline of the Methodist Church governs the activities of the Circuit.

The Methodist Church is no longer excepted from the need to register as a charity and on 12th March 2010 the Circuit registered as a separate charity under the Charities Act 2006 and has been allocated the Registered Number 1134882.

Superintendent Minister: Rev Howard Long

Circuit Address: Swansea and Gower Circuit Office, Mumbles Methodist Church, Mumbles, Swansea SA3 4DH

Organisational Structure

The Swansea and Gower Circuit is made up of eleven churches. These are - Pitton, Horton, Reynoldston, Murton, Mumbles, Uniting Church Sketty, Brunswick, Penlan, Wesley, Morriston, Clydach. There are approximately 450 members, numerous worshipping adherents and community 'contacts'.

There are 8 members of staff. These are Rev Howard Long – Superintendent Minister, Rev Andrew Walker, Rev Leslie Noon, Rev Andrew Pearce (Associate Minister – Anglican) and Rev Michael Ellor Associate Minister – Anglican) Rev Betty McNiven (Associate Minister – Anglican) and Lay Workers – Huw Davies and Heather Davies.

Other office holders (voluntary) include

Circuit Stewards – Mrs Heather Coleman, Ken Allison, Circuit Treasurer – Mrs Grace Coleman, Mrs Lynne Taylor Circuit Meeting Secretary – Mrs Nancy Owens

The members of the Circuit Meeting are the Managing Trustees. During the year 2020/21 the following people served as members of the Circuit Meeting.

CIRCUIT MEETING MEMBERSHIP

STAFF

Revd Howard Long

Rev. Leslie Noon

Rev. Andrew Walker

Rev Andrew Pearce
Rev Michael Ellor
Rev Betty McNiven
Rev. Pam Cram
Rev. Malcolm Guest
Rev Frieder Kreschnak
Rev Margaret Adams

LAY WORKERS

Mr Huw Davies – Ogof Adullum
Mrs Heather Davies – Ogof Adullum

CIRCUIT ROLES

Mrs Nancy Owens – Secretary
Mrs Grace Coleman – Steward (Treasurer)
Mrs Heather Coleman – Steward
Mrs Lynne Taylor – Steward/ Safeguarding Co-ordinator (Admin)
Mr Ken Allison – Steward
Mrs Laura Honour - Steward
Mr Alan Cram – Local Preachers Secretary
Rev Pam Cram - MWiB
Mr Jeff Coleman – Archivist
Miss Janet Nielson – Art Serve
Mrs Sandra Pengelly – Methodist Homes
Mrs Sybil Smith – Mission
Mrs Pat Davies – Safeguarding (referrals)
Mrs Gill Worrall – Action for Children
Mr Andrew Phillips – Property
Mr Keith Morris – Property

CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES

Kath Jones
Sybil Smith
Malcolm Grimley
Hildegarde Roberts
Peter Scott
Eleanor Cuthill
Irene Dendle
Douglas Dendle
Richard Williams
Diane Norton
David Boakes
Caroline Buckler
Geoff Maddock
Cynthia Mumford
Owain Davies
Ruth Painter

Marjorie Probert
Blodwen O'Connor
Carolyn Jenkins
Patrick Jenkins
Selina Taylor
Ian Campbell
Jane Closs
Geoff Noon
Sandra Cuthill
Les Want
Alan Jones
Elaine Davies
Maureen Estcourt
Brinley Jones

Mission and Purpose

The Circuit is constituted to advance the mission of the Methodist Church in the Swansea and Gower area by providing opportunities for churches to work together and support each other. It does this by offering resources and expertise which may not be available locally. The Circuit also services the local Churches in the support, deployment and oversight of the various ministries of the Church, and in programmes of training.

Priorities for the Methodist Church

In partnership with others wherever possible, the Methodist Church will concentrate its prayers, resources, imagination and commitments on this priority:

To proclaim and affirm its conviction of God's love in Christ, for us and for all the world; and renew confidence in God's presence and action in the world and in the Church

As ways towards realising this priority, the Methodist Church will give particular attention to the following:

- Underpinning everything we do with God-centred worship and prayer
- Supporting community development and action for justice, especially among the most deprived and poor in Britain and worldwide
- Developing confidence in evangelism and in the capacity to speak of God and faith in ways that make sense to all involved
- Encouraging fresh ways of being Church
- Nurturing a culture in the Church which is people-centred and flexible

Swansea and Gower Circuit Policy

As a Circuit we affirm the Priorities of the Methodist Church and seek to:

- Express the Gospel through worship, word and action in ways that will speak to the needs and culture of the people around us.

- Nurture Christian understanding and lifestyle through fellowship groups, study groups and prayer groups in the Churches.
- Encourage growth in church membership through worship and evangelism, mission and pastoral care.
- Support existing chaplaincies and develop other chaplaincy work wherever possible.
- Work in partnership with other churches wherever possible in order for us to share in God's mission more effectively.
- Play a full part in the work of the Methodist Church in Wales while being inspired and challenged as part of the worldwide Church of Christ.
- Be sensitive to environmental issues and be good stewards of our natural resources.

Review of the Year

Staffing: Rev Leslie Noon was invited to serve in the circuit for a further two years from September 2020. Rev Betty McNiven was welcomed to serve as an Associate Presbyterian offering pastoral support at Wesley Brynhyfryd.

Circuit Leadership Team: Mrs Laura Honour was welcomed into her new role as a circuit steward. The CLT is made up of all staff (lay and ordained) and 5 circuit stewards Heather Coleman (UCS) Ken Allison (Mumbles) Grace Coleman (Morrison) Lynne Taylor (Pitton) and Laura Honour (UCS)

Local Preachers: The Local Preachers met regularly online for mutual support, continuing development and LP/WL business. Rev John Atkinson stood down as LP tutor and was replaced by Rev Andrew Pearce. Miss Sue Raad became a fully accredited Local Preacher following the successful completion of her course.

Bible Month: The circuit supported Bible Month in June concentrating on the New Testament book of Mark

Ogof Adullam Drop-in Centre: The project moved to Penlan church following the closure of Brunswick but remained closed for much of the year due to lockdown restrictions.

Men's Shed: The circuit trustees approved the siting of a Men's Shed at Penlan.

Penlan: In order to oversee the planned work at Penlan and given the fact that there is no congregation meeting at the church it was decided to form a church council comprising circuit officers and members of other churches and chaired by the Superintendent minister. The church council reports to the circuit trustees twice a year.

Ty Ogof Recovery Housing – The circuit took the decision to not continue with the Ty Ogof Recovery Housing Project

The Circuit Project for the year was Creation Wise (second year)

Safeguarding: Training sessions continued online throughout the circuit.

Property: All of the churches remained closed throughout much of the year due to the pandemic. The CLT prepared risk assessments for those churches that re-opened for special services and events.

The circuit sold two properties. Brunswick and the Channel View manse.

Building work was completed in Wesley Brynhyfryd (the fitting of internal doors) Murton Hall (refurbishment of WC block) and UCS – (new Hall). Repair work was completed at Mumbles following flood damage.

Eco Awards – UCS, Clydach and Pitton all received Eco awards throughout the year

Wales Methodist Synod. The circuit was fully represented at all Synod meetings that took place online throughout the year including the annual Synod (Sept 2020), a special Synod to vote on the God in Love Unites Us Report (April 2021) and the Synod Policy Committee. The Superintendent Minister chaired the Synod Schemes and Grants committee which met online three times during the year.

In the course of the year the Swansea and Gower Circuit has:

- Prepared the preaching plan and organised acts of worship mainly online using Zoom
- Arranged four Circuit Meetings dealing with business relating to the Circuit and to formulate plans for the future including agreeing the budget and church assessments for the financial year 2021/22
- Completed an annual GDPR and Safeguarding audit
- Arranged meetings of the Ogof Adullam Management Team
- Arranged 2 meetings of the Circuit Mission Committee
- Arranged 6 meetings of the Circuit Leadership Team to discuss the life of the Circuit
- Each minister has received 6 Supervision sessions.
- Arranged 4 meetings of the Local Preachers and Worship Leaders as well as various study sessions

SWANSEA & GOWER METHODIST CIRCUIT

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 August 2021

	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals This Year	Previous Year Totals
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources						
Assessment or Share	204,742				204,742	210,687
Capital Receipts						
Interest and Investment Income	26	255			281	380
Grants	4,000				4,000	4,000
Profit on Sale of Manse	75,388				75,388	0
Other Income	9,048	0			9,048	5,308
Total Incoming Resources	293,204	255	0	0	293,459	220,375
Total Resources Expended						
Stipends, Salaries, NIC & Pension costs	122,701				122,701	135,276
District Assessment	1,345				1,345	4,518
Methodist Church Fund	38,525				38,525	38,525
Telephone & Travel	4,856				4,856	9,801
Insurance, Utilities etc	13,272				13,272	15,370
Maintenance on Manses	5,011				5,011	8,726
Other Expenditure	23,333	4,492			27,825	9,760
Grants & Donations	0				0	0
Professional Fees	4,689				4,689	0
CPF Levy	0	84,180			84,180	0
Contributions to District Advance Funds	0				0	0
Total Resources Expended	213,732	88,672	0	0	302,404	221,976
Net Incoming Resources	79,472	-88,417	0	0	-8,945	-1,601
Total Funds Brought Forward	922,774	29,021				953,396
Funds transfer	-260,311	260,311				
Total Funds Carried Forward at Year End	741,935	200,915	0	0	-8,945	951,795

SWANSEA & GOWER METHODIST CIRCUIT

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2021

	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals This Year	Previous Year Totals
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets						
Manses	700,979				700,979	890,591
Total Fixed Assets	700,979	0	0	0	700,979	890,591
Current Assets						
Debtors and Prepayments	0		5,991		5,991	12,867
Central Finance Board and Trustees for Methodist Purposes Deposit	17,433	200,915			218,348	46,430
Cash at Bank and in Hand	54,677		32,164		86,841	67,062
Total Current Assets	72,110	200,915	38,155	0	311,180	126,359
Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 year)	31,154		38,155		69,309	65,155
Net Current Assets (Liabilities)	40,956	200,915	0	0	241,871	61,204
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	741,935	200,915	0	0	942,850	951,795
Loans and creditors due after 1 year	0	0	0	0	0	0
Provision for liabilities and charges	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net Assets	741,935	200,915	0	0	942,850	951,795
Funds of the Circuit						
General Fund (Unrestricted)	741,935				741,935	922,774
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)		200,915			200,915	29,021
Total Funds	741,935	200,915	0	0	942,850	951,795

To be Approved by the Swansea & Gower Circuit on JUNE 16th and signed on their behalf

Rev. Howard Long



Grace Coleman

Registered Charity No. 1134882

Independent Examiner's Report

to the trustees of Swansea & Gower Methodist Circuit (Charity Number 1134882)

I report on the circuit accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
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- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners' Report

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


Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

Signed: 

Date: 21/06/2022

Name: CARL WEST

Relevant professional qualification or Body: ACA

Address: 144 WALTER ROAD
SWANSEA
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SWANSEA & GOWER METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1134882

Accounts

Swansea and Gower Methodist Circuit
Charity No 1134882
Report of the Trustees For The Year
Ended 31st August 2020

The Trustees submit their annual report and the independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31st August 2020.

Legal and administrative information

The governing body of the Circuit is the annual conference of the Methodist Church. The Methodist Church Act 1976 gives the authority under which the Methodist Church acts. The constitutional practice and discipline of the Methodist Church governs the activities of the Circuit.

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Superintendent Minister: Rev Howard Long

Circuit Address: Swansea and Gower Circuit Office, Mumbles Methodist Church, Mumbles, Swansea SA3 4DH

Organisational Structure

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There are 6 paid members of staff. These are Rev Howard Long – Superintendent Minister, Rev Andrew Walker, Rev Leslie Noon Rev Siperire Mugadzaweta and Lay Workers – Huw Davies and Heather Davies.

Other office holders (voluntary) include
Circuit Stewards – Mrs Heather Coleman, Ken Allison, Circuit Treasurer – Mrs Grace Coleman, Mrs Lynne Taylor Circuit Meeting Secretary – Mrs Nancy Owens

The members of the Circuit Meeting are the Managing Trustees. During the year 2019/20 the following people served as members of the Circuit Meeting.

CIRCUIT MEETING MEMBERSHIP

STAFF

Revd Howard Long
Rev. Siperire Mugadzaweta
Rev. Leslie Noon

Rev. Andrew Walker
Rev. Pam Cram
Rev. Malcolm Guest
Rev Frieder Kreschnak
Rev Margaret Adams

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Mr Huw Davies – Ogof Adullum
Mrs Heather Davies – Ogof Adullum

CIRCUIT ROLES

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Mrs Gill Worrall – Action for Children
Mr Andrew Phillips – Property
Mr Keith Morris – Property

CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES

Kath Jones
Sybil Smith
Malcolm Grimley
Kathleen Stideford
Hildegarde Roberts
Peter Scott
Eleanor Cuthill
Irene Dendle
Douglas Dendle
Richard Williams
Diane Norton
David Boakes
Caroline Buckler
Geoff Maddocks
Cynthia Mumford
Owain Davies
Ruth Painter
Marjorie Probert
Blodwen O'Connor
Carolyn Jenkins
Patrick Jenkins
Selina Taylor
Ian Campbell

Geoff Noon
Sandra Cuthill
Les Want
Alan Jones
Elaine Davies
Maureen Estcourt
Brinley Jones

Mission and Purpose

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Swansea and Gower Circuit Policy

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- Encourage growth in church membership through worship and evangelism, mission and pastoral care.
- Support existing chaplaincies and develop other chaplaincy work wherever

- Work in partnership with other churches wherever possible in order for us to share in God's mission more effectively.
- Play a full part in the work of the Methodist Church in Wales while being inspired and challenged as part of the worldwide Church of Christ.
- Be sensitive to environmental issues and be good stewards of our natural resources.

Review of the Year

Staffing: Rev Andrew Walker was invited to serve in the circuit for a further five years from September 2020. Rev Michael Ellor was welcomed to serve as an Associate Presbyter offering pastoral support at Reynoldston. The circuit said farewell to Rev Mugadzaweta who retired to live in Bromsgrove.

Circuit Leadership Team: The CLT is made up of all staff (lay and ordained) and 4 circuit stewards Heather Coleman (UCS) Ken Allison (Mumbles) Grace Coleman (Morrleston) and Lynne Taylor (Pitton). Grace Coleman took on responsibility as circuit treasure as Martin Gregson stood down.

Local Preachers: The Local Preachers met regularly throughout the year both physically and online for mutual support, continuing development and LP/WL business. The circuit has 16 local preachers, 2 on trial and 1 on note.

Bible Month: The circuit supported Bible Month in June concentrating on the Old Testament book of Ruth

Ogof Adullam Drop-in Centre: Up to lockdown in March 2020 the number of guests attending Ogof Adullam averaged at 50 per night.

Night Shelter: United Church Sketty hosted the Night Shelter

The Circuit Project for the year was Creation Wise

Safeguarding: Training sessions continued throughout the circuit.

Property: The circuit continued to support Brunswick with property matters. A property scheme to improve the hall at UCS was approved. Mumbles and Penlan had both been damaged by internal water leaks.

Wales Methodist Synod. The circuit was fully represented at all Synod meetings including the annual Synod in Newtown (Sept 2019), the Synod Policy Committees attended by Rev Leslie Noon in Newtown in October 2019 and online meetings in 2020. The Superintendent Minister chaired the Synod Schemes and Grants committee which met three times during the year, once in Cardiff and twice online.

In the course of the year the Swansea and Gower Circuit has:

- Prepared the preaching plan and organised acts of worship both physically and online
- Arranged three Circuit Services – Mission (2019) May 2020 & July 2020

- Arranged four Circuit Meetings dealing with business relating to the Circuit and to formulate plans for the future including agreeing the budget and church assessments for the financial year 2020/21
- Arranged various meetings to discuss the 'God in Love Unites Us' report
- Arranged meetings of the Ogof Adullam Management Team
- Arranged meetings of the Ty Ogof Recovery House Planning Team
- Arranged 2 meetings of the Circuit Mission Committee
- Arranged 6 meetings of the Circuit Leadership Team to discuss the life of the Circuit
- Arranged various CLT (Circuit Leadership Team) meetings
- Each minister has received 6 Supervision sessions.
- Arranged 4 meetings of the Local Preachers and Worship Leaders as well as various study sessions

This report was approved by the Circuit Trustees on 18th March 2021

SWANSEA & GOWER METHODIST CIRCUIT

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 August 2020

	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals This Year	Previous Year Totals
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources						
Assessment or Share	210,687				210,687	207,118
Capital Receipts					0	
Interest and Investment Income	131	249			380	131
Grants	4,000				4,000	4,000
Other Income	5,308	0			5,308	0
Total Incoming Resources	220,126	249	0	0	220,375	211,249
Resources Expended						
Stipends, Salaries, NIC & Pension costs	135,276				135,276	133,945
District Assessment	4,518				4,518	5,379
Methodist Church Fund	38,525				38,525	33,820
Telephone & Travel	9,801				9,801	11,857
Insurance, Utilities etc	15,370				15,370	14,601
Maintenance on Manses	8,726				8,726	13,879
Other Expenditure	8,304	1,456			9,760	7,515
Grants & Donations	0				0	0
Contributions to District Advance Funds					0	0
Total Resources Expended	220,520	1,456	0	0	221,976	220,996
Net Incoming Resources						
Total Funds Brought Forward	923,168	30,228	0	0	-1,601	963,143
Total Funds Carried Forward at Year End	922,774	29,021	0	0	-1,601	953,396

Registered Charity No. 1134882

SWANSEA & GOWER METHODIST CIRCUIT

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2020

	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals This Year	Previous Year Totals
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets						
Manses	890,591				890,591	890,591
Total Fixed Assets	890,591	0	0	0	890,591	890,591
Current Assets						
Debtors and Prepayments	12,867				12,867	11,119
Central Finance Board and Trustees for Methodist Purposes Deposit	17,409	29,021			46,430	47,513
Cash at Bank and in Hand	33,535		33,527		67,062	72,609
Total Current Assets	63,811	29,021	33,527	0	126,359	131,241
Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 year)	31,628		33,527		65,155	68,436
Net Current Assets (Liabilities)	32,183	29,021	0	0	61,204	62,805
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	922,774	29,021	0	0	951,795	953,396
Loans and creditors due after 1 year	0	0	0	0	0	0
Provision for liabilities and charges	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net Assets	922,774	29,021	0	0	951,795	953,396
Funds of the Circuit						
General Fund (Unrestricted)	922,774				922,774	923,168
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)		29,021			29,021	30,228
Total Funds	922,774	29,021	0	0	951,795	953,396

To be Approved by the Swansea & Gower Circuit on and signed on their behalf

Rev. Howard Long

Grace Coleman

Registered Charity No. 1134882

Independent Examiner's Report

to the trustees of Swansea & Gower Methodist Circuit (Charity Number 1134882)

I report on the circuit accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent Examiners' Report

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

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

Signed: 

Date: 03/03/2021

Name: CARL WEST

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