



Borders Mission Circuit (22/13) Managing Trustees Report

1st September 2020 – 31st August 2021

Governance.

The Borders Mission Circuit operates under the governance of the Methodist Conference. Conference is regulated by the Deed of Union 1932 and the Methodist Church Act 1976.

Registration with the Charity Commission.

The Borders Mission Circuit has been registered with the Charity Commission since 1st April 2014 with the number 1156488.

Circuit Mission Statement.

Our calling is to demonstrate to others that the love of God is for all people. We will seek to do this in the following ways:

- As Circuit, Churches, and Individuals we will be intentional about both making and growing followers of Jesus.
- As a Circuit we will promote Christian worship of God by making worship relevant and inclusive through the power of the Holy Spirit.
- As a Circuit we will help churches to think and work collaboratively – have 'porous boundaries' – and make best use of the skills of lay and ordained ministries, developing a more flexible outlook. This will help avoid the spreading of resources too thinly and allow us to invest in areas of potential growth and distinct need.
- As a Circuit we will encourage churches to transform communities by breaking down economic, geographical and spiritual boundaries / borders and challenge injustice.
- As Circuit, Churches and Individuals we will ensure the safety of all people within our churches.
- As Circuit, Churches and Individuals we will use our God-given resources for the furtherance of the Kingdom and God's glory.
- As a Circuit we will be prayerful in all things, giving God all thanks and glory through Jesus Christ in the communion of the Holy Spirit as we look for the coming Kingdom.
- As a Circuit we will encourage churches to provide opportunities for continuous learning, through: Bible study, fellowship groups, prayer meetings, quiet days and retreats. We will promote growth in both social and personal spirituality.

Nature and purpose.

Standing Order 500 of the Constitutional Discipline and Practice of the Methodist Church states that the circuit is the primary unit through which churches express their inter-connection in the Body of Christ for the purposes of mission, mutual encouragement and help.

Responsibilities.

The circuit provides ministerial oversight and pastoral care to its 20 congregations through:

- Providing a team of 4 presbyteral ministers and one part-time diaconal minister and 1 lay workers.
- 6 supernumerary presbyters 2 of whom have preached and helped with other tasks.
- Providing lay preachers to lead worship.
- Allocating financial and other resources.
- Providing advice through its lay officers.
- Providing training and other special events.
- Maintaining 4 circuit manses.

Organisation.

The circuit is an umbrella organisation serving 20 congregations with 565 members and with an additional number on the community roll. One congregation is a Local Ecumenical Partnership between the Methodist and Church of England churches. The circuit meeting is responsible for the affairs of the circuit and the development of circuit policy. It exercises spiritual leadership and administrative efficiency and acts as a focal point for the working fellowship of the churches, overseeing their pastoral, training and evangelistic work. Currently 4 meetings are held each year when officers are appointed, accounts adopted, grant applications approved, reports on circuit work received, good news from the churches is shared and the business of the circuit taken forward.

Between circuit meetings the circuit leadership team is responsible for the affairs of the circuit. It meets as required and consists of:

Circuit Ministers: **Rev Robert Hurley, Rev Ann Anderson,
Rev Nicola Briggs, Rev Peter Taylor,
Deacon Samantha Taylor.**

Circuit Stewards (who also hold responsibility for circuit finance):
**Jill Renshaw, Joan Spray, Philip Slater,
John Whitehead, Joanne Docherty, Sandra Burgess.**

Circuit Administrator: **Patrick Dawson**

Trustees.

The members of the circuit meeting act as trustees of the circuit property. There are currently 75 trustees being the Circuit Ministers, the Circuit Stewards, the Circuit office holders and stewards, treasurers and representatives of its constituent congregations. The circuit administrator acted as secretary during this financial year.

Contact address.

Rev Robert Hurley
7 Chapel Close
Blackwell
Alfreton
Derbyshire
DE55

Policies.

The circuit currently has policies in place with regards to safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults, data protection and reserves.

Related parties.

The circuit forms part of the Nottingham and Derby District of the Methodist Church and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference. The circuit comprises the following list of churches:

Alfreton Wesley	Annesley Woodhouse	Birchwood
Clay Cross Central	Crich Wesley	Grassmoor
Huthwaite	Kirkby The Hill	Kirkby Trinity
Newton	Old Tupton	Skegby
Pinxton Town Street	Selston	Stonebroom
South Normanton Zion	South Wingfield	Swanwick
Sutton New Cross	Sutton St Johns	

Outturn.

Over the year the circuit ran at a deficit of £73,415
Total assets currently stand at £337,000

Income.

The circuit derives its income chiefly through the circuit assessment payments from local churches and the sale of property.

Reserves policy.

The circuit reserves policy is appended to this report.

Independent examiner.

Mr Peter Hallam
Community Manufacturing Services & Training Ltd
Snap Business Centre
34 High Street
South Normanton
Derbyshire
DE55 2BP

Bank details.

Cooperative Bank Plc
P.O.Box 12672
Harlow
CM20 9QR

Review of activities September 2020 – August 2021.

On 1st September 2020 Rev Robert Hurley was appointed Superintendent of the Borders Mission Circuit.

As lockdown's have been eased Churches have reopened, ensuring compliance with social distancing and sanitising. However worship has continued in the form of Zoom services, weekly services circulated by email, post or by hand, and weekly messages from the Minister for those who are shielding or feel they are not ready to attend church.

Pilsley and Westhouses Methodist Churches have applied to Cease to meet and this was agreed

Safeguarding training continued throughout the circuit during the year.

During the year Rev Nicola Briggs entered the 'Stationing Process' to determine if a re-invitation is sought and/or offered. Nicola decided not to seek a re-invitation so the Circuit is seeking a replacement from 2023. The process will be completed in the next Connexional Year.

Deacon Samantha Taylor requested to curtail her appointment in the Circuit with effect from 31st August 2021. This was agreed

Future Plans.

The circuit vision group will continue their work of enabling the circuit and churches to reflect on their mission.

Approved by the Circuit Leadership Team on 1st June 2022 and signed on their behalf by Reverend Robert Hurley (Superintendent Minister of the Borders Mission Circuit).

Please note, signatures removed in accordance with GDPR requirements to protect against identity theft. Signed copies of all documents are retained in the Circuit Office of the Borders Mission Circuit.



Borders Mission Circuit
Profit and Loss (all accounts)
1st September 2020 to 31st August 2021

	£	£	£
Bank Interest			
Current Account	0.00		
CFB	25.86		
TMCP	9,668.82		
		9,694.68	
Church Assessment		243,767.21	
Grants & Gifts		50.00	
Other Income			
Pension Contributions	0.00		
Sale of Wine	12.60		
Mini Bus	0.00		
Support for Lay Worker	0.00		
Mission	0.00		
Youth Work	0.00		
District Contribution	0.00		
		12.60	
Total Income			253,524.49
Expenses			
District Assessment		46,400.00	
Staff Stipends		158,188.35	
Staff Expenses		9,971.33	
Lay Worker Salaries		10,271.07	
Lay Worker Expenses		335.70	
Supernumerary Expenses		629.30	
Administration Expenses			
Office	6,570.94		
Office Equipment	1,383.92		
Administrator Expenses	0.00		
Treasurer Expenses	350.00		
Telephone /Internet	798.92		
Plan Printing	0.00		
Travel (all Staff)	15.00		
Postage	260.07		
		9,378.85	

Manages		
Council Tax	9,441.00	
Insurance	2,122.66	
Water	1,266.34	
Telephone/Internet	3,395.65	
		16,225.65
Repairs / Maintenance		
7 Chapel Close	1,277.03	
3 Grange Farm Close	17,075.55	
2 Bird's Lane	819.00	
5 Woolley Close	657.47	
Main Road, Stretton	1,750.00	
		21,579.05
Existing Churches		0.00
Redundant Churches		
Bentinck Land	4,943.53	
		4,943.53
Other Expenses		
Quinquennial Inspections	3,240.00	
Removals	0.00	
Training	0.00	
Youth	0.00	
Mission	0.00	
Local Preachers	0.00	
Mini Bus	0.00	
Web Site	99.00	
Gifts & Grants	70.00	
Bank Charges	653.78	
Sundries	16,592.21	
I.C.I.S. worker	-529.84	
Chapel Aid loan repayments	21,392.18	
MHA Live At Home Scheme	7,500.00	
		49,017.33
Total Expenditure		326,940.36
Profit / Loss		-73,415.87



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Statement of Balances
31st August 2021**

Current Assets

Bank A/c's (Closing Balances)	
Current	39,252.67
CFB	39,046.88
TMCP	253,292.26
Co-op Current	6,818.56
Cash in Hand	0.00
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	338,410.37

Total Current Assets

 338,410.37

Current Liabilities

Accruals 2020/21 (Uncleared Cheques)	1,408.25
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Total Current Liabilities

 337,002.12

Working Capital

 337,002.12

Financed By

Bank A/c's (Opening Balances)	
Current	52,389.91
Accruals from 2019/20	-800.22
CFB	31,938.73
TMCP	326,889.57
Cash in Hand	0.00
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Profit/Loss	-73,415.87
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	<u>337,002.12</u>

Name of Circuit BORDERS MISSION No.....

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2021 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 .. J.Docherty Date... 1/12/21.....

Name and address of treasurer 4 LARCHDALE CLOSE, BROADMEADOWS,
ALFRETON, DERBYSHIRE Post Code DE55 3NZ

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were/will be* presented to the Circuit meeting held on

R.Hurley

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting ROBERT HURLEY Date 16.01.22.....

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

..... BORDERS MISSION Circuit

Charity Number

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the BORDERS MISSION Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2021 set out on pages ... to 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.

Name of Circuit BORDERS MISSION No

Independent Examiner's Statement

The Circuit's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants
(Delete if not applicable)

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, or~~
- ~~the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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 Delete if not applicable ie all R&P accounts~~
- ~~the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts Delete if not applicable ie all R&P accounts.~~

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.

P.E.Hallam

Signature of independent examiner

Name of independent examiner PETER ERNEST HALLAM

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ASSOCIATE CHARTERED MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANT

Name of firm (where appropriate) PATHWAY ASSET MANAGEMENT LTD

Address 36-40 HIGH STREET, SOUTH NORMANTON, ALFRETON,

DERBYSHIRE Post Code DESS 2BP

Date 15.12.2021

RESERVES POLICY

Report on behalf of

Borders Mission

Circuit Meeting

To

Notts & Derby District

(*Circuit Meeting/District)

We submit our annual report in accordance with the requirements of the Methodist Conference and the Charity Commission guidance in CC19.

- (i) The trustees have established their mission aims taking into account all of the resources available in terms of people, property and money
- (ii) Mission initiatives/projects have been costed or estimates made of projected future costs which take into account the needs of the buildings and the requirements of the Quinquennial Inspection Report/s

(ii) We have agreed a Reserves Policy which is set out overleaf and is recorded in the trustees' minutes and our Annual Report

(iv) We recognise the need to be accountable as charity trustees for all the money which comes into our hands and will provide further information as required by the Circuit/District/Connexion

(v) Our Report is attached overleaf

* please delete as appropriate

To be completed by Receiving Body

The

*Circuit Meeting/District received the RESERVES POLICY of

*Church Council/Circuit Meeting/District

Policy accepted and acknowledgement sent to the trustees

YES ☐ / NO ☐

Policy noted and the following enquiries made of the trustees

Responses received and any further action taken

*Circuit/District

Signatures

Date.....

* Please delete as appropriate

RESERVES POLICY of

Borders Mission Circuit(*Church Council ☐/Circuit Meeting ☒/District ☐)

1.	General Funds held at Y/E 31/08/21	£337,002
2.	Restricted Funds held *	£
3.	Endowment Funds held *	£

4. Reserves policy for General Funds

£25,000	Money set aside for church projects annually
£16,825	Manse kitchen/bathroom work remaining balance
£100,000	Money drawn down from TMCP annually over 5 years
£150,000	Short term working capital based on 6 months expenses
£45,177	Money drawn down from TMCP to help with church assessments

5. Policy for Restricted Funds

6. Terms relating to Endowment Funds held

This Reserves Policy has been approved by

Borders Mission Circuit(*Church Council ☐/Circuit Meeting ☒/District ☐)

Treasurer	Trustee
Full name JOANNE DOCHERTY	Full Name CAROL SIMPSON
Signature J.Docherty	Signature C.Simpson