

Attleborough Wesleyan Reform Church
Hall End, Nuneaton, CV11 4LL
Charity Registration Number: 1135328

Trustees' Report for the Year Ending 31st December 2024

Introduction

We believe in one true and living God, eternally existing in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Him alone we worship and adore.

Administrative Information

The church is governed by Trustees in accordance with the Wesleyan Reform Union Reference Deed, established on 27th October 1898. Trustees act as guardians of the doctrine and hold legal responsibility for ensuring compliance with the laws of England and Wales.

Key Roles

Charity and Property Trustee	Margaret Jones Matthew Halladay Karen Robinson Barrie Parsons
Property Trustee	George Phillips Colin Braithwaite
Secretary	Matthew Halladay and Karen Robinson
Chairman	Karen Robinson
Treasurer	Louise Elliott
Safeguarding Officer	Karen Robinson
Deputy Safeguarding Officer	Jenny Bisseker
Data Protection Officer	Karen Robinson
Auditor	Amanda Ashton
Charity Commission Administrator	David Robinson

Governance and Management

The Trustees are responsible for overseeing the operation of the church. Charity Trustees are active members of the church, while Property Trustees are members of a church within the Wesleyan Reform Union. Trustees are appointed by Church Members, who also make decisions on general matters, including the use of church funds. Church Members' meetings are held quarterly, or more frequently when required.

Church Membership

Anyone wishing to become a church member through a profession of Christian faith may have their name presented at a church meeting. Upon acceptance, the nominee will be welcomed into full membership at the next available service. Membership entails a commitment to worship attendance, financial support, and service using individual God-given gifts and talents.

Wesleyan Reform Union

The church is affiliated with the Wesleyan Reform Union of Churches, based in Church Street, Jump, Barnsley. It adheres to the doctrine outlined in the Union's publication, "Faith and Practice."

Objectives

The Trustees and Church Members aim to provide a place for public worship and Christian fellowship, through Bible-based preaching, prayer, Holy Communion, and worship music.

Worship

Sunday Morning Worship is held weekly at 10:45am, led by local preachers who proclaim the truth of God's Word. Services are open to all, with an average attendance of 18. Additional services at Easter, Harvest, and Christmas are well attended. A midweek Fellowship Meeting is held fortnightly on Wednesdays at 2:30pm, followed by tea and chat.

Holy Communion

Celebrated monthly during Sunday Morning Worship.

Prayer Meeting and Bible Study

Held fortnightly on Mondays at 5:00pm. A prayer diary is maintained, and the meeting includes individual and collective prayer, followed by Bible reading and discussion.

Mission Work

The church supports local and international missions. Locally, the church donates food and funds to the Foodbank and donates proceeds from the Christmas Carol Service to the local hospice. Internationally, in 2024, the church supported two Wesleyan Reform Union projects: the "Safe Haven" Hot Meals Programme in Lebanon and the "Hope for Children in Latvia" Family Centre Renovation Project.

Safeguarding

The Safeguarding Officer and Deputy ensure the church's safeguarding policy is up to date and followed, in accordance with guidance from the Wesleyan Reform Union.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

The GDPR Officer ensures compliance with current data protection laws and guidelines.

Finance

Please refer to the attached Financial Report for full details.

- Total Income: £29,564.81
- Total Expenditure: £23,803.33

Primary income sources include weekly offerings and rent from the manse. In 2024, the church received an additional donation of £1,782.44 from Fife Street Church and a £12,000.00 grant from the Wesleyan Reform Union for building repairs. Expenses included general operations, essential roof repairs to the church and manse, maintenance of church grounds, and legal fees (£1,200.00 to Edward Connor Solicitors for trustee advice).

Future Plans for 2025

- **Outreach Projects:** Distribution of invitations to local residents, special services, coffee mornings/afternoons, a lunch club for home workers, and collaboration with the local Heritage Centre.
- **Building Repairs:** Guttering and drain work, removal of trees and stumps, organ motor access, exterior cladding, and interior plaster repairs due to water ingress.

- **Legal:** Continue registration of church property with the Land Registry via Edward Connor Solicitors.
- **Training:** Trustees to attend a Wesleyan Reform Union training course.

Acknowledgements

We gratefully acknowledge:

- The volunteers who support Christian witness and church administration
- Those maintaining the property and creating a welcoming environment
- The continued commitment of church members and adherents
- The local preachers who faithfully serve our pulpit
- Our accountant for preparing the annual accounts
- The dedicated work of the Trustees

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and ensuring their proper application.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

KS Robinson

Chairman

Date: 10.06.2025

Church - Receipts

Offertory	8,670.52
Gift - Fife Street Church	1,782.44
Carol Service	216.30
WRU Hot Meal Project	352.00
WRU Holdback Grant	12,000.00
WRU Conf Contrib	100.00
Gardener Offset	140.00
Funeral Fees	250.00

Total Church Receipts 23,564.81

Church - Payments

Pulpit Supply	1,640.00
Insurance - Church	1,229.42
Electricity - E.ON	946.04
Gas - E.ON	1,269.60
Severn Trent	94.64
Funeral Expenses - Organist/Steward	75.00
WRU - Assessment	351.50
WRU - Donations 6 @ 25.00	150.00
WRU - Conference Fee	210.00
CCLI	148.00
Donation - Mary Ann Evans	250.00
Donation - WRU Hot Meals Project	352.00
Donation - Paul Whitehead	25.00
Donation - Barry Hatfield	25.00
Donation - Colin Crook	25.00
Gifts - Father's Day	24.50
Food Bank Donations	75.00
Cleaner	60.00
Window Cleaner	15.00
Boiler Service	80.00
Green Bin	40.00
Garden	525.00
Fire Equipment Service	51.58
Stationery/Stamps	10.80
Solicitor - Edward Connor	1,200.00
Treasurer	240.00
Auditor	25.00
Church Roof Repair	11,421.60
Church Wall Repair	680.00
Ronseal Wood Filler	24.99
Church Key	39.00

Total Church Payments 21,303.67

Variance 2,261.14

Manse - Receipts

Manse Rent (Hawkins)	6,000.00
Manse - Total Receipts	6,000.00

Manse - Payments

Insurance	335.66
Management Commission	720.00
Rent Guarantee	108.00
Prokill - Wasps Nest	96.00
Boiler Service	90.00
New Flat Roof	1,150.00
Manse Total Payments	2,499.66

Variance 3,500.34



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Attleborough Wesleyan Reform Church

On accounts for the year
ended

31/12/2024

Charity no
(if any)

1135328

Set out on pages

N/A

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

Independent
examiner's statement

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

ASHTON

Date:

12/05/2025

Name:

AMANDA ASHTON

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

ACMA

Address:

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Section B

Disclosure

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