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Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025  
for  
The Hill Church Swansea

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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Report of the Trustees  
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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Objectives and Activities**

The objects, for which the charity is established, as stated in its Articles of Association, are:

1. To advance the Christian faith in Wales in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees from time to time may think fit;
2. To prevent or relieve poverty in Wales and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees from time to time may think fit;
3. To fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected to the charitable work of the charity as the trustees from time to time may think fit.

These objectives are either achieved separately or collectively depending on our activities and initiative as outlined in this report. For example, the Matthew's House initiative to achieve objective two.

### **Ethos**

There is a complete vision for human health, wellbeing and flourishing at the heart of the message of the Christian faith. The Hill Church is committed to being faithful to the Bible. The foundation of this message is reconciliation with a God of love, truth and grace through Jesus Christ. The Christian faith is meant to be living, active and effective for all those who encounter it.

As a church we acknowledge that many people desire to consider and understand the message and wisdom of the Christian faith. We desire to reach out to people of all backgrounds, characteristics and circumstances and to provide a safe and welcoming environment for people to explore the claims of Jesus Christ. One application of the Christian message is an unrelenting compassion for people, particularly those considered as vulnerable, isolated and least.

As a registered charity, we are committed to ongoing best practice, lawful compliance and improvement in all we do. In our activities we will demonstrate love for people. We will seek to be clear in our communication and use plain language. We will act with transparency and integrity. We reject actions and attitudes that intentionally seek to devalue or damage human dignity. Each of our guests, volunteers, members and staff, regardless of their background, characteristics and circumstances has immeasurable value and will be treated with dignity, respect and free from threat of harassment.

### **Public benefit**

The Trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, and keep it in mind in all developments, to ensure that all our activities are delivering benefit to the public, as defined there.

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#### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **Objective One**

The last year was a significantly difficult year for the church, as it dealt with much bereavement and loss of loved ones. This included one of the leaders Roger Fellowes and Sally Lynch, the mother of one of the leaders and long time server at Matthews House, who both passed away unexpectedly and within a few weeks of one another over the summer. This had a tremendous knock on effect to the church, the project, and the local community as they were both very well known and loved. Nonetheless, it is in times like this that the church often shows its compassion and support, rallying around each other and providing comfort and being a support to others.

Other significant moments in the year included:

- Monthly 'Student Lunches' on Sundays to draw students into community.
- Leadership training continued with senior leaders.
- Hosted a Christmas and Easter party outreach and invited the local community to join, these are important events to show hope and love to the local community.
- We employed a church administrator 2 days a week to provide relief to the trustees and finance team, which has been very timely and successful.
- We hosted a weekly event called 'Coffee, Cake, Catchup' as a means to gather in people from the community and create a warm space for friendship and encouragement.
- Started 'Mighty Men mornings', bi monthly on Saturday mornings, to encourage men.
- The church went to a festival with thousands of other Christians across the Catalyst network in Staffordshire, this was very much enjoyed as the church had not been able to do this since Covid, with great teaching, stirring messages and friendships made.
- 'Explore the Hill' continued every 2nd month, as an opportunity for anyone interested in joining the church and learning about the Christian faith to hear about our history, culture, values and opportunities to get involved, with the opportunity to ask questions.
- A theological training course called 'School of Theology' ran monthly on Saturday mornings, to help develop a deeper understanding of the Bible, and stimulate spiritual growth through knowledge of the scriptures.
- Our Youth were able to go to 'Newday' - a youth festival run for a week with thousands of others. This is an enormous blessing to the families, the youth and for the church.
- We produced and shared a financial report with the church in one of our Sunday meetings, which we continue to do annually.
- We hosted partnering elders from Catalyst and NCMI, who inputted into the Hill leaders and provided guidance and support.
- We were able to bless Hope Church in Bromsgrove with a financial gift of £12000 to help them start a recovery house in their community.
- Our social action project, Matthews House, continues to grow and have a huge impact on our city, explained under 'Objective 2'.
- Strengthened the church leadership team with 4 new leaders, two of which as trustees.
- Our 4 Life Groups continue to be a close-knit community for the church members, who have met online and in various homes and shown practical support for one another.
- We started a new ministry on Sunday nights called 'Open Door', an opportunity to build friendships with the guests of the cafe before it opens, and to share the good news of the gospel. This has been paused for now while the works on the grounds are conducted.
- We have seen some of the guests from the cafe come to the church and love coming every Sunday, they have been integrated into the life of the church, with one lady wanting to be water baptised which we are planning for the summer 2025. These are encouraging signs as we believe God loves the poor and it is our heart for them to know this and the wonderful life changing power of God's love.

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#### **Objective Two**

Matthew's House continues to nurture meaningful friendships and partnerships across Swansea working closely with the local authority, Welsh Government, and third sector organisations. These relationships have only deepened this year, shaped by our consistent commitment to positive culture and our unwavering belief in the power of Hospitality and Hope through every one of our expressions.

This year has unquestionably been the hardest season we have ever faced. The first half was marked by profound grief and loss within our leadership and volunteer family including the passing of close loved ones, key team members, and long-time supporters. The emotional weight of these moments deeply affected our community. Yet, even in the heaviness, the heart of Matthew's House kept beating. We did not stop.

More on this can be read here:  
<https://matthewshouse.org.uk/in-loving-memory-of-roger-fellows-and-sally-lynch/>

As we entered the second half of the year, our focus turned intentionally towards recovery, building contingency plans, developing resilience strategies, and embedding new structures to strengthen both the project and the people who carry it. What began in survival has grown into sustainability. Through it all, we've remained a place of welcome, compassion, and action offering dignity and support to those who need it most, while investing in a healthier future for our guests, team, and community.

This season has been marked by purposeful growth and a deepening commitment to resilience not just in the face of challenges, but in preparation for a stronger future. Following a major recruitment phase last year, our two newly appointed staff members have now fully bedded into their roles and are thriving. Both have brought fresh energy, insight, and capacity to our team and have had a positive impact on the rhythm and culture of Matthew's House.

As the year progressed, one of our long-serving staff members made the heartfelt decision to return home to Australia. While we were sad to say goodbye, this change offered a timely opportunity to reflect on our staffing structure, team wellbeing, and long-term resilience. Due to exceeding our fundraising targets and the strength of our financial outlook, we made the strategic decision to grow our team from 4.0FTE to 4.8FTE, increasing our capacity to care for the project, each other, and the guests we serve.

By the close of the year, planning was complete, interviews were held, and the job offer stage was underway positioning us for a smooth 8-week transition and handover with new recruits in place. This expansion reflects our long-term vision to build strength without over-reliance on individuals, and to ensure Matthew's House can thrive in years to come.

All seven expressions of giving hope continued to operate without interruption throughout the year, even during some of our most difficult seasons. The strength of our staff and volunteers was evident in every moment of resilience and consistency.

Hope Hall our on-site partnership with specialist support services has flourished. This year we facilitated 372 one-to-one support meetings between our guests and professional partners right here at Matthew's House. We also deepened our future-facing strategy by initiating and starting the planning for new placement partnerships with UK Youth, local universities (psychology and policing courses), to add to what we already do with schemes such as the Duke of Edinburgh Award ensuring our future volunteer pipeline remains dynamic, skilled, and values-driven.

Our Hope in Swansea app continues to grow, now with over 160 live support services, and this year saw the early planning stages for a franchise model to expand the tool beyond our city. The idea that started as a local lifeline is now being shaped into something that can bless other communities across the UK.

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Our volunteer team has continued to grow in strength and depth, reaching 141 active volunteers by year-end, with 52 new recruits this year alone each one bringing wisdom, kindness, and a commitment to the Matthew's House mission. Our culture of support, growth, and welcome continues to be one of the defining strengths of the project.

The volunteer family at Matthew's House continues to be one of our greatest strengths, a vibrant, compassionate, and diverse group of people bringing wisdom, warmth, and lived experience to everything we do. With 141 volunteers on record at year-end and 52 new volunteers joining us this year, the culture of kindness and commitment remains as strong as ever. From students to retirees, from frontline advocates to behind-the-scenes legends, our team shows up week in and week out with hearts wide open.

This year, our volunteers gave a remarkable 13,567 hours of their time to the project, bringing our all-time total to just under 99,000 hours since opening in 2017. That figure speaks not just of time but of trust, togetherness, and tenacity. In March, we celebrated our eighth birthday as a beacon of Hope in Swansea and marked the occasion with heartfelt moments of gratitude and volunteer reward milestones recognising long-serving members of the family who've carried the heart of Matthew's House for many years.

The loss of our much-loved buddy deputy and trustee, Roger Fellows, was deeply felt this year. As part of our response, our Buddy Expression lead returned from compassionate leave with a renewed focus developing and strengthening the programme in Roger's honour. By the year's end, we had successfully expanded the team to include four friendly advocates, and they collectively supported guests through 605 one-to-one meetings on-site. It was a powerful reminder of the impact we can have when compassion and consistency come together.

Training remains central to our volunteer ethos, with all new and returning volunteers supported through a strong induction and a growing range of training opportunities. This year, we continued to invest in resilience-building and extended our Managing Challenging Moments training to our whole volunteer family, which has been exceptionally well received and instrumental in equipping our team for front-facing work.

On the fundraising front, this year has been one of our most successful yet:

- Our Swans Big Sleepout raised a record-breaking £36,000, with Matthew's House receiving £18,000 our highest share to date.
- Our Half Marathon team grew to 13 runners, raising an amazing £4,200 for the project.
- Our Friends of Matthew's House monthly supporters increased to 292, a huge encouragement to our long-term sustainability goals.
- Our monthly email updates now reach just under 1,000 people, and our overall contact database has grown to over 4,700 supporters.

Our connection to The Hill Church also continues to be a vital pillar of support. As a church family, members have now collectively given over £84,000 in support of Matthew's House, not including individual giving through Friends and volunteer hours.

From day one, Matthew's House has always been more than a building, it's a culture, a community, and a commitment to believing the best about people. That hasn't changed. And in a year where we've faced loss, change, and challenge, we've seen again that our strength lies in the people who choose to walk with us volunteers, donors, friends, guests, and champions across the city. We are deeply thankful.

### **Supporting the City Through Crisis and Collaboration**

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Matthew's House continues to be recognised as a key anchor in Swansea's network of care especially during times of crisis. Building on the trust established during our Covid response, we have remained a consistent source of stability and wisdom across the city. In the midst of the ongoing cost-of-living crisis, this trust has only grown stronger.

This year, we've taken a more active role in the city's Complex Cases Task Force a multi-agency partnership focused on supporting Swansea's most vulnerable individuals. Our involvement reflects the growing confidence our partners have in our insight, approach, and long-standing relationships with those often hardest to reach. We've become a trusted voice, a reliable source of wisdom, and a willing partner wherever help is needed.

Through collaboration with likeminded groups and citywide organisations, we've continued to offer guidance, encouragement, and practical coordination in supporting those facing hardship. One of the outcomes of this collaboration is that people in Swansea can still access food and support services most days of the week, though the loss of Saturday provision has made this more challenging. As such, maintaining clear, accessible information is more vital than ever.

That's where Hope in Swansea, our digital app and signposting tool, has become a key asset connecting people with over 160 live support services and providing up-to-date, user-friendly access to the help available across the city. Alongside this, we continue to support the Food & Friendship leaflet, a citywide listing of available food and advice points that we co-produce and update in partnership with other frontline groups.

In all of this, Matthew's House remains a project that others can count on to step in, to link up, and to carry hope forward in times of crisis and change.

#### **Achievements for 2024–2025 Season**

Over the past year, Matthew's House has been incredibly blessed to receive funding and financial support from a wide range of local, regional, and national supporters. These partnerships have not only allowed us to continue our core work but have empowered us to grow in resilience, widen our impact, and pursue new developments such as the Greenhill Gardens project, Hope Hall expansion, and further volunteer training. We are proud to have received generous support from the following funders and partners:

#### **Local Authority & Public Support:**

- Swansea Council - Direct Food Support (Food Poverty Fund)
- Swansea Council - Period Poverty Fund
- Swansea Council - Enabling Communities Fund
- Swansea Council - Men's Shed Grant
- CADW - Welsh Governments Historic Environment Service
- Welsh Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA)
- WCVA Landfill Disposals Tax Communities Scheme (LDTCS)

#### **National and Major Companies and Trusts:**

- National Heritage Lottery Fund
- The Moondance Foundation
- The Waterloo Foundation
- Community Foundation Wales
- Postcode Community Trust
- National Lottery - Awards for All
- Arnold Clark Community Fund
- Leeds Building Society Foundation
- Monmouthshire Building Society

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- Yorkshire Building Society
- Gracechurch Bromsgrove
- Girls' Guild and Hostel
- Alcoholics Anonymous

#### **Corporate and Local Business Support:**

- Nationwide Building Society
- Peter Lynn & Partners
- Dezrez Legal
- Rochefreight (UK) Limited
- iCreate
- Hoowla
- Wellbox
- Pobl Housing Association
- Caredig Housing
- Amazon Swansea
- National Grid Swansea

#### **Community and Individual Supporters:**

- The Hill Church
- Jonathan Tarrant & the Hullabaloo Band
- Swansea Rotary Club
- Waunarwydd Carnival Committee
- Lewys Atwood
- Midwood Mc Turk Trust
- Avon Trust
- Many local schools, churches, community groups, businesses, and fundraisers

The depth and diversity of this support has allowed us to plan boldly, respond compassionately, and continue delivering hospitality and hope to hundreds of individuals throughout the year. Each grant, gift, and gesture of kindness has played a vital role in making Matthew's House a sanctuary of care and consistency in Swansea.

#### **This funding has allowed us to achieve the following:**

- Strengthened and diversified partnerships with a wide range of key organisations that work alongside us to support individuals at risk of or experiencing homelessness. These include Platform, Shelter Cymru, The Wallich (including their Rough Sleeper Intervention Team), Crisis, Barod, Goleudy, NPT360, Communities for Work Plus, local solicitors, the Vaccination Bus Team, and those working in Private Rented Sector support. These relationships have deepened trust, opened doors to faster interventions, and helped us offer more holistic support to those who walk through our doors.
- Launched and embedded Hope Hall a warm, welcoming space where guests can meet professionals face-to-face in moments of real need. Hope Hall has become a crucial connector for our guests to reach timely and often life-changing support. In this past year, 372 professional support meetings were facilitated at Matthew's House a significant rise and testament to the demand and impact of this integrated approach.
- Improved visibility and information throughout Matthew's House by expanding our signage and communication tools in direct response to guest feedback. This year, we added new banners to the rear of the building and reinstated our main street-facing sign box, which is now regularly updated with posters, upcoming events, and key service information ensuring that both new and returning guests are informed and welcomed from the moment they arrive.



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- Launched a dedicated News & Stories page on our website. We developed and published a new News section to share powerful updates, stories, and moments from Matthew's House. This page gives life to the voices of our guests, volunteers, supporters, and partners, becoming a central hub of hope-filled content. It also encourages increased website visits, drives engagement, and supports future storytelling, fundraising, and awareness efforts across the city and beyond.
- Celebrated our 8th Birthday in true Matthew's House style surrounded by guests, volunteers, cake, music, gifts and party bags! We continue to honour and reward the incredible commitment of our volunteer family, including our 7 Year Milestone Club a now-elite group of long-standing volunteers who've given so much heart and time to the project. These moments are more than celebrations they're reminders of the depth of community we've built together.
- Staff team meetings have become an anchor point of the project full of food, laughter, honest reflection and shared purpose. With generous support from Tramshed Tech at the Palace Theatre, we've had the chance to step away from the daily bustle and come together offsite to dream, plan, grieve, celebrate and grow. These times have been vital for wellbeing, culture-building, and project resilience, especially during one of our toughest years to date.
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- Restarted our Community Days with a brilliant volunteering trip to Swansea Community Farm, where our team helped with outdoor painting and spent time with the animals. The day was full of fun, hard work, and connection. The farm team has since offered to volunteer with us in return a beautiful sign of mutual support. We now plan to hold 2-3 Community Days each year to strengthen ties and wellbeing across the city.
- Honoured to be named one of The Big Issue's Top 100 UK Changemakers of the Year, with Matthew's House receiving a special recognition award the only project in the UK to do so. As part of the award, we received a fully branded electric van on loan for a year, helping us deliver even more hope across the city. This milestone was a huge encouragement to our whole team and a celebration of the impact our community continues to make together.
- Our Matt's Buddies project flourished, with a successful recruitment drive bringing in three new trained buddies. Together with our existing team, they facilitated over 600 one-to-one support meetings, providing vital encouragement, advocacy, and care for guests navigating some of life's toughest moments.
- Delivered a successful Harvest campaign, receiving generous donations from 23 local schools, churches, and community groups a huge boost to our food stores and a powerful show of community support.
- Took key steps to grow our team from 4 FTE to 4.8 FTE, strengthening the project's day-to-day resilience, coverage, and long-term sustainability. As part of this growth, we began the recruitment process to replace our outgoing Fundraising & Finance Coordinator, ensuring continuity in one of the project's most vital roles. These additions are not new roles, but expanded hours and capacity across the team to meet increasing demand while protecting staff wellbeing.
- Our best and busiest Christmas Day yet, with 125 individuals welcomed for a full sit-down two-course meal, evening food, thoughtful gifts, and a visit to Santa in his grotto. It was also our most well-run celebration to date, thanks to structured introductions, area leads, and a fantastic team of volunteers who helped deliver a truly special and joy-filled day.
- Recruited 5 new deputy volunteer roles this year, strengthening key areas of the project including donation management, collection coordination, and our Matt's Buddies expression. These deputies also now play vital roles across our Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday service teams, helping to lead with confidence, consistency, and care.

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- Continued our second staff wellbeing surprise day, slightly delayed due to bereavement, but all the more meaningful because of it. The day focused on wellbeing, team chemistry, and togetherness a much-needed pause that brought joy, reflection, and unity during a tough season.
- We retained another very strong maximum 5-star food hygiene rating.
- Launched and progressed the Greenhill Gardens project, following the successful securing of key permissions from Swansea Council Planning and Listed Buildings teams, as well as a Church in Wales faculty. The project officially began just before year-end, with momentum growing quickly thanks to a powerful combination of donations, works in kind, and foundational grants, most notably the National Heritage Lottery, which awarded £211,000. With planning in place and a committed project team, Greenhill Gardens an outdoor space honouring the poor of the past while serving the vulnerable of today is now fully underway with a targeted completion of Summer 2025.
- Expanded our Hope in Swansea team, promoting volunteers into serving roles that focus on reviewing and updating support service listings. This has significantly improved the app's accuracy and reliability, ensuring users can access up-to-date, relevant help. Three new team members have joined in this area, strengthening our ability to maintain quality and reach.
- Initiated exciting plans for franchising the app, with early-stage conversations underway with our app developers and interest already growing in Cardiff, Newport, and Bristol. These cities are keen to explore how Hope in Swansea could become a beacon of connection and care in their own communities, just as it has in ours.
- Completed the collection of key data and statistics from guests and volunteers to begin a new, in-depth evaluation process that will shape how we manage and run core areas of Matthew's House. This marks our most comprehensive review since before the pandemic and will inform service improvements, culture, and strategy moving forward. The full evaluation is underway and is set to be completed and published in Summer 2025, helping us to listen better, act smarter, and serve stronger.
- Completed a full internet overhaul at Matthew's House thanks to a new supporter who generously offered their expertise. After ongoing issues with our self-built system, we upgraded both the hardware and software, significantly improving speeds, streamlining connectivity, and strengthening our wireless networks a vital step for a more reliable and future-ready project infrastructure.
- Designed and launched 10 large, bright, eye-catching donation bins, thanks to a grant that helped cover production costs. Created by our in-house designer, these bins have been placed in supporter venues across the city as part of a trial for organic fundraising and passive donation collection. They've helped raise our profile, invited new support, and collected items that are incredibly useful to our daily operations. Due to their success, more bins have already been requested, and we're actively seeking further funding to expand this creative and community-powered initiative.
- Created new upstairs office spaces to provide better working environments for our staff team, focused on planning, administration, and efficiency. This included the setup of new monitor screens and equipment, helping us fast-track organisational tasks, improve focus, and support the growing needs of the project team in a more structured and productive setting.
- Expanded and strengthened our speaking and networking team at Matthew's House, now made up of trained individuals who can represent us across schools, community events, fundraisers, and collections. This team not only shares our story and impact but also supports training and mentoring others, helping us reach wider audiences and grow our community connections with confidence and consistency.

We have been able to manage the increasing demand, reach, and positive outcomes of Matthew's House through the ongoing development of our volunteer teams, targeted training, and most significantly, the growth of our staff team. This year, following a review of resilience, wellbeing, and long-term sustainability, we made the strategic decision to expand our team from 4.0FTE to 4.8FTE.

This growth allows us to ensure that each core area of the project has dedicated leadership, capacity, and focus not only to maintain operations but to build health into the heart of the team. Every role has been shaped with a deliberate focus on wellbeing, support, and growth, both for our staff and the wider volunteer family. These additions continue to show a strong return on investment, deepening our ability to deliver high-quality support and strengthening our foundations for the future.

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As explained in the information previously shared, the impact of this team development can be seen across the project and is further illustrated in the key statistics listed below.

**Other Noteworthy Statistics and Recognition Surrounding Matthew's House**

In a year shaped by both hardship and hope, the scale and consistency of support delivered at Matthew's House has continued to grow. The numbers below illustrate not only the demand placed on our services, but also the dedication of our volunteers and the deepening impact of our coordinated, values-led approach:

- 13,567 volunteer hours donated this year (up from 12,691 last year), bringing our total to just under 99,000 hours since opening in 2017
- 52 new volunteers joined the team this year, bringing our total to 141 active volunteers
- 34,332 pay-as-you-feel meals served throughout the year an average of 226 meals per service day
- 107 free haircuts offered on service days even after a three-month pause while recruiting a new hairdresser
- 1,481 dignity packs prepared and distributed responding to the everyday hygiene and wellbeing needs of our guests
- 910 emergency items handed out, including tents and sleeping bags reflecting growing hardship and rough sleeping across the city
- 31 showers and 218 laundry uses all accessed through referrals from housing professionals
- 605 one-to-one buddy meetings reflecting the growth and strength of our trained volunteer advocates
- 372 professional support meetings hosted on-site through Hope Hall including agencies such as The Wallich, Crisis, Plattform, Maximus, and more
- 125 guests welcomed on Christmas Day 2024 for a festive meal, gifts, and companionship
- Hope in Swansea our digital app for support services saw 2,739 downloads and 15,399 uses in the last 12 months, now listing over 160 active services

Each one of these numbers represents more than data it represents people. People met with dignity, fed with compassion, supported with consistency, and connected to real hope.

**Stories and highlights 2024-25**

To illustrate the impact of what we do we would like to share the following stories and highlights which are just a few of many that show the impact of Matthew's House on our guests:

**Purpose Beyond a Roof**

At Matthew's House, we know a roof isn't always the full answer-people still need purpose, connection, and hope. One individual we've supported this year had found accommodation, but was still facing addiction, loneliness, and mental health struggles.

Things didn't always go to plan-but our Buddy team kept showing up, encouraging him through the setbacks. Thanks to the relationships we've built across Swansea, we were able to help him into a job in a local warehouse. It brought structure, value, and a fresh sense of belonging.

In a recent catch-up, he simply said: "Thank you for not giving up on me." That's what Matthew's House is about sticking with people through the rough patches until something begins to grow.

**The Power of Young Voices**

This year we welcomed visits from schools, with students bringing donations, raising funds, and even crafting handmade foil blankets from crisp packets-small gestures with big heart.

One school visit left a lasting mark. After dropping off their gifts, a young pupil wrote us a letter that we later read aloud at our volunteer thank-you night. There wasn't a dry eye in the room.

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In the letter, the child wrote: "I heard there is food, showers, and laundry... but the best thing is you help the homeless, and I hope you help many more."

It reminded us that even the youngest voices can carry deep compassion-and that the next generation is already learning the importance of hope, dignity, and kindness.

Dear Matthew's House  
My name is [redacted] and I heard about you through my school [redacted].  
I [redacted] and I want to say good job of making the homeless happy and safe.  
My teacher came and gave you the blankets that we made in class. We all collected the  
crisp packets, and all had a chance at helping to make the blankets.  
I also heard there is food, showers and laundry available, and you help them all to be  
friends. You have a nice big choir for them and there's so many things you do but the best  
thing is you help the homeless and I hope you help many more.  
I am so proud and happy to have been able to help you even if it was just a little bit.  
Keep up the good work.  
From [redacted]

Thank you

#### **A Guest's Journey from Isolation to Hope**

One of the individuals we supported this year wanted to share their own words and we couldn't have said it better ourselves.

They described arriving at Matthew's House after seven months homeless in Swansea, feeling lost and mentally low. Walking through our doors was a big step-but they found warmth, food, kindness, and something even more powerful: connection.

"The support and care given to me at Matthew's House has changed my outlook on life. The volunteers always noticed when I wasn't myself-and always offered help. I'd be lost without them. My Buddy inspired me to be better in life. Things have got so much better now, and I'm so grateful."

It's a reminder that small, consistent acts of care can create real transformation.

#### **A Thank You That Changed Everything**

While attending a local job centre event to share about Matthew's House, one of our team members noticed a man standing quietly nearby. When they approached and asked if he was okay, his response stopped us in our tracks.

"I just wanted to say thank you. When I was on the streets, Matthew's House was there for me. You supported me through one of the most difficult times of my life. Now I'm housed and looking for work. I didn't want to leave today without telling you how much that meant." Moments like this remind us why we do what we do. Among the crowds, the noise, and the never-ending to-do list, someone remembered our kindness-and found a way forward because of it. That's hope in action

#### **Full Circle**

Some volunteers bring warmth and joy the moment they arrive. One new team member did just that-full of life, connection, and care. But their story with Matthew's House had started long before they wore a volunteer badge.

Years ago, they were a guest-homeless after life took a difficult turn. In those tough days, Matthew's House offered food, safety, and compassion

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Now, they've come full circle-no longer in need, but serving others with empathy born from experience. These are the stories that show the heart of Matthew's House. Lives changed. Hope restored. One person at a time

#### **For His Daughter's Sake**

Earlier this year, we received a message on social media-not a request or donation, but a heartfelt thank you. A woman reached out to say her daughter's father, who struggles with alcoholism, relies on Matthew's House for his one proper meal a day. "Without you," she said, "he'd be surviving on ginger biscuits." She thanked us for feeding him. For listening. For helping someone she loves when she couldn't. "Don't ever give up. The community would be lost without you." It reminded us that behind every guest is a family, a story, and someone hoping they're okay. And it's why we keep showing up.

Torsten popped in, in November and was super chuffed and what he learned about Matthew's House. Already a big fan and willing to lend a hand he sent us a letter of appreciation for the visit that he and his team had at Matthew's House. Great to have you rooting for us Torsten!



Despite one of our busiest springs yet due to the closure of other local services Matthew's House stood strong, fuelled by the generosity of our regular supporters and our remarkable volunteer family. In the middle of this surge, we were reminded why we do what we do. Guests left with smiles, full hearts, and kind words one saying our café was "like getting sirloin steak every single day," another calling our burgers "the best in a long while." Even those with language barriers found simple but powerful words: "Delicious! Delicious! Delicious!" These everyday moments of joy and dignity capture the real heartbeat of Matthew's House.





**Report of the Trustees**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

Watch the video here - <https://youtu.be/f-52Vr6ihuY?si=qBBJq4Qo0YDVhdFc>



Our updated Christmas Food Provision map was created to ensure food support was available and clearly communicated throughout the entire holiday period. With the help of new and existing partners businesses, charities, and food providers we made sure that every single day was covered with at least one place to access food, even during a season that is often tough and isolating for many. The leaflet and digital map were shared widely and became a vital tool for services, volunteers, and those in need



This year we launched a new employment advert to grow our team and strengthen the future of Matthew's House. Shared widely across the city through our networks, social media, website, community boards, and local organisations the response was incredible. We received nearly 100 enquiries and welcomed close to 30 full applications, demonstrating the reach, reputation, and appeal of being part of what we do. The process helped us connect with passionate individuals from diverse backgrounds and reaffirmed the value people see in our mission of providing hospitality and hope in the heart of Swansea.

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**Matthew's House Job Vacancies**

**Project Co-ordinator** 4-5 Days a week - £25,650 Pro Rata

Are you ready to be a force for good? Matthew's House is looking for an enthusiastic, Project Co-ordinator to take a central role in our vital role in our organisation. Management and Development Officers, delivering a wide range of services and support to the local community. Your dedication will help us continue spreading Hospitality & Hope throughout Swansea.

**Fundraising & Finance Co-ordinator** 2 Days a week - £25,650 Pro Rata

Are you passionate about making a positive impact? Matthew's House is looking for a dynamic, enthusiastic and experienced Fundraising & Finance Co-ordinator to drive our mission forward. You'll be responsible for securing funding, managing budgets, and ensuring the delivery of Hospitality & Hope to Swansea.

Apply Now!

Application Closing Date: 26th March 11pm  
Desired Interview Dates: 8th & 9th April

Email: [friends@matthewshouse.org.uk](mailto:friends@matthewshouse.org.uk) or visit <https://linktr.ee/matthewshouse> for the job descriptions and to apply today!

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A unique opportunity to join a team that is spreading Hospitality & Hope in Swansea.

Matthew's House is an initiative of The Hill Church, Swansea. A registered charity (no. 1191707) and company (no. 10490306).

Logos: Matt's Cafe, Project, Finance, Fundraising, Hospitality, Hope, Swansea, The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.

### **Enhanced External Visibility and Communication**

We refreshed and improved our external signage by repainting and updating our railings signs, renewing our front gate display, and reinstating our external cabinet. This cabinet now hosts regularly updated posters, event information, and service details ensuring guests and passers-by stay informed and engaged with what's happening at Matthew's House. These visual improvements have helped strengthen our presence and accessibility on the busy high street.



### **Citywide "Food & Friendship" Poster - A Trusted Network Resource**

We continued to lead on the creation and distribution of the now citywide recognised Food & Friendship poster, highlighting daily support options across Swansea. This trusted visual guide maps out where individuals can find food, friendship, and essential services throughout the week especially on days Matthew's House is closed. It reflects a powerful network of organisations working together and stands as a key tool for guests, support workers, and partner agencies across the city.



**Updated Autumn 2024**  
Bank Holidays may differ

**FOOD & FRIENDSHIP**  
FOR PEOPLE NEEDING SUPPORT IN SWANSEA

**Matt's Cafe** ☺  
Matthew's House, 82 High Street, SA1 1EW  
Sunday | Dinner | 7.00pm - 8.45pm  
Monday, Tuesday | Lunch | 11.30am - 1.45pm

**Zac's Place** ☺  
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**St. Thomas' Church** ☺  
St. Thomas' Spire Cafe, Lewis St, SA1 1EP  
Wednesday (school term time only)  
Community Lunch  
12.30pm

**Unity In Diversity** ☺  
York Place Baptist Church  
York St, SA1 1LZ  
Thursday | Dinner | 4.00pm - 6.30pm  
Support for asylum seekers and refugees only (food, computers & English)

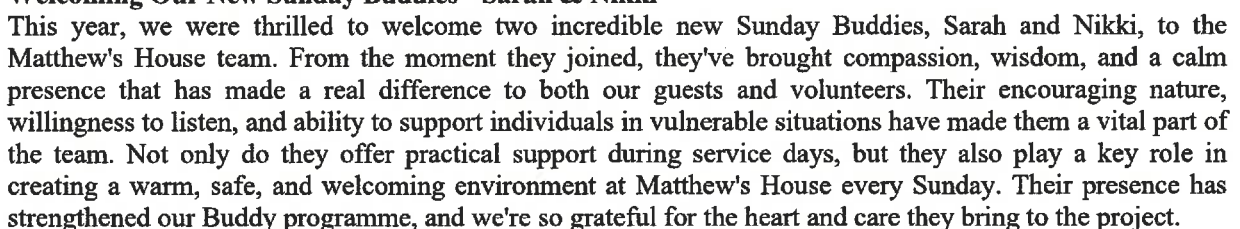
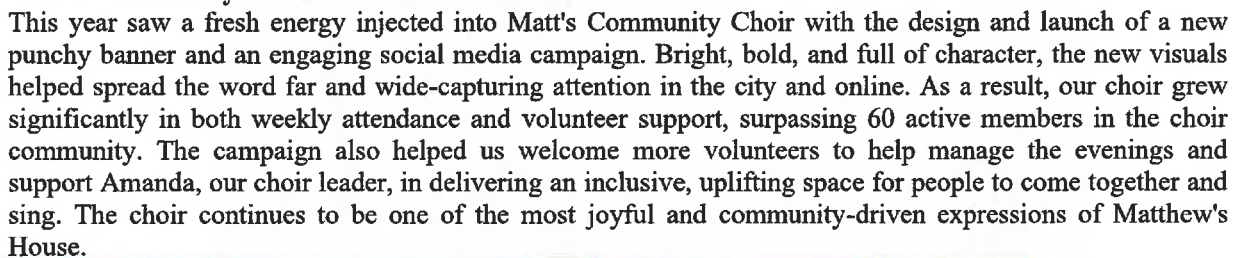
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**St. Mary's Church** ☺  
St. Mary's Church Vestry Hall  
St. Mary's Church, SA1 1EP  
Wednesday | Breakfast  
9.00am - 11.00am

**Missionaries of Charity** ☺  
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**Report of the Trustees**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

Our 2024 Harvest appeal was a huge success, thanks to the bold and informative poster shared with hundreds of schools, churches, and community groups. It clearly outlined our needs and helped us receive generous donations of essential items. The campaign not only boosted our food stores but also strengthened community engagement and raised awareness about how practical giving can make a real difference.





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#### **Horton Hullabaloo 6 - Music, Community and Giving**

One of the most joyful highlights of our year was once again being the chosen charity for Horton Hullabaloo 6-a powerful grassroots music festival held in Gower, full of energy, fun and generosity. The event raised funds for Matthew's House while giving our team and choir a day to remember. Our Matt's Community Choir took to the stage and brought the house down, performing with heart and harmony alongside the brilliant Hullabaloo Band. For many of our choir members, it was the highlight of the year-being cheered on by hundreds of festivalgoers, sharing joy, and helping raise money for a cause they deeply believe in. Events like this don't just raise funds-they remind us that we're part of something bigger. A community that celebrates people, supports purpose, and lifts up those in need. We are so grateful to the organisers, the band, the audience, and our choir for making it all so special.



#### **Volunteers' Week - Celebrating Our Everyday Heroes**

This Volunteers' Week, we took time to pause and celebrate the heart of Matthew's House our volunteers. From kitchen prep to guest support, behind the-scenes organisation to front line service, every role makes a difference. Our volunteers bring consistency, compassion, and character to everything we do. Together, they've given thousands of hours, helped serve tens of thousands of meals, and offered real friendship and support to those who need it most. Their impact can't be summed up in just stats it's in the smiles, the trust, the shared laughs, and the moments of dignity restored. Volunteers' Week gave us a chance to say a huge thank you-not just for what they do, but for who they are.

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#### **Swans Big Sleepout - A Record-Breaking Night of Impact**

This year's Swans Big Sleepout was our biggest and boldest yet with a record number of sign-ups, the most funds raised to date, and for the first time ever, held inside the iconic stadium bowl at Swansea.com Stadium. In proud partnership with the Swans Foundation, the event brought together a huge community of individuals, businesses, and supporters united by a desire to raise awareness and vital funds for homelessness and the causes behind it. From company sponsorships to inspiring fundraisers, the night was a heartfelt display of solidarity and hope and a reminder of what we can achieve when we stand together for those most in need.



#### **8 Years of Service - A Medal of Honour for Our Volunteer Heroes**

This year marked our 8th birthday at Matthew's House, and with it, a truly meaningful milestone for some of our longest standing volunteers. To celebrate, we designed and introduced a new "Medal of Honour" a beautiful, bespoke reward given to those who have stood by us and served with compassion, dedication, and heart for 8 continuous years. These volunteers are the heartbeat of our project. Their loyalty and service deserve recognition not just in words, but in something lasting something they can wear with pride. The 8 year medal joins our growing collection of volunteer rewards, each one a celebration of the time, love, and hope poured into our home. This moment wasn't just about medal it was about gratitude, legacy, and honouring the people who helped shape what Matthew's House is today



## The Hill Church Swansea

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#### **Sharing the Heart of Matthew's House in the Local Press**

This year we were invited to write a full length article for a local newspaper, offering us a chance to reflect on the wider community work, impact, and hope that Matthew's House brings to Swansea. The article captures our story, our volunteers, our daily work, and the powerful difference made through consistent compassion. It's a reminder that behind every meal, conversation, or dignity pack is a deeper story of transformation and resilience. We're incredibly proud to have been asked to share this and are looking forward to seeing it in print very soon a chance to reach even more people with our message of hospitality and hope in the heart of the city.



#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Financial position**

Total income for the year was £342,376 (2024 - £317,199) with expenditure of £303,404 (2024 - £224,519). Most of the income is through two streams. Primarily regular tithes and offerings from church members, and secondly voluntary donations and grants related to Matthew's House. Together these amount to £333,963 (2024 - £308,734). Both activities, and therefore the charity as a whole, are heavily reliant on these. A more detailed breakdown can be found in note 2.

The net result for the year was a surplus of £38,972 (2024 - £92,680). Unrestricted funds carried forward were £446,698 (2024 - £410,868). Restricted funds carried forward were £138,537 (2024 - £135,395).

##### **Income Sources**

The principle funding source for church faith-based activities is the tithes and offerings of the congregation which provides a very stable source of income. The charity also expects that tax recovery on donations made under gift aid will further bolster funds.

The principle funding source for Matthew's House activities is the donation from the church and the regular monthly support from the Friends of Matthew's House scheme. Ad Hoc fundraising and donations for Matthew's House use have also steadily grown since early 2017. The charity also expects that tax recovery on donations made under gift aid will further bolster funds.

##### **Reserves policy**

The trustees consider that a sum equivalent to a quarter of the year's anticipated normal ongoing expenditure (excluding specific projects such as purchase of a building) or £5,000, whichever is greater, is a sufficient sum of money to have readily available in reserve. Based on this financial year the charity's minimum requirement for reserves would have been £75,806 (2024 - £112,260). Actual free reserves were £356,880 (2024 - £190,044), plus the Emergency Contingency Fund of £90,000 (2024 - £53,000), gives a total reserve of £446,880 (2024 - £243,044).

## The Hill Church Swansea

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#### **FUTURE PLANS**

We are in a secure position financially for the foreseeable future due to our wide and faithful support base, and hope and believe that our plans as detailed below are viable and achievable.

##### **Objective one:**

- We will continue to run the various events and ministries outlined above, which seek to encourage community, deepen connection, spread the good news of the gospel, provide pastoral care and purpose.
- Maintain a viable, active and compassionate expression of Christian community in Swansea.
- Continue to strengthen our Sunday worship meetings and ensure all of our public meetings are welcoming and accessible to people of all backgrounds.
- Continue to ensure that anyone who is vulnerable or isolated receives support and pastoral care, and that our meetings are a safe environment.
- Strengthen and increase the number of our life groups which provide pastoral care.
- Strengthen the leadership team of the church.
- Deliver the Alpha Course or 'Discovery Bible Study' more consistently either online or in the building as an opportunity for anyone wanting to explore faith.
- Develop our relationships and strategic partnership with other church leaders within the Catalyst Network and New Covenant Ministries, to provide external perspective, accountability, support and help us access wider opportunities to be part of the global church.
- Re-launch our new ministry on Sunday evenings 'Open Door' in the hopes of building bridges with the cafe guests and sharing the gospel.
- Pray for 5 - We are trusting for 5 conversions or baptisms over the next 12 months.
- Increase the signage and Hill brand presence both externally and internally.
- Employ the MH Project Leader to work one day a week for the Hill Church, to strengthen operations.
- Get involved again in Swansea Prison, for example we are registering for training to be a church that welcomes prison leavers.

##### **Objective two:**

As we move into the next financial year, Matthew's House stands at a pivotal moment of growth, consolidation, and forward planning. After weathering one of our hardest years marked by grief and transformation our focus now turns to building on our restored strength. With Greenhill Gardens due for completion in August 2025 and a launch celebration in September, this next season will see Matthew's House fully re-energised with renewed capacity, vision, and hope.

#### **Key aspirations and developments for 2025/26 include:**

##### **Greenhill Gardens Completion & Heritage Engagement**

Complete and launch the Greenhill Gardens project, following full planning approval by Swansea Council, listed building consent, and Church in Wales faculty permissions. Host a public launch party in September 2025, unveiling a unique green space with a heritage trail, pizza oven, seating, planting zones, and an outdoor event space. Continue development of dedicated Greenhill Gardens web pages, supporting its legacy and educational value for schools, visitors, and future funders.

##### **Staff Growth & Volunteer Empowerment**

Complete the staff team growth to 4.8 FTE by Autumn 2025, adding essential layers to improve delivery, wellbeing, and sustainability of the project long term. Expand volunteer training and development, offering more team-building days, enhanced workshops, and wellbeing-focused activities to nurture retention and resilience. Continue developing the Tea with the Team volunteer support programme, creating regular opportunities for one-to-one conversations, feedback, and care.

##### **Digital Growth & Innovation**



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Launch a new social media and marketing strategy to boost visibility, improve storytelling, and increase engagement. This includes training in AI tools to support efficiency and creativity within our small team. Progress the Hope in Swansea franchise model, including setting up a trusted pilot city and refining documentation for scale. Trial a Hope in Swansea iPad device for display in windows of partner organisations, improving local access to support services. Investigate new, more practical contactless donation devices to pair with our popular donation bins, enabling wider reach and organic fundraising growth.

#### **Community Events & Fundraising Development**

Provide greater support to the Horton Hullabaloo Festival, which has become one of our most significant fundraisers and an annual highlight for our community choir. Strengthen our choir's sustainability by recruiting a new Deputy Volunteer to support the Choir Leader and establishing an Annual Choir Open Evening to welcome new singers. Explore further organic fundraising methods, increasing passive income opportunities through stores, schools, and public events. Seek funding to upgrade our choir sound and AV equipment, allowing us to grow our event presence and delivery both inside and outside the project.

#### **Facilities, Infrastructure & Sustainability**

Redesign our main entrance with automatic doors, improving accessibility, reducing heat loss, and enhancing safety. Begin scoping for solar PV installation and window refurbishments, aiming to reduce energy costs and improve building efficiency. Renovate the first-floor Hive space into a functional training, planning, and meeting hub for staff and volunteers.

#### **Educational Resources & Evaluation**

Finalise and publish our Tips & Tricks booklet: Cooking on a Budget & Reducing Food Waste, developed in response to guest need and food inflation. Continue analysis of data collected through guest and volunteer surveys, with a full impact evaluation due in Summer 2025 to help shape strategy going forward.

#### **Reception Area Improvements & Storage Solutions**

Redesign and replace the reception desk lid and guest-facing area to improve durability, accessibility, and aesthetics for our welcome space. Alongside this, begin an audit of storage across the building, exploring better layout solutions and identifying suitable offsite storage options for rarely used but essential seasonal or event-based items freeing up vital day-to-day working space for our team and volunteers.

#### **Investigation into a Matthew's House Men's Shed**

Following the completion of Greenhill Gardens, we will explore the development of a Matthew's House Men's Shed a new space aimed at supporting social connection, skills development, and wellbeing for men in our community. The vision is to create a safe and practical environment for meaningful work, creativity, and restoration, rooted in the success of Greenhill's outdoor space and growing community engagement.

### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

#### **Governing document**

The Hill Church Swansea The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 22nd February 2013 and registered as a charity on 26th April 2013. The company was incorporated under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up, its members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

#### **Board of Trustees**

The directors of the charitable company ("the charity") are its trustees for the purpose of charity law, and throughout this report are collectively referred to as the trustees. The trustees meet at least twice a year.

The Hill Church Swansea

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**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Trustee Induction**

The need for new trustees is reviewed regularly, and where appropriate possible names are presented at a trustee meeting for consideration. The existing trustees make any new appointments, for an indefinite period. New trustees are given copies of the governing documents, appropriate Charity Commission information and recent trustee minutes.

**Risk Management**

The trustees recognise that they have overall responsibility for ensuring that they implement an appropriate system for the management of risks, whether financial or otherwise, to which the charity may be exposed.

Risk reviews are conducted regularly and the trustees consider that there are no major risks to the charity's continued operations in the foreseeable future.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Company number**

08415396 (England and Wales)

**Registered Charity number**

1151797

**Registered office**

33 Tawe Park  
Ystradgynlais  
Swansea  
SA9 1GU

**Trustees**

Ms D Bishop Local Government Officer  
Mr D K Ellerby Forest Officer  
Mrs R S Moran  
Mr J C Moran

**Independent Examiner**

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First Floor  
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**Bankers**

The Co-Operative Bank plc  
PO Box 250  
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Skelmersdale  
WN8 6WT

Approved by order of the board of trustees on .....**2nd September 2025**..... and signed on its behalf by:

The Hill Church Swansea

Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025



.....  
Mr D K Ellerby - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
The Hill Church Swansea

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Hill Church Swansea ('the Company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2025.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

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



Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
The Hill Church Swansea

**Independent examiner's statement**

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, 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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts 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 accounts 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 accounts to be reached.

S Keith

Samantha Kelly Keith

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Swansea  
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Date: 03/09/2025

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Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	223,627	110,336	333,963	308,734
Investment income	3	6,321	-	6,321	3,579
Other income	4	<u>2,092</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,092</u>	<u>4,886</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>232,040</u>	<u>110,336</u>	<u>342,376</u>	<u>317,199</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Charitable activities	5				
Hill Church		63,747	-	63,747	56,761
Matthew's House		<u>147,731</u>	<u>91,926</u>	<u>239,657</u>	<u>167,758</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>211,478</u>	<u>91,926</u>	<u>303,404</u>	<u>224,519</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>					
Transfers between funds	13	20,562 <u>15,268</u>	18,410 <u>(15,268)</u>	38,972 <u>-</u>	92,680 <u>-</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		35,830	3,142	38,972	92,680
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		410,868	135,395	546,263	453,583
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>446,698</u>	<u>138,537</u>	<u>585,235</u>	<u>546,263</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet  
31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	10	72,923	-	72,923	73,083
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	11	11,599	-	11,599	21,117
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>365,504</u>	<u>138,537</u>	<u>504,041</u>	<u>456,370</u>
		377,103	138,537	515,640	477,487
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(3,328)	-	(3,328)	(4,307)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>373,775</u>	<u>138,537</u>	<u>512,312</u>	<u>473,180</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		446,698	138,537	585,235	546,263
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>446,698</u>	<u>138,537</u>	<u>585,235</u>	<u>546,263</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	13				
Unrestricted funds				446,698	410,868
Restricted funds				<u>138,537</u>	<u>135,395</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>585,235</u>	<u>546,263</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet - continued  
31 March 2025

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on ~~2nd September 2025~~.... and were signed on its behalf by:



.....  
Mr D K Ellerby - Trustee

The Hill Church Swansea

Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

**Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations, legacies and similar incoming resources are reported gross and the related fundraising costs are reported in costs of generating funds.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable.

**Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, 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 accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

**Fixed assets and depreciation**

Depreciation is provided by the charity to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets by equal instalments over their estimated useful economic lives as follows:

Leasehold building - 89 years  
Equipment - 4 years

Provision is made for depreciation on the leasehold property over the term of the lease which was purchased in May 2016.

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations	195,913	210,197
Reclaimed tax	28,314	23,900
Grants	<u>109,736</u>	<u>74,637</u>
	<u>333,963</u>	<u>308,734</u>

	<b>Hill Church</b>	<b>Matthew's</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>2025</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	£	£	£	£
Donations	55,624	140,289	195,913	210,197
Reclaimed tax	13,591	14,723	28,314	23,900
Grants	=	<u>109,736</u>	<u>109,736</u>	<u>74,637</u>
	<u>69,215</u>	<u>264,748</u>	<u>333,963</u>	<u>308,734</u>

**3. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>6,321</u>	<u>3,579</u>

	<b>Hill Church</b>	<b>Matthew's</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>2025</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	£	£	£	£
Deposit account interest	1,047	5,274	6,321	3,579

**4. OTHER INCOME**

	<b>Hill Church</b>	<b>Matthew's</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>2025</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	£	£	£	£
Other Income	-	2,092	2,092	4,886

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
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**5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct Costs £
Hill Church	63,747
Matthew's House	<u>239,657</u>
	<u>303,404</u>

	Hill Church 2025 £	Matthew's House 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Venues	-	23,022	23,022	20,579
staff costs	39,468	100,118	139,586	126,833
Equipment	2,127	-	2,127	2,312
Leadership & Training	70	-	70	86
Volunteers	-	5,315	5,315	1,085
Resouces	475	-	475	593
Travel & Subsistence	2,685	-	2,685	1,344
Administration & Insurance	3,671	13,930	17,601	13,823
Publicity	714	1,226	1,940	3,161
Building Refurbishment	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	918	-	918	5,459
Governance	3,122	-	3,122	4,074
Grants to other charities	6,245	(6,245)	-	100
Project costs	18,930	87,142	106,072	44,252
Hospitality	-	76	76	587
Sundry	<u>394</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>395</u>	<u>231</u>
	78,819	224,585	303,404	224,519
Matthew's house contribution to Hill Church	(15,072)	15,072	=	=
Hill Church contribution to Matthew's House	=	=	=	=
	<u>63,747</u>	<u>239,657</u>	<u>303,404</u>	<u>224,519</u>

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**6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025	2024
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>918</u>	<u>5,459</u>

**7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**8. STAFF COSTS**

**Staff numbers and cost**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages & Salaries	128,556	113,027
Social Security Costs	3,010	7,094
Employers Pension Contributions	<u>8,020</u>	<u>6,712</u>
	<u>139,586</u>	<u>126,833</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2025	2024
Charitable Activities	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.



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**9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	192,255	116,479	308,734
Investment income	3,579	-	3,579
Other income	<u>4,886</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,886</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>200,720</u>	<u>116,479</u>	<u>317,199</u>
 <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Hill Church	56,761	-	56,761
Matthew's House	<u>108,337</u>	<u>59,421</u>	<u>167,758</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>165,098</u>	<u>59,421</u>	<u>224,519</u>
 <b>NET INCOME</b>	 35,622	 57,058	 92,680
 <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	<u>375,246</u>	<u>78,337</u>	<u>453,583</u>
 <b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	 <u>410,868</u>	 <u>135,395</u>	 <u>546,263</u>

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**10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Leasehold Building £	Plant and machinery £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 April 2024	80,300	35,333	115,633
Additions	<u>-</u>	<u>758</u>	<u>758</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>80,300</u>	<u>36,091</u>	<u>116,391</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 April 2024	7,217	35,333	42,550
Charge for year	<u>902</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>918</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>8,119</u>	<u>35,349</u>	<u>43,468</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 March 2025	<u>72,181</u>	<u>742</u>	<u>72,923</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>73,083</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>73,083</u>

**11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	-	12,049
Other debtors	<u>11,599</u>	<u>9,068</u>
	<u>11,599</u>	<u>21,117</u>

**12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2025 £	2024 £
Social security and other taxes	-	2,225
Other creditors	1,138	-
Accrued expenses	<u>2,190</u>	<u>2,082</u>
	<u>3,328</u>	<u>4,307</u>

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**13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1/4/24 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/3/25 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	284,244	55,330	(78,741)	260,833
Listed Building	48,645	-	1,355	50,000
Contingency Fund	53,000	-	37,000	90,000
Green Hill Garden Project	1,002	(22,768)	46,766	25,000
Hope in Swansea App Development	5,000	-	5,000	10,000
Seed Strategic Investment Fund	<u>18,977</u>	<u>(12,000)</u>	<u>3,888</u>	<u>10,865</u>
	410,868	20,562	15,268	446,698
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Hospitality Fund	19,794	-	-	19,794
Choir Expression Fund	1,940	-	-	1,940
Advocacy Expression Fund	6,289	(299)	-	5,990
Matt's Cafe Expression Fund	6,331	(3,993)	-	2,338
Salary Costs Fund	50,938	(6,438)	-	44,500
Hope in Swansea Fund	8,191	(4,161)	-	4,030
Homeless Period Expression Fund	192	1	-	193
Volunteer costs	712	(712)	-	-
Other restricted grants	3,558	(2,706)	-	852
Greenhill Garden	<u>37,450</u>	<u>36,718</u>	<u>(15,268)</u>	<u>58,900</u>
	<u>135,395</u>	<u>18,410</u>	<u>(15,268)</u>	<u>138,537</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>546,263</u>	<u>38,972</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>585,235</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
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**13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	232,040	(176,710)	55,330
Green Hill Garden Project	-	(22,768)	(22,768)
Seed Strategic Investment Fund	-	(12,000)	(12,000)
	232,040	(211,478)	20,562
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Advocacy Expression Fund	3,177	(3,476)	(299)
Matt's Cafe Expression Fund	-	(3,993)	(3,993)
Salary Costs Fund	26,100	(32,538)	(6,438)
Hope in Swansea Fund	-	(4,161)	(4,161)
Homeless Period Expression Fund	4,234	(4,233)	1
Volunteer costs	-	(712)	(712)
Other restricted grants	7,759	(10,465)	(2,706)
Greenhill Garden	69,066	(32,348)	36,718
	110,336	(91,926)	18,410
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>342,376</u>	<u>(303,404)</u>	<u>38,972</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
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**13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1/4/23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/3/24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	239,624	44,620	-	284,244
Apostolic Initiative	7,303	-	(7,303)	-
Poverty Relief	5,295	-	(5,295)	-
New Churches	6,379	-	(6,379)	-
Listed Building	48,645	-	-	48,645
Contingency Fund	53,000	-	-	53,000
Green Hill Garden Project	10,000	(8,998)	-	1,002
Hope in Swansea App Development	5,000	-	-	5,000
Seed Strategic Investment Fund	-	-	18,977	18,977
	375,246	35,622	-	410,868
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Hospitality Fund	19,794	-	-	19,794
Choir Expression Fund	580	1,360	-	1,940
Advocacy Expression Fund	8,853	(2,564)	-	6,289
Matt's Cafe Expression Fund	1,623	4,708	-	6,331
Salary Costs Fund	32,605	18,333	-	50,938
Hope in Swansea Fund	14,692	(6,501)	-	8,191
Homeless Period Expression Fund	190	2	-	192
Volunteer costs	-	712	-	712
Other restricted grants	-	3,558	-	3,558
Greenhill Garden	-	37,450	-	37,450
	78,337	57,058	-	135,395
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>453,583</u>	<u>92,680</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>546,263</u>

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**13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	200,720	(156,100)	44,620
Green Hill Garden Project	-	(8,998)	(8,998)
	200,720	(165,098)	35,622
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Choir Expression Fund	1,550	(190)	1,360
Advocacy Expression Fund	1,492	(4,056)	(2,564)
Matt's Cafe Expression Fund	5,640	(932)	4,708
Salary Costs Fund	56,100	(37,767)	18,333
Hope in Swansea Fund	-	(6,501)	(6,501)
Homeless Period Expression Fund	1,105	(1,103)	2
Volunteer costs	4,200	(3,488)	712
Other restricted grants	8,942	(5,384)	3,558
Greenhill Garden	37,450	-	37,450
	116,479	(59,421)	57,058
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>317,199</u>	<u>(224,519)</u>	<u>92,680</u>

**Funds**

**Listed Buildings**

This fund is used for unexpected and high value building repairs, refurbishments and related improvements, including due to listed building status.

**Contingency Fund**

This fund is to ensure sufficient continuity of operating, salary and charity costs during an economic or practical crisis over a six-month period. It is a fund that is being established over a period of years with the view that the charity is in its infancy and needs robust resilience over the long-term.

**Green Hill Garden Project**

This fund is for the long term repair and improvements to the external landscape and grounds of Matthew's House.

**Hope in Swansea App Development**

This fund is part of the short term troubleshooting and long term development and improvement to the 2021 launched smartphone app freely serving multi-organisations in Swansea.

**Hospitality Fund**

This fund relates to grants and donations towards refurbishment and improvements to Matthew's House.

**Choir Expression Fund**

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**13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Funds - continued**

This fund relates to grants and donations towards the cost of Matt's Choir hospitality expression.

**Advocacy Expression Fund**

This fund relates to grants and donations received towards the Matt's Cwtch and Buddy Scheme hospitality expression.

**Matt's Cafe Expression Fund**

This fund relates to grants and donations received towards refurbishment and improvements to the Matt's cafe hospitality expression.

**Salary Costs Fund**

This fund relates to monies that have been raised to cover salary costs.

**Hope in Swansea Fund**

This fund relates to monies raised to launch and run the 2021 smart phone app freely serving multi-organisations in Swansea.

**Homeless Period Expression Fund**

This fund relates to grants and donations received towards the Homeless period expression.

**Volunteer Costs**

Fund that is dedicated to grants and donations restricted towards volunteer costs.

**Other Restricted Funds**

This collects small restricted grants and tracks their expenditure.

**Greenhill Garden**

Fund for the costs of Greenhill Garden at Matthew's House.

**Seed strategic investment fund**

This fund is to merge the Apostolic Initiative, Poverty relief, and New church funds into one designated fund.

**Apostolic Initiative**

This fund is to support new or innovative Christian-based initiatives. It is funded by faith based donations only via The Hill Operating account.

**Poverty Relief**

This fund is used for poverty related relief and associated costs to relieve poverty or make a significant difference to poverty. It is funded by faith based donations only via The Hill Operating account.

**New Churches**

This fund is to support new churches being started. It is funded by faith based donations only via The Hill Operating account.

**Fund transfers**

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**13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Funds - continued**

There was a transfer of £1,355 from the general fund to the listed building fund. This was to increase the fund set aside for future building improvements.

There was a transfer of £37,000 from the general fund to the contingency fund. This was to increase the fund set aside for future contingencies.

There was a transfer of £5,000 from the general fund to the hope in swansea app development fund. This was to increase the fund set aside for the hope in swansea app development.

There was a transfer of £3,888 from the general fund to the seed strategic investment fund. This was to increase the fund set aside for christian initiatives, poverty relief and new churches.

There was a transfer of £15,268 from the restricted greenhill garden fund to the unrestricted green hill garden project fund. This was to reimburse expenditure that had been paid by unrestricted funds.

There was a transfer of £31,498 from the general fund to the greenhill garden project fund. This was to increase the funds set aside for the greenhill garden project.

**14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

The total amount of donations received during the year from related parties was £12,310 (2024: £13,269)

**15. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY**

In the opinion of the trustees there is no single ultimate controlling party of the charity.



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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	195,913	210,197
Reclaimed tax	28,314	23,900
Grants	<u>109,736</u>	<u>74,637</u>
	333,963	308,734
<b>Investment income</b>		
Deposit account interest	6,321	3,579
<b>Other income</b>		
Other Income	<u>2,092</u>	<u>4,886</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	342,376	317,199
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Staff costs	139,586	126,833
Leadership & Training	70	86
Administration & Insurance	17,601	13,823
Volunteers	5,315	1,085
Resources	475	593
Travel & Subsistence	2,685	1,344
Publicity	1,940	3,161
Governance	3,122	4,074
Grants to other charities	-	100
Project costs	106,072	44,252
Hospitality	76	587
Sundry	395	231
Equipment	2,127	2,312
Venues	23,022	20,579
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>918</u>	<u>5,459</u>
	<u>303,404</u>	<u>224,519</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<u>303,404</u>	<u>224,519</u>
<b>Net income</b>	<u><u>38,972</u></u>	<u><u>92,680</u></u>

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