

Leigh and Hindley Methodist Circuit

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD

1st SEPTEMBER 2023 to 31st AUGUST 2024

SECTION A

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Registered Charity Number: 1142805

Charity's Principal Address: Kingsleigh Methodist Church, King Street, Leigh WN7 4LR

The Trustees who manage the charity:

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted. (If not for whole year)	Name of body entitled to appoint trustee	Leadership team
Gillian Baglee	Circuit Meeting Secretary & Circuit Steward		Ex-Officio	Yes
Marian Bilsbury		June 2024	Astley & Tyldesley Church	
Revd. K. Bland	Minister		Ex-Officio	Yes
Delia Caswell			Glazebury Church	
David Clayworth			Hindley St. John's Church	
Janet Crozier			Glazebury Church	
Joyce Daniels	Local Preachers Secretary, Synod Representative.		Ex-Officio	
Alan Eaves			Astley & Tyldesley Church	
Revd J. Evans	Supernumerary		Ex-Officio	
Revd. J. Fisher	Supernumerary		Ex-Officio	Yes
Susan Fisher	Circuit Treasurer, Circuit Steward, Synod Representative		Ex-Officio	Yes
Nick Fletcher			Kingsleigh Church	
Margaret Freeborn			Bag Lane Church	
Keith Garbett			Atherton Central Church	
Irene Goodhew			Atherton Central Church	
Joanne Grundy			Glazebury Church	
Maureen Hilton	Circuit Steward, Synod Representative		Ex-Officio	Yes
Janette Hutchinson			Culcheth Church	
Janet Jennions			Hindley St. John's Church	
Philip Kennedy			Hindley Green Church	
Jean Leech			Bedford Church	
Peter Lewis			Bamfurlong Church	
Thomas Martin	Circuit Steward		Ex-Officio	Yes
Jean Maryan			Astley & Tyldesley Church	
Kevin Meredith			Bedford Church	
Susan Mooney			Kingsleigh Church	
Vera Nelson		Deceased May 2024	Bedford Church	
Victoria Nichol			Bag Lane Church	
Lynda Nuttall			Atherton Central Church	
David Ogilvy			Culcheth Church	
Yvonne Owens			Hindley St John's Church	

Mavis Power			Bag Lane Church	
Valerie Pownall			Bedford Church	
Vicky Robinson			Hindley Green Church	
Rev. W. Robinson	Superintendent Minister		Ex-Officio	Yes
Carol Sherratt			Culcheth Church	
Elizabeth Smith			Hindley Green Church	
Susan Stewart			Hindley Green Church	
Rev. S. Whitehead	Supernumerary		Ex-Officio	
Andrew Wilcox			Bamfurlong Church	

PROFESSIONAL BODIES EMPLOYED BY THE CIRCUIT 2023/2024

Iain Crompton/ Adam Robson Lambert, Smith Hampton (Chartered Surveyors),
4th Floor, Windmill Green, 24 Mount Street,
Manchester, M2 3NN (Sale of Wigan Road)

Lea Hough (Chartered Surveyors), Oakshaw House, 2 Capricorn Park, Blakewater Road.
Blackburn, BB1 5QR (Quinquennial Inspections)

Sapphire Homes (Estate Agents), 20 King Street, Leigh. WN7 4LG

Joanne Russell at Sinton Solicitors, Barrack Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 6DB

SECTION B STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Description of the charity's trusts:

The governing document is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976). Act of Parliament, the Charity Commission, constitutes the charity.

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Local churches or circuit organisations and the existing trustees appoint new trustees. Ministers and circuit stewards are automatically trustees.

Induction and Training for Trustees

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion is issued to new trustees including the leaflet, 'The Role of a Trustee in the Methodist Church' and they are offered the support of the Circuit Meeting Secretary. From time to time training sessions are provided on a range of aspects of the role of Trustees.

Structure

The Circuit is part of the Bolton and Rochdale Methodist District and appoints representatives to its meeting (The District Synod) and is accountable to the Methodist Conference.

A Circuit Leadership Team (CLT) that comprises of the Ministers and the Circuit Stewards supports the Meeting of the Trustees (Circuit Meeting). The CLT advises the Circuit Meeting and ensures that its decisions are enacted.

Risks: A standing modest risk to the Circuit is the ability of Churches to pay the financial assessment so that the Circuit so that it can meet its costs. Most Churches rely on the letting of their premises and fund raising to enable them to meet their assessment and running costs. All 10 Churches in the Circuit have managed to pay their assessment for this financial year. Thank you to the treasurers and those who give so generously of their time and money week by week.

A possible risk is the overloading of the ministers, particularly the Superintendent due to the extra workload this role entails. But at the moment the 2 ministers and part-time supernumerary are managing. However long term there is a continuing risk as ministers leave the circuit over time, that the Methodist Church may not be able to replace them, given a national shortage of presbyters.

The four Hubs have continued to worship and work together with varying degrees of success. One Hub shares worship each Sunday alternating between both Churches. Other Hubs share together once a month. Once a quarter a Circuit Service is held centrally and all Churches are invited to attend, these have been quite successful.

Across the Circuit some Churches are struggling to recruit new office holders, with some individuals feeling unable to retire despite long service. This poses a risk to good governance and limits the energy available to pursue new initiatives and look outwards to serve the communities within which the churches sit. The Circuit itself has struggled to find new Circuit Stewards to join the Leadership Team.

The community sees Circuit and Church organisations as safe places and many young children and vulnerable adults use them. The risk of inappropriate behavior is controlled by application of the statutory procedures for the Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults. Additionally, in the year, the Circuit updated its Safeguarding Policy using the model that has been recommended by the Methodist Church. Churches are responsible for ensuring that the requirements are met in all their activities. The Circuit appoints a Safeguarding Officer supported by a Safeguarding Coordinator and ensures that each Church appoints its own Safeguarding Officer. The Circuit Safeguarding Officer supports them and calls meetings to share good practice. Training sessions are made available for all those in Churches and Circuit organisations involved in work with Children and Vulnerable adults.

During this last year the Methodist Church has brought out a Strategy for Justice, Dignity and Solidarity and Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Training module that all Presbyters, Local Preachers, Circuit Stewards and Church Stewards have to complete.

GDPR requirements are also adhered to.

The Circuit monitors that all those who are required to do training or refresher training have attended and completed the necessary training.

SECTION C OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document:

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been, since the Date of Union, the advancement of:

- (a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;
- (b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;
- (c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;
- (d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.

SECTION D ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Part 1

Summary of the main activities under taken for the public benefit in relations to these objects.

The trustees confirm that they have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The Circuit produces a quarterly preaching plan to ensure regular acts of worship take place at each of the 10 Methodist Churches in its geographical area. These are open to all people without charge. The Churches welcome all families for baptisms, marriages and funerals and make their facilities available for community use.

The Circuit continues to support a Food Bank operating in the Centre of Leigh under the auspices of the Trussell Trust.

The Circuit supports the work of Bedford Hall and Westleigh Methodist Primary Schools whose children and families include many of no or different faiths.

Circuit Ministers, Local Preachers and Church Members, from Bedford and Hindley Green Churches, visit both schools on a regular basis leading full school assemblies, additionally supported by Circuit Members who deliver Bible stories from "Open the Book".

Education Sunday Services are held in School and Church where schools and church come together to share worship, these services are well attended by pupils and their families. The "It's Your Move" programme designed to support children in their transition from Primary School to High School is an annual regular feature. The schools feel privileged to be able to offer this support to all children.

The Foundation Governors continue to play a pivotal part in the life of the schools.

Individual Churches within the Circuit operate a variety of community services for young and old which are open to all regardless of faith. These include Luncheon and Coffee clubs for people and varied youth activities.

Mission priorities were recently revised to recognise progress on earlier priorities:

"As the Leigh and Hindley Methodist Circuit we are determined:

1. To Love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul and mind. Our first priority is to worship Him, and grow in faith;
2. To be a prayerful people;
3. To explore all God-given opportunities to share the good news of Jesus with others;
4. To be prepared to consider new ideas in order to extend our mission;
5. To love and care for all God's people but especially the vulnerable and all who are struggling;
6. To encourage, support and give a voice to under 25's, building upon, and investing in, the Children's and Youth work already happening within the Circuit;
7. To continue to work and pull together as a Circuit and as Hubs.

SECTION D

ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Part 2

Summary of other activities.

The Ministerial Team

Reverend Katharine Bland joined the Circuit on the 1st September 2020. This year in line with the re-invitation process Revd Katharine has been invited to stay for a further 5 years, beginning 1st September 2025.

Reverend John Fisher continues to work as a part-time Supernumerary.

Reverend Wilfred Robinson joined the Circuit as Superintendent Minister on the 1st September 2021.

Lay Employees

In this current Methodist year 2023/2024 the Circuit does not have any Lay Employees.

Local Preachers and Worship Leaders

Local Preachers and Worship Leaders along with the Circuit Staff meet quarterly to discuss worship, new ideas and to share in Holy Communion. During the year there are a number of Worship Leader training sessions.

Governance

The Circuit Meeting normally meets 3 times a year and CLT meet every 6/7 weeks.

Churches and Circuit continue to carry out their legal duties in respect of pensions and are strongly urged by the Methodist Connexion to pay the Living Wage to all Lay Employee's.

The Circuit Treasurer invites Church Treasurers to meet usually twice a year to discuss the finances of the Circuit and Churches.

Circuit Property

Marshbrook Close, Hindley manse has had a motor fitted to the garage door due to the weight of the door. Also a new shower cubicle has been fitted and new bathroom floor covering.

Burton Close, Culcheth manse hasn't required any major works this year.

The Circuit continues to ensure that both manses meet the required standards through regular maintenance and improvements.

Wigan Road premises came under the care of the Circuit Trustee's from 1st September 2023. The Circuit Meeting (14/09/2023) voted and agreed to put the premises up for sale. The Circuit has taken on the management of the Utilities, gas, electricity, water and insurance payments and for ensuring the property is kept safe. Members of the Church and Circuit spent some considerable time in clearing out various items some of which were sold. Any monies received have been put into the Circuit bank account. Skips were then hired to clear any rubbish left.

In March 2024 Lambert, Smith Hampton were asked to give a Surveyor's Report on Wigan Road premises at a cost of £2,700.00. Joanne Russell at Sinton's Solicitors was asked to act on the Circuit's behalf.

In June 2024 the Wigan Road Bank account was closed and the sum of £1,375.65 was paid into the Circuit Account.

The current position is that we have a buyer and the legalities of the sale are being dealt with by the solicitors. We don't have a date for signing and finalising the sale but are hopeful it won't be too long off.

Circuit Grants to Churches

At the June 2024 Circuit Meeting the Circuit Treasurer proposed another Utilities Grant which would be 10% of each Churches Utilities figure put on the Standard Form of Accounts 31st August 2023. This was unanimously agreed. Cheques issued to all 10 churches.

Mr. R. Dransfield who had done the churches Quinquennial Inspections for many years had advised the Circuit Property Steward that he had decided to retire. A firm called Lea Hough have been engaged to take on this role their cost being £1,200.00 per Church. The CLT proposed that each Church due to have their Quinquennial Inspection would receive £700.00 from the Circuit with the Church paying £500.00. There being 4 churches in this financial year. The Circuit Meeting approved and cheques issued to the 4 churches.

Epworth Education Trust

The Circuit continues to work closely with the two Methodist Primary Schools in Leigh – Bedford Hall Methodist and Westleigh Methodist. Both the schools are now part of the Epworth Education Trust formed in 2020 by the merger of the Acorn Trust and the Wesley Trust. There are now 11 primary schools within the EET and the Trust is an approved sponsor in the primary, secondary and special sector, were the current articles of association enable both Methodist Schools and Community Schools to become part of the family of schools. The schools currently span 7 Local Authorities, (Bury, Derbyshire, Lancashire, Oldham, St. Helens, Tameside and Wigan). The schools are extremely proud of their Methodist inheritance and the positive impact it makes upon all aspects of school life.

Both schools are well represented on their Local Advisory Boards by Circuit Foundation Governors who are approved by the Circuit prior to membership.

Both schools have a higher percentage than the national average of children supported by the additional Pupil Premium to address the needs of those from particularly disadvantaged backgrounds. They deploy these resources to provide a wide range of practical and learning support for these pupils, ranging from breakfast clubs to employment of additional teaching assistants and subsidising educational trips. In both schools the work of the Pastoral Managers adds great value in supporting and understanding the needs of pupils and their families, so to ensure effective Safeguarding and Attendance of all pupils.

In their most recent inspections as part of the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) Bedford Hall and Westleigh were both rated Excellent.

SECTION E FINANCIAL REVIEW

There are General Fund balances of £131,856.56p which are sufficient to meet 6 months' routine expenditure.

The Circuit Model Trust Fund balance at the 31st August 2024 was £343,668.56p.

The various dedicated CFB accounts to help support the Circuit and churches mission, discipleship and evangelism have not been drawn on in this financial year. The Circuit is currently considering how these funds can be best used to support the work and worship of 10 churches and its 2 presbyters and part-time supernumerary presbyter. Particularly in the growth of children, young people and families work. The revised Reserves Policy is appended together with the accounts and the Independent Examiner's Report.

LEGAL OBLIGATION

The trustees confirm that there are no serious incidents or other matters, which they should have brought to the attention of the Commission.

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above at their meeting on 27th February 2025.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:



Revd. Wilfred Robinson
Chair



Mrs. Susan Fisher
Circuit Steward and Treasurer

Date: 27/02/2025

Date: 27/02/2025.

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

LEIGH AND HINDLEY METHODIST CIRCUIT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 AUGUST 2024

BOLTON AND ROCHDALE	District	Circuit no	06/07
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1142805

If not a registered charity Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number

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Rev John Fisher

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Treasurer:

Susan Fisher

SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	£	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share	178,489.41			178,489.41	182,921.54
a3	Capital receipts					350,366.80
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	5,049.74	17,737.88	248.05	23,035.67	13,117.80
a5	Grants					10,000.00
a6	Other receipts	5,943.07			5,943.07	5,021.56
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS	189,482.22	17,737.88	248.05	207,468.15 (a8)	561,427.70

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs	99,475.72			99,475.72	91,981.94
b3	Manse Costs	13,072.56			13,072.56	16,139.74
b4	Administration etc	5,970.90	980.28	13.37	6,964.55	6,237.18
b5	District Assessment	38,056.00	17,046.83		55,102.83	43,405.97
b6	Grants & Circuit pymt towards Quinquennial Insp	8,655.00			8,655.00	20,000.00
b7	Wigan Rd Utilities & Legal Expenses	18,981.41			18,981.41	3,338.20
b8	Other payments	5,122.60		234.68	5,357.28	120,332.62
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS	189,334.19	18,027.11	248.05	207,609.35 (b9)	301,435.65

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	148.03	-289.23	-141.20	259,992.05
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		175,085.18	343,957.79	4,691.66	523,734.63 (c6)
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	175,233.21	343,668.56	4,691.66	523,593.43
c4	Transfers and adjustments					(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	175,233.21	343,668.56	4,691.66	523,593.43 (c8)

SECTION D					
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)				
d1	Balance brought forward from last year				
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			762.24	
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			762.24	
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)				

SUMMARY OF CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORTING TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING

SECTION E

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds				(e11)	(e12)
e9	Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)					
	207,468 (a8)	207,609.35 (b9)	-141.20	(c7)	523,734.63 (c6)	523,593.43 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT					
	207,468.15	207,609.35	-141.20		523,734.63 (x)	523,593.43 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS		TOTAL PAYMENTS			

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2024

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1		
f2	63,560.29	62,626.88
f3		
f4	111,534.89	112,606.33
f5	348,649.45	348,360.22
f6		
f7	523,734.63 (c6)	523,593.43 (c8)
f8	(e11)	(e12)
f9	523,734.63 (x)	523,593.43 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2023	At 1 September 2024
g1		
g2	886,799	4,449,308
g3		
g4		
g5		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only CFB Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other Investments (not the cash element of TMCP trust accounts this is inserted in line f5)

Name of Circuit: Leigh & Hindley No: 06/07

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2024 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer Susan Fisher Date 27/02/2025

Name and address of treasurer Mrs Susan Fisher 23, Fellbridge Close, Westhoughton, Bolton BL5 3UD

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were/will be*
presented to the Circuit meeting held on ...27th February 2025.....

Signature of the Chair of the meeting W. Robinson

Name of the Chair of the meeting Revd Wilfred Robinson Date 27/02/2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Leigh & Hindley Circuit

Charity Number 1142805

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Leigh & Hindley Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2024 set out on pages P1 to P3. As the Circuit's trustees, 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 Circuit's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

* delete or circle as appropriate

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Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination ~~(other than that disclosed below*)~~ which give me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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 accounts to be reached.

I ~~have~~ have not* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner D. Fairclough

Name of independent examiner DAVID JOHN FAIRCLOUGH

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner /

Name of firm (where appropriate) N/A.

Address 6, DOEFORD CLOSE, CULCHETH, CHESHIRE

Post Code WA3 4DL

Date 7 March 2025

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g5		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only CFB Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other Investments (not the cash element of TMCP trust accounts this is inserted in line f5)

Name of Circuit: Leigh & Hindley No: 06/07

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2024 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer Susan Fisher Date 27/02/2025

Name and address of treasurer Mrs Susan Fisher 23, Fellbridge Close, Westhoughton, Bolton BL5 3UD.....

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were/will be*
presented to the Circuit meeting held on ...27th February 2025.....

Signature of the Chair of the meeting WJR
Name of the Chair of the meeting Revd Wilfred Robinson..... Date 27/02/2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Leigh & Hindley Circuit

Charity Number 1142805

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Leigh & Hindley Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2024 set out on pages P1 to P3. As the Circuit's trustees, 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 Circuit's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Circuit: Leigh & Hindley No: 06/07

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination ~~(other than that disclosed below*)~~ which give me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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 accounts to be reached.

I ~~have~~ have not* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner D. Fairclough

Name of independent examiner DAVID JOHN FAIRCLOUGH

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner /

Name of firm (where appropriate) N/A.

Address 6, DOEFORD CLOSE, CULCHETH, CHESHIRE

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Date 7 March 2025

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