

Charity registration number: 1137980

Methodist Central Hall, Manchester

known as

Methodist Central Buildings Management Committee (MCBMC)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

Methodist Central Hall, Manchester

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Laura Carnall now Vare Malcolm Pearson (resigned 31 August 2024) David Pickles Rev Ian Rutherford Rev Caroline Wickens Louise Wilkins Alethea Siow Rev Dr Raj Patta Deacon Jennifer Jones (appointed 4 September 2023)
Senior Management Team	Tim Willis, Building Manager
Principal Office	Central Buildings Oldham Street Manchester M1 1JQ
Charity Registration Number	1137980
Solicitors	BLM Law King's House 42 King Street West Manchester M3 2NU
Bankers	HSBC Bank plc 2-4 St Ann's Square Manchester M2 7HD Unity Trust Bank Plc PO Box 7193 Planetary Road Willenhall WV1 9DG
Investment Managers	Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church 9 Bonhill Street London EC2A 4PE
Independent Examiner	Helen Binns FCA Beever and Struthers One Express 1 George Leigh Street Manchester M4 5DL

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Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Charitable objectives and activities

Public benefit

Methodist Central Hall, Manchester ("MCHM") seeks to promote, facilitate and assist with the work and purposes of the Methodist Church for the advancement of the Christian faith. In order to achieve these objectives, MCHM aims to maintain sound finances and good property management. The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance. The Trustees believe that by promoting and supporting the work of the Methodist Church at Central Buildings, MCHM helps to promote the whole mission of the Church more effectively, at local, Circuit and Connexional level, and that in doing so it provides a benefit to the public by (1) providing facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers; and (2) promoting Christian values and service by members of the Church to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Purposes and principal activities

The purposes for which the building is held include the local purposes of the local Church, the Circuit purposes of the Circuit and the Connexional purposes of the Connexional Trustees. The buildings are occupied by each of these Church Bodies and by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes ("TMCP"). In addition, certain retail, office and meeting hall space within the buildings is let to third parties. These accounts deal with this rental income, the salaries and wages of staff employed in managing and running the buildings, and the premises and other costs not related to the space occupied by the Church Bodies.

Structure, governance and management

During the 2023/2024 year, there was only one resignation which was that of Mr Malcolm Pearson (Treasurer). Deacon Jenny Jones and Mr David Pickles took on the responsibilities of this role on a temporary basis from 1st September 2024 with the Treasurer role to be advertised and filled during 2025.

MCHM are Managing Trustees of the property and legal title to Central Buildings is vested in TMCP as custodian trustees. The custodian trustees, who hold title to Central Buildings in trust for MCHM, do not get involved in the day-to-day management of the property; this is the responsibility of MCHM. MCHM is required, by the terms of the model trusts, to seek TMCP's consent before granting or renewing leases and, accordingly, TMCP's Legal team review all proposed commercial lettings within Central Buildings, to ensure that these are consistent with all relevant laws (including Charity law) and with the Constitutional Practice and Discipline ("CPD") of the Methodist Church, and to ensure that the Managing Trustees would not be in breach of trust. As managing Trustees of Central Buildings, MCHM operates within the Methodist Church Connexion and as such their governing document is CPD. The document is available for inspection at Central Hall, Oldham Street, Manchester M1 1JQ.

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The MCHM board consists of individuals informally nominated by Church Bodies, acting as individuals, and co-opted professionals who collectively are the Trustees of the charity. When a vacancy in the charity trustee board is identified, a skills gap analysis is undertaken to ascertain suitable candidates from within the Methodist Church who might be considered for co-option. The Trustees will consider the skills and attribute of the candidate(s) so identified and have authority to make appointments as appropriate. This appointment process minimises the need for formal induction procedures. Trustees serve MCHM as volunteers and receive no payment for their service. A sub-Committee of Trustees, who are situated within the locality of the Charity, commonly referred to as the Operational Management Group (OMG), was appointed in 2020 to deal with day to day oversight and management within agreed limits of authority. The Board reviews on a regular basis all decisions made by the OMG.

Meetings of the Trustees are attended by Tim Willis (Building Manager), Karen Attaway, (Stakeholder & Communications Manager) and Stephen Hetherington (Director of Property Support).

Achievements and performance

Use of the building is now at the level pre-covid, with most of the regular bookings now having returned. 'Mosaic' continues to be utilised by a wide range of groups and organisations for their social justice work. Along with the Breakfast Project run by our charity partner Lifeshare, Mosaic is being used for drop in and advice sessions, worship, community groups, and sober gigs.

The income from the retail units has remained consistent, with all the retailers now having paid back the arrears from the covid pandemic. This longer-term payback was agreed to ensure that the businesses remained viable for the long term.

The Trustees continue to receive regular reports from the Ministry Team on the mission and ministry work which emanates from and within Central Buildings, This includes a number of worshipping congregations, city centre witness, befriending, involvement with the local authorities and action networks, homelessness response, migrant support and other areas involving social justice. Civic, ecumenical, and interfaith links remain strong thanks to the work of the City Centre Minister, Revd Ian Rutherford. Links with the local Circuit, Lifeshare, and a number of organisations working with refugees are being made stronger by the work of the Deacon for Central Hall, Deacon Jenny Jones. The online and communications work of the Stakeholder and Communications Manager continues to build, as do the number of organisations and groups looking to use Mosaic for the meetings and activities.

The trustees have continued to develop detailed plans for a significant redevelopment of Central Buildings to expand the number of spaces available for mission, improve the usability of the premises by its many users and to address environmental and economic sustainability.

Financial review

Risk Management

The charity's activities expose it to a number of financial risks including credit risk, cash flow risk and liquidity risk. The use of financial derivatives is governed by the charity's policies approved by the board of trustees which provide written principles on the use of financial derivatives to manage these risks. The charity does not use derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes.

The charity's activities expose it primarily to the financial risks of changes in exchange rates. Interest bearing assets and liabilities are held at fixed rate, subject to the Bank of England exchange rate fluctuations, to ensure certainty of cash flows.

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The charity's principal financial assets are bank balances and cash, trade and other receivables and investments. An allowance for impairment is made where there is an identified loss event which, based on previous experience, is evidence of a reduction in the recoverability of the cash flows. The credit risk on liquid funds and derivative financial instruments is limited because the counterparties are banks with high credit ratings assigned by international credit-rating agencies.

In order to maintain liquidity to ensure that sufficient funds are available for ongoing operations and future developments, the charity uses a mixture of long-term and short-term debt finance.

Principal funding sources

The bulk of the charity's income derives from the letting of space within the building, both contractual and 'casual'.

Income for the year amounted to £528k compared with £529k the previous year, a decrease of 0.25% compared to an increase of 8% in the previous year.

Reserves

The major costs facing the Charity are in respect of the maintenance and upkeep of the property in order to fulfil the charitable objectives. MCHM has therefore established a designated property reserve, as detailed below, in order to meet the costs of future major repairs. In addition, MCHM considers it appropriate to hold sufficient free reserves (unrestricted funds not invested in fixed assets or otherwise designated) equal to six months operating costs (excluding scheduled repairs) in order to meet any shortfalls caused by tenancy voids or other unforeseen circumstances.

At 31st August 2024, the unrestricted funds totalled £2,967k (2023: £2,865k). Deducting fixed assets (Net book value £267k) and investment property (£2,195k) (2023: £1,912k) leaves free reserves of £505k (2023: £682k).

Designated Property Fund

In view of the inherent uncertainty in predicting the extent and timing of significant repair expenditure, the Trustees resolved to designate up to £250,000 of unrestricted fund reserves so as to provide the financial means to respond in a timely manner when major repair expenditure is desirable. The Trustees review annual repair expenditure and if major individual cost elements are incurred (usually more than £20,000) consider whether these costs should be met from the designated fund balance rather than from undesignated reserves. The Fund balance has been maintained at £250,000 pending a review of the state of repair of the building. Payments for dilapidations are taken as income directly to the Designated Property Fund and the related costs associated with the repairs are then charged against the Fund.

Designated Appointments Fund

Recognising the positive impact of the appointment of Rev Ian Rutherford as a full time minister based at Central Buildings the trustees have resolved to designate funds to allow continuation of the existing grant support till August 2026. In addition they have designated funds to provide a grant towards the costs of the Diaconal Appointment based at Central Buildings again till August 2026. The funds currently designated amount to £200k.

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Current Needs and Future Plans

MCHM continues to pursue its twin aims of maintaining sound finances and good property management. Sufficient funding is available to meet routine maintenance costs, and the current and future needs of the Church Bodies are always under review. The need to maintain good levels of income from commercial and short-term lettings is a constant focus, and there is a clear understanding of the relationship between the condition and quality of the space being offered to third parties and the demand for that space. The redevelopment will address all of the above matters and following the receipt of outline planning permission the trustees are moving forward with final design.

Collaboration with other charities

In addition to providing office and worship space for TMCP and The Methodist Centre congregation respectively, MCHM also provides the base for a number of other organisations with a focus on Social Justice. Four of the key charities are Greater Manchester Community Chaplaincy, Women Asylum Seekers Together, Migrant Support, and Lifeshare. These organisations continue to develop their provision from MCHM and both are looking to extend their provision to make a greater impact in their respective areas of Social Justice.

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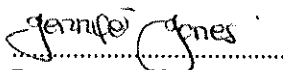
The year under review saw a rise in fund balances from £2.86m to £2.96m, allowing the Trustees to agree to the maintenance of level of funding of the Property Reserve and also an addition to the Appointments Reserve as noted above.

With the ongoing increase in the amount received from lettings and continued careful control of the expenditure the total income for the year exceeded total expenditure by £69k compared to a deficit of £23k in the previous year.

In the current year we recognised gains on our investment assets of £33k compared to a loss of £19k in the previous year. This meant the final outcome for the year was a surplus of £102k compared to a deficit of £42k in the previous year.

The Trustees continue to seek to improve income levels of both commercial and interior space and to control rent arrears, whilst keeping repair and maintenance work up to date and controlling expenditure wherever possible. Our thanks and gratitude are expressed to Tim Willis and his staff, who continue to display diligence alongside their hard work; their contribution to the results shown in these accounts is greatly appreciated.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 23 June 2025 and signed on its behalf by:


Deacon Jennifer Jones
Trustee

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

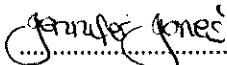
The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- 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; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that 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 Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees 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.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 23 June 2025 and signed on its behalf by:


.....
Deacon Jennifer Jones
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Methodist Central Hall, Manchester

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2024 which are set out on pages 9 to 22.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of Chartered Accountants.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

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

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Helen Binns FCA
Beever and Struthers
Chartered Accountants

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1 George Leigh Street
Manchester
M4 5DL

23 June 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Charitable activities	2	62,465	62,465	62,218
Other trading activities	3	211,374	211,374	208,515
Investment income	4	<u>253,740</u>	<u>253,740</u>	<u>258,229</u>
Total Income		<u>527,579</u>	<u>527,579</u>	<u>528,962</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	5	<u>(432,089)</u>	<u>(432,089)</u>	<u>(551,871)</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>(432,089)</u>	<u>(432,089)</u>	<u>(551,871)</u>
Gains/(losses) on investment assets	11	<u>33,229</u>	<u>33,229</u>	<u>(19,049)</u>
Net movement in funds		128,719	128,719	(41,958)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>2,864,651</u>	<u>2,864,651</u>	<u>2,906,609</u>
Total funds carried forward	15	<u><u>2,993,370</u></u>	<u><u>2,993,370</u></u>	<u><u>2,864,651</u></u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.


The prior year Statement of Financial Activities is shown on page 22.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	266,518	271,299
Investments	11	<u>2,719,292</u>	<u>2,656,352</u>
		<u>2,985,810</u>	<u>2,927,651</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	12	52,690	28,114
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>31,210</u>	<u>69,023</u>
		83,900	97,137
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>(60,090)</u>	<u>(113,887)</u>
Net current assets/(liabilities)		<u>23,810</u>	<u>(16,750)</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		3,009,620	2,910,901
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	14	<u>(16,250)</u>	<u>(46,250)</u>
Net assets		<u>2,993,370</u>	<u>2,864,651</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>2,993,370</u>	<u>2,864,651</u>
Total funds	15	<u>2,993,370</u>	<u>2,864,651</u>

The financial statements on pages 9 to 22 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 23 June 2025 and signed on their behalf by:


Deacon Jennifer Jones
Trustee

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Cash Flow Statement for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash income/(expenditure)		128,719	(41,958)
Adjustments to cash flows from non-cash items			
Depreciation		4,781	5,069
Investment income	4	(24,095)	(22,064)
Revaluation of investments		<u>(33,229)</u>	<u>19,048</u>
		76,176	(39,905)
Working capital adjustments			
Increase in debtors	12	(24,576)	(240)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	13	<u>(83,798)</u>	<u>33,440</u>
Net cash flows from operating activities		<u>(32,198)</u>	<u>(6,705)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest receivable and similar income	4	11,121	8,833
Purchase of investments	11	(29,711)	(170,375)
Income from dividends	4	<u>12,975</u>	<u>13,232</u>
Net cash flows from investing activities		<u>(5,615)</u>	<u>(148,310)</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(37,813)	(155,015)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 September		<u>69,023</u>	<u>224,038</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 August		<u><u>31,210</u></u>	<u><u>69,023</u></u>

All of the cash flows are derived from continuing operations during the above two periods.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

Methodist Central Hall, Manchester meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

The Trustees have reviewed the circumstances of MCHM and are satisfied there are adequate resources available to fund its activities for the foreseeable future. Having carefully considered all pertinent matters they have concluded that the charity has adequate free reserves and can be viewed as a going concern.

Income and endowments

Income is included when it becomes receivable, except where they relate to future accounting periods. In these cases, the income is deferred until the future period.

Investment income

Fixed asset investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recorded at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The SoFA includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and on disposals throughout the year. Gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between sale proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the opening carrying value or cost, if acquired during the year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated on the difference between opening and closing fair values.

Expenditure

In the first instance, costs are directly allocated where possible to costs of generating funds or governance. Remaining costs are then apportioned according to relevant floor areas within the building, between costs for generating income through rental of units, and costs of providing charitable accommodation.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Grant provisions

Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient but there is uncertainty about either the timing of the grant or the amount of grant payable.

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Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees's meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible assets consist of capitalised plant and machinery which is depreciated over 10 years from date of commission. Furniture and equipment is depreciated over 4 years from first full year of ownership on a straight-line basis with a residual value of 10%.

The land and buildings are considered to be an investment and are included at valuation by property consultants Roger Hannah & Co, Chartered Surveyors, as at 31 August 2015.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Land & Buildings	100 years straight line
Plant & Machinery	10 years straight line
Furniture & Equipment	4 years straight line + 10% residual value

Investment properties

Investment property is carried at fair value, derived from the current market prices for comparable real estate determined annually by external valuers. The valuers use observable market prices, adjusted if necessary for any difference in the nature, location or condition of the specific asset. Changes in fair value are recognised in profit or loss.

Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments, other than programme related investments, are included at market value at the balance sheet date. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their market value at the start of the year, or their subsequent cost, and are charged or credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period of disposal.

Unrealised gains and losses represent the movement in market values during the year and are credited or charged to the Statement of Financial Activities based on the market value at the year end.

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Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash in hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Fund structure

The Managing Trustees are responsible for the management of Central Buildings, Oldham Street, Manchester. All funds are for use by the Managing Trustees in that activity. They have designated certain funds as property funds for repair of the buildings.

Designated funds

Normally, a transfer is made annually from the general fund to a designated property reserve fund, in order to fund major repairs, except in years where major repairs are carried out and transfers are then made to general funds in respect of the expenditure incurred.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity provides a group personal pension plan under the automatic enrolment regulations.

Financial instruments

The charity has only basic financial instruments which are initially recorded at cost, and with the exception of investments (as set out above) subsequently measured at their settlement value.

2 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds		
	General	Total	Total
	£	2024	2023
		£	£
TMCP contribution towards staffing, accommodation and related expenses	62,465	62,465	62,218

3 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds		
	General	Total	Total
	£	2024	2023
		£	£
Room hire	211,374	211,374	208,515
	211,374	211,374	208,515

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4 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds		
	General	Total	Total
	£	2024 £	2023 £
Dividends	12,975	12,975	13,232
Interest	11,121	11,121	8,833
Rental income	229,644	229,644	236,164
	<u>253,740</u>	<u>253,740</u>	<u>258,229</u>

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds		
	General	Total	Total
	£	2024 £	2023 £
Property costs	150,353	150,353	178,126
Staff costs	219,777	219,777	193,468
Depreciation	4,781	4,781	5,069
Governance costs	4,546	4,546	4,610
Support Costs	52,632	52,632	170,598
	<u>432,089</u>	<u>432,089</u>	<u>551,871</u>

See note 6 for split of support costs and governance costs

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6 Analysis of support costs

Charitable activities expenditure

	Unrestricted funds		
	General	Total	Total
	£	2024	2023
		£	£
Office costs	17,990	17,990	9,459
Telephone	12,030	12,030	11,937
Bank charges	637	637	1,137
Travel	2,662	2,662	3,565
Legal and professional costs	14,767	14,767	139,890
	<u>48,086</u>	<u>48,086</u>	<u>165,988</u>

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds		
	General	Total	Total
	£	2024	2023
		£	£
Independent examiner fees			
Examination of the financial statements	1,300	1,300	1,300
Other fees paid to examiners	3,246	3,246	3,310
	<u>4,546</u>	<u>4,546</u>	<u>4,610</u>

7 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net incoming/outgoing resources for the year include:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Independent examiner's fees	1,300	1,300
Depreciation of fixed assets	<u>4,781</u>	<u>5,069</u>

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8 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	199,167	176,003
Social security costs	13,310	11,212
Pension costs	7,300	6,253
	<u>219,777</u>	<u>193,468</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees and those persons listed on page 1.

The trustees do not receive any remuneration for their services, the total remuneration benefits of the other members of staff are listed below.

The total remuneration benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were salary costs of £49,384 (2023 - £46,097).

The average number of staff was as follows:

	2024 Average number	2023 Average number
Staff	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>

9 Independent examiner's remuneration

	2024 £	2023 £
Examination of the financial statements	<u>1,300</u>	<u>1,300</u>
Other fees to examiners		
All other services	<u>3,246</u>	<u>3,310</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Furniture and equipment £	Plant & machinery £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 September 2023	253,000	152,512	658,668	1,064,180
At 31 August 2024	253,000	152,512	658,668	1,064,180
Depreciation				
At 1 September 2023	15,174	134,819	642,888	792,881
Charge for the year	1,686	1,149	1,946	4,781
At 31 August 2024	16,860	135,968	644,834	797,662
Net book value				
At 31 August 2024	236,140	16,544	13,834	266,518
At 31 August 2023	237,826	17,693	15,780	271,299

11 Fixed asset investments

	2024 £	2023 £
Investment properties	2,194,736	1,912,000
Other investments	524,556	744,352
	2,719,292	2,656,352

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Investment properties

	Investment properties £
Cost or Valuation	
At 1 September 2023	1,912,000
Additions	<u>282,736</u>
At 31 August 2024	2,194,736
Provision	
At 31 August 2024	<u>-</u>
Net book value	
At 31 August 2024	<u>2,194,736</u>
At 31 August 2023	<u>1,912,000</u>

Other investments

	Other investments £
Cost or Valuation	
At 1 September 2023	744,352
Revaluation	33,229
Cash withdrawn	<u>(253,025)</u>
At 31 August 2024	<u>524,556</u>
Net book value	
At 31 August 2024	<u>524,556</u>
At 31 August 2023	<u>744,352</u>

12 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Prepayments	25,875	3,777
Accrued income	26,246	23,809
Other debtors	<u>569</u>	<u>528</u>
	<u>52,690</u>	<u>28,114</u>

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13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Grants payable	29,999	36,000
Creditors & accruals	30,091	77,887
	<u>60,090</u>	<u>113,887</u>

14 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Grants payable	<u>16,250</u>	<u>46,250</u>

15 Funds

	Balance at 1 September 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2024 £
General	2,414,651	527,579	(432,089)	-	33,229	2,543,370
<i>Designated</i>						
Appointments fund	200,000	-	-	-	-	200,000
Property fund	250,000	-	-	-	-	250,000
	<u>450,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>450,000</u>
Total funds	<u>2,864,651</u>	<u>527,579</u>	<u>(432,089)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,229</u>	<u>2,993,370</u>
	Balance at 1 September 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2023 £
General	2,426,609	528,962	(551,871)	30,000	(19,049)	2,414,651
<i>Designated</i>						
Appointments fund	230,000	-	-	(30,000)	-	200,000
Property fund	250,000	-	-	-	-	250,000
	<u>480,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(30,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>450,000</u>
Total funds	<u>2,906,609</u>	<u>528,962</u>	<u>(551,871)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(19,049)</u>	<u>2,864,651</u>

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The Property Fund has been set up with a target of £250k to ensure that adequate funds are available to meet major property repairs which fall outside the scope of routine maintenance.

The Appointments Fund has been set up to enable the committee to consider the continuation of grant support for presbyteral and diaconal staff associated with Central Buildings. This year additional support is proposed for the diaconal staff meaning two posts are being supported with both occupants invited to serve till 31st August 2026.

16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	266,518	266,518
Fixed asset investments	2,719,292	2,719,292
Current assets	83,900	83,900
Current liabilities	(60,090)	(60,090)
Creditors over 1 year	(16,250)	(16,250)
Total net assets	<u>2,993,370</u>	<u>2,993,370</u>

17 Analysis of net funds

	At 1 September 2023 £	Cash flow £	At 31 August 2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand	69,023	(37,813)	31,210
Net debt	<u>69,023</u>	<u>(37,813)</u>	<u>31,210</u>

18 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

19 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

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20 Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Charitable activities	62,218	62,218
Other trading activities	208,515	208,515
Investment income	258,229	258,229
Total Income	528,962	528,962
Expenditure on:		
Charitable activities	(551,871)	(551,871)
Total Expenditure	(551,871)	(551,871)
Gains/losses on investment assets	(19,049)	(19,049)
Net movement in funds	(41,958)	(41,958)
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	2,906,609	2,906,609
Total funds carried forward	2,864,651	2,864,651