

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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**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**LOUGHBOROUGH GOSPEL HALL TRUST**  
**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**  
**YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2021**

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**CHARITY NAME:** Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER:** 1157882

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**LOUGHBOROUGH GOSPEL HALL TRUST**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

**YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2021**

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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 26 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.

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#### **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](http://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.

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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.

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**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**

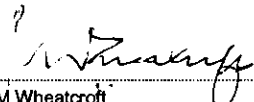
The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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**

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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**

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

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
		£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible assets	6	989,200	1,014,225
<b>Current Assets</b>			
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>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
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
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>1,296,697</u>	<u>1,313,493</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year:			
Loan		-	-
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>1,296,697</u>	<u>1,313,493</u>
<b>Funds</b>			
Restricted funds		26,614	26,614
Unrestricted income fund		1,270,083	1,286,879
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	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

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**NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2021**

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**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.

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

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**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 £
<b>Direct costs</b>				
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	-
<b>Governance</b>	946	-	946	946
	<u>49,960</u>	<u>13,303</u>	<u>63,263</u>	<u>67,384</u>

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

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**6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Freehold Land and Buildings - Herrick Road	Freehold Land and Buildings - Osgathorpe	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Totals
			£	£
<b>Cost</b>				
At 06 April 2020	78,859	1,130,192	17,516	1,226,567
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 05 April 2021	78,859	1,130,192	17,516	1,226,567
<b>Depreciation</b>				
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	26,841	200,886	9,640	237,367
<b>Net book value</b>				
At 05 April 2021	52,018	929,306	7,876	989,200
At 05 April 2020	53,789	951,685	8,751	1,014,225

**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	-	-	-
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>1,270,083</b>	<b>26,614</b>	<b>1,296,697</b>

**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	-	-	-
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>1,286,879</b>	<b>26,614</b>	<b>1,313,493</b>

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**8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

**8.1 Current year**

	<b>Fund balance At 06 April 2020 £</b>	<b>Incoming resources £</b>	<b>Resources expended £</b>	<b>Realised/ unrealised gains and losses £</b>	<b>Fund balance At 05 April 2021 £</b>
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
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>1,313,493</b>	<b>46,467</b>	<b>(63,263)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,296,697</b>

**8.2 Prior year**

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

**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

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 of 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.





## 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://christiandoctrineandgospelpublishing.org/>

The screenshot displays the website for Christian Doctrine & Gospel Publishing. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Bibles, Publications, Help, Authors, and Languages. Below this, a large image of an open Bible is featured with the text "Advancing Biblical Teaching for all Christians Worldwide" overlaid. A yellow arrow points from the URL above to the website. Below the Bible image, there is a section titled "The wonder of God's universe" with a "NEW" tag. The bottom of the screenshot shows a row of books and a sign that says "The wonder of God's universe".

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. 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, Shepshed 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.