

LOUGHBOROUGH GOSPEL HALL TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1157882

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2014-07-16

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: (A) THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT INCLUDING BY THE CARRYING ON OF THE SERVICE OF GOD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS OF THE HOLY BIBLE AS FOLLOWED BY THOSE CHRISTIANS FORMING PART OF A WORLDWIDE FELLOWSHIP KNOWN AS THE "PLYMOUTH BRETHREN CHRISTIAN CHURCH" (THE "BRETHREN") WHOSE CORE DOCTRINE IS SUMMARISED IN SCHEDULE 1 TO THIS DEED AND WHOSE PROPER PRACTICES IN FURTHERANCE OF SOME ASPECTS OF THAT CORE DOCTRINE ARE SUMMARISED IN SCHEDULE 2 TO THIS DEED; AND (B) ANY OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES CONNECTED WITH BRETHREN.

Activities: We provide gospel halls for the religious activities of Christians. Meetings are held including bible readings & gospel preachings and details can be found on the website www.plymouthbrethrenchristianchurch.org. Gospel literature is readily available, street preachings are held regularly, food packs are provided to those in need. Free bibles are distributed.

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LEICESTERSHIRE
- Leicestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£453,516	£91,667	-	-
2024-04-05	£306,233	£90,700	-	-
2023-04-05	£125,829	£70,415	-	-
2022-04-05	£32,545	£23,738	-	-
2021-04-05	£46,467	£63,263	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ALLAN LAWRENCE BEDFORD		2003-10-01
Daniel Wheatcroft		2016-01-02
Derek Bedford		2016-01-02
Greg Lowe		2016-01-02
MICHAEL DAVID WHEATCROFT		2005-01-01

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Accounts

Trustees Report & Unaudited Financial Statements

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust
For the year ended 5 April 2025

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Legal and Administrative Information

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2025

Charity Name:

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust

Registered Charity Number:

1157882

Trustees:

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Mr G Lowe

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Mr D Wheatcroft

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Report of the Trustees

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2025

The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 5 April 2025. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 11 and comply with the Trust Deed and applicable law.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The Charity is an unincorporated trust constituted by a Deed of Trust dated 5th October 1992, most recently amended by Deed of Variation dated 28th February 2014. The trust was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 16th July 2014 under Charity Registration Number: 1157882

Recruitment and appointment of new Trustees

The Trustees who have served during the year and since the year end are set out on page 3. None of the Trustees, nor any person connected with them, received any remuneration or expenses from the Charity in the year ended 5 April 2025.

The Trust operates four Gospel halls and Trustees are chosen from among the regular congregation of the halls. New Trustees are nominated by the existing Trustees or by the congregation and must be appointed by unanimous resolution of the congregation. They are selected according to their skills and experience and are expected to use both in furthering the objects of the Charity. Checks are made to ensure the Trustees' eligibility to act and incoming Trustees are made aware of their responsibilities by the existing Trustees, who ensure that new Trustees read the Trust Deed and relevant Charity Commission guidance.

Wider Network

The Trustees maintain informal links with similar charities with a view to pooling experience considered useful in pursuing the objects of the Charity.

Risk Management

The Trustees have identified and reviewed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and confirm that they have established systems to manage and mitigate those risks.

Objectives and Activities

Objectives and Aims

The charitable purposes of the Charity are the advancement of the Christian religion for the public benefit, including by the carrying on of the service of God in accordance with the Old and New Testaments of the Holy Bible as followed by those Christians forming part of the world wide fellowship known as the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church (the "Brethren") and any other charitable purposes connected with Brethren. The core doctrine of the Brethren and proper practices in furtherance of certain aspects of doctrine are summarised in two schedules to the Trust Deed.

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty under section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance to charities on public benefit.

Details of public benefit activities carried out by Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust can be found in the separate appendix to this report.

Main activities and achievements

The Trust provides and maintains four Gospel halls where religious meetings are held by the local Brethren community. Details of the origins, teachings and way of life of the Brethren can be found on the website - www.plymouthbrethrenchristianchurch.org and in the schedules to the Trust Deed.

During the financial year, a Trustee donated a property for use as a Gospel Hall to the Trust which has been included in the Trust accounts at market value, as determined by an independent surveyor.

Plans for future periods

Despite the increased cost of energy, the trustees feel that these increased costs are not significantly impacting on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern.

The trust is committed to providing and maintaining the additional gospel hall donated from a Trustee during the financial year.

Meetings

Meetings held at the Gospel halls include the Lord's Supper (Communion), Gospel preachings, Bible readings and Bible addresses. There is a structured weekly schedule of meetings and, depending on the particular meeting, between 25 and 550 people normally attend these occasions.

The meetings are attended by the regular congregation and most are open to other properly disposed visitors. The notice board outside the Hall welcomes visitors and displays the times of Gospel preachings, along with a telephone number for those seeking further information or help. Gospel tracts, which are distributed by street preachers, also display this information.

Bibles and an extensive range of other Christian reading material are on display at the halls and visitors are free to help themselves.

Spreading the Gospel message and the life of a Christian

The Gospel halls are a base from which the regular congregation and others who attend the meetings are encouraged to spread the Christian Gospel, in word and deed.

Members of the congregation participate in a programme of street preaching and Gospel tracts are provided free of charge by the Charity to such preachers to be handed out to interested members of the public.

In carrying out this work, the congregation considers itself to be living out its faith in practice, as particularly exemplified in the following extract from the schedule to the Trust Deed on living a Christian life:

- We seek and are encouraged to live exemplary lives in all our relationships with others in the wider community (including former Brethren), in accordance with the teachings of Holy Scripture (1 Tim 2:2).
- We regularly go out from our homes to preach on the streets, to distribute Christian literature and engage with the wider community (including former Brethren) in order to present eternal salvation, available to all men by faith in Jesus Christ. (2 Tim 4:2).
- We seek as members of the public to lead Christian lives as husbands and wives, parents, children, employers, employees and neighbours. (Col 3:22-25, Col 4:1).
- The preservation and protection of the family unit is fundamental and children are prized as a blessing from God. (Psalm 127:3-5). The elderly are valued members of the community, for whom both their family and the wider community are expected to care.
- Holy Scripture commands us to be good neighbours to others, and deal with all other people (including former Brethren) openly, honestly and fairly and consistent with these principles, we should give our time, talents and money to assist those in need in the wider community, in so far as reasonable given our abilities and our available resources. (Matt 7:12, Matt 22:39, Eph 4:28).

Funding

Funding is sought through gifts from the congregation and Gift Aid is claimed on eligible donations. Funding is sometimes received from other charitable trusts with complementary objectives.

Financial Review

In the year ended 5 April 2025 the Trust had a surplus of incoming resources over resources expended.

Total voluntary income received this year was £451,628 compared to £306,233 in the previous year.

All funds held were unrestricted funds.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs, based on its size and the level of its financial commitments. The Trust has no employees and its regular outgoings are minimal. Accordingly, the Trustees have decided to adopt a policy of maintaining enough reserves to cover day to day expenditure and any urgent needs that may arise. The congregation is kept regularly informed as to particular needs for funds, and other relevant matters and the Trustees aim to ensure that the Charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure, by raising a funds appeal to the congregation.

Free Reserves at the year end were £157,515 (2024: £227,409)

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

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

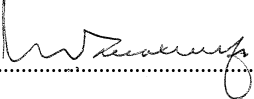
The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the Trust Deed require the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. All transactions have been reviewed and approved by two trustees.

On Behalf of the board:


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Mr M Wheatcroft (Trustee)

12/11/2025

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Date

Report of the Independent Examiner

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust

For the year ended 5 April 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust for the year ended 5 April 2025.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

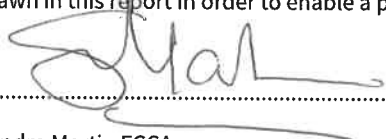
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. 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.

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.



Sandra Martin FCCA

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4 November 2025

Statement of Financial Activities

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2025

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2025	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
Income and endowments:					
Donations and Legacies:					
Contributions from the Congregation	1,501	-	-	1,501	25,838
Gift Aid Donations	11,510	-	-	11,510	93,845
Income Tax refunds	2,878	-	-	2,878	23,461
Non Gift Aid Donations	45,739	-	-	45,739	163,088
Donation of meeting halls (note 4.2)	390,000	-	-	390,000	-
Investments					
Interest Received	1,888	-	-	1,888	-
Total Income and endowments:	453,516	-	-	453,516	306,233
Expenditure:					
Running Meeting Rooms (note 7)	89,536	-	-	89,536	84,542
Congregation Support (note 7)	-	-	-	-	5,386
Other Charitable Activities (note 7)	2,131	-	-	2,131	772
Total Expenditure:	91,667	-	-	91,667	90,700
Net Income/(Expenditure)	361,849	-	-	361,849	215,533
Net Movement In Funds	361,849	-	-	361,849	215,533
Reconciliation of funds (note 9)					
Total Funds brought forward	1,543,982	-	-	1,543,982	1,328,449
Net movement in funds	361,849	-	-	361,849	215,533
Total Funds carried forward	1,905,831	-	-	1,905,831	1,543,982

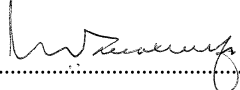
The notes on page 11 - 19 form part of these financial statements.

Balance Sheet

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust As at 5 April 2025

	2025	2024
Fixed Assets		
Tangible assets (note 4)	1,748,316	1,316,573
Total Fixed Assets	1,748,316	1,316,573
Current assets		
Prepayments and accrued income	6,328	27,253
Cash at bank and in hand	154,109	216,132
Total Current assets	160,437	243,385
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Accruals and deferred income	2,922	15,976
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2,922	15,976
Net current assets/(liabilities)	157,515	227,409
Total assets less current liabilities	1,905,831	1,543,982
Net Assets	1,905,831	1,543,982
Funds (note 8)		
Unrestricted funds	1,905,831	1,543,982
Total Funds	1,905,831	1,543,982

The unaudited financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees of Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust on 12/11/2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



Mr M Wheatcroft (Trustee)

The notes on pages 11 - 19 form part of these financial statements.

Notes forming part of the Financial Statements

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014, and incorporating update bulletins 1 and 2, and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The functional currency of the charity is sterling (£).

The Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

1.2 Income

Donations are recognised in the year in which there is entitlement and probability of receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future year. Gift aid is added to the value of the donation to which it relates.

Donated services are recognised as income and expenditure in the financial statements when organisations or individuals offer their services and support pro bono. The value of these donated services to Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust is considered to be equal to market value which would be paid were the service formally procured. This includes services paid for by other trusts.

Investment income is accounted for on a receivable basis.

1.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis. Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Charitable activities comprise those costs directly attributable to the fulfilment of the charitable objects.

1.4 Governance and support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and costs related to statutory requirements. Governance and support costs are allocated to charitable activities on the basis of capacity used.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets (costing more than £100) are stated at cost less depreciation. Freehold land is not depreciated. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Freehold buildings	2.5% / 3% straight line
Property improvements	2.5% / 3% straight line
Fixtures and Fittings	10% reducing balance
Computer Equipment	25% straight line

1.6 Taxation

The Trust is a registered charity and is not liable to United Kingdom income or corporation tax on charitable activities, provided income falls within the charitable exemptions and is spent on charitable purposes.

1.7 Funds

The general unrestricted fund is free for the Trustees to use for any purposes in furtherance of the trust's charitable objects.

Restricted funds arise from donations to the trust, which are made for a specific purpose. Restricted funds can only be used for the purpose for which funds were given.

1.8 Preparation of consolidated financial statements

The Charity does not have a trading subsidiary.

1.9 Going Concern

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

1.10 Significant estimates and judgements

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

No Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits from an employment with the charity and no Trustees were reimbursed for expenses (2024: none)

3. WAGES AND SALARIES

There are no employees (2024: none)

4. Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost	Freehold Land and Buildings - Herrick Road	Freehold Land and Buildings - Osgathorpe	Freehold Land & Buildings - Thringstone	Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment	Computer Equipment
At 6 April 2024	79,284	1,130,192	409,309	20,717	1,134
Additions	-	-	73,556	1,115	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 5 April 2025	79,284	1,130,192	482,864	21,832	1,134
Depreciation					
At 6 April 2024	32,154	268,023	11,474	11,982	430
Current Year Depreciation	1,783	22,379	9,153	892	284
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 5 April 2025	33,937	290,402	20,628	12,873	713
Net Book Value					
At 5 April 2025	45,347	839,789	462,237	8,958	421
At 5 April 2024	47,130	862,168	397,834	8,735	704

Cost	Freehold Land and Buildings - Leicester Road	Totals
At 2024	-	1,640,636
Additions	394,338	469,008
Disposals	-	-
At	394,338	2,109,644
Depreciation		
At 2024	-	324,063
Current Year Depreciation	2,775	37,266
Eliminated on disposals	-	-
At	2,775	361,329
Net Book Value		
At	391,563	1,748,315
At 5 April 2024	-	1,316,572

Land registry titles of the above property held are LT78043, LT162748, LT110071, LT427654 & LT189299.

4.2 Donation of meeting halls

During the year the trust received the following property from a Trustee for nil consideration:

Leicester Road (LT189299): £390,000

5. TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

During the financial year, aggregated donations of £30,796 (2024: £205,120) were received. The trust made reimbursements to trustees, totaling £82,891 (2024: £7,331) for trust expenses paid on behalf of the trust. Michael Wheatcroft (a trustee of the charity) is director of Fixfire Ltd, from which Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust procured services totaling £1,180.

During the year, Michael Wheatcroft, a Trustee, donated a property with a market value of £390,000 to the trust for nil consideration. Michael has not retained any interest in the property, and will receive no benefit from this donation.

6. VOLUNTEERS

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust relies entirely on volunteers to carry out the management, administration and general maintenance work. The Trust has no paid staff or paid Trustees.

Resources Expended

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2025

7. Resources Expended

	MEETING ROOMS	OTHER CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	TOTAL COSTS 2025	TOTAL COSTS 2024
Direct Costs				
Premises costs - repairs and maintenance	16,728	-	16,728	18,097
Premises costs - heat, light and power	16,197	-	16,197	20,411
Premises costs - rent and rates	2,688	-	2,688	2,362
Telephone	1,322	-	1,322	824
Health and Safety	454	-	454	-
Legal and professional	5,196	-	5,196	3,162
Bank charges	368	-	368	-
Congregation Support	-	-	-	5,386
Public outreach expenses	-	2,356	2,356	772
Special meeting costs	900	-	900	900
Depreciation	37,266	-	37,266	32,431
Insurance	5,397	-	5,397	3,687
Governance	2,796	-	2,796	2,669
Total Direct Costs	89,311	2,356	91,667	90,700

Governance costs include £300 (prior year: £180) in respect of independent examiners fees.

Analysis of Net Assets - Current year

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust
For the year ended 5 April 2025

8. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

8.1 Current Year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2025
Funds				
Tangible Fixed Assets	1,748,316	-	-	1,748,316
Current Assets	160,437	-	-	160,437
Current Liabilities	(2,922)	-	-	(2,922)
Total Funds	1,905,831	-	-	1,905,831

Analysis of Net Assets - Prior Year

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2025

8.2 Prior Year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
Funds				
Tangible Fixed Assets	1,316,573	-	-	1,316,573
Current Assets	243,385	-	-	243,385
Current Liabilities	(15,976)	-	-	(15,976)
Total Funds	1,543,982	-	-	1,543,982

Movement in Funds - Current Year

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust
For the year ended 5 April 2025

9. Movement in Funds

9.1 Movement in funds - current year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2025
Movement in Funds				
Total funds brought forward	1,543,982	-	-	1,543,982
Incoming resources	453,516	-	-	453,516
Resources expended	(91,667)	-	-	(91,667)
Total funds carried forward	1,905,831	-	-	1,905,831

Movement in Funds - Prior Year

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2025

9. Movement in Funds

9.2 Movement in funds - Prior year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
Movement in Funds				
Total funds brought forward	1,328,449	-	-	1,328,449
Incoming resources	306,233	-	-	306,233
Resources expended	(90,700)	-	-	(90,700)
Total funds carried forward	1,543,982	-	-	1,543,982

Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2025

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
Income and endowments:				
Donations and Legacies:				
Contributions from the Congregation	25,838	-	-	25,838
Gift Aid Donations	93,845	-	-	93,845
Income Tax refunds	23,461	-	-	23,461
Non Gift Aid Donations	163,088	-	-	163,088
Total Income and endowments:	306,233	-	-	306,233
Expenditure:				
Running Meeting Rooms (note 7)	84,542	-	-	84,542
Congregation Support (note 7)	5,386	-	-	5,386
Other Charitable Activities (note 7)	772	-	-	772
Total Expenditure:	90,700	-	-	90,700
Net Income/(Expenditure)	215,533	-	-	215,533
Net Movement In Funds	215,533	-	-	215,533
	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
Reconciliation of funds (note 9)				
Total Funds brought forward	1,328,449	-	-	1,328,449
Net movement in funds	215,533	-	-	215,533
Total Funds carried forward	1,543,982	-	-	1,543,982

LGHT Public Benefit Report

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust Public Benefit

The purpose of this factual presentation is to show how the Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust community engage in many acts of public benefit and interact with the wider community in so many ways.

The Plymouth Brethren were established in 1828 when John Nelson Darby broke with the established Church in Dublin. Darby and others formed a fellowship based on the strict observance of Christian teachings as set out in the Holy Scriptures. Darby came to Plymouth in the early 1830s and the congregation grew rapidly. Early publications were produced in Plymouth and distributed to other congregations of followers throughout the globe.



Introduction

There are over 18,000 Plymouth Brethren members in the UK, spread across 87 locations. These locations can be found on the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church (PBCC) UK Site.



There have been Brethren Gospel, or meeting halls in the Loughborough area for over 150 years.

The Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust, formerly The Ashby Trust was formed in the 1960's to acquire buildings to be used for the advancement of the Christian religion by carrying on the service of God, including the celebration of the Lord's Supper, Gospel Preachings, Bible Readings and addresses on the Word of God and other meetings of a Christian religious character according to the injunctions contained in the Holy Scriptures and the tenets and practices of those Christians forming a worldwide fellowship known as Plymouth Brethren.

The Loughborough is one of the smaller congregations in the UK, with 135 members living in the Charnwood and North West Leicestershire districts; however with residents from the Derby, Nottingham and Leicester areas attending services up to three times a week, together with other visitors, numbers attending services regularly approach 500 persons, from young babies to nonagenarians.



Our Network



To read more on the PBCC way of life, visit the <https://www.plymouthbrethrenchristianchurch.org> website.



Street Preaching and Tract Distribution

Street Preaching

Street Preaching has been actively promoted by the Plymouth brethren for many years, at least from the 1920's, and today is enthusiastically supported by members of the Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust congregation, as we seek to follow the example set out by our Lord Jesus Christ (Luke ch4 v17-20)

The essential activity of publicly preaching the name of Jesus and God's wonderful Gospel indiscriminately, gives joy and encouragement to our daily lives; as having personally proved the tangible benefit and immense improvement believing in Jesus brings, we seek to highlight the availability of Jesus to all mankind.

Currently the main chosen location is on Churchgate, Loughborough, near the marketplace. Street preachings have been held here since the 1990s and are held around 1pm on weekdays. There are also occasional preachings in Coalville.

Romans 10v13; "For everyone whosoever, who shall call on the name of the Lord, shall be saved"

The aim of the street preaching is not to recruit additional members for the Plymouth Brethren but to present eternal salvation as available to all men by faith in Jesus Christ and His blood and His work of atonement.

Tract Distribution

Members of the congregation have continued to hand out tracts to neighbours and people in need when they have met them.

Tracts are available for download on the below website:
<https://christiandocctrineandgospelpublishing.org/>

Outreach

In our outreach program, we have engaged with centres for the homeless and vulnerable.

At the heart of our Community is the commitment to care and compassion, as we recognise the rights of all humanity within society. Members of the Congregation dedicate their time volunteering through our charitable arm, Rapid Relief Team (RRT) and contribute financially to many causes. As Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust, we actively seek opportunities to support our local community including donating to local charities.

See below statistics from our outreach program, in 2024/25:

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Trust Grants Awarded

28

RRT Volunteers

380

Street Preachings

"At the OHG (Osgathorpe Heritage Group) meeting on Thursday I presented the £500 Cheque that the Brethren had donated to the group. The group were overwhelmingly delighted, as this will provide funding for the core costs and some events over the next couple of years. The Osgathorpe Heritage Group would like to thank the Brethren for this very generous donation"

Rapid Relief Team

Our Mission



To serve people with care & compassion in their time of need.

Our Vision



For the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church to express Christian principles of care and compassion, by way of benevolent relief to people in need.

Our Values



Global Team | Community Care
| Compassion | Consistency

As a trust, we have purchased 102 RRT Family Food Boxes which we donated to various local needs such as homeless and vulnerable shelters, schools, parishes etc. The RRT Food Boxes are designed to feed a family of 4 for up to 4 days and bring some relief and joy to households during their time of pressure and crisis.

3

Events attended

7

Charities supported

102

RRT Family Food Boxes donated

Events

Steps Conductive Education Centre

On 8th July 2024, RRT Loughborough provided a hot lunch for the staff, parents and children at The Steps Centre. The Steps Centre helps young children with conditions such as Down's Syndrome and Cerebral Palsy, whilst providing support for the families of the children. We collected £307.50 in donations throughout the day; this was gifted back to The Steps Centre to support the important work they do.

Shelthorpe Family Hub - 1st Event

On 31st July 2024, we attended the Shelthorpe Family Hub to support one of their outdoor Summer events. The event provided wholesome occupation for some of the most vulnerable local children and families. The hot lunch we provided was enjoyed by all!

Shelthorpe Family Hub - 2nd Event

On 14th August 2024, we attended a second event at the Shelthorpe Family Hub; this event was themed on the Olympics - aimed at helping to encourage the local youth to stay active during the Summer Holidays, whilst providing occupational support for vulnerable local families. RRT Loughborough was again on hand to provide a hot lunch to all who attended.

Product Donations

RRT Loughborough saw a big uptick in this area of our work last year. Having made donations to Schools, Family Hubs and Homeless Support Services, we are thankful to say that our donations have reached those most in need of them in our local communities.

Organisations we supported with donations include Falcon Support Services, Oxley Primary School, Coalville Family Hub, Beacon Academy, Long Whatton Primary School, Children and Family Wellbeing Service (CFWS), and All Saints CofE Primary School, Coalville.

Items Donated:

56x Comfort Snack Packs, 2200x SMARRT Cereal Bars, 240x Water Bottles, 215x Thermal Blankets, 102x Family Food Boxes, 16x Baby Care Kits

"You have taken a big pressure off knowing that we have food for the next few days"

A recipient of a Family Food Box

"The front-line workers like us don't often get support and appreciation. It's really heart-warming to see that the packs have been packed with care and consideration!"

Frontline Support Worker

In addition to the above, Loughborough members of the RRT have travelled to RRT HQ in St Neots and joined part of a national team packing food boxes which are distributed to the needy throughout the whole of the UK.

The trust see that the work carried out by its members as Volunteers of the Rapid Relief Team (RRT) is of the utmost importance in the community and has been pleased again to allow its external facilities to be used as a meeting/gathering point for these volunteers prior to deployment or community support. Equipment and trailers are stored in the secure ground of the gospel halls where volunteers can freely access them as much of the work of RRT is done out of normal operating hours



Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust

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LOUGHBOROUGH GOSPEL HALL TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1157882

Accounts

Trustees Report & Unaudited Financial Statements

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust
For the year ended 5 April 2024

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Legal and Administrative Information

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2024

Charity Name:

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust

Registered Charity Number:

1157882

Trustees:

Mr M Wheatcroft (Chair)

Mr A Bedford

Mr G Lowe

Mr D Bedford

Mr D Wheatcroft

Treasurer:

Mr M Wheatcroft

Principle Address:

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Report of the Trustees

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2024

The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 5 April 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 11 and comply with the Trust Deed and applicable law.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The Charity is an unincorporated trust constituted by a Deed of Trust dated 5th October 1992, most recently amended by Deed of Variation dated 28th February 2014. The trust was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 16th July 2014 under Charity Registration Number: 1157882

Recruitment and appointment of new Trustees

The Trustees who have served during the year and since the year end are set out on page 3. None of the Trustees, nor any person connected with them, received any remuneration or expenses from the Charity in the year ended 5 April 2024.

The Trust operates three Gospel halls and Trustees are chosen from among the regular congregation of the halls. New Trustees are nominated by the existing Trustees or by the congregation and must be appointed by unanimous resolution of the congregation. They are selected according to their skills and experience and are expected to use both in furthering the objects of the Charity. Checks are made to ensure the Trustees' eligibility to act and incoming Trustees are made aware of their responsibilities by the existing Trustees, who ensure that new Trustees read the Trust Deed and relevant Charity Commission guidance.

Wider Network

The Trustees maintain informal links with similar charities with a view to pooling experience considered useful in pursuing the objects of the Charity.

Risk Management

The Trustees have identified and reviewed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and confirm that they have established systems to manage and mitigate those risks.

Objectives and Activities

Objectives and Aims

The charitable purposes of the Charity are the advancement of the Christian religion for the public benefit, including by the carrying on of the service of God in accordance with the Old and New Testaments of the Holy Bible as followed by those Christians forming part of the world-wide fellowship known as the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church (the "Brethren") and any other charitable purposes connected with Brethren. The core doctrine of the Brethren and proper practices in furtherance of certain aspects of doctrine are summarised in two schedules to the Trust Deed.

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty under section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance to charities on public benefit.

Details of public benefit activities carried out by Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust can be found in the separate appendix to this report.

Main activities and achievements

The Trust provides and maintains two Gospel halls where religious meetings are held by the local Brethren community. Details of the origins, teachings and way of life of the Brethren can be found on the website - www.plymouthbrethrenchristianchurch.org and in the schedules to the Trust Deed.

During the year the trust commenced work on the Thringstone site, developing it into an additional Meeting Hall to be completed in the coming year.

Plans for future periods

Despite the increased cost of energy, the trustees feel that these increased costs are not significantly impacting on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern.

Meetings

Meetings held at the Gospel halls include the Lord's Supper (Communion), Gospel preachings, Bible readings and Bible addresses. There is a structured weekly schedule of meetings and, depending on the particular meeting, between 25 and 550 people normally attend these occasions.

The meetings are attended by the regular congregation and most are open to other properly disposed visitors. The notice board outside the Hall welcomes visitors and displays the times of Gospel preachings, along with a telephone number for those seeking further information or help. Gospel tracts, which are distributed by street preachers, also display this information.

Bibles and an extensive range of other Christian reading material are on display at the halls and visitors are free to help themselves.

Spreading the Gospel message and the life of a Christian

The Gospel halls are a base from which the regular congregation and others who attend the meetings are encouraged to spread the Christian Gospel, in word and deed.

Members of the congregation participate in a programme of street preaching and Gospel tracts are provided free of charge by the Charity to such preachers to be handed out to interested members of the public.

In carrying out this work, the congregation considers itself to be living out its faith in practice, as particularly exemplified in the following extract from the schedule to the Trust Deed on living a Christian life:

- We seek and are encouraged to live exemplary lives in all our relationships with others in the wider community (including former Brethren), in accordance with the teachings of Holy Scripture (1 Tim 2:2).
- We regularly go out from our homes to preach on the streets, to distribute Christian literature and engage with the wider community (including former Brethren) in order to present eternal salvation, available to all men by faith in Jesus Christ. (2 Tim 4:2).
- We seek as members of the public to lead Christian lives as husbands and wives, parents, children, employers, employees and neighbours. (Col 3:22-25, Col 4:1).
- The preservation and protection of the family unit is fundamental and children are prized as a blessing from God. (Psalm 127:3-5). The elderly are valued members of the community, for whom both their family and the wider community are expected to care.
- Holy Scripture commands us to be good neighbours to others, and deal with all other people (including former Brethren) openly, honestly and fairly and consistent with these principles, we should give our time, talents and money to assist those in need in the wider community, in so far as reasonable given our abilities and our available resources. (Matt 7:12, Matt 22:39, Eph 4:28).

Funding

Funding is sought through gifts from the congregation and Gift Aid is claimed on eligible donations. Funding is sometimes received from other charitable trusts with complementary objectives.

Financial Review

In the year ended 5 April 2024 the Trust had a surplus of incoming resources over resources expended.

Total voluntary income received this year was £306,233 compared to £125,372 in the previous year.

All funds held were unrestricted funds.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs, based on its size and the level of its financial commitments. The Trust has no employees and its regular outgoings are minimal. Accordingly, the Trustees have decided to adopt a policy of maintaining enough reserves to cover day to day expenditure and any urgent needs that may arise. The Trust is currently building up reserves in view of works to be completed on a meeting hall in the forthcoming year. The congregation is kept regularly informed as to particular needs for funds, and other relevant matters and the Trustees aim to ensure that the Charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure, by raising a funds appeal to the congregation.

Free Reserves at the year end were £227,409 (2023: £nil)

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

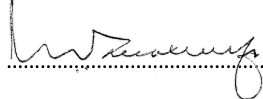
The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the Trust Deed require the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. All transactions have been reviewed and approved by two trustees.

On Behalf of the board:



.....

Mr M Wheatcroft (Trustee)

25/09/2024

.....

Date

Report of the Independent Examiner

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust for the year ended 5 April 2024.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. 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.

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.

Sandra Thurgood FCCA



7 August 2024

Statement of Financial Activities

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2024

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2024	TOTAL FUNDS 2023
Income and endowments:					
Donations and Legacies:					
Contributions from the Congregation	25,838	-	-	25,838	43,903
Gift Aid Donations	93,845	-	-	93,845	4,155
Income Tax refunds	23,461	-	-	23,461	1,039
Non Gift Aid Donations	163,088	-	-	163,088	76,200
Congregation Support	-	-	-	-	75
Other Income	-	-	-	-	532
Total Income and endowments:	306,233	-	-	306,233	125,904
Expenditure:					
Running Meeting Rooms (note 7)	84,542	-	-	84,542	63,143
Congregation Support (note 7)	5,386	-	-	5,386	6,556
Other Charitable Activities (note 7)	772	-	-	772	716
Total Expenditure:	90,700	-	-	90,700	70,415
Net Income/(Expenditure)	215,533	-	-	215,533	55,489
Net Movement In Funds	215,533	-	-	215,533	55,489
	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2024	TOTAL FUNDS 2023
Reconciliation of funds (note 9)					
Total Funds bought forward	1,328,449	-	-	1,328,449	1,272,960
Net movement in funds	215,533	-	-	215,533	55,489
Total Funds carried forward	1,543,982	-	-	1,543,982	1,328,449


The notes on page 11 - 18 form part of these financial statements.

Balance Sheet

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust As at 5 April 2024

	2024	2023
Fixed Assets		
Tangible assets (note 4)	1,316,573	1,333,341
Total Fixed Assets	1,316,573	1,333,341
Current assets		
Prepayments and accrued income	27,253	2,956
Cash at bank and in hand	216,132	77,650
Total Current assets	243,385	80,606
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Loans	-	83,000
Accruals and deferred income	15,976	2,497
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15,976	85,497
Net current assets/(liabilities)	227,409	(4,891)
Total assets less current liabilities	1,543,982	1,328,449
Net Assets	1,543,982	1,328,449
Funds (note 8)		
Unrestricted funds	1,543,982	1,328,449
Total Funds	1,543,982	1,328,449

The unaudited financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees of Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust on ...25/09/2024.....and were signed on its behalf by:



Mr M Wheatcroft (Trustee)

The notes on pages 11 - 18 form part of these financial statements.

Notes forming part of the Financial Statements

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014, and incorporating update bulletins 1 and 2, and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The functional currency of the charity is sterling (£).

The Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

1.2 Income

Donations are recognised in the year in which there is entitlement and probability of receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future year. Gift aid is added to the value of the donation to which it relates.

Donated services are recognised as income and expenditure in the financial statements when organisations or individuals offer their services and support pro bono. The value of these donated services to Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust is considered to be equal to market value which would be paid were the service formally procured. This includes services paid for by other trusts.

Investment income is accounted for on a receivable basis.

1.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis. Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Charitable activities comprise those costs directly attributable to the fulfilment of the charitable objects.

1.4 Governance and support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and costs related to statutory requirements. Governance and support costs are allocated to charitable activities on the basis of capacity used.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets (costing more than £100) are stated at cost less depreciation. Freehold land is not depreciated.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Freehold buildings	2.5% straight line
Property improvements	3% straight line
Fixtures and Fittings	10% reducing balance
Computer Equipment	25% straight line

1.6 Taxation

The Trust is a registered charity and is not liable to United Kingdom income or corporation tax on charitable activities, provided income falls within the charitable exemptions and is spent on charitable purposes.

1.7 Funds

The general unrestricted fund is free for the Trustees to use for any purposes in furtherance of the trust's charitable objects.

Restricted funds arise from donations to the trust, which are made for a specific purpose. Restricted funds can only be used for the purpose for which funds were given.

1.8 Preparation of consolidated financial statements

The Charity does not have a trading subsidiary.

1.9 Going Concern

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

1.10 Significant estimates and judgements

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

No Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits from an employment with the charity and no Trustees were reimbursed for expenses (2023: none)

3. WAGES AND SALARIES

There are no employees (2023: none)

4. Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost	Freehold Land and Buildings - Herrick Road	Freehold Land and Buildings - Osgathorpe	Freehold Land & Buildings - Thringstone	Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment	Computer Equipment	Totals
At 6 April 2023	78,859	1,130,192	396,207	18,581	1,134	1,624,973
Additions	425	-	13,102	2,136	-	15,663
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 5 April 2024	79,284	1,130,192	409,309	20,717	1,134	1,640,636
Depreciation						
At 6 April 2023	30,381	245,644	4,270	11,191	146	291,633
Current Year Depreciation	1,773	22,379	7,204	790	284	32,431
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 5 April 2024	32,154	268,023	11,474	11,982	430	324,063
Net Book Value						
At 5 April 2024	47,130	862,168	397,834	8,735	704	1,316,572
At 5 April 2023	48,478	884,547	391,937	7,390	988	1,333,340

Land registry titles of the above property held are LT78043, LT162748, LT207387, LT110071, LT263200, LT427654.

5. TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

During the financial year, aggregated donations of £205,120 (2023: £76,275) were received. The trust made reimbursements to trustees, totalling £7,331 (2023: £4,107) for trust expenses paid on the trust behalf.

6. VOLUNTEERS

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust relies entirely on volunteers to carry out the management, administration and general maintenance work. The Trust has no paid staff or paid Trustees.

Resources Expended

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2024

7. Resources Expended

	MEETING ROOMS	OTHER CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	TOTAL COSTS 2024	TOTAL COSTS 2023
Direct Costs				
Premises costs - repairs and maintenance	18,097	-	18,097	11,708
Premises costs - heat, light and power	20,411	-	20,411	8,121
Premises costs - rent and rates	2,362	-	2,362	6,807
Telephone	824	-	824	821
Health and Safety	-	-	-	44
Legal and professional	3,162	-	3,162	2,105
Bank charges	-	-	-	132
Congregation Support	-	5,386	5,386	6,556
Public outreach expenses	-	772	772	716
Special meeting costs	900	-	900	-
Depreciation	32,431	-	32,431	29,329
Insurance	3,687	-	3,687	2,638
Governance	2,669	-	2,669	1,438
Total Direct Costs	84,542	6,158	90,700	70,415

Governance costs include £180 (prior year: £180) in respect of independent examiners fees.

Analysis of Net Assets - Current year

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust
For the year ended 5 April 2024

8. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

8.1 Current Year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
Funds				
Tangible Fixed Assets	1,316,573	-	-	1,316,573
Current Assets	243,385	-	-	243,385
Current Liabilities	(15,976)	-	-	(15,976)
Total Funds	1,543,982	-	-	1,543,982

Analysis of Net Assets - Prior Year

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2024

8.2 Prior Year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2023
Funds				
Tangible Fixed Assets	1,306,727	-	26,614	1,333,341
Current Assets	107,220	-	(26,614)	80,606
Current Liabilities	(85,497)	-	-	(85,497)
Total Funds	1,328,449	-	-	1,328,449

Movement in Funds - Current Year

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2024

9. Movement in Funds

9.1 Movement in funds - current year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
Movement in Funds				
Total funds brought forward	1,328,449	-	-	1,328,449
Incoming resources	306,233	-	-	306,233
Resources expended	(90,700)	-	-	(90,700)
Total funds carried forward	1,543,982	-	-	1,543,982

Movement in Funds - Prior Year

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2024

9. Movement in Funds

9.2 Movement in funds - Prior year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2023
Movement in Funds				
Total funds brought forward	1,246,421	(75)	26,614	1,272,960
Incoming resources	125,829	75	-	125,904
Resources expended	(70,415)	-	-	(70,415)
Transfers between Funds	26,614	-	(26,614)	-
Total funds carried forward	1,328,449	-	-	1,328,449

Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2024

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2023
Income and endowments:				
Donations and Legacies:				
Contributions from the Congregation	43,903	-	-	43,903
Gift Aid Donations	4,155	-	-	4,155
Income Tax refunds	1,039	-	-	1,039
Non Gift Aid Donations	76,200	-	-	76,200
Congregation Support	-	75	-	75
Other Income	532	-	-	532
Total Income and endowments:	125,829	75	-	125,904
Expenditure:				
Running Meeting Rooms (note 7)	63,143	-	-	63,143
Congregation Support (note 7)	6,556	-	-	6,556
Other Charitable Activities (note 7)	716	-	-	716
Total Expenditure:	70,415	-	-	70,415
Net Income/(Expenditure)	55,414	75	-	55,489
Other Movements				
Transfers between funds				
Funds Transfer	26,614	-	(26,614)	-
Net Movement In Funds	82,028	75	(26,614)	55,489
	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2023
Reconciliation of funds (note 9)				
Total Funds brought forward	1,246,421	(75)	26,614	1,272,960
Net movement in funds	82,028	75	(26,614)	55,489
Total Funds carried forward	1,328,449	-	-	1,328,449

LGHT Public Benefit Report

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust Public Benefit

The purpose of this factual presentation is to show how the Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust community engage in many acts of public benefit and interact with the wider community in so many ways.

The Plymouth Brethren were established in 1828 when John Nelson Darby broke with the established Church in Dublin. Darby and others formed a fellowship based on the strict observance of Christian teachings as set out in the Holy Scriptures. Darby came to Plymouth in the early 1830s and the congregation grew rapidly. Early publications were produced in Plymouth and distributed to other congregations of followers throughout the globe.



Introduction

There are over 18,000 Plymouth Brethren members in the UK, spread across 87 locations. These locations can be found on the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church (PBCC) UK Site.



There have been Brethren Gospel, or meeting halls in the Loughborough area for over 150 years.

The Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust, formerly The Ashby Trust was formed in the 1960's to acquire buildings to be used for the advancement of the Christian religion by carrying on the service of God, including the celebration of the Lord's Supper, Gospel Preachings, Bible Readings and addresses on the Word of God and other meetings of a Christian religious character according to the injunctions contained in the Holy Scriptures and the tenets and practices of those Christians forming a worldwide fellowship known as Plymouth Brethren.

The Loughborough congregation is one of the smaller congregations in the UK, with 135 members living in the Charnwood and North West Leicestershire districts; however with residents from the Derby, Nottingham and Leicester areas attending services up to three times a week, together with other visitors, numbers attending services regularly approach 500 persons, from young babies to nonagenarians.



Our Network



To read more on the PBCC way of life, visit the <https://www.plymouthbrethrenchristianchurch.org> website.



"I was so grateful to receive this today as I hadn't got no food to give to my children until I received my benefits on Friday
I cried when I opened the box to see that my children could have something hot in their tummies Thank you
thankyou"

Street Preaching and Tract Distribution

Street Preaching

Street Preaching has been actively promoted by the Plymouth brethren for many years, at least from the 1920's, and today is enthusiastically supported by members of the Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust congregation, as we seek to follow the example set out by our Lord Jesus Christ (Luke ch4 v17-20)

The essential activity of publicly preaching the name of Jesus and God's wonderful Gospel indiscriminately, gives joy and encouragement to our daily lives; as having personally proved the tangible benefit and immense improvement believing in Jesus brings, we seek to highlight the availability of Jesus to all mankind.

Currently the main chosen location is on Churchgate, Loughborough, near the marketplace. Street preachings have been held here since the 1990s and are held around 1pm on weekdays.

Romans 10v13; "For everyone whosoever, who shall call on the name of the Lord, shall be saved"

The aim of the street preaching is not to recruit additional members for the Plymouth Brethren but to present eternal salvation as available to all men by faith in Jesus Christ and His blood and His work of atonement.

Tract Distribution

Members of the congregation have continued to hand out tracts to neighbours and people in need when they have met them.

Tracts are available for download on the below website:
<https://christiandocctrineandgospelpublishing.org/>

Outreach

In our outreach program, we have engaged with centres for the homeless and vulnerable.

At the heart of our Community is the commitment to care and compassion, as we recognise the rights of all humanity within society. Members of the Congregation dedicate their time volunteering through our charitable arm, Rapid Relief Team (RRT) and contribute financially to many causes. As Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust, we actively seek opportunities to support our local community including donating to local charities.

See below statistics from our outreach program, in 2023/24:

11 Charities supported

28 RRT Volunteers

380 Street Preachings

Rapid Relief Team

Our Mission



To serve people with care & compassion in their time of need.

Our Vision



For the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church to express Christian principles of care and compassion, by way of benevolent relief to people in need.

Our Values



Global Team | Community Care
| Compassion | Consistency

As a trust, we have purchased 46 RRT Family Food Boxes which we donated to various local needs such as homeless and vulnerable shelters, schools, parishes etc. The RRT Food Boxes are designed to feed a family of 4 for up to 4 days and bring some relief and joy to households during their time of pressure and crisis.

11

Charities supported

46

RRT Family Food Boxes donated

66

Meals for the Steps Conductive Education Centre, Shepshed

In December 2023, RRT donated 21 RRT Family Food Boxes, 500 RRT Smarrt Bars, 80 RRT Comfort Snack Packs, 60 pairs RRT Thermal Socks and 48 RRT Fleece blankets to the Loughborough Children and Family Wellbeing Centre.

RRT also donated 32 Early Bird Learning Kits, 22 boxes of RRT Smarrt Bars (breakfast bars) and 25 family food boxes across 8 schools in the local area.

Coming to the food cupboard
has really helped me and
my family, Therese has always
been welcoming and when she
gave me the food box it
really helped get us through
the week the children were
very happy with helping unpack it
and to find a little chocolate
in there so they were all excited
and we got to spend time
cooking together. we really appreciate
the help of those who donated and to
those who made the boxes up
thank you 😊

The trust see that the work carried out by its members as Volunteers of the Rapid Relief Team (RRT) is of the utmost importance in the community and has been pleased again to allow its external facilities to be used as a meeting/gathering point for these volunteers prior to deployment or community support. Equipment and trailers are stored in the secure ground of the gospel halls where volunteers can freely access them as much of the work of RRT is done out of normal operating hours

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust

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LOUGHBOROUGH GOSPEL HALL TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1157882

Accounts

Trustees Report & Unaudited Financial Statements

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust
For the year ended 5 April 2023

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Legal and Administrative Information

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2023

Charity Name:

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust

Registered Charity Number:

1157882

Trustees:

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Mr A Bedford

Mr G Lowe

Mr D Bedford

Mr D Wheatcroft

Treasurer:

Mr M Wheatcroft

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Report of the Trustees

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2023

The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 5 April 2023. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 11 and comply with the Trust Deed and applicable law.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The Charity is an unincorporated trust constituted by a Deed of Trust dated 5th October 1992, most recently amended by Deed of Variation dated 28th February 2014. The trust was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 16th July 2014 under Charity Registration Number: 1157882

Recruitment and appointment of new Trustees

The Trustees who have served during the year and since the year end are set out on page 3. None of the Trustees, nor any person connected with them, received any remuneration or expenses from the Charity in the year ended 5 April 2023.

The Trust operates three Gospel halls and Trustees are chosen from among the regular congregation of the halls. New Trustees are nominated by the existing Trustees or by the congregation and must be appointed by unanimous resolution of the congregation. They are selected according to their skills and experience and are expected to use both in furthering the objects of the Charity. Checks are made to ensure the Trustees' eligibility to act and incoming Trustees are made aware of their responsibilities by the existing Trustees, who ensure that new Trustees read the Trust Deed and relevant Charity Commission guidance.

Wider Network

The Trustees maintain informal links with similar charities with a view to pooling experience considered useful in pursuing the objects of the Charity.

Risk Management

The Trustees have identified and reviewed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and confirm that they have established systems to manage and mitigate those risks.

Objectives and Activities

Objectives and Aims

The charitable purposes of the Charity are the advancement of the Christian religion for the public benefit, including by the carrying on of the service of God in accordance with the Old and New Testaments of the Holy Bible as followed by those Christians forming part of the world-wide fellowship known as the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church (the "Brethren") and any other charitable purposes connected with Brethren. The core doctrine of the Brethren and proper practices in furtherance of certain aspects of doctrine are summarised in two schedules to the Trust Deed.

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty under section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance to charities on public benefit.

Details of public benefit activities carried out by Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust can be found in the separate appendix to this report.

Main activities and achievements

The Trust provides and maintains two Gospel halls where religious meetings are held by the local Brethren community. Details of the origins, teachings and way of life of the Brethren can be found on the website - www.plymouthbrethrenchristianchurch.org and in the schedules to the Trust Deed.

During the year the trust completed the purchase of a former Methodist Chapel for use as a local room.

The trustees have also operated an Emergency Needs fund for the duration of the coronavirus pandemic and any resultant economic downturn. This is providing limited financial assistance by the way of grocery vouchers to households, who have experienced a recent and significant decrease in income due to the pandemic, such that it is likely to impact on the health and/or welfare of members of the household. The trust has appointed a Local Welfare Panel to manage the application process and to administer the vouchers to qualifying applicants.

Plans for future periods

Despite the increased cost of energy, the trustees feel that these increased costs are not significantly impacting on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern.

Meetings

Meetings held at the Gospel halls include the Lord's Supper (Communion), Gospel preachings, Bible readings and Bible addresses. There is a structured weekly schedule of meetings and, depending on the particular meeting, between 25 and 550 people normally attend these occasions.

The meetings are attended by the regular congregation and most are open to other properly disposed visitors. The notice board outside the Hall welcomes visitors and displays the times of Gospel preachings, along with a telephone number for those seeking further information or help. Gospel tracts, which are distributed by street preachers, also display this information.

Bibles and an extensive range of other Christian reading material are on display at the halls and visitors are free to help themselves.

Spreading the Gospel message and the life of a Christian

The Gospel halls are a base from which the regular congregation and others who attend the meetings are encouraged to spread the Christian Gospel, in word and deed.

Members of the congregation participate in a programme of street preaching and Gospel tracts are provided free of charge by the Charity to such preachers to be handed out to interested members of the public.

In carrying out this work, the congregation considers itself to be living out its faith in practice, as particularly exemplified in the following extract from the schedule to the Trust Deed on living a Christian life:

- We seek and are encouraged to live exemplary lives in all our relationships with others in the wider community (including former Brethren), in accordance with the teachings of Holy Scripture (1 Tim 2:2).
- We regularly go out from our homes to preach on the streets, to distribute Christian literature and engage with the wider community (including former Brethren) in order to present eternal salvation, available to all men by faith in Jesus Christ. (2 Tim 4:2).
- We seek as members of the public to lead Christian lives as husbands and wives, parents, children, employers, employees and neighbours. (Col 3:22-25, Col 4:1).
- The preservation and protection of the family unit is fundamental and children are prized as a blessing from God. (Psalm 127:3-5). The elderly are valued members of the community, for whom both their family and the wider community are expected to care.
- Holy Scripture commands us to be good neighbours to others, and deal with all other people (including former Brethren) openly, honestly and fairly and consistent with these principles, we should give our time, talents and money to assist those in need in the wider community, in so far as reasonable given our abilities and our available resources. (Matt 7:12, Matt 22:39, Eph 4:28).

Funding

Funding is sought through gifts from the congregation and Gift Aid is claimed on eligible donations. Funding is sometimes received from other charitable trusts with complementary objectives.

Financial Review

In the year ended 5 April 2023 the Trust had a surplus of incoming resources over resources expended. This is due to some larger donations being received to help fund the purchase of the new hall.

Total voluntary income received this year was £125,372 compared to £32,545 in the previous year.

All funds held were unrestricted funds.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs, based on its size and the level of its financial commitments. The Trust has no employees and its regular outgoings are minimal. Accordingly, the Trustees have decided to adopt a policy of maintaining enough reserves to cover day to day expenditure and any urgent needs that may arise. The congregation is kept regularly informed as to particular needs for funds, and other relevant matters and the Trustees aim to ensure that the Charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure, by raising a funds appeal to the congregation.

Free Reserves at the year end were £nil (2022: £282,083)

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

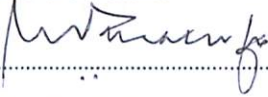
The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the Trust Deed require the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. All transactions have been reviewed and approved by two trustees.

On Behalf of the board:



Mr M Wheatcroft (Trustee)

30/11/2023

Date

Report of the Independent Examiner

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust for the year ended 5 April 2023.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. 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.

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.

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18 October 2023

Statement of Financial Activities

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2023

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2023	TOTAL FUNDS 2022
Income and endowments:					
Donations and Legacies:					
Contributions from the Congregation	43,903	-	-	43,903	10,896
Gift Aid Donations	4,155	-	-	4,155	2,179
Income Tax refunds	1,039	-	-	1,039	545
Non Gift Aid Donations	76,200	-	-	76,200	10,751
Congregation Support	-	75	-	75	8,175
Other Income	532	-	-	532	-
Total Income and endowments:	125,829	75	-	125,904	32,545
Expenditure:					
Running Meeting Rooms (note 7)	63,143	-	-	63,143	47,741
Congregation Support (note 7)	6,556	-	-	6,556	7,950
Other Charitable Activities (note 7)	716	-	-	716	593
Total Expenditure:	70,415	-	-	70,415	56,284
Net Income/(Expenditure)	55,414	75	-	55,489	(23,738)
Other Movements					
Transfers between funds					
Funds Transfer	26,614	-	(26,614)	-	-
Net Movement In Funds	82,028	75	(26,614)	55,489	(23,738)
	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2023	TOTAL FUNDS 2022
Reconciliation of funds (note 9)					
Total Funds brought forward	1,246,421	(75)	26,614	1,272,960	1,296,699
Net movement in funds	82,028	75	(26,614)	55,489	(23,738)
Total Funds carried forward	1,328,449	-	-	1,328,449	1,272,960

The notes on page 11 - 18 form part of these financial statements.

Balance Sheet

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust

As at 5 April 2023

	2023	2022
Fixed Assets		
Tangible assets (note 4)	1,333,341	964,263
Total Fixed Assets	1,333,341	964,263
Current assets		
Prepayments and accrued income	2,956	1,965
Cash at bank and in hand	77,650	309,197
Total Current assets	80,606	311,162
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Loans	83,000	-
Accruals and deferred income	2,497	2,465
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	85,497	2,465
Net current assets/(liabilities)	(4,891)	308,697
Total assets less current liabilities	1,328,449	1,272,960
Net Assets	1,328,449	1,272,960
Funds (note 8)		
Restricted Funds	-	26,614
Unrestricted funds	1,328,449	1,246,346
Total Funds	1,328,449	1,272,960

The unaudited financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees of Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust on 23/10/2023 and were signed on its behalf by:



Mr M Wheatcroft (Trustee)

The notes on pages 11 - 18 form part of these financial statements.

Notes forming part of the Financial Statements

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014, and incorporating update bulletins 1 and 2, and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The functional currency of the charity is sterling (£).

The Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

1.2 Income

Donations are recognised in the year in which there is entitlement and probability of receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future year. Gift aid is added to the value of the donation to which it relates.

Donated services are recognised as income and expenditure in the financial statements when organisations or individuals offer their services and support pro bono. The value of these donated services to Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust is considered to be equal to market value which would be paid were the service formally procured. This includes services paid for by other trusts.

Investment income is accounted for on a receivable basis.

1.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis. Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Charitable activities comprise those costs directly attributable to the fulfilment of the charitable objects.

1.4 Governance and support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and costs related to statutory requirements. Governance and support costs are allocated to charitable activities on the basis of capacity used.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets (costing more than £100) are stated at cost less depreciation. Freehold land is not depreciated. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Freehold buildings	2.5% straight line
Property improvements	3% straight line
Fixtures and Fittings	10% reducing balance
Computer Equipment	25% straight line

1.6 Taxation

The Trust is a registered charity and is not liable to United Kingdom income or corporation tax on charitable activities, provided income falls within the charitable exemptions and is spent on charitable purposes.

1.7 Funds

The general unrestricted fund is free for the Trustees to use for any purposes in furtherance of the trust's charitable objects.

Restricted funds arise from donations to the trust, which are made for a specific purpose. Restricted funds can only be used for the purpose for which funds were given.

1.8 Preparation of consolidated financial statements

The Charity does not have a trading subsidiary.

1.9 Going Concern

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

1.10 Significant estimates and judgements

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

No Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits from an employment with the charity and no Trustees were reimbursed for expenses (2022: none)

3. WAGES AND SALARIES

There are no employees (2022: none)

4. Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost	Freehold Land & Buildings - Herrick Road	Freehold Land & Buildings - Osgathorpe	Freehold Land & Buildings - Thringstone	Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment	Computer Equipment	Totals
At 6 April 2022	78,859	1,130,192	-	17,516	-	1,226,567
Additions	-	-	396,207	1,065	1,134	398,406
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 5 April 2023	78,859	1,130,192	396,207	18,581	1,134	1,624,973
Depreciation						
At 6 April 2022	28,611	223,265	-	10,428	-	262,304
Current Year Depreciation	1,770	22,379	4,270	764	146	29,329
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 5 April 2023	30,381	245,644	4,270	11,191	146	291,633
Net Book Value						
At 5 April 2023	48,478	884,547	391,937	7,390	988	1,333,341
At 5 April 2022	50,248	906,927	-	7,089	-	964,263

Land registry titles of the above property held are LT78043, LT162748, LT110071.

5. TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

During the financial year, aggregated donations of £76,275 (2022: £18,926) were received. The trust made reimbursements to trustees, totalling £4,107 (2022: £8,306) for trust expenses paid on the trust behalf. Payments totalling £1,098 for maintenance work carried out during the period were made to Avansys LLP, a company in which Michael Wheatcroft and Daniel Wheatcroft are members.

During the financial year loans to the trust were made by Allan Bedford (£50,000) & Michael Wheatcroft (£33,000), both of whom are trustees. These loans are due to be paid back in the 2023/24 financial year.

6. VOLUNTEERS

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust relies entirely on volunteers to carry out the management, administration and general maintenance work. The Trust has no paid staff or paid Trustees.

Resources Expended

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2023

7. Resources Expended

	MEETING ROOMS	OTHER CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	TOTAL COSTS 2023	TOTAL COSTS 2022
Direct Costs				
Premises costs - repairs and maintenance	11,708	-	11,708	3,055
Premises costs - heat, light and power	8,121	-	8,121	5,384
Premises costs - rent and rates	6,807	-	6,807	6,599
Telephone	821	-	821	615
Health and Safety	44	-	44	-
Legal and professional	2,105	-	2,105	4,535
Bank charges	132	-	132	-
Congregation Support	-	6,556	6,556	7,950
Public outreach expenses	-	716	716	593
Depreciation	29,329	-	29,329	24,937
Insurance	2,638	-	2,638	1,670
Governance	1,438	-	1,438	946
Total Direct Costs	63,143	7,272	70,415	56,284

Governance costs include £180 (prior year: £180) in respect of independent examiners fees.

Analysis of Net Assets - Current year

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2023

8. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

8.1 Current Year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2023
Funds				
Tangible Fixed Assets	1,306,727	-	26,614	1,333,341
Current Assets	107,220	-	(26,614)	80,606
Current Liabilities	(85,497)	-	-	(85,497)
Total Funds	1,328,449	-	-	1,328,449

Analysis of Net Assets - Prior Year

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2023

8.2 Prior Year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2022
Funds				
Tangible Fixed Assets	964,263	-	-	964,263
Current Assets	284,623	(75)	26,614	311,162
Current Liabilities	(2,465)	-	-	(2,465)
Total Funds	1,246,421	(75)	26,614	1,272,960

Movement in Funds - Current Year

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2023

9. Movement in Funds

9.1 Movement in funds - current year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2023
Movement in Funds				
Total funds brought forward	1,246,953	(75)	26,614	1,273,492
Incoming resources	125,297	75	-	125,372
Resources expended	(70,415)	-	-	(70,415)
Transfers between funds	26,614	-	(26,614)	-
Total funds carried forward	1,328,449	-	-	1,328,449

Movement in Funds - Prior Year

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2023

9. Movement in Funds

9.2 Movement in funds - Prior year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2022
Movement in Funds				
Total funds brought forward	1,270,385	(300)	26,614	1,296,699
Incoming resources	24,370	8,175	-	32,545
Resources expended	(48,334)	(7,950)	-	(56,284)
Total funds carried forward	1,246,421	(75)	26,614	1,272,960

Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2023

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2022
Income and endowments:				
Donations and Legacies:				
Contributions from the Congregation	10,896	-	-	10,896
Gift Aid Donations	2,179	-	-	2,179
Income Tax refunds	545	-	-	545
Non Gift Aid Donations	10,751	-	-	10,751
Congregation Support	-	8,175	-	8,175
Total Income and endowments:	24,370	8,175	-	32,545
Expenditure:				
Running Meeting Rooms (note 7)	47,741	-	-	47,741
Congregation Support (note 7)	-	7,950	-	7,950
Other Charitable Activities (note 7)	593	-	-	593
Total Expenditure:	48,334	7,950	-	56,284
Net Income/(Expenditure)	(23,963)	225	-	(23,738)
Net Movement In Funds	(23,963)	225	-	(23,738)
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LGHT Public Benefit Report



One of the Trust's principal activities that furthers its objects is providing a facility for the coordination of "outreach" work into the wider community.

Members of the congregation, acting under the directions of the trustees and with their full active encouragement, have continued with "outreach" work which they have carried out for many years.

2022-23 Summary

The trustees of the Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust confirm that they have complied with their duty under section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance to charities on public benefit.

Despite the unique challenges we have been faced with as a result of the COVID 19 pandemic, the trustees and the regular congregation members were determined to continue their public benefit works and we have found this year has demanded even more resource as we support people and communities around our places of worship, including many who have been struggling due to the increased cost of living

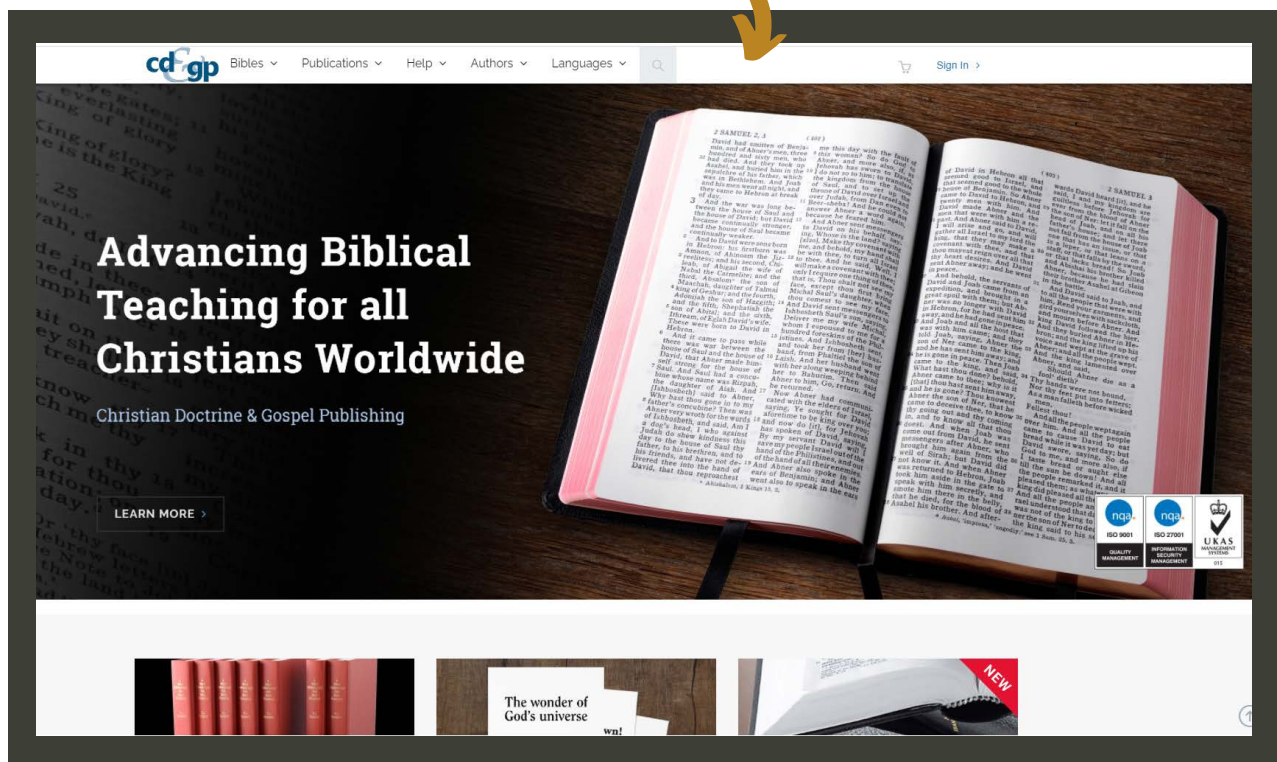
Street Preaching & Tract Distribution

We have a dedicated group of members who are committed to the street preaching and distribution of tracts in the town centre of Loughborough. Around 10 community members preach regularly. Around 500 street preachings were preached throughout the year, spreading the light of the gospel message.

A supply of gospel tracts, literature and Bibles is maintained by the Trust in the foyer of the main Gospel Hall and this is advertised by the Sign Board at the main entrance. These are available to the general public free of charge.

Any enquiries received by the trustees or made to the central office have been followed up fully, and where applicable people have been directed to the following website where literature can be purchased or downloaded for reading in multiple languages.

<https://christiandocctrineandgospelpublishing.org/>



Members of the congregation have continued to hand out tracts to neighbours and people in need when they have met them. Other church leaders and ministers from time to time request some of the early printed ministry by the leaders which is made available from the website listed above.

Working with other charities

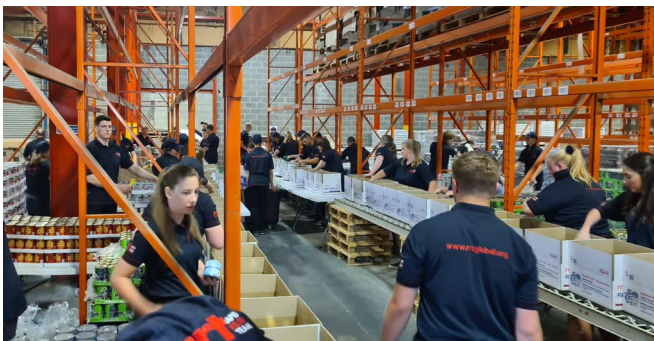
LGHT has supported the work of a separate charity, the Rapid Relief Team, whose main focus during the last 12 months has been on a national food box campaign, and over the past few months, food boxes providing vital support for Ukrainian refugees.

The RRT Food Boxes are designed to feed a family of 4 for up to 4 days and bring some relief and joy to households during their time of pressure and crisis. Loughborough volunteers were part of teams who assembled thousands of food boxes over several events for the RRT Operation 322 Ukraine Refugee Appeal.

The local RRT team donated 32 food boxes, 2 Early Bird learning kits, and 400 Smarrt energy snack bars to St. Botolph's Primary School in Shepshed.

Our local RRT volunteers provided a 2 hot BBQ lunches for the Steps Conductive Education Centre in Shepshed. The first took place in July 22, where the team provided 65 meals. The second took place in December 22, and the team provided 61 meals.

Many members of the congregation are regular donors to the RRT, especially business owners.



12 Charities supported

The trust has also supported the following charities with donations of food and hygiene products and cash donations to support and further their worthy causes; Ashby Food Bank, Coalville Food Bank, Exaireo Trust, Greenhill Community Church, John Storer House, Loughborough Area Food Bank, New Life Church, PACE, Passion Youth Project Shepshed, Project 5000 Emmanuel Church, Shepshed Food Bank and The Salvation Army.

Further plans for 2023-24

The trust is committed to the ongoing support of other charities and always welcomes fresh opportunities to support causes that align with our Christian values, showing love, compassion and care towards those who need it most.

LOUGHBOROUGH GOSPEL HALL TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1157882

Accounts

Trustees Report & Unaudited Financial Statements

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust
For the year ended 5 April 2022

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Legal and Administrative Information

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2022

Charity Name:

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust

Registered Charity Number:

1157882

Trustees:

Mr M Wheatcroft (Chair)

Mr A Bedford

Mr G Lowe

Mr D Bedford

Mr D Wheatcroft

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Report of the Trustees

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2022

The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 5 April 2022. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 10 and comply with the Trust Deed and applicable law.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The Charity is an unincorporated trust constituted by a Deed of Trust dated 5th October 1992, most recently amended by Deed of Variation dated 28th February 2014. The trust was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 16th July 2014 under Charity Registration Number: 1157882

Recruitment and appointment of new Trustees

The Trustees who have served during the year and since the year end are set out on page 2. None of the Trustees, nor any person connected with them, received any remuneration or expenses from the Charity in the year ended 5 April 2022.

The Trust operates two Gospel halls and Trustees are chosen from among the regular congregation of the halls. New Trustees are nominated by the existing Trustees or by the congregation and must be appointed by unanimous resolution of the congregation. They are selected according to their skills and experience and are expected to use both in furthering the objects of the Charity. Checks are made to ensure the Trustees' eligibility to act and incoming Trustees are made aware of their responsibilities by the existing Trustees, who ensure that new Trustees read the Trust Deed and relevant Charity Commission guidance.

Wider Network

The Trustees maintain informal links with Trustees of similar Trusts with a view to pooling experience considered useful in pursuing the objects of the Trust.

Risk Management

The Trustees have identified and reviewed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and confirm that they have established systems to manage and mitigate those risks.

Objectives and Activities

Objectives and Aims

The charitable purposes of the Charity are the advancement of the Christian religion for the public benefit, including by the carrying on of the service of God in accordance with the Old and New Testaments of the Holy Bible as followed by those Christians forming part of the world-wide fellowship known as the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church (the "Brethren") and any other charitable purposes connected with Brethren. The core doctrine of the Brethren and proper practices in furtherance of certain aspects of doctrine are summarised in two schedules to the Trust Deed.

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty under section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance to charities on public benefit.

Details of public benefit activities carried out by Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust can be found in the separate appendix to this report.

Main activities and achievements

The Trust provides and maintains two Gospel halls where religious meetings are held by the local Brethren community. Details of the origins, teachings and way of life of the Brethren can be found on the website - www.plymouthbrethrenchristianchurch.org and in the schedules to the Trust Deed.

The trustees have also operated an Emergency Needs fund for the duration of the coronavirus pandemic and any resultant economic downturn. This is providing limited financial assistance by the way of grocery vouchers to households, who have experienced a recent and significant decrease in income due to the pandemic, such that it is likely to impact on the health and/or welfare of members of the household. The trust has appointed a Local Welfare Panel to manage the application process and to administer the vouchers to qualifying applicants.

Plans for future periods

With the commencement of lockdown restrictions in the UK the trust ceased using the gospel halls it operates. During the financial year, restrictions were eased sufficiently to allow the congregation to use the gospel halls for the Lord's Supper (Communion). The use of the rooms was conducted in a manner which always complied with the government guidance, and the trust intends to continue using the rooms when it is safe to do so. The trustees do not consider that the Covid-19 pandemic will have any effect on the ability of the trust to continue as a going concern.

On the 2nd September 2022, after the year end the trust completed the purchase of a former Methodist Chapel for use as a local room.

Meetings

Meetings held at the Gospel halls include the Lord's Supper (Communion), Gospel preachings, Bible readings and Bible addresses. There is a structured weekly schedule of meetings and, depending on the particular meeting, between 25 and 550 people normally attend these occasions.

The meetings are attended by the regular congregation and most are open to other properly disposed visitors. The notice board outside the Hall welcomes visitors and displays the times of Gospel preachings, along with a telephone number for those seeking further information or help. Gospel tracts, which are distributed by street preachers, also display this information.

Bibles and an extensive range of other Christian reading material are on display at the halls and visitors are free to help themselves.

Spreading the Gospel message and the life of a Christian

The Gospel halls are a base from which the regular congregation and others who attend the meetings are encouraged to spread the Christian Gospel, in word and deed.

Members of the congregation would usually participate in a programme of street preaching where Gospel tracts are provided free of charge by the Charity to such preachers to be handed out to interested members of the public. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic this has not been possible during the financial year, but the congregation aim to continue this once it is safe to do so.

In carrying out this work, the congregation considers itself to be living out its faith in practice, as particularly exemplified in the following extract from the schedule to the Trust Deed on living a Christian life:

- We seek and are encouraged to live exemplary lives in all our relationships with others in the wider community (including former Brethren), in accordance with the teachings of Holy Scripture (1 Tim 2:2).
- We regularly go out from our homes to preach on the streets, to distribute Christian literature and engage with the wider community (including former Brethren) in order to present eternal salvation, available to all men by faith in Jesus Christ. (2 Tim 4:2).
- We seek as members of the public to lead Christian lives as husbands and wives, parents, children, employers, employees and neighbours. (Col 3:22-25, Col 4:1).
- The preservation and protection of the family unit is fundamental and children are prized as a blessing from God. (Psalm 127:3-5). The elderly are valued members of the community, for whom both their family and the wider community are expected to care.
- Holy Scripture commands us to be good neighbours to others, and deal with all other people (including former Brethren) openly, honestly and fairly and consistent with these principles, we should give our time, talents and money to assist those in need in the wider community, in so far as reasonable given our abilities and our available resources. (Matt 7:12, Matt 22:39, Eph 4:28).

Funding

Funding is sought through gifts from the congregation and Gift Aid is claimed on eligible donations. Funding is sometimes received from other charitable trusts with complementary objectives.

Financial Review

In the year ended 5 April 2022 the Trust had a deficit of incoming resources over resources expended. This is mostly due to non-monetary items such as depreciation.

Total voluntary income received this year was £32,545 compared to £46,467 in the previous year.

All funds received were unrestricted funds. The balance of unrestricted funds was £1,246,346 and the balance of restricted funds at the year end was £26,614.

The designated fund for the congregation support also showed a modest deficit at the financial year end. The trustees were aware of this deficit, with the shortfall being covered by funds received in September 2022

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs, based on its size and the level of its financial commitments. The Trust has no employees and its regular outgoings are minimal. Accordingly, the Trustees have decided to adopt a policy of maintaining enough reserves to cover day to day expenditure and any urgent needs that may arise. The congregation is kept regularly informed as to particular needs for funds, and other relevant matters and the Trustees aim to ensure that the Charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure, by raising a funds appeal to the congregation.

Free Reserves at the year end were £282,083 (2021: £280,884)

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

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

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the Trust Deed require the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. All transactions have been reviewed and approved by two trustees.

On Behalf of the board:

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Mr M Wheatcroft (Trustee)

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Date

Report of the Independent Examiner

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2022

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust for the year ended 5 April 2022.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. 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.

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.

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Kerry Taylor
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20 December 2022

Statement of Financial Activities

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2022

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2022	TOTAL FUNDS 2021
Income and endowments:					
Donations and Legacies:					
Contributions from the Congregation	10,896	-	-	10,896	9,217
Gift Aid Donations	2,179	-	-	2,179	3,780
Income Tax refunds	545	-	-	545	945
Non Gift Aid Donations	10,751	-	-	10,751	20,000
Congregation Support	-	8,175	-	8,175	12,525
Total Income and endowments:	24,370	8,175	-	32,545	46,467
Expenditure:					
Running Meeting Rooms (note 9)	47,741	-	-	47,741	49,958
Congregation Support (note 9)	-	7,950	-	7,950	12,825
Other Charitable Activities	593	-	-	593	478
Total Expenditure:	48,334	7,950	-	56,284	63,262
Net Income/(Expenditure)	(23,963)	225	-	(23,738)	(16,795)
Net Movement In Funds	(23,963)	225	-	(23,738)	(16,795)
Reconciliation of funds (note 11)					
Total Funds brought forward	1,270,385	(300)	26,614	1,296,699	1,313,493
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Total Funds carried forward	1,246,421	(75)	26,614	1,272,960	1,296,699

The notes on page 11 - 18 form part of these financial statements.

Balance Sheet

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust As at 5 April 2022

	2022	2021
Fixed Assets		
Tangible assets (note 6)	964,263	989,200
Total Fixed Assets	964,263	989,200
Current assets		
Prepayments and accrued income	1,965	2,010
Cash at bank and in hand	309,197	306,778
Total Current assets	311,162	308,788
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Accruals and deferred income	2,465	1,289
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2,465	1,289
Net current assets/(liabilities)	308,697	307,498
Total assets less current liabilities	1,272,960	1,296,699
Net Assets	1,272,960	1,296,699
Funds (note 10)		
Restricted Funds	26,614	26,614
Unrestricted funds	1,246,346	1,270,085
Total Funds	1,272,960	1,296,699

The unaudited financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees of Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust onand were signed on its behalf by:

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Mr M Wheatcroft (Trustee)

The notes on pages 11 - 18 form part of these financial statements.

Notes forming part of the Financial Statements

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014, and incorporating update bulletins 1 and 2, and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The functional currency of the charity is sterling (£).

The Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

1.2 Income

Donations are recognised in the year in which there is entitlement and probability of receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future year. Gift aid is added to the value of the donation to which it relates.

Donated services are recognised as income and expenditure in the financial statements when organisations or individuals offer their services and support pro bono. The value of these donated services to Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust is considered to be equal to market value which would be paid were the service formally procured. This includes services paid for by other trusts.

Investment income is accounted for on a receivable basis.

1.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis. Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Charitable activities comprise those costs directly attributable to the fulfilment of the charitable objects.

1.4 Governance and support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and costs related to statutory requirements. Governance and support costs are allocated to charitable activities on the basis of capacity used.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets (costing more than £100) are stated at cost less depreciation. Freehold land is not depreciated. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Freehold buildings	2.5% straight line
Property improvements	3% straight line
Fixtures and Fittings	10% reducing balance

1.6 Taxation

The Trust is a registered charity and is not liable to United Kingdom income or corporation tax on charitable activities, provided income falls within the charitable exemptions and is spent on charitable purposes.

1.7 Funds

The general unrestricted fund is free for the Trustees to use for any purposes in furtherance of the trust's charitable objects.

Restricted funds arise from donations to the trust, which are made for a specific purpose. Restricted funds can only be used for the purpose for which funds were given.

1.8 Preparation of consolidated financial statements

The Charity does not have a trading subsidiary.

1.9 Going Concern

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

1.10 Significant estimates and judgements

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

The trustees do not consider that the Covid-19 pandemic will have any effect on the ability of the trust to continue as a going concern.

2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

No Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits from an employment with the charity and no trustees were reimbursed for expenses during the year. (2021: none)

3. WAGES AND SALARIES

There are no employees (2021: none)

4. Donated Services

2022

2021

Donated Services

5. Grants

2022

2021

Grants:

6. Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost	Freehold Land and Buildings - Herrick Road	Freehold Land and Buildings - Osgathorpe	Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment	Totals
At 6 April 2021	78,859	1,130,192	17,516	1,226,567
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 5 April 2022	78,859	1,130,192	17,516	1,226,567
Depreciation				
At 6 April 2021	26,841	200,886	9,640	237,367
Current Year Depreciation	1,770	22,379	788	24,937
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	-	-
At 5 April 2022	28,611	223,265	10,428	262,304
Net Book Value				
At 5 April 2022	50,248	906,927	7,089	964,263
At 5 April 2021	52,018	929,306	7,876	989,200

Land registry titles of the above property held are LT78043, LT162748, and LT110071.

7. TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

During the financial year, aggregated donations of £18,926 (2021: £23,334) were received. The trust made reimbursements to Allan Bedford, a trustee, totalling £8,306 for the purchase of gift cards and trust expenses. Payments totalling £178 for maintenance work carried out during the period were made to Avansys LLP, a company in which Michael Wheatcroft and Daniel Wheatcroft are members.

8. VOLUNTEERS

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust relies entirely on volunteers to carry out the management, administration and general maintenance work. The Trust has no paid staff or paid Trustees.

Resources Expended

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2022

9. Resources Expended

	MEETING ROOMS	OTHER CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	TOTAL COSTS 2022	TOTAL COSTS 2021
Direct Costs				
Premises costs - repairs and maintenance	3,055	-	3,055	4,973
Premises costs - heat, light and power	5,384	-	5,384	8,255
Premises costs - rent and rates	6,599	-	6,599	6,127
Telephone	615	-	615	515
Legal and professional	4,535	-	4,535	2,780
Congregation Support	-	7,950	7,950	12,825
Other Charitable Donations	-	593	593	478
Depreciation	24,937	-	24,937	25,024
Insurance	1,670	-	1,670	1,338
Governance	946	-	946	946
Total Direct Costs	47,741	8,543	56,284	63,262

Governance costs include £180 (prior year: £180) in respect of independent examiners fees.

Analysis of Net Assets - Current year

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2022

10. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

10.1 Current Year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2022
Funds				
Tangible Fixed Assets	964,263	-	-	964,263
Current Assets	284,623	(75)	26,614	311,162
Current Liabilities	(2,465)	-	-	(2,465)
Total Funds	1,246,421	(75)	26,614	1,272,960

Analysis of Net Assets - Prior Year

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2022

10.2 Prior Year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2021
Funds				
Tangible Fixed Assets	989,200	-	-	989,200
Current Assets	282,474	(300)	26,614	308,788
Current Liabilities	(1,289)	-	-	(1,289)
Total Funds	1,270,385	(300)	26,614	1,296,699

Movement in Funds - Current Year

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2022

11. Movement in Funds

11.1 Movement in funds - current year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2022
Movement in Funds				
Total funds brought forward	1,270,385	(300)	26,614	1,296,699
Incoming resources	24,370	8,175	-	32,545
Resources expended	(48,334)	(7,950)	-	(56,284)
Total funds carried forward	1,246,421	(75)	26,614	1,272,960

Movement in Funds - Prior Year

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2022

11. Movement in Funds

11.2 Movement in funds - Prior year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2021
Movement in Funds				
Total funds brought forward	1,286,879	-	26,614	1,313,493
Incoming resources	33,942	12,525	-	46,467
Resources expended	(50,437)	(12,825)	-	(63,262)
Total funds carried forward	1,270,385	(300)	26,614	1,296,699

Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2022

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2021
Income and endowments:				
Donations and Legacies:				
Contributions from the Congregation	9,217	-	-	9,217
Gift Aid Donations	3,780	-	-	3,780
Income Tax refunds	945	-	-	945
Non Gift Aid Donations	20,000	-	-	20,000
Congregation Support	-	12,525	-	12,525
Total Income and endowments:	33,942	12,525	-	46,467
Expenditure:				
Running Meeting Rooms (note 9)	49,958	-	-	49,958
Congregation Support (note 9)	-	12,825	-	12,825
Other Charitable Activities	478	-	-	478
Total Expenditure:	50,437	12,825	-	63,262
Net Income/(Expenditure)	(16,495)	(300)	-	(16,795)
Net Movement In Funds	(16,495)	(300)	-	(16,795)
	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2021
Reconciliation of funds (note 11)				
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2021-22 Summary

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Street Preaching & Tract Distribution

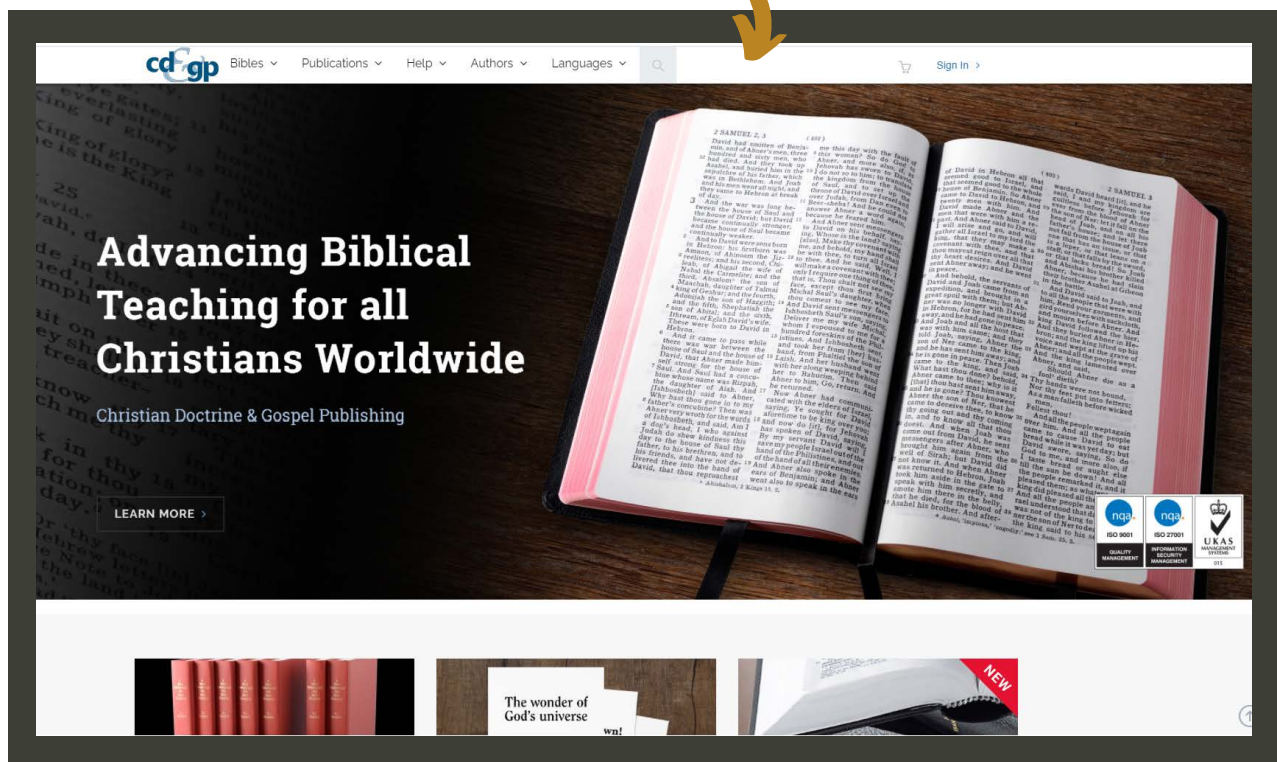
We were unable to maintain our long-standing committal to the street preaching and distribution of tracts in the town centre of Loughborough due to the Covid Pandemic but have resumed this now the lockdown restrictions have lifted.

Around 10 community members regularly preach. Around 500 street preachings were preached throughout the year, spreading the hope of the gospel message.

A supply of gospel tracts, literature and Bibles is maintained by the Trust in the foyer of the main Gospel Hall and this is advertised by the Sign Board at the main entrance. These are available to the general public free of charge.

Any enquiries received by the trustees or made to the central office have been followed up fully, and where applicable people have been directed to the following website where literature can be purchased or downloaded for reading in multiple languages.

<https://christiandocctrineandgospelpublishing.org/>



Members of the congregation have continued to hand out tracts to neighbours and people in need when they have met them. Other church leaders and ministers from time to time request some of the early printed ministry by the leaders which is made available from the website listed above.

Working with other charities

LGHT has supported the work of a separate charity, the Rapid Relief Team, whose main focus during the last 12 months has been on a national food box campaign, and over the past few months, food boxes providing vital support for Ukrainian refugees.

The RRT Food Boxes are designed to feed a family of 4 for up to 4 days and bring some relief and joy to households during their time of pressure and crisis. The local RRT team has donated food boxes, Early Bird learning kits, and energy snack bars to St. Botolph's Primary School in Shepshed.

Loughborough volunteers were part of teams who assembled thousands of food boxes over several events for the RRT Operation 322 Ukraine Refugee Appeal.

Our local RRT volunteers provided a hot BBQ lunch for the Steps Conductive Education Centre in Shepshed at the annual Christmas event for parents and carers.

Many members of the congregation are regular donors to the RRT, especially business owners.



15 Charities supported

The trust has also supported the following charities with donations of food and hygiene products and cash donations to support and further their worthy causes; Ashby Food Bank, Beacon Christian Fellowship, Coalville Food Bank, Carpenters Arms, John Storer House, Exaireo Trust, Shepshed Food Bank, Loughborough Area Foodbank, Rainbows Hospice for Children and Young People, Salvation Army, Project 5000, Passion Youth Centre, Rapid Relief Team, The Falcon Centre, and PACE.

Further plans for 2022-23

The trust is committed to the ongoing support of other charities and always welcomes fresh opportunities to support causes that align with our Christian values, showing love, compassion and care towards those who need it most.

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LOUGHBOROUGH GOSPEL HALL TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1157882

Accounts

CHARITY REGISTRATION NO: 1157882

LOUGHBOROUGH GOSPEL HALL TRUST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2021

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LOUGHBOROUGH GOSPEL HALL TRUST
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LOUGHBOROUGH GOSPEL HALL TRUST
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION
YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2021

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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1157882

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LOUGHBOROUGH GOSPEL HALL TRUST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2021

The Trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 05 April 2021. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 10 and comply with the Trust Deed and applicable law.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Charity is an unincorporated trust constituted by a Deed of Trust dated 05 October 1992, most recently amended by Deed of Variation dated 28 February 2014. The Trust was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 16 July 2014 under Charity Registration Number: 1157882

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The Trustees who have served during the year and since the year end are set out on page 2. None of the Trustees, nor any person connected with them, received any remuneration or expenses from the Charity in the year ended 05 April 2021 (2020: £nil).

The Trust operates 2 Gospel halls and Trustees are chosen from among the regular congregation of the hall. New Trustees are nominated by the existing Trustees or by the congregation and must be appointed by unanimous resolution of the congregation. They are selected according to their skills and experience and are expected to use both in furthering the objects of the Charity. Checks are made to ensure the Trustees' eligibility to act and incoming Trustees are made aware of their responsibilities by the existing Trustees, who ensure that new Trustees read the Trust Deed and relevant Charity Commission guidance.

Wider network

The Trustees maintain informal links with Trustees of similar Trusts with a view to pooling experience considered useful in pursuing the objects of the Trust.

Risk management

The Trustees have identified and reviewed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and confirm that they have established systems to manage and mitigate those risks.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The charitable purposes of the Charity are the advancement of the Christian religion for the public benefit, including by the carrying on of the service of God in accordance with the Old and New Testaments of the Holy Bible as followed by those Christians forming part of the world-wide fellowship known as the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church (the "Brethren") and any other charitable purposes connected with Brethren. The core doctrine of the Brethren and proper practices in furtherance of certain aspects of doctrine are summarised in two schedules to the Trust Deed.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty under section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance to charities on public benefit.

LOUGHBOROUGH GOSPEL HALL TRUST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2021

Main activities and achievements

The Trust provides and maintains 2 Gospel halls where religious meetings are held by the local Brethren community. Details of the origins, teachings and way of life of the Brethren can be found on the website - www.plymouthbrethrenchristianchurch.org and in the schedules to the Trust Deed.

The Trust's main achievements this year have been to maintain the 2 Gospel halls, which it operates, during the COVID-19 pandemic, in view continuing the use of the halls when government restrictions permit and it is safe to do so, as well as continuing to make regular contributions and donations to local foodbanks and charities.

The trustees have also established an Emergency Needs fund for the duration of the current pandemic and any resultant economic downturn. This is providing limited financial assistance by the way of grocery vouchers to households, who have experienced a recent and significant decrease in income due to the pandemic, such that it is likely to impact on the health and/or welfare of members of the household. The trust has appointed a Local Welfare Panel to manage the application process and to administer the vouchers to qualifying applicants.

Plans for Future Periods

From 18th March 2020, Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust ceased using the two gospel halls, which it operates. This was as a result of the global COVID-19 pandemic and the general lockdown imposed by the government on 23rd March 2020.

The Trust aims to use these Gospel Halls again once the general lockdown is lifted and it is deemed safe to do so. The trustees do not consider that the Covid-19 pandemic will have any effect on the ability of the trust to continue as a going concern.

Meetings

Meetings held at the Gospel halls include the Lord's Supper (Communion), Gospel preachings, Bible readings and Bible addresses. There is a structured weekly schedule of meetings and, depending on the particular meeting, between 25 and 550 people normally attend these occasions.

The meetings are attended by the regular congregation and most are open to other properly disposed visitors. The notice board outside the Hall welcomes visitors and displays the times of Gospel preachings, along with a telephone number for those seeking further information or help. Gospel tracts, which are distributed by street preachers, also display this information.

Bibles and an extensive range of other Christian reading material are on display at the halls and visitors are free to help themselves.

Spreading the Gospel message and the life of a Christian

The Gospel halls are a base from which the regular congregation and others who attend the meetings are encouraged to spread the Christian Gospel, in word and deed.

Members of the congregation participate in a programme of street preaching and Gospel tracts are provided free of charge by the Charity to such preachers to be handed out to interested members of the public.

LOUGHBOROUGH GOSPEL HALL TRUST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2021

In addition to street preaching, members of the congregation supported the work of the Rapid Relief Team, a separate UK charity, by volunteering to assemble food boxes for the 'national foodbox campaign', as well as making regular monetary donations to the RRT. Contributions have also been made to support the work of local foodbanks and other charities. More information on this can be found in the outreach report appended to this report.

In carrying out this work, the congregation considers itself to be living out its faith in practice, as particularly exemplified in the following extract from the schedule to the Trust Deed on living a Christian life:

- We seek and are encouraged to live exemplary lives in all our relationships with others in the wider community (including former Brethren), in accordance with the teachings of Holy Scripture (1 Tim 2:2).
- We regularly go out from our homes to preach on the streets, to distribute Christian literature and engage with the wider community (including former Brethren) in order to present eternal salvation, available to all men by faith in Jesus Christ. (2 Tim 4:2).
- We seek as members of the public to lead Christian lives as husbands and wives, parents, children, employers, employees and neighbours. (Col 3:22-25, Col 4:1).
- The preservation and protection of the family unit is fundamental and children are prized as a blessing from God. (Psalm 127:3-5). The elderly are valued members of the community, for whom both their family and the wider community are expected to care.
- Holy Scripture commands us to be good neighbours to others, and deal with all other people (including former Brethren) openly, honestly and fairly and consistent with these principles, we should give our time, talents and money to assist those in need in the wider community, in so far as reasonable given our abilities and our available resources. (Matt 7:12, Matt 22:39, Eph 4:28).

Funding

Funding is sought through gifts from the congregation and Gift Aid is claimed on eligible donations. Funding is sometimes received from other charitable trusts with complementary objectives.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

In the year ended 05 April 2021 the Trust had a modest deficit of incoming resources over resources expended due to non-monetary expenses such as depreciation. Total voluntary income received this year was £46,467 compared to £36,588 in the previous year.

The designated fund for congregation support also showed a modest deficit at the financial year end. The trustees were aware of this deficit, with the shortfall being covered by funds received in June 2021.

All funds received were unrestricted funds. Funds balances at the year end were £1,270,083 in unrestricted fund and £26,614 in the restricted fund.

LOUGHBOROUGH GOSPEL HALL TRUST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2021

Reserves policy

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and the level of financial commitments. The Trust has no employees and its regular outgoings are minimal. Accordingly, the Trustees have decided to adopt a policy of maintaining enough reserves to cover day to day expenditure and any urgent needs that may arise. The congregation is kept regularly informed as to particular needs for funds, and other relevant matters and the Trustees aim to ensure that the Charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure, by raising a funds appeal to the congregation.

Free reserves at the year end were £ 280,883

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

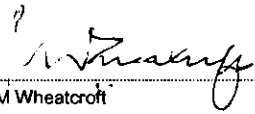
The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the Trust Deed require the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. All transactions have been reviewed and approved by two trustees.

On behalf of the board:


M Wheatcroft

22/12/2022
Date

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER
TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE LOUGHBOROUGH GOSPEL HALL TRUST
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2021

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust for the year ended 05 April 2021.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The charity's trustees 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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.

BASIS OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

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

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

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

- 1.Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2.The accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3.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.

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.

Amanda Groombridge

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30 November 2021

LOUGHBOROUGH GOSPEL HALL TRUST
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies:						
		9,217	12,525	-	21,742	26,455
		3,780	-	-	3,780	4,570
		945	-	-	945	1,143
		20,000	-	-	20,000	4,420
	4	-	-	-	-	-
Total		33,942	12,525	-	46,467	36,588
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities						
	5	49,960	-	-	49,960	67,384
	4	-	-	-	-	-
	5	478	12,825	-	13,303	-
Total		50,438	12,825	-	63,263	67,384
Net income/(expenditure)		(16,496)	(300)	-	(16,796)	(30,796)
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(16,496)	(300)	-	(16,796)	(30,796)
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	7	1,286,879	-	26,614	1,313,493	1,344,289
Total funds carried forward		1,270,383	(300)	26,614	1,296,697	1,313,493

The notes on pages 10 - 13 form part of these financial statements. All of the above activities are classed as continuing and there are no gains and losses other than those included above.

LOUGHBOROUGH GOSPEL HALL TRUST

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 05 APRIL 2021

	Notes	2021	2020
		£	£
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	6	989,200	1,014,225
Current Assets			
Prepayments and accrued income		2,009	2,677
Cash at bank and in hand		306,778	297,537
		<u>308,787</u>	<u>300,214</u>
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year:			
Other creditors		-	-
Accruals and deferred income		1,290	946
		<u>1,290</u>	<u>946</u>
Net current assets		307,497	299,268
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>1,296,697</u>	<u>1,313,493</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year:			
Loan		-	-
Net assets		<u>1,296,697</u>	<u>1,313,493</u>
Funds			
Restricted funds		26,614	26,614
Unrestricted income fund		1,270,083	1,286,879
Total unrestricted funds	8	<u>1,296,697</u>	<u>1,313,493</u>

The unaudited financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees of Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust on 21/12/2021 and were signed on its behalf by


M Wheatcroft

The notes on pages 10 to 13 form part of these financial statements

LOUGHBOROUGH GOSPEL HALL TRUST
NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Bases of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014, and incorporating update bulletins 1 and 2, and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The functional currency of the charity is sterling (£).

The Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

1.2 Income

Donations are recognised in the year in which there is entitlement and probability of receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future year. Gift aid is added to the value of the donation to which it relates.

Donated services are recognised as income and expenditure in the financial statements when organisations or individuals offer their services and support pro bono. The value of these donated services to Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust is considered to be equal to market value which would be paid were the service formally procured. This includes services paid for by other trusts.

Investment income is accounted for on a receivable basis.

1.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis. Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Charitable activities comprise those costs directly attributable to the fulfilment of the charitable objects.

1.4 Governance and support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and costs related to statutory requirements. Governance and support costs are allocated to charitable activities on the basis of capacity used.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets (costing more than £100) are stated at cost less depreciation. Freehold land is not depreciated. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Freehold Buildings	2.5% Straight Line
Property Improvements	3% Straight Line
Fixtures and Fittings	10% Reducing Balance

1.6 Taxation

The Trust is a registered charity and is not liable to United Kingdom income or corporation tax on charitable activities, provided income falls within the charitable exemptions and is spent on charitable purposes.

1.7 Funds

The general unrestricted fund is free for the Trustees to use for any purposes in furtherance of the trust's charitable objects.

Restricted funds arise from donations to the trust, which are made for a specific purpose. Restricted funds can only be used for the purpose for which funds were given.

The restricted fund has been set up for the purpose of purchase and construction of land and buildings.

LOUGHBOROUGH GOSPEL HALL TRUST
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2021

1.8 Preparation of consolidated financial statements

The Charity does not have a trading subsidiary and there is no requirement to prepare consolidated accounts

1.9 Going concern

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

From 18th March 2020, Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust ceased using the gospel hall which it operates, due to the global COVID-19 pandemic and the general lockdown imposed by the government.

The trustees do not consider that the Covid-19 pandemic will have any effect on the ability of the trust to continue as a going concern.

2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

No Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits from an employment with the charity and no Trustees were reimbursed for expenses (2020: None).

3. WAGES AND SALARIES

There are no employees (2020: none).

4. DONATED SERVICES

Donated to:

Year ended
05 April 2021
£

Year ended
05 April 2020
£

5. RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Meeting rooms £	Other charitable activities £	Year ended 05 April 2021 £	Year ended 05 April 2020 £
Direct costs				
Rates and water	6,127	-	6,127	8,322
Light and heat	8,256	-	8,256	15,669
Repairs and Maintenance	4,973	-	4,973	8,163
Insurance	1,338	-	1,338	1,312
Telephone and broadband costs	515	-	515	574
Legal and professional	2,780	-	2,780	2,451
Sundry	-	-	-	140
Depreciation	25,025	-	25,025	25,123
Charitable donations	-	478	478	4,684
Congregation support	-	12,825	12,825	-
Governance	946	-	946	946
	49,960	13,303	63,263	67,384

Governance costs include £180 (2020: £180) in respect of independent examiners fees

LOUGHBOROUGH GOSPEL HALL TRUST
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6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold Land and Buildings - Herrick Road	Freehold Land and Buildings - Osgathorpe	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Totals
			£	£
Cost				
At 06 April 2020	78,859	1,130,192	17,516	1,226,567
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 05 April 2021	<u>78,859</u>	<u>1,130,192</u>	<u>17,516</u>	<u>1,226,567</u>
Depreciation				
At 06 April 2020	25,070	178,507	8,765	212,342
Charge for the year	1,771	22,379	875	25,025
Depreciation on disposals	-	-	-	-
At 05 April 2021	<u>26,841</u>	<u>200,886</u>	<u>9,640</u>	<u>237,367</u>
Net book value				
At 05 April 2021	<u>52,018</u>	<u>929,306</u>	<u>7,876</u>	<u>989,200</u>
At 05 April 2020	<u>53,789</u>	<u>951,685</u>	<u>8,751</u>	<u>1,014,225</u>

Property Details:

Land registry titles of the above property held are LT78043, LT162748, LT207387, LT110071, and LT263200

7. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSET BETWEEN FUNDS

7.1 Current year

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	989,200	-	989,200
Current assets	282,173	26,614	308,787
Current liabilities	(1,290)	-	(1,290)
Non-current liabilities	-	-	-
Total funds	<u>1,270,083</u>	<u>26,614</u>	<u>1,296,697</u>

7.2 Prior year

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	1,014,225	-	1,014,225
Current assets	273,600	26,614	300,214
Current liabilities	(946)	-	(946)
Non-current liabilities	-	-	-
Total funds	<u>1,286,879</u>	<u>26,614</u>	<u>1,313,493</u>

LOUGHBOROUGH GOSPEL HALL TRUST
NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2021

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

8.1 Current year

	Fund balance At 06 April 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Realised/ unrealised gains and losses £	Fund balance At 05 April 2021 £
Restricted funds	26,614	-	-	-	26,614
Designated funds	-	12,525	(12,825)	-	(300)
Unrestricted funds	1,286,879	33,942	(50,438)	-	1,270,383
Total funds	1,313,493	46,467	(63,263)	-	1,296,697

8.2 Prior year

	Fund balance At 06 April 2019 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Realised/ unrealised gains and losses £	Fund balance At 05 April 2020 £
Restricted funds	26,614	-	-	-	26,614
Unrestricted funds	1,317,675	36,588	(67,384)	-	1,286,879
Total funds	1,344,289	36,588	(67,384)	-	1,313,493

9. TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

Donations totalling £23,334 have been received from related parties of the trustees. Trustee reimbursements were made to Alan Bedford (£12,825) for purchase of gift cards, to Michael Wheatcroft (£3425) and Dan Wheatcroft (£230) for Trust expenses. Payments totalling £582 for maintenance work carried out during the period were also made to Fixfire Ltd, a company owned by Michael Wheatcroft.

10. VOLUNTEERS

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust relies entirely on volunteers to carry out the management, administration and general maintenance work. The Trust has no paid staff or paid Trustees.

LGHT Public Benefit Report



One of the Trust's principal activities that furthers its objects is providing a facility for the coordination of "outreach" work into the wider community.

Members of the congregation, acting under the directions of the trustees and with their full active encouragement, have continued with "outreach" work which they have carried out for many years.

2020-21 Summary

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Street Preaching & Tract Distribution

We were unable to maintain our longstanding committal to the street preaching and distribution of tracts in the town centre of Loughborough but have resumed this now the lockdown restrictions have lifted. Around 10 community members regularly preach.

A supply of gospel tracts, literature and Bibles is maintained by the Trust in the foyer of the main Gospel Hall and this is advertised by the Sign Board at the main entrance. These are available to the general public free of charge.

Any enquiries received by the trustees or made to the central office have been followed up fully, and where applicable people have been directed to the following website where literature can be purchased or downloaded for reading in multiple languages.

<https://christiandocctrineandgospelpublishing.org/>



Members of the congregation have continued to hand out tracts to neighbours and people in need when they have met them. Other church leaders and ministers from time to time request some of the early printed ministry by the leaders which is made available from the website listed above.

Working with other charities

LGHT has supported the work of a separate charity, the Rapid Relief Team, whose main focus during the last 18 months has been on a national food box campaign. A The RRT Food Boxes are designed to feed a family of 4 for up to 4 days and bring some relief and joy to households during their time of pressure and crisis. A team of Loughborough volunteers were part of a big team who assembled 1500 food boxes in one evening for the national food box campaign. Many members of the congregation are regular donors to the RRT, especially business owners.



7 Charities supported

The trust has also supported the following charities with donations of food and hygiene products and cash donations to the support and further their worthy causes; Beacon Christian Fellowship, John Storer House, Shephed Food Bank, Loughborough Area Foodbank, Salvation Army, The Falcon Centre, and PACE.

Further plans for 2021-22

The trust is committed to the ongoing support of other charities and always welcomes fresh opportunities to support causes that align with our Christian values, showing love, compassion and care towards those who need it most.