

ASHWOOD CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1134945

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [06946764](#)

Registered 2010-03-15

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

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Activities

Objects: A TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT IN SUCH WAYS AND IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE DIRECTORS FORM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT B TO RELIEVE SICKNESS AND FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AND TO PROMOTE AND PRESERVE GOOD HEALTH BY THE PROVISION OF FUNDS, GOODS OR SERVICES OF ANY KIND INCLUDING THROUGH THE PROVISION OF COUNSELLING AND SUPPORT IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE DIRECTORS FORM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT C TO ADVANCE EDUCATION IN SUCH WAYS AND IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE DIRECTORS FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT

Activities: Ashwood Church is a lively, informal and growing Church with people from a wide variety of backgrounds who love, serve and proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord. We aim to be a Church that is friendly and for the whole family. As well as public Sunday services we run various activities both in homes and in the community that benefit all age ranges. We also run a community resource centre.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD
- Nottinghamshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£311,103	£236,790	-	-
2024-03-31	£234,035	£183,878	-	-
2023-03-31	£221,455	£154,593	-	-
2022-03-31	£184,812	£150,959	-	-
2021-03-31	£180,635	£128,989	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ELAINE TORR	Chair	
Dominic Peter Torr		2022-10-14
GAYE DAWN LOCKE		
Simon Wright		

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DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2025.

COMPANY NUMBER 6946764
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1134945

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER
TREVOR STEPHENSON A.C.M.A.
OF ROCKET BUSINESS SERVICES LTD

ASHWOOD CHURCH

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Status

Ashwood Church is a private company in England and Wales limited by guarantee with no share capital under section 30 of the Companies Act.

Directors and Trustees	Elaine Torr	Chair
	Simon Wright	Company Secretary

Gaye Locke

Dominic Torr

Registered Office

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Accountants

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Report of the Trustees and Directors

Aims and Purposes

Throughout this year, at Ashwood Church we have remained committed to its vision statement of being a spiritually healthy growing church for all ages, and our mission to help people find and follow Jesus.

We pursue this mission within the terms of our charitable objects:

1. To advance the Christian faith
2. To relieve sickness and financial hardship
3. To promote and preserve good health
4. To advance education.

The bulk of the funds handled by the charity continue to be used to further the work of Ashwood Church in Kirkby in Ashfield and the surrounding area in North Nottinghamshire.

Community and Outreach

Foodbank

Foodbank provides short-term support for those referred to us. On average, 32 families (c180 people) benefit from this service each week.

Café 22

A growing favourite is our community café which runs every Monday, providing free refreshments and a context for friendship and support networks to grow for over 40 users per week on average.

TWOs Company

7 volunteers actively serve this national telephone befriending service supporting 15 people who may suffer from loneliness in the community. We find that some users also join Café 22 to extend their friendship and support circles.

Safe families

Several Church members volunteer for Safe Families, whose aim is to support families whose children are at risk of going into care.

Ashwood Crafters

This group provides an informal context for people to practice and develop their craft skills, on both individual and shared projects.

Men's Meetings

Men's Breakfasts continued this year. Men's food night is run with around 20 men attending monthly. These provide invaluable opportunities to meet and provide / receive support and build relationships in a relaxed social setting.

Ladies events

Ladies coffee evenings are well supported with 30+ in attendance.

Local schools

Ashwood Church staff and volunteers have supported assemblies in 4 local schools this year.

Youth weekend

In February a brilliant church team took 35 young people away on the annual Elevate Refresh youth weekend in Derbyshire.

Centre-based activities

Sunday services

Our Sunday services are increasingly popular and each Sunday, on average 153 people attend, ranging in age from 0-75+; an increasingly multi-cultural congregation, drawn from 4 continents. These services provide a context for friendship, teaching, worship and prayer for adults, young people and children. Most people attend in person but we have also continued to broadcast our services online for those unable to be there.

There are also extended opportunities for worship and prayer provided at Transformed Worship and Touching Heaven meetings.

SeeSaw Toddler Group

A strong volunteer team run Seesaw Toddler Group twice weekly in term time and a Summer fun day August. An average of 44 children attend supported by their carers. The Christmas party attracted over 100 children, plus carers.

Monthly Youth Hangout

Ashwood Church provide a community youth evening. Typically, 9 young people attend each of these sessions.

Around 176 younger children joined in our monthly 'Friday Night Takeaway' and holiday club sessions which covered various Biblical characters with games, music fun and stories.

Christmas was marked by a number of events: Christmas Movie Night, Christmas Toddler Party, Carols and candles service, Kirkby Christmas festival carols and crafts.

We regularly run Alpha courses and during the year we were able to run a 13 week course for 20 people who were asking Big Questions of Life.

The Gathering Place provides a place to connect, receive support and have fun serving around 12 people twice a month.

Personal Development and Pastoral Care

Over 100 adults participate in 11 fortnightly Life Groups which provide an opportunity for spiritual and practical support in a small group setting, working out faith in Jesus Christ in their day to day lives.

The responsibility for pastoral care is co-ordinated by our Pastoral Support Lead through the Pastoral Hub which consists of 8 volunteers and 1 paid worker and they facilitate courses such as Freedom in Christ and most members are involved in supporting people on a 1-2-1 basis and may be involved in prayer/support groups for individuals/couples within church.

A separate Pastoral Gathering is involved in helping to facilitate pastoral care, each person within it is connected to different spheres within Ashwood.

We conduct regular training for staff and volunteers including: safeguarding and food hygiene training.

Running a centre for the local community

Long term users of the centre include:

- Labour Party
- U3A (including a number of interest groups)
- Autism East Midlands
- Slimming World
- In Sam's Name
- Fresh Anointing Ministries
- Line dancing
- Living Well, Taking Control NHS Diabetes prevention program
- Fosse Children's home
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In addition, many local residents hire the centre for parties and similar family events.

Sustainability

We have gained the AROCHA Silver award – Eco credentials. We have worked to optimise the way we use the building in the most sustainable way, ranging from recycling (e.g. paper, plastics and ink cartridges), reducing paper use, e.g. more than 130 people signed up to receive Ashwood News online meaning over two thirds of regular recipients now receive it electronically.

Despite the above, we have recognised that the Ashwood Centre is no longer meeting our needs in a number of ways:

- The structure is beyond its use by date and is increasingly expensive to maintain and heat
- The building's eco-credentials cannot be upgraded in a cost-effective way.
- We are struggling to fit in the main hall on Sunday due to increasing numbers attending church activities.

We have obtained full planning permission from Ashfield District Council after protracted discussions. We are now obtaining cost estimates and then will move on to make funding applications. During the year generous donations brought the total for this project to £334k. By allocating £304k to the project reserve (see below), we have £638k available for the new building project.

Leadership

Matt Bell has continued to lead the church, ably assisted by his wife, Claire, forming the Senior Leadership Team. They are supported by the core leadership team: Andy Beighton, Bec Goody, Helen Tomlinson, Gill Isterling and Bob Goody.

Financial support

We are grateful to the many people who donate generously to church funds. Our donors include:

- Our ever-generous members
- Friends of Ashwood who support various Ashwood projects

These, along with the room hire income, make possible the activities that we deliver.

The overall income and expenditure for the church is set out below.

Incoming Resources.	£311,103
Resources Expended.	£236,790
Net Income for Year.	£74,313
Tangible Fixed Assets for use by the charity.	£202,400.

Our annual Christmas offering was taken and a total of £4.5k was divided between 100 Homes work in UK and Links Charity work in Malawi.

Money is only part of the picture and our 113 (adult and child) volunteers spend many hours delivering the above provisions, leveraging the effectiveness of the Church's activities that glorify God and impact our communities with the Gospel and love of Jesus Christ.

Ashwood Church in a Local and National Context

The church is a member of Churches Together in Kirkby. It is also part of the Evangelical Alliance and the Ground Level Network of Churches, and benefits from and contributes locally to the Ground Level Midland Connection (of churches). The Network provides opportunities to meet together with a wide variety of Churches and access teaching from both Nationally and Internationally recognised speakers, and Ashwood both serves and supports an annual *Celebration of prayer, worship and teaching*, as well as activities for all ages. Ashwood Church wider leadership team access the training and conference events provided by the Ground Level network, which inspires and informs all aspects of our work as a Church.

Governance

The four current trustees, who are all unpaid volunteers continued to serve. We are looking for new trustees to join the board to add resilience and bring new skills.

Reserves

The trustees having reviewed the Charity Commission guidance, have determined to hold the reserves below in line with the agreed policy:

Reserve Type	£
Running Reserves	42,785
Unforeseen Events Reserve	15,000
Project Reserve – New Building for Ashwood	304,207
External Giving Fund	22,603
Total Reserves / Unrestricted funds	384,595

Public Benefit

In planning and implementing all the activities carried out by Ashwood Church, we will keep in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee and management meetings, following the principles set out below.

Principle 1: There must be an identifiable benefit or benefits

Principle 1a It must be clear what the benefits are

Principle 1b The benefits must be related to the aims

Principle 1c Benefits must be balanced against any detriment or harm

Principle 2: Benefit must be to the public, or section of the public

Principle 2a The beneficiaries must be appropriate to the aims

Principle 2b Where benefit is to a section of the public, the opportunity to benefit must not be unreasonably restricted:

- by geographical or other restrictions; or
- by ability to pay any fees charged

Principle 2c People in poverty must not be excluded from the opportunity to benefit

Principle 2d Any private benefits must be incidental.

Trustees responsibilities in relation to the financial statements.

The trustees are required by company law to prepare financial statements for each financial year which

give a true and fair view of the financial activities of the charity and of its financial position at the end of that year. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to :

- a. select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- b. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- c. state whether the policies adopted are in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and with applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

d. prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approval.

This report was approved by the board of directors and trustees on 16/10/2025 and signed on its behalf.



Elaine Torr
Director and Trustee

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the trustees of Ashwood Church on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025:

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to :

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charities Commissioners.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the organisation 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 the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion of the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that
 - * proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 130 of the Act) ; and
 - * accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting of the Act requirements
2. to which , in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	2025	2025	2025	2025	2024	2024
Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds £
Incoming resources						
Incoming resources from generated funds :						
Donations and gifts	172,709	104,056	276,765	276,765	200,761	200,761
Investment income	6,467	6,208	12,675	12,675	10,809	10,809
Charitable activities / events / courses	4,336	0	4,336	4,336	6,211	6,211
Activities for generating funds	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other incoming resources	17,327	0	17,327	17,327	16,254	16,254
Total incoming resources	200,839	110,264	311,103	311,103	234,035	234,035
Resources expended						
Charitable activities	155,332	77,329	232,661	232,661	179,992	179,992
Cost of generating funds	0	0	0	0	58	58
Governance costs	4,129	0	4,129	4,129	3,828	3,828
Total resources expended	159,461	77,329	236,790	236,790	183,878	183,878
Net Income (Deficit) for year	41,378	32,935	74,313	74,313	50,157	50,157
Statement of other recognised gains						
Net movements in funds for year	41,378	32,935	74,313	74,313	50,157	50,157
Transfers between funds	4	-1,877	0	0	0	0
Revaluation reserve	0	230,000	230,000	230,000	230,000	230,000
Fund balances brought forward	341,340	296,958	638,298	638,298	588,142	588,142
Fund balances carried forward	384,595	558,016	942,611	942,611	868,299	868,299

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BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2025

	Note	2025 £	2025 £		2024 £	2024 £
Fixed Assets						
Tangible Assets	5		202,400			207,000
Current Assets						
Cash at bank and in hand	5	696,878			630,605	
Debtors	6	45,126			32,388	
		742,004			662,993	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	1,793			1,694	
Net Current Assets			740,211			661,299
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year						
Net Assets			0			868,299
Funds						
Restricted funds	4		328,016			296,959
Revaluation reserve	14		230,000			230,000
Unrestricted funds			384,595			341,340
Total Funds			942,611			868,299

In approving these financial statements as directors and trustees of the company we hereby confirm:

(a) that for the period stated above the company was entitled to the exemption conferred by Section 477

of the Companies Act 2006 ;

(b) that no notice has been deposited at the registered office of the company pursuant to Section 476 requesting that an audit be conducted for the period ending 31 March 2025 and

(c) that we acknowledge our responsibilities for:

(1) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 386, and

(2) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial period and of its profit or loss for the period then ended in accordance with the requirements of Section 393 and which otherwise comply with the provisions of the Companies Act relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

Approved by the board of directors and trustees on 16/10/2025 and signed on its behalf

Elaine Torr

Elaine Torr Director and Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of accounts

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Accounting and Reporting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

1.2 Incoming resources

Voluntary income and donations are included in incoming resources when they are receivable. The income from fundraising ventures is shown gross, with the associated costs included in fundraising costs.

1.3 Resources expended

Resources expended other than that which have been capitalised, are included in the statement of financial activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of any V.A.T which cannot be recovered. Expenditure which is directly attributable to specific activities has been included in these cost categories. Where costs are attributable to more than one activity, they have been apportioned across the cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of these resources.

1.4 Finance and operating leases

There are none.

1.5 Pension costs

There are none.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £1,000 or more are capitalised at cost.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost over their expected useful economic lives as follows :

Equipment and furniture 25% on straight line basis.

Fixtures and fittings 2% on straight line basis.

Freehold buildings 2% on straight line basis.

Please note: £230,000 of fixed assets were acquired from Ashwood Community Resource during 2018/19 as part of the merger of the two charities with no monies being exchanged. They were valued at 31.03.19 at this value and will be depreciated from 01.04.19.

1.7 Investment income

Bank interest is included in the income and expenditure account on receipt.

1.8 Taxation

The current activities of the charity are exempt from taxation.

1.9 Fundraising costs

There are none.

1.10 Expenditure on governance of the charity

Governance expenditure includes all expenditure not directly related to the charitable activity or fundraising ventures.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

2. Incoming Resources	2025 unrestricted funds	2025 restricted funds	2025 TOTAL	2024 TOTAL
	£	£	£	£
a). Donations and Gifts				
General Gifts and Offerings	172,184	0	172,184	153,647
External Giving	525	0	525	131
Development Fund	0	67,395	67,395	18,548
Building Fund	0	9,211	9,211	7,952
Foodbank	0	4,425	4,425	4,794
Queen's 90th birthday	0	0	0	0
Make Lunch	0	0	0	0
Kirkby Christmas Festival (ADC)	0	0	0	0
Christmas Appeal	0	5,272	5,272	4,571
Coxmoor Grant	0	0	0	4,265
Community Grants	0	0	0	0
Albania - Hutson family	0	0	0	0
Links International	0	110	110	3,147
Malawi 7000	0	14,798	14,798	125
Hardship Covid 19 Relief	0	0	0	0
Toddler Group (Seesaw)	0	2,845	2,845	3,581
ACR Merger	0	0	0	0
Kirkby Churches Together	0	0	0	0
	172,709	104,056	276,765	200,761
b). Investment Income				
Bank interest	6,467	6,208	12,675	10,809
	6,467	6,208	12,675	10,809
c). Charitable Activities				
Activities and Events	3,946	0	3,946	5,693
Course Income	390	0	390	518
	4,336	0	4,336	6,211
d). Activities for Generating Funds				
Events for Generating Funds	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0
e). Other Incoming Resources				
Other Income	17,327	0	17,327	16,254
Photocopier Income	0	0	0	0
	17,327	0	17,327	16,254

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	2025	2025	2025	2025	2024
	unrestricted funds	restricted funds	restricted funds	TOTAL	TOTAL
3. Resources Expended					
a). Charitable Activities					
Catering costs	1,932	0	0	1,932	2,105
Consumables	0	0	0	0	0
Equipment purchases	4,600	0	0	4,600	1,196
Equipment costs	0	0	0	0	0
Activities and Events	25,451	0	0	25,451	30,114
People costs	196	0	0	196	184
Salary costs	90,026	0	0	90,026	82,399
Sundry expenses	0	0	0	0	0
Restricted expenses	0	72,729	0	72,729	11,621
Training costs	4,600	0	0	4,600	5,434
Travel expenses	879	0	0	879	1,179
Venue and Hall Hire	0	0	0	0	0
Printing costs	2,758	0	0	2,758	2,408
IT	1,675	0	0	1,675	1,414
Postage and Stationery	144	0	0	144	92
Centre Costs	23,071	0	0	23,071	37,246
Depreciation	0	4,600	0	4,600	4,600
	155,332	77,329	0	232,661	179,992
b). Cost of Generating Funds					
Literature and Brochures	0	0	0	0	58
	0	0	0	0	58
c). Governance Costs					
Insurance and subscriptions	2,218	0	0	2,218	1,980
Legal and professional fees	432	0	0	432	432
Independent examiners fees	850	0	0	850	810
Bank fees	629	0	0	629	606
	4,129	0	0	4,129	3,828

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4. Restricted Funds	Balance 1st April 2024	Income	Expenditure	General Transfer	Balance 31st March 2025
Development Fund	238,232	71,946	45,570	35	264,643
Building Fund	58,930	10,413	0	0	69,343
Foodbank	14,616	4,682	3,104	-1,912	14,282
Make Lunch	132	2	0	0	134
Christmas Appeal	0	5,293	5,293	0	0
Coxmoor Grant	2,247	21	2,000	0	268
Links International	131	110	240	0	1
Malawi 7000	951	14,866	13,900	0	1,917
Toddler Group (Seesaw)	2,334	2,890	2,562	0	2,662
Hardship Covid 19 Relief	2,188	39	60	0	2,167
Ashwood Community Resource Assets	207,000	0	4,600	0	202,400
Kirkby Churches Together	197	2	0	0	199
	526,958	110,264	77,329	-1,877	558,016
5. Tangible Fixed Assets			Fixtures & Fittings	Freehold Buildings	Total
Cost					
At 1 April 2024			3,500	226,500	230,000
Additions			nil	nil	nil
At 31 March 2025			3,500	226,500	230,000
Depreciation					
At 1 April 2024			350	22,650	23,000
Charge for year			70	4,530	4,600
At 31 March 2025			420	27,180	27,600
Net Book Value					
At 1 April 2024			3,150	203,850	207,000
At 31 March 2025			3,080	199,320	202,400
6. Cash at bank and in hand			2025 TOTAL		2024 TOTAL
Current Account			17,563		8,987
Deposit Account			679,315		621,618
Petty Cash			nil		nil
			696,878		630,605
7. Debtors					
Tax Recoverable			43,933		31,193
Sundry Debtors			1,193		1,195
			45,126		32,388
8. Creditors : Amounts falling due within one year.					
Independent Examiners Fees Accrual			850		810
Taxation			943		884
			1,793		1,694

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9. Staff Costs and Numbers.	2025	2024
	£	£
Gross Wages, Salaries and Ministry Support.	88,316	80,855
Employers National Insurance Costs	nil	nil
Pension Contributions	1,710	1,564
	<u>90,026</u>	<u>82,399</u>

The average number of full time employees who were engaged in each of the following activities :

	2025	2024
TOTAL	3.6	3.5

Activities in furtherance of organisation's objects.

No employees received emoluments in excess of £50,000. Staff are paid through the P.A.Y.E system.

10. Trustees and Other Related Parties.

No payments other than reimbursements were made to trustees or any persons connected with them during this financial period. No material transaction took place between the organisation and a trustee or any person connected with them.

11. Risk Assessment.

The trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated, combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

12. Reserves Policy.

The trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and the level of financial commitments held. The trustees aim to ensure the charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

13. Public Benefit.

The charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or "aims" that are for the public benefit. Details of how the charity has achieved this are provided in the Trustees report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

14. Revaluation Reserve.

Please note: £230,000 of fixed assets were acquired from Ashwood Community Resource during year ended 31.03.19 as part of the merger of the two charities with no monies being exchanged. They were valued at 31.03.19 at this value and will be depreciated from 01.04.19 at 2% per annum straight line depreciation basis.

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**ASHWOOD CHURCH
DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2024.**

COMPANY NUMBER 6946764

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1134945

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

TREVOR STEPHENSON A.C.M.A.

OF ROCKET BUSINESS SERVICES LTD

ASHWOOD CHURCH

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SeeSaw Toddler Group

A strong volunteer team run Seesaw Toddler Group twice weekly in term time and a Summer fun day August. An average of 44 children attend supported by their carers. The Christmas party attracted 130 children, plus carers.

Monthly Youth Hangout

Ashwood Church provide a community youth evening. Typically, 20 young people attend each of these sessions.

Around 55 younger children joined in our monthly 'Friday Night Takeaway' sessions which covered various Biblical characters with games, music fun and stories.

Two free holiday clubs for local primary age children were held in the Ashwood Centre in August and October with an average of 45 attending each of the 3 day events.

Christmas was marked by a number of events: Christmas Movie Night, Christmas Toddler Party, Carols and candles service, Kirkby Christmas festival carols and crafts.

We regularly run Alpha courses and during the year we were able to run a 13 week course for 20 people who were asking Big Questions of Life.

Personal Development and Pastoral Care

Over 100 adults participate in 8 fortnightly Life Groups which provide an opportunity for spiritual and practical support in a small group setting, working out faith in Jesus Christ in their day to day lives.

The responsibility for pastoral care is co-ordinated by Bec Goody through the Pastoral Hub which consists of 8 volunteers and 1 paid worker and they facilitate courses such as Freedom in Christ and most members are involved in supporting people on a 1-2-1 basis and may be involved in prayer/support groups for individuals/couples within church.

A separate Pastoral Gathering is involved in helping to facilitate pastoral care, each person within it is connected to different spheres within Ashwood and helps to facilitate further pastoral care.

We conduct regular training for staff and volunteers including: safeguarding and food hygiene training.

Running a centre for the local community

Long term users of the centre include:

- Labour Party
- U3A (including a number of interest groups)
- Autism East Midlands
- Slimming World
- Ashfield Harmony Choir
- Nottingham Trent University
- NHS Midwife Group
- Little Miracles
- In Sam's Name
- Fresh Anointing Ministries

In addition, many local residents hire the centre for parties and similar family events.

Sustainability

Our Justice group led the way in us gaining the AROCHA Silver award – Eco credentials. We have worked to optimise the way we use the building in the most sustainable way, ranging from recycling (e.g. paper, plastics and ink cartridges), reducing paper use, e.g. more than 130 people signed up to receive Ashwood News online meaning over two thirds of regular recipients now receive it electronically.

Despite the above, we have recognised that the Ashwood Centre is no longer meeting our needs in a number of ways:

- The structure is beyond its use by date and is increasingly expensive to maintain and heat
- The building's eco-credentials cannot be upgraded in a cost-effective way.
- We are struggling to fit in the main hall on Sunday due to increasing numbers attending church activities.

We have been working with Ashfield District Council to ensure that our plans to re-develop the site are complimentary to the town centre development plans. During the year £26k was raised towards this project, including our 50th anniversary offering in September which brought in over £2.9k, with the resulting total restricted funds at 31st March 2024 standing at £297k. By allocating £282k to the project reserve (see below), we have £579k available for the new building project.

Leadership

Matt Bell has continued to lead the church, ably assisted by his wife, Claire and Zoe Bell, forming the Senior Leadership Team. In July Zoe Bell stepped down from the leadership team to provide more time for her fostering activities. In September, we were delighted to see Andy Beighton, Bec Goody, Helen Tomlinson, Gill Isterling and Bob Goody join the leadership core team.

Financial support

We are grateful to the many people who donate generously to church funds. Our donors include:

- Our ever-generous members
- Friends of Ashwood who support various Ashwood projects

These, along with the room hire income, make possible the activities that we deliver.

The overall income and expenditure for the church is set out below.

Incoming Resources.	£234,035
Resources Expended.	£183,878
Net Income for Year.	£50,157
Tangible Fixed Assets for use by the charity.	£207,000.

Our annual Christmas offering was taken and a total of £4.5k was divided between Safe Families' work in UK and Links Charity work in Malawi.

Money is only part of the picture and our 110 registered (adult and child) volunteers spend many hours delivering the above provisions, leveraging the effectiveness of the Church's activities that glorify God and impact our communities with the Gospel and love of Jesus Christ.

Ashwood Church in a Local and National Context

The church is a member of Churches Together in Kirkby. It is also part of the Evangelical Alliance and the Ground Level Network of Churches, and benefits from and contributes locally to the Ground Level Midland Connection (of churches). The Network provides opportunities to meet together with a wide variety of Churches and access teaching from both Nationally and Internationally recognised speakers, and Ashwood both serves and supports an annual

Celebration of prayer, worship and teaching, as well as activities for all ages. Ashwood Church wider leadership team access the training and conference events provided by the Ground Level network, which inspires and informs all aspects of our work as a Church.

Governance

The trustees, who are all unpaid volunteers, welcomed Dom Torr to the board on 14 October 2022. He brings to the board valuable experience as a civil engineer.

Elaine Townsend resigned as director and trustee on 2nd October 2023 after 30 years valued service.

Reserves

The trustees having reviewed the Charity Commission guidance, have determined to hold the reserves below in line with the agreed policy:

Reserve Type	£
Running Reserves	26,493
Unforeseen Events Reserve	15,000
Project Reserve – New Building for Ashwood	282,122
External Giving Fund	17,725
Total Reserves / Unrestricted funds	341,340

Public Benefit

In planning and implementing all the activities carried out by Ashwood Church, we will keep in mind the Charity Commission’s guidance on public benefit at our trustee and management meetings, following the principles set out below.

Principle 1: There must be an identifiable benefit or benefits

Principle 1a It must be clear what the benefits are

Principle 1b The benefits must be related to the aims

Principle 1c Benefits must be balanced against any detriment or harm

Principle 2: Benefit must be to the public, or section of the public

Principle 2a The beneficiaries must be appropriate to the aims

Principle 2b Where benefit is to a section of the public, the opportunity to benefit must not be unreasonably restricted:

- by geographical or other restrictions; or
- by ability to pay any fees charged

Principle 2c People in poverty must not be excluded from the opportunity to benefit

Principle 2d Any private benefits must be incidental.

Trustees responsibilities in relation to the financial statements.

The trustees are required by company law to prepare financial statements for each financial year which

give a true and fair view of the financial activities of the charity and of its financial position at the end of that year. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to :

- a. select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- b. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- c. state whether the policies adopted are in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and with applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- d. prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approval.

This report was approved by the board of directors and trustees on 08/10/2024 and signed on its behalf.

Elaine Torr
Director and Trustee



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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the trustees of Ashwood Church on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024 :

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to :

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

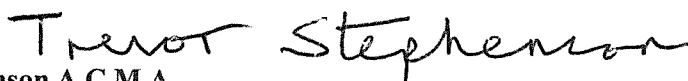
My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charities Commissioners.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the organisation 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 the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion of the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that
 - * proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 130 of the Act) ; and
 - * accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act ;or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Rockett Business Services Ltd
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25/07/2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	2024 Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Restricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds :					
Donations and gifts	2a	153,778	46,983	200,761	201,873
Investment income	2b	5,481	5,328	10,809	2,193
Charitable activities / events / courses	2c	6,211	0	6,211	3,724
Activities for generating funds	2d	0	0	0	0
Other incoming resources	2e	16,254	0	16,254	13,665
Total incoming resources		181,724	52,311	234,035	221,455
Resources expended					
Charitable activities	3a	163,771	16,221	179,992	150,368
Cost of generating funds	3b	58	0	58	214
Governance costs	3c	3,828	0	3,828	4,011
Total resources expended		167,657	16,221	183,878	154,593
Net Income (Deficit) for year		14,067	36,090	50,157	66,862
Statement of other recognised gains					
Net movements in funds for year		14,067	36,090	50,157	66,862
Transfers between funds	4	3,738	-3,738	0	0
Revaluation reserve	14	0	230,000	230,000	230,000
Fund balances brought forward		323,535	264,607	588,142	521,281
Fund balances carried forward		341,340	526,959	868,299	818,143

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BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2024

	Note	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	5		207,000		211,600
Current Assets					
Cash at bank and in hand	5	630,605		576,255	
Debtors	6	32,388		31,829	
		662,993		608,084	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	1,694		1,541	
Net Current Assets			661,299		606,543
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year			0		0
Net Assets			868,299		818,143
Funds					
Restricted funds	4		296,959		264,607
Revaluation reserve	14		230,000		230,000
Unrestricted funds			341,340		323,536
Total Funds			868,299		818,143

In approving these financial statements as directors and trustees of the company we hereby confirm:

(a) that for the period stated above the company was entitled to the exemption conferred by Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ;

(b) that no notice has been deposited at the registered office of the company pursuant to Section 476 requesting that an audit be conducted for the period ending 31 March 2024 and

(c) that we acknowledge our responsibilities for:

(1) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 386, and

(2) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial period and of its profit or loss for the period then ended in accordance with the requirements of Section 393 and which otherwise comply with the provisions of the Companies Act relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

Approved by the board of directors and trustees on 08/10/2024 and signed on its behalf

Elaine Torr Director and Trustee



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2 Incoming Resources	2024	2024	2024	2023
	unrestricted funds	restricted funds	TOTAL	TOTAL
a). Donations and Gifts	£	£	£	£
General Gifts and Offerings	153,647	0	153,647	142,079
External Giving	131	0	131	0
Development Fund	0	18,548	18,548	41,664
Building Fund	0	7,952	7,952	6,677
Foodbank	0	4,794	4,794	3,451
Christmas Appeal	0	4,571	4,571	4,574
Coxmoor Grant	0	4,265	4,265	1
Links International	0	3,147	3,147	712
Malawi 7000	0	125	125	2
Hardship Covid 19 Relief	0	0	0	380
Toddler Group (Seesaw)	0	3,581	3,581	2,333
	153,778	46,983	200,761	201,873
b). Investment Income				
Bank interest	5,481	5,328	10,809	2,193
	5,481	5,328	10,809	2,193
c). Charitable Activities				
Activities and Events	5,693	0	5,693	3,317
Course Income	518	0	518	407
	6,211	0	6,211	3,724
d). Activities for Generating Funds				
Events for Generating Funds	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0
e). Other Incoming Resources				
Other Income	16,254	0	16,254	13,665
Photocopier Income	0	0	0	0
	16,254	0	16,254	13,665

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Resources Expended	2024 unrestricted funds	2024 restricted funds	2024 TOTAL	2023 TOTAL
a). Charitable Activities				
Catering costs	2,105	0	2,105	1,765
Consumables	0	0	0	0
Equipment purchases	1,196	0	1,196	783
Equipment costs	0	0	0	0
Activities and Events	30,114	0	30,114	27,585
People costs	184	0	184	265
Salary costs	82,399	0	82,399	77,969
Sundry expenses	0	0	0	0
Restricted expenses	0	11,621	11,621	7,603
Training costs	5,434	0	5,434	4,679
Travel expenses	1,179	0	1,179	1,286
Venue and Hall Hire	0	0	0	0
Printing costs	2,408	0	2,408	2,203
IT	1,414	0	1,414	1,143
Postage and Stationery	92	0	92	173
Centre Costs	37,246	0	37,246	20,314
Depreciation	0	4,600	4,600	4,600
	163,771	16,221	179,992	150,368
b). Cost of Generating Funds				
Literature and Brochures	58	0	58	214
	58	0	58	214
c). Governance Costs				
Insurance and subscriptions	1,980	0	1,980	2,202
Legal and professional fees	432	0	432	432
Independent examiners fees	810	0	810	786
Bank fees	606	0	606	591
	3,828	0	3,828	4,011

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4 Restricted Funds	Balance 1st April 2023	Income	Expenditure	General Transfer	Balance 31st March 2024
Development Fund	215,704	22,528	0	0	238,232
Building Fund	50,009	8,921	0	0	58,930
Foodbank	12,423	5,036	1,183	-1,660	14,616
Make Lunch	131	1	0	0	132
Christmas Appeal	0	4,589	4,600	11	0
Coxmoor Grant	139	4,304	56	-2,140	2,247
Links International	161	3,149	3,229	50	131
Malawi 7000	820	131	0	0	951
Toddler Group (Seesaw)	1,238	3,619	2,523	0	2,334
Hardship 'Covid 19 Relief	2,185	33	30	0	2,188
Ashwood Community Resource Assets	211,600	0	4,600	0	207,000
Kirkby Churches Together	197	0	0	0	197
	494,607	52,311	16,221	-3,738	526,959

5 Tangible Fixed Assets	Fixtures & Fittings	Freehold Buildings	Total
Cost			
At 1 April 2023	3,500	226,500	230,000
Additions	nil	nil	nil
At 31 March 2024	3,500	226,500	230,000
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2023	280	18,120	18,400
Charge for year	70	4,530	4,600
At 31 March 2024	350	22,650	23,000
Net Book Value			
At 1 April 2023	3,220	208,380	211,600
At 31 March 2024	3,150	203,850	207,000

6 Cash at bank and in hand	2024	2023
	TOTAL	TOTAL
Current Account	8,987	14,454
Deposit Account	621,618	561,801
Petty Cash	nil	nil
	630,605	576,255

7 Debtors	2024	2023
Tax Recoverable	31,193	30,534
Sundry Debtors	1,195	1,295
	32,388	31,829

8 Creditors : Amounts falling due within one year.	2024	2023
Independent Examiners Fees Accrual	810	786
Taxation	884	755
	1,694	1,541

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9 Staff Costs and Numbers.	2024	2023
	£	£
Gross Wages, Salaries and Ministry Support.	80,835	76,491
Employers National Insurance Costs	nil	nil
Pension Contributions	1,564	1,478
	82,399	77,969

The average number of full time employees who were engaged in each of the following activities :

	2024	2023
	TOTAL	TOTAL
Activities in furtherance of organisation's objects.	3.5	3.6

No employees received emoluments in excess of £50,000. Staff are paid through the PAYE system.

10 Trustees and Other Related Parties.

Mrs J Wright (Spouse of Trustee Mr S Wright) received a salary of £0 (£4,323 in 2023) as assistant minister in connection with her employment by the trust, in furthering the charity's objects and in accordance with prior approval from the Charity Commission.

Except as stated above no payments other than reimbursements were made to trustees or any persons connected with them during this financial period. No material transaction took place between the organisation and a trustee or any person connected with them.

11 Risk Assessment.

The trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated, combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

12 Reserves Policy.

The trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and the level of financial commitments held. The trustees aim to ensure the charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

13 Public Benefit.

The charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or "aims" that are for the public benefit. Details of how the charity has achieved this are provided in the Trustees report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

14 Revaluation Reserve.

Please note: £230,000 of fixed assets were acquired from Ashwood Community Resource during year ended 31.03.19 as part of the merger of the two charities with no monies being exchanged. They were valued at 31.03.19 at this value and will be depreciated from 01.04.19 at 2% per annum straight line depreciation basis.

15 Analysis of net assets between funds.

	Tangible Fixed Assets	Net Current Assets	Total
	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds	nil	341,340	341,340
Restricted Funds	nil	319,959	319,959
Revaluation Reserve - ACR Fixed Assets on Merger	207,000	nil	207,000
	207,000	661,299	868,299

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There are also extended opportunities for worship and prayer provided at Transformed worship and Touching heaven meetings.

SeeSaw toddler Group

A strong volunteer team run Seesaw toddler group twice weekly in term time and a Summer fun day August. At the year-end there were 491 children registered with SeeSaw and each month there are up to 466 attendances by those children, along with their carers.

Monthly Youth Hangout

Ashwood Church provide a community youth evening. Typically, 17 young people attend these sessions.

Around 30 younger children joined in our monthly 'Friday Night Takeaway' sessions which covered various Biblical characters with games, music fun and stories.

Two free holiday clubs for local primary age children were held in the Ashwood Centre in August and October with the maximum allowed number of 50 attending each of the 3 day events.

Christmas was marked by a number of events: Christmas movie night, Christmas Toddler Party, Carols and candles service, Kirkby Christmas festival carols and crafts.

We regularly run Alpha courses and during the year we were able to run a 13 week course for 20 people who were asking Big Questions of Life.

Personal Development and Pastoral Care

Around 118 adults participate in 8 fortnightly Life Groups which provide an opportunity for spiritual and practical support in a small group setting, working out faith in Jesus Christ in their day to day lives.

The responsibility for pastoral care was transferred from Janet Wright to Bec Goody and was completed on 30th September. Thanks to Janet who has very ably led the pastoral work for 14 years and who, though officially retired, is still volunteering on many teams. The Pastoral hub consists of 7 volunteers and 1 paid worker and they facilitate courses such as freedom in Christ and most members are involved in supporting people on a 1-2-1 basis and may be involved in prayer/support groups for individuals/couples within church.

A separate Pastoral Gathering is involved in helping to facilitate pastoral care, each person within it is connected to different spheres within Ashwood and helps to facilitate further pastoral care.

As part of our regular training for staff and volunteers there were 33 people that completed safeguarding training during the year. In addition, there is a structured food hygiene training programme.

Running a centre for the local community

Long term users of the centre include:

- Labour Party
- U3A (including a number of interest groups)
- Autism East Midlands
- Slimming World
- Ashfield Harmony Choir
- Nottingham Trent University
- NHS Midwife Group

- Little Miracles
- In Sam's Name
- Fresh Anointing Ministries

In addition, many local residents hire the centre for parties and other family events.

Sustainability

Our Justice group led the way in us gaining the AROCHA Silver award – Eco credentials. We have worked to optimise the way we use the building in the most sustainable way, ranging from recycling (e.g. paper, plastics and ink cartridges), reducing paper use, e.g. more than 130 people signed up to receive Ashwood News online meaning over two thirds of regular recipients now receive it electronically. We have removed the fluorescent lighting in the main reception and corridors and replacing it with PIR and LED lighting aiming to see a 75% saving in electrical lighting cost.

Despite the above, we have recognised that the Ashwood Centre is no longer meeting our needs in a number of ways:

- The structure is beyond its use by date and is increasingly expensive to maintain and heat
- The building's eco-credentials cannot be upgraded in a cost-effective way.
- We are struggling to fit in the main hall on Sunday due to increasing numbers attending church activities.

We have been working with Ashfield District Council to ensure that our plans to re-develop the site are complimentary to the town centre development plans. During the year £48.3k was raised towards this project, added to which a faith offering in June brought in over £28k, with the resulting total restricted funds at 31st March 2023 standing at £265k.

Leadership

Matt Bell has continued to lead the church, ably assisted by his wife, Claire and 2 further leaders, forming the Senior Leadership Team. In September we sadly said goodbye to Dave Ransome who has served the Senior Leadership for several years. He and his family re-located to a new farm in Derbyshire. The leadership team works alongside 6 part time employees, including pastoral care, youth and community co-ordinators.

Financial support

We are grateful to the many people who donate generously to church funds. Our donors include:

- Our ever-generous members
- Friends of Ashwood who support various Ashwood projects

These, along with the room hire income, make possible the activities that we deliver.

The overall income and expenditure for the church is set out below.

Incoming Resources.	£221,455
Resources Expended.	£154,593
Net Income for Year.	£66,862
Tangible Fixed Assets for use by the charity.	£211,600

Our annual Christmas offering was taken and a total of £4.5k was divided between Safe Families' work in UK and Links Charity work in Malawi.

Money is only part of the picture and our 110 registered volunteers spend many hours delivering the above provisions, leveraging the effectiveness of the Church's activities that glorify God and impact our communities with the Gospel and love of Jesus Christ.

Ashwood Church in a Local and National Context

The church is a member of Churches Together in Kirkby. It is also part of the Evangelical Alliance and the Ground Level Network of Churches, and benefits from and contributes locally to the Ground Level Midland Connection (of churches). The Network provides opportunities to meet together with a wide variety of Churches and access teaching from both Nationally and Internationally recognised speakers, and Ashwood both serves and supports an annual Celebration of prayer, worship and teaching, as well as activities for all ages. Ashwood Church wider leadership team access the training and conference events provided by the Ground Level network, which inspires and informs all aspects of our work as a Church.

Governance

The trustees, who are all unpaid volunteers, welcomed Dom Torr to the board on 14 October 2022. He brings to the board valuable experience as a civil engineer.

Material Events after the year end: Elaine Townsend resigned as director and trustee on 2nd October 2023 after 30 years valued service.

Reserves

The trustees having reviewed the Charity Commission guidance, have determined to hold the reserves below in line with the agreed policy:

Reserve Type	£
Running Reserves	25,642
Unforeseen Events Reserve	15,000
Project Reserve – New Building for Ashwood	268,580
External Giving Fund	14,314
Total Reserves / Unrestricted funds	323,536

Public Benefit

In planning and implementing all the activities carried out by Ashwood Church, we will keep in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee and management meetings, following the principles set out below.

Principle 1: There must be an identifiable benefit or benefits

Principle 1a It must be clear what the benefits are

Principle 1b The benefits must be related to the aims

Principle 1c Benefits must be balanced against any detriment or harm

Principle 2: Benefit must be to the public, or section of the public

Principle 2a The beneficiaries must be appropriate to the aims

Principle 2b Where benefit is to a section of the public, the opportunity to benefit must not be unreasonably restricted:

- by geographical or other restrictions; or
- by ability to pay any fees charged

Principle 2c People in poverty must not be excluded from the opportunity to benefit

Principle 2d Any private benefits must be incidental.

Trustees responsibilities in relation to the financial statements.

The trustees are required by company law to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the financial activities of the charity and of its financial position at the end of that year. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to :

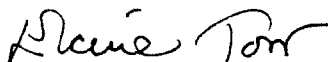
- a. select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- b. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- c. state whether the policies adopted are in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and with applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- d. prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approval.

This report was approved by the board of directors and trustees on 5/10/2023 and signed on its behalf.

Elaine Torr
Director and Trustee



ASHWOOD CHURCH
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the trustees of Ashwood Church on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 :

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to :

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charities Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the organisation 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 the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion of the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that
 - * proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 130 of the Act) ; and
 - * accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act ;or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

T. A. Stephenson
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28/07/2023

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	2023	2023	2023	2022	
Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds £	
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds :					
Donations and gifts	2a	142,079	59,794	201,873	172,148
Investment income	2b	2,193	0	2,193	773
Charitable activities	2c	3,724	0	3,724	2,929
Activities for generating funds	2d	0	0	0	0
Other incoming resources	2e	13,665	0	13,665	8,962
Total incoming resources		161,661	59,794	221,455	184,812
Resources expended					
Charitable activities	3a	138,165	12,203	150,368	145,644
Cost of generating funds	3b	214	0	214	348
Governance costs	3c	4,011	0	4,011	4,967
Total resources expended		142,390	12,203	154,593	150,959
Net Income (Deficit) for year		19,271	47,591	66,862	33,853
Statement of other recognised gains					
Net movements in funds for year		19,271	47,591	66,862	33,853
Transfers between funds	4	1,544	-1,544	0	0
Revaluation reserve	14	0	230,000	230,000	230,000
Fund balances brought forward		302,721	218,560	521,281	487,428
Fund balances carried forward		323,536	494,607	818,143	751,281

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BALANCE SHEET

31 MARCH 2023

	Note	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	5		211,600		216,200
Current Assets					
Cash at bank and in hand	5	576,255		509,680	
Debtors	6	31,829		26,664	
		608,084		536,344	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	1,541		1,263	
Net Current Assets			606,543		535,081
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year			0		0
Net Assets			818,143		751,281
Funds					
Restricted funds	4		264,607		218,560
Revaluation reserve	14		230,000		230,000
Unrestricted funds			323,536		302,721
Total Funds			818,143		751,281

In approving these financial statements as directors and trustees of the company we hereby confirm:

(a) that for the period stated above the company was entitled to the exemption conferred by Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ;

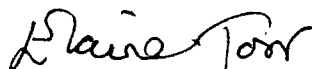
(b) that no notice has been deposited at the registered office of the company pursuant to Section 476 requesting that an audit be conducted for the period ending 31 March 2023 and

(c) that we acknowledge our responsibilities for:

(1) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 386, and

(2) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial period and of its profit or loss for the period then ended in accordance with the requirements of Section 393 and which otherwise comply with the provisions of the Companies Act relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

Approved by the board of directors and trustees on 5/10/2023 and signed on its behalf



Elaine Torr
Director and Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

2. Incoming Resources	2023 unrestricted	2023 restricted	2023 TOTAL	2022 TOTAL
a). Donations and Gifts	£	£	£	£
General Gifts and Offerings	142,079	0	142,079	141,173
Development Fund	0	41,664	41,664	15,579
Building Fund	0	6,677	6,677	5,898
Foodbank	0	3,451	3,451	3,036
Queen's 90th birthday	0	0	0	0
Make Lunch	0	0	0	0
Kirkby Christmas Festival (ADC)	0	0	0	0
Christmas Appeal	0	4,574	4,574	3,943
Coxmoor Grant	0	1	1	860
Community Grants	0	0	0	0
Albania - Hutson family	0	0	0	0
Links International	0	712	712	0
Malawi 7000	0	2	2	0
Hardship Covid 19 Relief	0	380	380	113
Toddler Group (Seesaw)	0	2,333	2,333	1,191
ACR Merger	0	0	0	0
Kirkby Churches Together	0	0	0	355
	142,079	59,794	201,873	172,148
b). Investment Income				
Bank interest	2,193	0	2,193	773
	2,193	0	2,193	773
c). Charitable Activities				
Activities and Events	3,317	0	3,317	2,655
Course Income	407	0	407	274
	3,724	0	3,724	2,929
d). Activities for Generating Funds				
Events for Generating Funds	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0
e). Other Incoming Resources				
Other Income	13,665	0	13,665	8,962
Photocopier Income	0	0	0	0
	13,665	0	13,665	8,962

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

3. Resources Expended	2023	2023	2023	2022
	unrestricted funds	restricted funds	TOTAL	TOTAL
a). Charitable Activities				
Catering costs	1,765	0	1,765	1,140
Equipment purchases	783	0	783	2,386
Activities and Events	27,585	0	27,585	25,888
People costs	265	0	265	190
Salary costs	77,969	0	77,969	73,161
Restricted expenses	0	7,603	7,603	14,330
Training costs	4,679	0	4,679	3,864
Travel expenses	1,286	0	1,286	598
Printing costs	2,203	0	2,203	2,280
IT	1,143	0	1,143	687
Postage and Stationery	173	0	173	244
Centre Costs	20,314	0	20,314	16,276
Depreciation	0	4,600	4,600	4,600
	138,165	12,203	150,368	145,644
b). Cost of Generating Funds				
Literature and Brochures	214	0	214	348
	214	0	214	348
c). Governance Costs				
Insurance and subscriptions	2,202	0	2,202	3,346
Legal and professional fees	432	0	432	432
Independent examiners fees	786	0	786	750
Bank fees	591	0	591	439
	4,011	0	4,011	4,967

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

4. Restricted Funds	Balance			General	Balance
	1st April 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfer	31st March 2023
Development Fund	174,040	41,664	0	0	215,704
Building Fund	43,332	6,677	0	0	50,009
Foodbank	10,908	3,451	392	-1,544	12,423
Make Lunch	131	0	0	0	131
Christmas Appeal	0	4,574	4,574	0	0
Coxmoor Grant	488	1	350	0	139
Links International	0	712	551	0	161
Malawi 7000	818	2	0	0	820
Toddler Group (Seesaw)	128	2,333	1,223	0	1,238
Hardship 'Covid 19 Relief'	2,215	380	410	0	2,185
Ashwood Community Resource Assets	216,200	0	4,600	0	211,600
Kirkby Churches Together	300	0	103	0	197
	448,560	59,794	12,203	-1,544	494,607

5. Tangible Fixed Assets	Fixtures & Fittings	Freehold Buildings	Total
Cost			
At 1 April 2022	3,500	226,500	230,000
Additions	nil	nil	nil
At 31 March 2023	3,500	226,500	230,000
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2022	210	13,590	13,800
Charge for year	70	4,530	4,600
At 31 March 2023	280	18,120	18,400
Net Book Value			
At 1 April 2022	3,290	212,910	216,200
At 31 March 2023	3,220	208,380	211,600
Cash at bank and in hand	2023		2022
	TOTAL		TOTAL
Current Account	14,454		10,898
Deposit Account	561,801		498,782
Petty Cash	nil		nil
	576,255		509,680
7. Debtors			
Tax Recoverable	30,534		25,393
Sundry Debtors	1,295		1,271
	31,829		26,664
8. Creditors : Amounts falling due within one year.			
Independent Examiners Fees Accrual	786		750
Taxation	755		513
	1,541		1,263

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9. Staff Costs and Numbers.	2023	2022
	£	£
Gross Wages, Salaries and Ministry Support.	76,491	71,996
Employers National Insurance Costs	nil	nil
Pension Contributions	1,478	1,165
	<u>77,969</u>	<u>73,161</u>

The average number of full time employees who were engaged in each of the following activities :

	2023	2022
	TOTAL	TOTAL
Activities in furtherance of organisation's objects.	3.6	3.8

No employees received emoluments in excess of £50,000. Staff are paid through the PAYE system.

10. Trustees and Other Related Parties.

Mrs J Wright (Spouse of Trustee Mr S Wright) received a salary of £ 4,323 (£10,588 in 2022) as assistant minister in connection with her employment by the trust, in furthering the charity's objects and in accordance with prior approval from the Charity Commission.

Except as stated above no payments other than reimbursements were made to trustees or any persons connected with them during this financial period. No material transaction took place between the organisation and a trustee or any person connected with them.

11. Risk Assessment.

The trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated, combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions.

The trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

12. Reserves Policy.

The trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and the level of financial commitments held. The trustees aim to ensure the charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

13. Public Benefit.

The charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or "aims" that are for the public benefit. Details of how the charity has achieved this are provided in the Trustees report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

14. Revaluation Reserve.

Please note: £230,000 of fixed assets were acquired from Ashwood Community Resource during year ended 31.03.19 as part of the merger of the two charities with no monies being exchanged. They were valued at 31.03.19 at this value and will be depreciated from 01.04.19 at 2% per annum straight line depreciation basis.

15. Analysis of net assets between funds.

	Tangible Fixed Assets	Net Current Assets	Total
	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds	nil	323,536	323,536
Restricted Funds	nil	283,007	283,007
Revaluation Reserve - ACR Fixed Assets on Merger	211,600	nil	211,600
	<u>211,600</u>	<u>606,543</u>	<u>818,143</u>

ASHWOOD CHURCH

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Accounts

Ashwood Church
Directors' and Trustees' Report and Accounts
For the year to 31 March 2022

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Status

Ashwood Church is a private company in England and Wales limited by guarantee with no share capital under section 30 of the Companies Act.

Directors and Trustees

Elaine Torr	Chair
Simon Wright	Company Secretary
Elaine Townsend	
Gaye Locke	

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Report of the Trustees and Directors

Aims and Purposes

After a year of living with a pandemic Ashwood Church has remained committed to its vision statement of to be a spiritually healthy growing church for all ages, and our mission is to help people find and follow Jesus. With this in mind, we are pleased to report the activities of Ashwood Church during this year where we have continued to serve in line with those purposes and the church's objectives.

Achievements and Performance

The Objectives of Ashwood Church, set out in the Church's Memorandum of Association, are to advance the Christian faith, to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health and to advance education and these continue to guide our use of charitable giving. The bulk of the funds handled by the charity continue to be used to further the work of Ashwood Church in Kirkby in Ashfield and the surrounding area in North Nottinghamshire.

This year has been one of resilience and transition underpinned by prayer. Prayer opportunities have been provided for individuals, small groups and as congregational church, with weekly prayer spaces praying for our community and nation; monthly Touching Heaven gatherings for worship and prayer both as an online broadcast and in the Ashwood Centre when allowed, and special prayer seasons such as one held in September where all were asked to make an active intention to prioritise and create space in different settings and on every occasion to pray first.

Initially, still in lockdown, most activities remained mainly online with a movement back to meeting together once restrictions lifted. At all times the church has balanced safety with the need for connection and fellowship. Activities undertaken during the period were planned with due consideration to the Commission's guidance on public benefit and the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

Advancing the Christian Faith and education

For the first few months children and youth work remained online, but during the summer some activities, such as Friday Night Takeaways, were able to happen in person again. Two holiday clubs for primary age children were held in the Ashwood Centre in July and October with 40 attending the 2 day event in July and 50 at the second event, held over 3 days of the half term holiday.

By summer, Elevate the youth offering, started to have in person gatherings. Initially these were outside events such as a BBQ and the colourful 'Colour Run' involving a lot of powder paint an obstacle course and nerf guns! Also during the summer a 2 evening event was held in the Ashwood Centre MUGA in place of the traditional park based Heaven Scent. Families were able to take part in a series of sports activities with a BBQ on one of the evenings.

Through autumn the fortnightly Elevate sessions moved indoors with time spent on a Wellbeing series equipping young people to face their everyday life challenges, and in February a 2 night weekend away in the Peak District entitled Refresh was run by 9 team members and an external guest speaker for 22 young people. Running alongside over the year has been 'Elevate – Young Leaders' to train and equip the next generation of leadership.

Schools work began the year with the youth team sending out "virtual" assemblies to schools, but again, as restrictions were lifted, the team were able to go back into schools with a harvest assembly in 3 local schools and 5 Christmas themed assemblies delivered in December.

While ever restrictions were in place and normal Sunday services could not be held, staff and volunteers continued to provide weekly online meetings on Facebook and even after the congregation could physically meet this online presence was maintained to allow those unable to attend in person to feel a part of Sunday morning church. This also meant others outside the locality were able to participate in praise, prayer and teaching. The launch of an updated website at the start of the year also allowed people to find out more about Ashwood Church and to download information and teaching. Over 2 days in May Ashwood Church ran an online mini-conference called 'Flourish', led by Paul and Perriane Brownback of the USA. At various times in the year external speakers were invited to talk to the church.

The smaller, geographically based Life Groups initially continued virtually but as restrictions eased the different groups moved back to meeting in person according to what was helpful and appropriate for each individual group. Life Groups also remained flexible as those new to the church were connected to an appropriate group.

Ashwood Church continued to run online courses over the year including Alpha, a Marriage course and Freedom in Christ, but in September the Freedom in Christ course reverted back to being in person and by January Alpha followed suit.

Relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health

'The Storehouse' foodbank, run in conjunction with Kirkby Churches Together and managed by an Ashwood Church staff member assisted by volunteers, continued to operate weekly. During Easter nearly 50 people collected parcels to assist while children were off school and alongside this more fun activities were provided, such as a family treasure hunt through 2 Kirkby parks and Easter activity packs for the children. Over Christmas generous donations meant that around 60 families received an enhanced food hamper containing both Christmas food and 2 weeks worth of groceries alongside toys where appropriate, with many of these being delivered by Ashfield Fire Service which was a real blessing to the team.

Such provisions require constant donations of food, and alongside very generous and ongoing support from Morrisons, Tesco and many local individuals a regular weekly doorstep collection from Ravenshead allowed over 60 residents there to be involved in donations.

Café 22 which had to shut down with lockdown in March 2020 reopened at the end of June 2021 and continued to provide a safe space for people to meet weekly, with the aim of reducing loneliness. The opportunity to talk and make friends as well as have a drink and cake paid for on a voluntary donation basis, to avoid a lack of money being a barrier once again proved popular.

Also focusing on reducing loneliness, Ashwood Church continued partnering with the Christian charity "Linking Lives" on the telephone befriending initiative "Two's Company." By the summer there were 20 trained volunteers and by the end of the year Ashwood Church had received over 25 referrals with 13 regular weekly conversations with isolated individuals still on-going by March 2022.

Transitioning from an online presence, Seesaw parent/toddler group restarted at the centre in September running again for 2 mornings a week. Over the following months more than 200 children attended at least one session, many of whom had not experienced a toddler group before due to restrictions. Two very popular Christmas parties were held with a bouncy castle, food, activities and plenty of bubbles as well as Father Christmas.

In the autumn of 2021, within the Coxmoor estate of Kirkby as part of Elevate Street detached youth work a small team were able to begin a new youth Bike Project, further building relationships with young people in the area and working towards increasing bike knowledge, safety and usage. With funding from Active Partners Trust and volunteers from the church, 3 of whom attended a 1 day bike mechanic course in Birmingham, a weekly bike maintenance project began in a garage in Coxmoor. Now affiliated to Cycling UK the church has been able to gain access to support and training with the aim of extending the project beyond youth. In the spring of 2022 3 staff and volunteers did a further 2 days training to achieve an advanced bike maintenance certificate to allow more advanced repairs. Links with a local school also allowed an extension of the project to deliver basic bike maintenance skills to students who might otherwise struggle to engage in education.

The annual Christmas "Home and Away" church offering raised £4000 including gift aid and was shared between 2 charities. Half went to a Links International supported Malawi micro-enterprise project, where, due to matched funding, the donation effectively doubled. The other half went to Safe Families for Children, a UK based charity with which Ashwood Church has links. Even before this donation, Safe Families told Ashwood that the church had benefitted 60 children by hosting children, befriending and supporting parents and providing resources including food parcels.

A Centre in the Community

Maintenance on the Centre continued over the year with essential works performed on the fabric of the building and internal work to make the spaces more attractive for the centre re-opening to users. Again, this was made possible by volunteers being generous with their time and effort, working alongside our part time caretaker.

The long-term plan remains to create a new church building to assist the church in all its objectives. The 'New Home for Ashwood', project team has continued to work in the background to advance this plan and outline planning permission was received over the summer. Over the year £21.4k was raised despite there being no specific fund-raising initiatives, with the resulting total restricted funds at 31st March 2022 standing at £217k.

Long term users of the centre include:

- Labour Party
- U3A (including interest groups)
- Autism East Midlands
- Tun Tum Housing (English as a Second Language Classes)
- Slimming World
- Ashfield Guild of Spinners, Weavers and Dyers
- Ashfield Harmony Choir
- Ashfield Voluntary Action
- TuVida

Leadership

Matt Bell has continued to lead the church, ably assisted by his wife, Claire and 2 further leaders, creating the Senior Leadership Team. The team works alongside 6 part time employees, including pastoral care, youth and community co-ordinators assisted by 81 volunteers.

Financial support

We are grateful to so many for the funding for the activities that we deliver including:

- Our ever-generous members
- Friends of Ashwood who support various Ashwood projects
- Ashfield District Council
- The overall income and expenditure for the church is set out below.

Incoming Resources. These totalled £184,812

Resources Expended. These totalled £150,959

Net Income for Year. This amounted to £ 33,853

Tangible Fixed Assets for use by the charity. £216,200

Money is only part of the picture and many hours of volunteer time leverage the effectiveness of the Church in delivering activities that glorify God and impact our communities with the Gospel and love of Jesus Christ.

The church is a member of Churches Together in Kirkby. It is also part of the Evangelical Alliance and the Ground Level Network of Churches, and benefits from and contributes locally into the Ground Level Midland Connection (of churches). The Network provides opportunities to meet together with a wide variety of Churches and access teaching from both Nationally and Internationally recognised speakers, and Ashwood both serves and supports an annual Celebration of prayer, worship and teaching, as well as activities for all ages. Ashwood Church wider leadership team access the training and conference events provided by the Ground Level network, which inspires and informs all aspects of our work as a Church.

Public Benefit

In planning and implementing all the activities carried out by Ashwood Church, we will keep in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee and management group meetings, following the principles set out below.

Principle 1: There must be an identifiable benefit or benefits

Principle 1a It must be clear what the benefits are

Principle 1b The benefits must be related to the aims

Principle 1c Benefits must be balanced against any detriment or harm

Principle 2: Benefit must be to the public, or section of the public

Principle 2a The beneficiaries must be appropriate to the aims

Principle 2b Where benefit is to a section of the public, the opportunity to benefit must not be unreasonably restricted:

- by geographical or other restrictions; or
- by ability to pay any fees charged

Principle 2c People in poverty must not be excluded from the opportunity to benefit

Principle 2d Any private benefits must be incidental.

Trustees responsibilities in relation to the financial statements.

The trustees are required by company law to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the financial activities of the charity and of its financial position at the end of that year. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to :

- a. select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- b. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- c. state whether the policies adopted are in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and with applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- d. prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approval.

This report was approved by the board of directors and trustees on 16/10/2022 and signed on its behalf.

Elaine Torr



Director and Trustee

ASHWOOD CHURCH

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the trustees of Ashwood Church on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 :

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to :

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

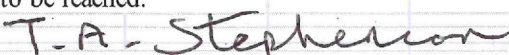
My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charities Commissioners.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the organisation 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 the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion of the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that
 - * proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 130 of the Act) ; and
 - * accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act ; or
2. to which , in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


Trevor Alan Stephenson.A.C.M.A.

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27/07/2022

ASHWOOD CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	2022 Unrestricted Funds £	2022 Restricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £	2021 Total Funds £
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds :					
Donations and gifts	2a	141,173	30,975	172,148	175,571
Investment income	2b	773	0	773	1,081
Charitable activities	2c	2,929	0	2,929	1,110
Activities for generating funds	2d	0	0	0	0
Other incoming resources	2e	8,962	0	8,962	2,873
Total incoming resources		153,837	30,975	184,812	180,635
Resources expended					
Charitable activities	3a	126,714	18,930	145,644	125,094
Cost of generating funds	3b	348	0	348	68
Governance costs	3c	4,967	0	4,967	3,827
Total resources expended		132,029	18,930	150,959	128,989
Net Income (Deficit) for year		21,808	12,045	33,853	51,646
Statement of other recognised gains					
Net movements in funds for year		21,808	12,045	33,853	51,646
Transfers between funds	4	0	0	0	0
Revaluation reserve	14	0	230,000	230,000	230,000
Fund balances brought forward		280,913	206,515	487,428	435,782
Fund balances carried forward		302,721	448,560	751,281	717,428

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BALANCE SHEET

31 MARCH 2022

	Note	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	5		216,200		220,800
Current Assets					
Cash at bank and in hand	6	509,680		471,933	
Debtors	7	26,664		26,254	
		<u>536,344</u>		<u>498,187</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	1,263		1,559	
Net Current Assets			<u>535,081</u>		<u>496,628</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year			<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
Net Assets			<u>751,281</u>		<u>717,428</u>
Funds					
Restricted funds	4		218,560		206,515
Revaluation reserve	14		230,000		230,000
Unrestricted funds			302,721		280,913
Total Funds			<u>751,281</u>		<u>717,428</u>

In approving these financial statements as directors and trustees of the company we hereby confirm:

(a) that for the period stated above the company was entitled to the exemption conferred by Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ;

(b) that no notice has been deposited at the registered office of the company pursuant to Section 476 requesting that an audit be conducted for the period ending 31 March 2022 and

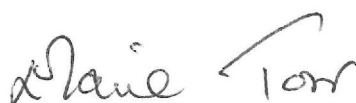
(c) that we acknowledge our responsibilities for:

(1) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 386, and

(2) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial period and of its profit or loss for the period then ended in accordance with the requirements of Section 393 and which otherwise comply with the provisions of the Companies Act relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

Approved by the board of directors and trustees on 16/10/2022 and signed on its behalf

Elaine Torr



Director and Trustee

ASHWOOD CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1. Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of accounts

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Accounting and Reporting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

1.2 Incoming resources

Voluntary income and donations are included in incoming resources when they are receivable. The income from fundraising ventures is shown gross, with the associated costs included in fundraising costs.

1.3 Resources expended

Resources expended other than that which have been capitalised, are included in the statement of financial activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT which cannot be recovered. Expenditure which is directly attributable to specific activities has been included in these cost categories. Where costs are attributable to more than one activity, they have been apportioned across the cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of these resources.

1.4 Finance and operating leases

There are none.

1.5 Pension costs

There are none.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £1,000 or more are capitalised at cost.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost over their expected useful economic lives as follows :

Equipment and furniture	25% on straight line basis.
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Fixtures and fittings	2% on straight line basis.
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Freehold buildings	2% on straight line basis.
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Please note: £230,000 of fixed assets were acquired from Ashwood Community Resource during 2018/19 as part of the merger of the two charities with no monies being exchanged.

They were valued at 31.03.19 at this value and will be depreciated from 01.04.19.

1.7 Investment income

Bank interest is included in the income and expenditure account on receipt.

1.8 Taxation

The current activities of the charity are exempt from taxation.

1.9 Fundraising costs

There are none.

1.10 Expenditure on governance of the charity

Governance expenditure includes all expenditure not directly related to the charitable activity or fundraising ventures.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

2. Incoming Resources	2022 unrestricted funds	2022 restricted funds	2022 TOTAL	2021 TOTAL
	£	£	£	£
a). Donations and Gifts				
General Gifts and Offerings	141,173	0	141,173	137,760
Development Fund	0	15,579	15,579	9,584
Building Fund	0	5,898	5,898	7,063
Foodbank	0	3,036	3,036	11,991
Queen's 90th birthday	0	0	0	0
Make Lunch	0	0	0	0
Kirkby Christmas Festival (ADC)	0	0	0	0
Christmas Appeal	0	3,943	3,943	3,062
Coxmoor Grant	0	860	860	2,800
Community Grants	0	0	0	0
Albania - Hutson family	0	0	0	0
Links International	0	0	0	101
Malawi 7000	0	0	0	0
Hardship Covid 19 Relief	0	113	113	3,210
Toddler Group (Seesaw)	0	1,191	1,191	0
ACR Merger	0	0	0	0
Kirkby Churches Together	0	355	355	0
	141,173	30,975	172,148	175,571
b). Investment Income				
Bank interest	773	0	773	1,081
	773	0	773	1,081
c). Charitable Activities				
Activities and Events	2,655	0	2,655	1,030
Course Income	274	0	274	80
	2,929	0	2,929	1,110
d). Activities for Generating Funds				
Events for Generating Funds	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0
e). Other Incoming Resources				
Other Income	8,962	0	8,962	2,873
Photocopier Income	0	0	0	0
	8,962	0	8,962	2,873

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

3. Resources Expended	2022	2022	2022	2021
	unrestricted funds	restricted funds	TOTAL	TOTAL
a). Charitable Activities				
Catering costs	1,140	0	1,140	22
Consumables	0	0	0	0
Equipment purchases	2,386	0	2,386	917
Equipment costs	0	0	0	0
Activities and Events	25,888	0	25,888	20,349
People costs	190	0	190	143
Salary costs	73,161	0	73,161	66,161
Sundry expenses	0	0	0	0
Restricted expenses	0	14,330	14,330	10,404
Training costs	3,864	0	3,864	2,031
Travel expenses	598	0	598	200
Venue and Hall Hire	0	0	0	0
Printing costs	2,280	0	2,280	2,599
IT	687	0	687	3,383
Postage and Stationery	244	0	244	224
Centre Costs	16,276	0	16,276	14,061
Depreciation	0	4,600	4,600	4,600
	126,714	18,930	145,644	125,094
b). Cost of Generating Funds				
Literature and Brochures	348	0	348	68
	348	0	348	68
c). Governance Costs				
Insurance and subscriptions	3,346	0	3,346	2,645
Legal and professional fees	432	0	432	432
Independent examiners fees	750	0	750	750
Bnk fees	439	0	439	0
	4,967	0	4,967	3,827

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

4. Restricted Funds	Balance 1st April 2021	Income	Expenditure	General Transfer	Balance 31st March 2022
Development Fund	162,383	15,579	3,922	0	174,040
Building Fund	37,434	5,898	0	0	43,332
Kirkby Christmas Festival (ADC)	0	0	0	0	0
Foodbank	10,697	3,036	2,825	0	10,908
Make Lunch	131	0	0	0	131
Christmas Appeal	57	3,943	4,000	0	0
Queen's 90th Birthday	0	0	0	0	0
Coxmoor Grant	1,647	860	2,019	0	488
Community Grants	0	0	0	0	0
Links International	0	0	0	0	0
Malawi 7000	818	0	0	0	818
Toddler Group (Seesaw)	445	1,191	1,509	1	128
ACR Merger	0	0	0	0	0
Hardship 'Covid 19 Relief'	2,103	113	0	-1	2,215
Ashwood Community Resource Assets	220,800	0	4,600	0	216,200
Kirkby Churches Together	0	355	55	0	300
	436,515	30,975	18,930	0	448,560
5. Tangible Fixed Assets			Fixtures & Fittings	Freehold Buildings	Total
Cost					
At 1 April 2021			3,500	226,500	230,000
Additions			nil	nil	nil
At 31 March 2022			3,500	226,500	230,000
Depreciation					
At 1 April 2021			140	9,060	9,200
Charge for year			70	4,530	4,600
At 31 March 2022			210	13,590	13,800
Net Book Value					
At 1 April 2021			3,360	217,440	220,800
At 31 March 2022			3,290	212,910	216,200
6. Cash at bank and in hand			2022 TOTAL		2021 TOTAL
Current Account			10,898		23,462
Deposit Account			498,782		448,471
Petty Cash			nil		nil
			509,680		471,933
7. Debtors					
Tax Recoverable			25,393		26,074
Sundry Debtors			1,271		180
			26,664		26,254
8. Creditors : Amounts falling due within one year.					
Independent Examiners Fees Accrual			750		750
Taxation			513		809
			1,263		1,559

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9. Staff Costs and Numbers	2022	2021
	£	£
Gross Wages, Salaries and Ministry Support.	71,996	65,193
Employers National Insurance Costs	nil	nil
Pension Contributions	1,165	968
	73,161	66,161

The average number of full time employees who were engaged in each of the following activities :

	2022	2021
	TOTAL	TOTAL
Activities in furtherance of organisation's objects.	3.8	3.8

No employees received emoluments in excess of £50,000. Staff are paid through the PAYE system.

10. Trustees and Other Related Parties.

Mrs J Wright (Spouse of Trustee Mr S Wright) received a salary of £10,588 (£10,035 in 2021) as assistant minister in connection with her employment by the trust, in furthering the charity's objects and in accordance with prior approval from the Charity Commission.

Except as stated above no payments other than reimbursements were made to trustees or any persons connected with them during this financial period. No material transaction took place between the organisation and a trustee or any person connected with them.

11. Risk Assessment

The trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated, combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

12. Reserves Policy

The trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and the level of financial commitments held. The trustees aim to ensure the charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

13. Public Benefit

The charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or "aims" that are for the public benefit. Details of how the charity has achieved this are provided in the Trustees report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

14. Revaluation Reserve

Please note: £230,000 of fixed assets were acquired from Ashwood Community Resource during year ended 31.03.19 as part of the merger of the two charities with no monies being exchanged. They were valued at 31.03.19 at this value and will be depreciated from 01.04.19 at 2% per annum straight line depreciation basis.

15. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Tangible Fixed Assets	Net Current Assets	Total
	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds	nil	302,721	302,721
Restricted Funds	nil	232,360	232,360
Revaluation Reserve - ACR Fixed Assets on Merger	216,200	nil	216,200
	216,200	535,081	751,281

ASHWOOD CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1134945

Accounts

**ASHWOOD CHURCH
DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2021.**

COMPANY NUMBER 6946764

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1134945

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER
TREVOR STEPHENSON A.C.M.A.
OF ROCKET BUSINESS SERVICES LTD**

ASHWOOD CHURCH

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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ASHWOOD CHURCH

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Status

Ashwood Church is a private company in England and Wales limited by guarantee with no share capital under section 30 of the Companies Act.

Directors and Trustees

Elaine Torr	Chair
Simon Wright	Company Secretary
Elaine Townsend	
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Report of the Trustees and Directors

Aims and Purposes

The year 2020 – 2021 has been like no other in the church's history with so many uncertainties and so many different approaches being required to negotiate the challenges of the Covid 19 pandemic. However, throughout it all Ashwood Church has remained committed to its vision statement of "Loving God, Loving One Another, Loving the World", while maintaining our aim to be a spiritually healthy, growing church that welcomes and includes people of all ages, helping people find and follow Jesus. With this in mind, we are pleased to report the activities of Ashwood Church during this year where we have continued to serve in line with those purposes and the church's objectives.

Achievements and Performance

The Objectives of Ashwood Church, set out in the Church's Memorandum of Association, are to advance the Christian faith, to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health and to advance education and these continue to guide our use of charitable giving. The bulk of the funds handled by the charity continue to be used to further the work of Ashwood Church in Kirkby in Ashfield and the surrounding area in North Nottinghamshire.

Along with many other organisations Ashwood Church has needed to adapt and change as the world situation has developed, but activities undertaken during the period were planned with due consideration to the Commission's guidance on public benefit and the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. Proverbs 16:3 summarises the year well "Commit to the Lord whatever you do and he will establish your plans"

A Move to Online

The initial lockdown in March 2020 brought a number of things to an immediate halt - such as the hire of the centre by its users, Café 22 (just as it reached its first birthday), and Centre based toddler, children's and youth work.

Key to the work subsequently developed were the aims that we should

- stay connected
- care for everyone (especially those more vulnerable or in need)
- pray

and through imagination and enthusiasm both staff and volunteers created alternative provision for many areas.

One such area was Children's work which moved online but was backed up with materials and activity packs delivered to those who signed up to take part, including plants donated by B&Q and Friday Night Takeaway treat packs. A 3 day virtual holiday club connected with 20 children who did a variety of experiments, challenges and crafts together. For Seesaw Toddler Group a Facebook page was utilised for regular volunteers to add videos of themselves reading favourite stories, singing nursery rhymes and demonstrating craft ideas. At special times of the year additional activities were included, for example, at Easter, the Elevate Youth team went out doing Easter Egg drop offs. At the beginning of September, the church employed a children's and youth worker to lead the group of talented and committed volunteers.

Ashwood Church has run many successful Alpha courses over the years, and the one in progress at the point of lockdown was moved online. This proved successful and 4 further online courses were run during the year.

HeavenScent also moved online in July for its 19th year, with a range of different tasks to be completed in the garden or wherever there was space, with a video of what to do and great prizes to be won. The video for one of the nights had over 2500 views from the public demonstrating its popularity.

An online family quiz night proved so popular it ended up being a regular feature for a number of months, along with taking part in a national Big Quiz Night for Tearfund in November and a special Christmas Quiz night in December.

Where a group of crafters could no longer meet together they continued to meet online and also worked on much needed items such as masks with profits from sales going to Links International Malawi, making some beautiful items and raising over £700 in the process.

As the normal Sunday services could not be held, staff and volunteers were able to quickly provide an online presence via a Livestream so that the family of Ashwood Church could still 'virtually' meet to worship, pray and hear God's word from their homes on Sunday mornings. This also led to others being able to connect even if their own church was unable to meet. As rules changed, the service adapted from being solely from homes to being filmed in the Ashwood Centre with Covid guidance always being followed. When the situation allowed, a drive in Service was held in the centre car park

As the life groups couldn't meet up in homes, these meetings too went online with Zoom gatherings becoming more natural as the weeks and months went by. At a few points where the rules allowed there were also various smaller socially distanced meetings on driveways and in gardens, to keep connections going.

Caring in the Community

Storehouse food bank was a vital point of contact for many in the Kirkby area, with an immediate increase in numbers using the service (by almost 50%) due to reduced incomes. However, there was a corresponding increase in the number of people offering food to the foodbank as people realised the need, along with donations from local businesses, especially Kirkby in Ashfield Morrisons who worked together with Ashwood's community co-ordinator to focus on the foods needed most, making it easier for shoppers to pick and donate things which were required. A grant from the county council helped to purchase boxes for deliveries and provide some activities and crafts for the children of families who didn't have any at home. Again, careful consideration was given to allowing for food to be provided safely, with many car trips made by those running the service to either pick up donated food or provide a door-to-door service when it wasn't possible for people to come to the Centre, either due to the lockdown rules, or due to isolating. Over 100 drops were done over a single 2-month period.

Towards the end of 2020 Ashwood Church became involved in a telephone befriending initiative partnering with a Christian charity "Linking Lives" to bring "Two's Company" to Kirkby in Ashfield. A dedicated freephone line was set up and 3 leaders and staff completed the co-ordinators training to allow them to train volunteer befrienders who could then talk on a weekly basis to those feeling isolated and lonely who had been referred to the service. By the end of the year 12 volunteers had been trained and the service publicised at foodbank and through a local school, which led to the first 6 referrals coming through at the beginning of 2021.

Christmas was very different this year, with a Click and Collect Christmas for Seesaw Toddler Group with people able to collect a Christmas gift, cake and craft for each child, and over 150 people took part in a socially distanced Carols and Candles event in the Ashwood Centre car park. The Storehouse foodbank made some special drops at Christmas – with over 30 Christmas food hampers, including some toys and gifts, being delivered by the fire brigade from their fire engine which made quite a sight.

Staff and volunteers alike have worked hard to provide support to those in need and those in the Ashwood Church family have enthusiastically given over and above usual financial giving to a Covid-19 Relief Fund to allow the church to support individuals and families in the community financially affected by the pandemic, with supermarket vouchers, or assistance with utility bills.

Early in the pandemic, the church also looked at ways of supporting those we have an association with, especially as it was felt that some 'normal' methods of fund raising would have faltered. So by May additional funds had been raised with £3,000 given to Betel UK and £1,000 to Links International. The Christmas collection also went ahead, and despite being unable to donate in physical meetings, over £3,000 was raised to support Hope Missions in Malawi and Safe Families operating in UK.

June 2020 saw a celebration of 25 years of Ashwood News, with a look back at early articles and personalities, as well as a (very brief!) history of Ashwood Church. Despite going through various changes, the regular provision of news, articles and general encouragement has remained very popular. The decision was made at the start of lockdown to print and deliver a paper copy to help people feel connected, although it is envisaged that the number of copies printed will reduce at some stage as the church aims to balance both individual and environmental needs.

A Centre in the Community

Despite being unable to meet in the building, or use it to any significant level, maintenance on the Centre continued over the year with essential works performed on the fabric of the building and internal work to make the spaces more attractive for the centre re-opening to users. Again, this was made possible by volunteers being generous with their time and effort, working alongside our part time caretaker.

The long-term plan remains to create a new church building to assist the church in all its objectives. The 'New Home for Ashwood', project team has continued to work in the background to advance this plan and although specific fund-raising initiatives have been suspended during this year, £16,647 was still raised, with the resulting total fund at 31st March 2021 standing at £199,817.

Long term users of the centre are keen to return and include:

- U3A (including 11 monthly interest groups)
- Local Knitting Group
- Slimming World
- East Midlands Autism Group
- Labour Party
- Local Art Group
- Ashfield Foster Carers
- Ashfield Harmony Choir
- Brackenhill School

Leadership

Matt Bell has continued to lead the church, ably assisted by his wife, Claire and 2 further leaders, creating the Senior Leadership Team. The team works alongside 6 part time employees, including pastoral care and community workers.

Financial support

We are grateful to so many for the funding for the activities that we deliver including:

- Our ever-generous members
- Friends of Ashwood who support various Ashwood projects
- Ashfield District Council
- The overall income and expenditure for the church is set out below.

Incoming Resources. These totalled	£142,824
Resources Expended. These totalled	£113,985
Net Income for Year. This amounted to	£ 28,839
Tangible Fixes Assets for use by the charity.	£220,800

Money is only part of the picture and many hours of volunteer time leverage the effectiveness of the Church in delivering activities that glorify God and impact our communities with the Gospel and love of Jesus Christ.

The church is a member of Churches Together in Kirkby. It is also part of the Evangelical Alliance and the Ground Level Network of Churches, and benefits from and contributes locally into the Ground Level Midland Connection (of churches). The Network provides opportunities to meet together with a wide variety of Churches and access teaching from both Nationally and Internationally recognised speakers, and Ashwood both serves and supports an annual Celebration weekend of prayer, worship and teaching, as well as activities for all ages. Ashwood Church wider leadership team access the training and conference events provided by the Ground Level network, which inspires and informs all aspects of our work as a Church.

Compliance Footnote

The trustees submit their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Accounting and Reporting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with adopted the provisions of the Accounting and Reporting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Public Benefit

In planning and implementing all the activities carried out by Ashwood Church, we will keep in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee and management group meetings, following the principles set out below.

Principle 1: There must be an identifiable benefit or benefits

Principle 1a It must be clear what the benefits are

Principle 1b The benefits must be related to the aims

Principle 1c Benefits must be balanced against any detriment or harm

Principle 2: Benefit must be to the public, or section of the public

Principle 2a The beneficiaries must be appropriate to the aims

Principle 2b Where benefit is to a section of the public, the opportunity to benefit must not be unreasonably restricted:

- by geographical or other restrictions; or
- by ability to pay any fees charged

Principle 2c People in poverty must not be excluded from the opportunity to benefit

Principle 2d Any private benefits must be incidental.

Reserves Statement

The trustees have allowed for the costs and arrived at a reserves figure of £55,089. The figures allow for:

- 3 months to wind down staff employment and resource redundancy payments
- 3 month's notice to external recipients of charitable funds
- A provisional sum for expected building repairs.

In addition to the above, the trustees have designated £252,013 of our unrestricted funds to resource a new church building, which when added to the restricted funds available for the building of £199,817 gives a total sum of £425,641 available for a New Home for Ashwood. These figures are reviewed annually.

Objects of the charity, principal activities and organisation of our work.

The charity is constituted as a company limited by guarantee and is therefore governed by a memorandum and articles of association.

The charity's principal objectives are to:

- (a) to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the directors from time to time may think fit;
- (b) to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind including through the provision of counselling and support in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the directors from time to time think fit and
- (c) to advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the directors from time to time may think fit.

The company is managed by a Board of Directors who oversee all legal, financial and staff appointment matters. They are also responsible for measuring performance against targets. The Spiritual Leadership are responsible for the day-to-day running of the Church's activities. The Senior Minister, Matt Bell, acts a link between the Spiritual Leadership Team and the directors.

Approved by the board of directors and trustees on 02/11/2021 and signed on its behalf



Elaine Torr, Director and Trustee.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the trustees of Ashwood Church on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021 :

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to :

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charities Commissioners.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the organisation 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 the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion of the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that
 - * proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 130 of the Act) ; and
 - * accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act ; or
2. to which , in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Trevor Alan Stephenson

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27/08/2021

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Note	2021 Unrestricted Funds £	2021 Restricted Funds £	2021 Total Funds £	2020 Total Funds £
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds :					
Donations and gifts	2a	137,760	37,811	175,571	212,953
Investment income	2b	1,081	0	1,081	1,731
Charitable activities	2c	1,110	0	1,110	5,855
Activities for generating funds	2d	0	0	0	0
Other incoming resources	2e	2,873	0	2,873	10,518
Total incoming resources		142,824	37,811	180,635	231,057
Resources expended					
Charitable activities	3a	110,090	15,004	125,094	137,408
Cost of generating funds	3b	68	0	68	98
Governance costs	3c	3,827	0	3,827	4,918
Total resources expended		113,985	15,004	128,989	142,424
Net Income (Deficit) for year		28,839	22,807	51,646	88,633
Statement of other recognised gains					
Net movements in funds for year		28,839	22,807	51,646	88,633
Transfers between funds	4	-5	5	0	0
Revaluation reserve	14	0	230,000	230,000	230,000
Fund balances brought forward		252,079	183,703	435,782	347,149
Fund balances carried forward		280,913	436,515	717,428	665,782

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BALANCE SHEET

31 MARCH 2021

	Note	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £	2020 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	5		220,800		225,400
Current Assets					
Cash at bank and in hand	6	471,933		408,730	
Debtors	7	26,254		32,258	
		498,187		440,988	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	1,559		606	
Net Current Assets			<u>496,628</u>		<u>440,382</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year			<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
Net Assets			<u>717,428</u>		<u>665,782</u>
Funds					
Restricted funds	4		206,515		183,703
Revaluation reserve	14		230,000		230,000
Unrestricted funds			280,913		252,079
Total Funds			<u>717,428</u>		<u>665,782</u>

In approving these financial statements as directors and trustees of the company we hereby confirm:

(a) that for the period stated above the company was entitled to the exemption conferred by Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ;

(b) that no notice has been deposited at the registered office of the company pursuant to Section 476 requesting that an audit be conducted for the period ending 31 March 2021 and

(c) that we acknowledge our responsibilities for:

(1) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 386, and

(2) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial period and of its profit or loss for the period then ended in accordance with the requirements of Section 393 and which otherwise comply with the provisions of the Companies Act relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

Approved by the board of directors and trustees on 02/11/2021 and signed on its behalf

Elaine Torr
Director and Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1. Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of accounts

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Accounting and Reporting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

1.2 Incoming resources

Voluntary income and donations are included in incoming resources when they are receivable. The income from fundraising ventures is shown gross, with the associated costs included in fundraising costs.

1.3 Resources expended

Resources expended other than that which have been capitalised, are included in the statement of financial activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT which cannot be recovered. Expenditure which is directly attributable to specific activities has been included in these cost categories. Where costs are attributable to more than one activity, they have been apportioned across the cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of these resources.

1.4 Finance and operating leases

There are none.

1.5 Pension costs

There are none.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £1,000 or more are capitalised at cost.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost over their expected useful economic lives as follows :

Equipment and furniture	25% on straight line basis.
Fixtures and fittings	2% on straight line basis.
Freehold buildings	2% on straight line basis.

Please note: £230,000 of fixed assets were acquired from Ashwood Community Resource during 2018/19 as part of the merger of the two charities with no monies being exchanged.

They were valued at 31.03.19 at this value and will be depreciated from 01.04.19.

1.7 Investment income

Bank interest is included in the income and expenditure account on receipt.

1.8 Taxation

The current activities of the charity are exempt from taxation.

1.9 Fundraising costs

There are none.

1.10 Expenditure on governance of the charity

Governance expenditure includes all expenditure not directly related to the charitable activity or fundraising ventures.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

2. Incoming Resources	2021 unrestricted funds	2021 restricted funds	2021 TOTAL	2020 TOTAL
	£	£	£	£
a). Donations and Gifts				
General Gifts and Offerings	137,760	0	137,760	139,097
Development Fund	0	9,584	9,584	37,172
Building Fund	0	7,063	7,063	14,139
Foodbank	0	11,991	11,991	1,379
Queen's 90th birthday	0	0	0	0
Make Lunch	0	0	0	0
Kirkby Christmas Festival (ADC)	0	0	0	0
Christmas Appeal	0	3,062	3,062	4,588
Coxmoor Grant	0	2,800	2,800	786
Community Grants	0	0	0	0
Albania - Hutson family	0	0	0	0
Links International	0	101	101	241
Malawi 7000	0	0	0	741
Hardship Covid 19 Relief	0	3,210	3,210	313
Toddler Group (Seesaw)	0	0	0	1,939
ACR Merger	0	0	0	12,558
	137,760	37,811	175,571	212,953
b). Investment Income				
Bank interest	1,081	0	1,081	1,731
	1,081	0	1,081	1,731
c). Charitable Activities				
Activities and Events	1,030	0	1,030	5,324
Course Income	80	0	80	531
	1,110	0	1,110	5,855
d). Activities for Generating Funds				
Events for Generating Funds	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0
e). Other Incoming Resources				
Other Income	2,873	0	2,873	8,229
Photocopier Income	0	0	0	0
	2,873	0	2,873	8,229

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS				
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021				
Resources Expended	2021 unrestricted funds	2021 restricted funds	2021 TOTAL	2020 TOTAL
a). Charitable Activities				
Catering costs	22	0	22	1,892
Consumables	0	0	0	0
Equipment purchases	917	0	917	925
Equipment costs	0	0	0	0
Activities and Events	20,349	0	20,349	28,605
People costs	143	0	143	98
Salary costs	66,161	0	66,161	57,455
Sundry expenses	0	0	0	0
Restricted expenses	0	10,404	10,404	7,138
Training costs	2,031	0	2,031	4,778
Travel expenses	200	0	200	1,106
Venue and Hall Hire	0	0	0	0
Printing costs	2,599	0	2,599	2,974
IT	3,383	0	3,383	1,806
Postage and Stationery	224	0	224	279
Centre Costs	14,061	0	14,061	25,751
Depreciation	0	4,600	4,600	4,600
	110,090	15,004	125,094	137,408
b). Cost of Generating Funds				
Literature and Brochures	68	0	68	98
	68	0	68	98
c). Governance Costs				
Insurance and subscriptions	2,645	0	2,645	3,466
Legal and professional fees	432	0	432	732
Independent examiners fees	750	0	750	720
	3,827	0	3,827	4,918

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

4. Restricted Funds	Balance 1st April 2020	Income	Expenditure	General Transfer	Balance 31st March 2021
Development Fund	153,927	9,584	1,128	0	162,383
Building Fund	30,371	7,063	0	0	37,434
Kirkby Christmas Festival (ADC)	0	0	0	0	0
Foodbank	1,738	11,991	3,032	0	10,697
Make Lunch	131	0	0	0	131
Christmas Appeal	0	3,062	3,010	5	57
Queen's 90th Birthday	0	0	0	0	0
Coxmoor Grant	191	2,800	1,344	0	1,647
Community Grants	0	0	0	0	0
Links International	241	101	342	0	0
Malawi 7000	818	0	0	0	818
Toddler Group (Seesaw)	573	0	128	0	445
ACR Merger	0	0	0	0	0
Hardship 'Covid 19 Relief'	313	3,210	1,420	0	2,103
Ashwood Community Resource Assets	225,400	0	4,600	0	220,800
	413,703	37,811	15,004	5	436,515
5. Tangible Fixed Assets			Fixtures & Fittings	Freehold Buildings	Total
Cost					
At 1 April 2021			3,500	226,500	230,000
Additions			nil	nil	nil
At 31 March 2020			3,500	226,500	230,000
Depreciation					
At 1 April 2020			70	4,530	4,600
Charge for year			70	4,530	4,600
At 31 March 2021			140	9,060	9,200
Net Book Value					
At 1 April 2020			3,430	221,970	225,400
At 31 March 2021			3,360	217,440	220,800
6. Cash at bank and in hand			2021		2020
			TOTAL		TOTAL
Current Account			23,462		10,308
Deposit Account			448,471		398,422
Petty Cash			nil		nil
			471,933		408,730
7. Debtors					
Tax Recoverable			26,074		31,570
Sundry Debtors			180		688
			26,254		32,258
8. Creditors : Amounts falling due within one year.					
Independent Examiners Fees Accrual			750		720
Taxation			809		-114
			1,559		606

