

Charity registration number 1137936 (England and Wales)

Company registration number 07333161

**HOPE CHURCH IPSWICH**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

# HOPE CHURCH IPSWICH

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Trustees	Mr IC Little Mr AL South Mrs D Cordle Mr D Sansom Mrs C Barlow
Charity number (England and Wales)	1137936
Company number	07333161
Principal address	The Hope Centre 10 St Margaret's Street Ipswich Suffolk IP4 2AT
Registered office	The Hope Centre 10 St Margaret's Street Ipswich Suffolk IP4 2AT
Independent examiner	Staines and Co 235 Foxhall Road Ipswich Suffolk IP3 8LF

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# HOPE CHURCH IPSWICH

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016)

#### **Objectives and activities**

The Charity's objectives are for the public benefit and are restricted to the following:

- 1) To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs in such parts of Ipswich, the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees may from time to time think fit and fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the Law of England & Wales and are connected with the charitable work of the charity;
- 2) To relieve persons who are in conditions of need, financial hardship or sickness and who may be aged and to relieve the distress caused thereby in the said location and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees may from time to time think fit;
- 3) To advance education on the basis of Christian principles in the said location and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees may from time to time think fit;
- 4) To provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life.

#### *Public benefit*

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

#### **Financial review**

##### *Reserves policy*

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to three month's expenditure. The trustees considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

##### *Major risks*

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

#### **Structure, governance and management**

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr IC Little  
Mr AL South  
Mrs D Cordle  
Mr D Sansom  
Mrs C Barlow

# HOPE CHURCH IPSWICH

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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### *Recruitment and appointment of trustees*

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

The company's current policy concerning the payment of trade creditors is to follow the CBI's Prompt Payers Code (copies are available from the CBI, Centre Point, 103 New Oxford Street, London WC1A 1DU).

The company's current policy concerning the payment of trade creditors is to:

- settle the terms of payment with suppliers when agreeing the terms of each transaction;
- ensure that suppliers are made aware of the terms of payment by inclusion of the relevant terms in contracts; and
- pay in accordance with the company's contractual and other legal obligations.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Mr IC Little  
Trustee

27 August 2025

# HOPE CHURCH IPSWICH

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF HOPE CHURCH IPSWICH

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Hope Church Ipswich (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011.

#### Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000, the independent examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of Association of Accounting Technicians (AAT), which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the Companies Act 2006.
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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



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28 August 2025

# HOPE CHURCH IPSWICH

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

		Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Notes							
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>							
Donations and legacies	3	644,596	224,977	869,573	604,623	255,009	859,632
Investments	4	5,757	-	5,757	2,251	-	2,251
Other income	5	26,944	-	26,944	20,569	-	20,569
<b>Total income</b>		<b>677,297</b>	<b>224,977</b>	<b>902,274</b>	<b>627,443</b>	<b>255,009</b>	<b>882,452</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>							
Raising funds	6	717,473	138,178	855,651	726,791	177,689	904,480
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>717,473</b>	<b>138,178</b>	<b>855,651</b>	<b>726,791</b>	<b>177,689</b>	<b>904,480</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>(40,176)</b>	<b>86,799</b>	<b>46,623</b>	<b>(99,348)</b>	<b>77,320</b>	<b>(22,028)</b>
Transfers between funds		53,787	(53,787)	-	45,330	(45,330)	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	7	<b>13,611</b>	<b>33,012</b>	<b>46,623</b>	<b>(54,018)</b>	<b>31,990</b>	<b>(22,028)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>							
Fund balances at 1 January 2024		833,216	87,551	920,767	887,234	55,561	942,795
<b>Fund balances at 31 December 2024</b>		<b>846,827</b>	<b>120,563</b>	<b>967,390</b>	<b>833,216</b>	<b>87,551</b>	<b>920,767</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

# HOPE CHURCH IPSWICH

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	11		1,766,157		1,875,343
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	12	29,450		46,997	
Cash at bank and in hand		207,181		158,524	
		<u>236,631</u>		<u>205,521</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	14	<u>(126,650)</u>		<u>(180,153)</u>	
Net current assets			109,981		25,368
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			1,876,138		1,900,711
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	15		(908,748)		(979,944)
<b>Net assets</b>			<u>967,390</u>		<u>920,767</u>
<b>Income funds</b>					
Restricted funds	16		120,563		87,551
Unrestricted funds			846,827		833,216
			<u>967,390</u>		<u>920,767</u>



# HOPE CHURCH IPSWICH

## BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 27 August 2025



Mr IC Little  
Trustee

**Company Registration No. 07333161**

# HOPE CHURCH IPSWICH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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#### 1 Accounting policies

##### Charity information

Hope Church Ipswich is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is The Hope Centre, 10 St Margaret's Street, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP4 2AT.

##### 1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's constitution, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

##### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

##### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

##### 1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

# HOPE CHURCH IPSWICH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

#### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	3% straight line on buildings only
Furniture & Equipment	25% straight line
Music Group & PA	25% straight line

Freehold land is not depreciated.

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

#### 1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

#### 1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

#### 1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

# HOPE CHURCH IPSWICH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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#### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

##### **Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

##### **Basic financial liabilities**

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

##### **Derecognition of financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

#### 1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

#### 2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

# HOPE CHURCH IPSWICH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

### 3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2024	2024	2024	2023	2023	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	527,270	196,380	723,650	496,547	224,970	721,517
Grants receivable	3,226	-	3,226	1,000	340	1,340
Gift aid reclaimed	114,100	28,597	142,697	107,076	29,699	136,775
	<u>644,596</u>	<u>224,977</u>	<u>869,573</u>	<u>604,623</u>	<u>255,009</u>	<u>859,632</u>

### 4 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Interest receivable	<u>5,757</u>	<u>2,251</u>

### 5 Other income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Rental and other income	<u>26,944</u>	<u>20,569</u>

# HOPE CHURCH IPSWICH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

#### 6 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
<b>Fundraising and publicity</b>						
Staging fundraising events	6,182	-	6,182	4,295	-	4,295
Staff costs	297,378	-	297,378	285,785	-	285,785
Depreciation and impairment	101,655	-	101,655	101,219	-	101,219
Support costs	312,258	138,178	450,436	335,492	177,689	513,181
	<u>717,473</u>	<u>138,178</u>	<u>855,651</u>	<u>726,791</u>	<u>177,689</u>	<u>904,480</u>

#### 7 Net movement in funds

**2024**  
**£**

**2023**  
**£**

The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):

Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	-	-
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	101,655	101,219
	<u>101,655</u>	<u>101,219</u>

#### 8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

#### 9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	<b>2024</b> <b>Number</b>	<b>2023</b> <b>Number</b>
	<u>12</u>	<u>15</u>
<b>Employment costs</b>	<b>2024</b> <b>£</b>	<b>2023</b> <b>£</b>
Wages and salaries	279,034	269,136
Social security costs	18,344	16,649
	<u>297,378</u>	<u>285,785</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

# HOPE CHURCH IPSWICH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

#### 10 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

#### 11 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings £	Furniture & Equipment £	Music Group & PA £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 January 2024	2,036,665	162,064	24,345	2,223,074
Additions	-	5,513	6,541	12,054
Disposals	(19,584)	(8,056)	(9,555)	(37,195)
	<u>2,017,081</u>	<u>159,521</u>	<u>21,331</u>	<u>2,197,933</u>
At 31 December 2024				
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>				
At 1 January 2024	226,049	100,007	21,676	347,732
Depreciation charged in the year	60,513	38,438	2,704	101,655
Eliminated in respect of disposals	-	(8,056)	(9,555)	(17,611)
	<u>286,562</u>	<u>130,389</u>	<u>14,825</u>	<u>431,776</u>
At 31 December 2024				
<b>Carrying amount</b>				
At 31 December 2024	<u>1,730,519</u>	<u>29,132</u>	<u>6,506</u>	<u>1,766,157</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>1,810,616</u>	<u>62,057</u>	<u>2,670</u>	<u>1,875,343</u>

#### 12 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
Other debtors	6,031	29,401
Prepayments and accrued income	23,419	17,596
	<u>29,450</u>	<u>46,997</u>

# HOPE CHURCH IPSWICH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

#### 13 Loans and overdrafts

	2024 £	2023 £
Bank loans	1,041,063	1,112,259
Payable within one year	132,315	132,315
Payable after one year	908,748	979,944

#### 14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Bank loans	13	132,315	132,315
Other taxation and social security		(20,311)	(22,601)
Trade creditors		8,624	41,037
Other creditors		5,799	22,251
Accruals and deferred income		223	7,151
		126,650	180,153

#### 15 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Bank loans	13	908,748	979,944

#### 16 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 January 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers At 31 December 2024 £	£
	87,551	224,977	(138,178)	(53,787)	120,563
Previous year:	At 1 January 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers At 31 December 2023 £	£
	55,561	255,009	(177,689)	(45,330)	87,551



# HOPE CHURCH IPSWICH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

#### 17 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 January 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 December 2024 £
General funds	833,216	677,297	(717,473)	53,787	846,827
<b>Previous year:</b>	<b>At 1 January 2023 £</b>	<b>Incoming resources £</b>	<b>Resources expended £</b>	<b>Transfers £</b>	<b>At 31 December 2023 £</b>
General funds	887,234	627,443	(726,791)	45,330	833,216

#### 18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
<b>At 31 December 2024:</b>			
Tangible assets	1,645,594	120,563	1,766,157
Current assets/(liabilities)	109,981	-	109,981
Long term liabilities	(908,748)	-	(908,748)
	846,827	120,563	967,390
	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
<b>At 31 December 2023:</b>			
Tangible assets	1,787,792	87,551	1,875,343
Current assets/(liabilities)	25,368	-	25,368
Long term liabilities	(979,944)	-	(979,944)
	833,216	87,551	920,767

#### 19 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2023 - none).

