

Charity Registration No: 1157887

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## **Bridgefoot Gospel Hall Trust**

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**Report of the trustees and  
unaudited financial statements  
for the year ended 5th April 2024**

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**Bridgefoot Gospel Hall Trust**  
**Reference and administrative details**  
**for the year ended 5th April 2024**

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**Charity name:** Bridgefoot Gospel Hall Trust

**Registered charity number:** 1157887

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# **Bridgefoot Gospel Hall Trust**

## **Report of the trustees for the year ended 5th April 2024**

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The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 5th April 2024. 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**

Bridgefoot Gospel Hall Trust is an unincorporated trust constituted by Deed of Trust dated 27th January 1983, most recently amended by Deed of Variation dated 14th February 2014. The Trust was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 16th July 2014 under Charity Registration Number: 1157887.

#### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

The names of the Trustees who have served during the year and since the year end are set out on page 1. 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 (2023: £nil).

The Trust operates 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.

The charity also maintains particular links with the Walden Road Gospel Hall Trust with which it shares members of its congregation.

#### **Risk management**

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

### **Main activities and achievements**

The Trust provides and maintains three 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.

During the financial year the Trustees concluded that two gospel halls owned by Bridgefoot Gospel Hall Trust, together with any net assets after the settlement of outstanding liabilities should be donated to Walden Road Trust (an affiliated trust) for NIL consideration pursuant to the power contained in clause 2.2(o) of the Trust Deed, as they considered it would be in the best interests of the congregation if the management and administration of gospel halls was consolidated. The donation of the halls was completed on 15th February 2023.

### **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 50 and 500 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.

During the period approximately 480 preachings were carried out and at least 2590 gospel tracts and 3 bibles were distributed free of charge. Preachings have been carried out in this location for over 50 years and they are generally very well received by local communities.

Members of the congregation have also carried out several outreach projects including the following:

- £250 donation to Uttlesford food bank.
- £200 donation to moving & handling equipment for Saffron Walden First responders.
- 2 x repairs and refurbishments to bench and on local village greens.
- £150 donation to Addenbrooke's Hospital Charitable Trust.
- Provided new bench to village green in Newport.
- £200 donation to Saffron Walden Homeless shelter.
- £200 donation to foodbank.
- Broomfield house health and wellbeing meal - £150.
- Great Sampford school picnic area donation - £300.

**Spreading the Gospel message and the life of a Christian contd.**

In addition to the activities explained in the above section the trust actively supports the Rapid Relief Team (RRT), a separate trust, in their support of local charities and people in need. Some examples of recent events include:

- 20 Foodboxes donated to New Cangle Primary school in Haverhill – April
- 300 Smarrt cookie bar boxes donated to New Cangle Primary school in Haverhill – May
- 28 Foodboxes donated to Dunmow Primary School – July
- 100 Smarrt cookie bar boxes donated to New Cangle Primary school in Haverhill – July
- 21 Foodboxes donated to New Cangle Primary school in Haverhill – July
- Sanctuary Housing – 50 burger meals and 21 foodboxes event – September
- Debden Litter pick – Bacon roll meal event – September
- 14 Foodboxes and 300 cookie bars to New Cangle primary school
- MOD Training event at Carver Barracks 150 meals – October
- 14 Foodboxes and EBL kit delivered to New Cangle Primary School – October
- 10 baby care kits donated to Dunmow Primary School – November
- MOD Training event at Carver Barracks 200 meals – November
- 5 Foodboxes donated to Henham Primary School – November
- 30 Foodboxes donated to New Cangle Primary school in Haverhill – February
- MOD Training event at Carver Barracks 300 meals – February
- Sanctuary Housing event – 30 burger meals and 12 foodboxes event - February

Further information and examples on the work of RRT can be found at <https://www.rrtglobal.org/> .

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:

1. 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)
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).
3. 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).
4. 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.
5. 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 5 April 2024 the Trust had a deficit of incoming resources over resources expended. This was mainly due to a high depreciation charge i.e. non cash item and transferring halls to an affiliated trust for nil consideration. Total voluntary income received this year was £323,047 compared to £67,768 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 generally have decided to adopt a policy of maintaining no significant reserves. However due to the likelihood of needing funds for a further new hall the trust is accumulating reserves to this end. 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 £ 461,565 (2023: £306,765).

### **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 & Wales requires 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 of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- a) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- b) observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- c) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- d) state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- e) 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 that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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 Richard C Smith

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Date

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**Report to the trustees of Bridgefoot Gospel Hall Trust on the financial statements for the year ended 5th April 2024 set out on pages 7 to 14.**

### **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 statement**

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.

**Signed:**

**Date:**

**Name:** Sandra Thurgood FCCA

Eastway Enterprise Centre, 7 Paynes Park, Hitchin, Herts., SG5 1EH



**Bridgefoot Gospel Hall Trust**  
**Statement of financial activities**  
**(including income and expenditure account)**  
**for the year ended 5th April 2024**

	NOTES	Unrestricted Funds £	Unrestricted Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>Incoming and endowments from:</b>						
<b>Donations and legacies:</b>						
Contributions from the congregation		46,352	64	-	46,416	43,330
Gift Aid donations		26,684	-	-	26,684	16,030
Other donations		243,276	-	-	243,276	4,400
Income tax refundable		6,671	-	-	6,671	4,008
Donated services	4.	-	-	-	-	-
Payroll giving		-	-	-	-	-
Legacies received		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Investment income and interest</b>						
Bank interest		1	-	-	1	-
<b>Other income</b>						
Transfers from affiliated trusts		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>322,984</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>323,048</b>	<b>67,768</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
<b>Charitable activities</b>						
Running of meeting halls	6.	37,352	-	-	37,352	52,494
Wider community outreach		2,209	-	-	2,209	1,245
Congregation support		-	64	-	64	11,407
Cost of donated services	4.	11,375	-	-	11,375	5,120
Transfers to affiliated trusts	5.	859,000	-	-	859,000	-
Other costs		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Governance</b>						
Computer costs		1,026	-	-	1,026	648
Postage, print and stationery		-	-	-	-	-
Legal & professional costs		11,669	-	-	11,669	3,616
Independent Examiner's fee		1,440	-	-	1,440	1,290
Training		300	-	-	300	-
Repairs and maintenance		-	-	-	-	-
Bank charges		-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation- Office equipment		-	-	-	-	-
Profit/Loss on sale of assets		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>924,371</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>924,435</b>	<b>75,820</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>- 601,387</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 601,387</b>	<b>- 8,052</b>
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets		318,822	-	-	318,822	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>- 282,565</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 282,565</b>	<b>- 8,052</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>						
Funds at 6th April 2023		1,505,466	-	-	1,505,466	1,513,518
<b>Total funds at 5th April 2024</b>	8.	<b>1,222,901</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,222,901</b>	<b>1,505,466</b>

The notes on pages 10 to 14 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.

**Bridgefoot Gospel Hall Trust**  
**Balance sheet**  
**As at 5th April 2024**

	NOTES	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible fixed assets	7.		761,336		1,198,701
			<u>761,336</u>		<u>1,198,701</u>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors:					
Prepayments & accrued income		8,011		5,032	
Rosebay Construction loan		-		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		456,785		304,171	
		<u>464,796</u>		<u>309,203</u>	
<b>Current liabilities</b>					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year:					
Other creditors		-		-	
Accruals and deferred income		3,231		2,438	
		<u>3,231</u>		<u>2,438</u>	
Net current assets			461,565		306,765
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>1,222,901</u>		<u>1,505,466</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year:					
Loans			-		-
<b>Net assets</b>			<u>1,222,901</u>	£	<u>1,505,466</u>
<b>Funds</b>					
Unrestricted income fund			1,222,901		1,505,466
Restricted funds			-		-
<b>Total Funds</b>	9.		<u>1,222,901</u>	£	<u>1,505,466</u>

The unaudited financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustee of Bridgefoot Gospel Hall Trust on / / and signed on their behalf by

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Mr Richard C Smith  
Trustee

Bridgefoot Gospel Hall Trust  
Detailed statement of financial activities  
Cashflow Statement  
for the year ended 5th April 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Unrestricted Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>					
Net income/(-) expenditure for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	- 282,565	-	-	- 282,565	- 8,052
<b>Adjustments for:</b>					
Depreciation charges	18,791	-	-	18,791	18,093
(-) Gains/losses on investments	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	-	-	-	-	-
Loss/(-) profit on sale of fixed assets	- 318,822	-	-	- 318,822	-
(-) Increase/decrease in stocks	-	-	-	-	-
(-) Increase/decrease in debtors	- 2,979	-	-	- 2,979	- 3,129
Increase/(-) decrease in creditors	793	-	-	793	303
<b>Net cash provided by (-) used in operating activities</b>	<b>- 584,782</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 584,782</b>	<b>7,215</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>					
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	859,000	-	-	859,000	-
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	- 121,604	-	-	- 121,604	-
Proceeds from sale of investments	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net cash provided by (-) used in investing activities</b>	<b>737,396</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>737,396</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>					
Repayments of borrowing	-	-	-	-	-
Cash inflows from new borrowing	-	-	-	-	-
Receipt of endowment	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net cash provided by (-) used in financing activities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
 Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period	 152,614	 -	 -	 152,614	 7,215
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>	<b>304,171</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>304,171</b>	<b>296,956</b>
 <b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>	 <b>456,785</b>	 <b>-</b>	 <b>-</b>	 <b>456,785</b>	 <b>304,171</b>

## **1. Accounting policies**

### **1.1 Basis of preparation of the financial statements**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Second edition of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and UK Generally Accepted 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 Bridgefoot 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 £150) 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:

Building refurbishments	15%- Reducing balance method
Equipment	20%- Straight line method

### **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 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.

### **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 Donated services

Income	2024 £	2023 £
	-	-
	-	-
Expenditure	2024 £	2023 £
Walden Road Gospel Hall Trust	11,375	5,120
	11,375	5,120

## 5 Transfers to affiliated trusts

	2024 £	2023 £
Walden Road Gospel Hall Trust	859,000	-
	859,000	-

6 Resources expended		Meeting rooms £	Other charitable activities £	2024 £	2023 £
Repairs and maintenance of halls	see below	2,069	-	2,069	6,973
Maintenance- Recording equipment	see below	-	-	-	774
Light and heat	see below	5,377	-	5,377	8,153
Rental of land	see below	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
Water rates	see below	752	-	752	508
Telephone & broadband at hall(s)	see below	810	-	810	1,872
Conference costs		-	900	900	-
Insurance- Public liability	see below	1,791	-	1,791	1,501
Legal & professional- specific to halls	see below	5,558	-	5,558	11,539
Cleaning	see below	304	-	304	576
Sundry	see below	-	-	-	1,505
Depreciation- Freehold property		18,791	-	18,791	18,093
Depreciation- Equipment		-	-	-	-
		36,452	900	37,352	52,494

Summary of expenses per hall:

	Rowney View £	Copthall £	London Road £	Sampford £	Total £
Repairs and maintenance of buildings	2,069	-	-	-	2,069
Maintenance- Recording equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Light and heat	5,334	43	-	-	5,377
Rental of land	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
Water rates	692	60	-	-	752
Telephone & broadband	810	-	-	-	810
Insurance	1,357	217	217	-	1,791
Legal and professional	5,558	-	-	-	5,558
Cleaning	304	-	-	-	304
Sundry	- 205	-	205	-	-
	16,919	320	422	-	17,661

## 7 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Property* and Refurbishment £	Plant & Equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>			
At 6th April 2023	1,427,719	44,031	1,471,750
Disposals	763,157	-	763,157
Additions	121,604	-	121,604
At 5th April 2024	786,166	44,031	830,197
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 6th April 2023	229,018	44,031	273,049
Disposals	222,979	-	222,979
Charge for the year	18,791	-	18,791
At 5th April 2024	24,830	44,031	68,861
Net Book Value			
At 5th April 2024	761,336	-	761,336
At 6th April 2023	1,198,701	-	1,198,701

\* Land Registry numbers in respect to properties owned by the trust are EX855686/EX871057/EX934109/EX836399

## 8 Analysis of net assets between funds

### 8.1 Current year

	Unrestricted funds £	Unrestricted Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	761,336	-	-	761,336
Currents assets	464,796	-	-	464,796
Current liabilities	3,231	-	-	3,231
<b>Total funds</b>	1,222,901	-	-	1,222,901

### 8.2 Prior year

	Unrestricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	1,198,701	-	-	1,198,701
Currents assets	309,203	-	-	309,203
Current liabilities	2,438	-	-	2,438
<b>Total funds</b>	1,505,466	-	-	1,505,466

## 9 Movement in funds

### 9.1 Current year

	Balance at 6 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Realised/ unrealised gain and losses £	Balance at 5 April 2024 £
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Designated funds	-	64	64	-	-
Unrestricted funds	1,505,466	322,984	924,371	318,822	1,222,901
<b>Total funds</b>	1,505,466	323,048	924,435	318,822	1,222,901

## 9 Movement in funds contd.

### 9.2 Prior year

	Balance at 6 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Realised/ unrealised gain and losses £	Balance at 5 April 2023 £
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Fund	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Designated funds	228	11,179	11,407	-	-
Unrestricted funds	1,513,290	56,589	64,413	-	1,505,466
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>1,513,518</b>	<b>67,768</b>	<b>75,820</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,505,466</b>

## 10 Transactions with related parties

Total donations received from connected persons was £8,227.19 (2023 £6,020.00). Construction work was placed with Rosebay Construction Limited of which Alan Rowles, trustee is a director for £121,404.42 (2023 £5,849.00).

## 11 Volunteers

Bridgefoot 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.

13 Full comparison of Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Unrestricted Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
<b>Incoming and endowments from:</b>				
<b>Donations and legacies:</b>				
Contributions from the congregation	32,151	11,179	-	43,330
Gift Aid donations	16,030	-	-	16,030
Other donations	4,400	-	-	4,400
Income tax refundable	4,008	-	-	4,008
Donated services	-	-	-	-
Payroll giving	-	-	-	-
Legacies received	-	-	-	-
<b>Investment income and interest</b>				
Bank interest	-	-	-	-
<b>Other income</b>				
Transfers from affiliated trusts	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>56,589</b>	<b>11,179</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>67,768</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
<b>Charitable activities</b>				
Running of meeting halls	52,494	-	-	52,494
Wider community outreach	1,245	-	-	1,245
Congregation support	-	11,407	-	11,407
Cost of donated services	5,120	-	-	5,120
Transfers to affiliated trusts	-	-	-	-
Other costs	-	-	-	-
<b>Governance</b>				
Computer costs	648	-	-	648
Postage, print and stationery	-	-	-	-
Legal & professional costs	3,616	-	-	3,616
Independent Examiner's fee	1,290	-	-	1,290
Training	-	-	-	-
Repairs and maintenance	-	-	-	-
Bank charges	-	-	-	-
Depreciation- Office equipment	-	-	-	-
Profit/Loss on sale of assets	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>64,413</b>	<b>11,407</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>75,820</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<b>- 7,824</b>	<b>- 228</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 8,052</b>
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>- 7,824</b>	<b>- 228</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 8,052</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>				
Funds at 6th April 2022	1,513,290	228	-	1,513,518
<b>Total funds at 5th April 2023</b>	<b>1,505,466</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,505,466</b>



# Bridgefoot Gospel Hall Trust – Public Benefit report 2023-2024

This document outlines some of the public benefit activities undertaken by the Bridgefoot Gospel Hall Trust in the financial year 2023-2024 and supplements the public benefit report found in our annual accounts.

## Introduction:

The charitable purpose of the Bridgefoot Gospel Hall Trust is '*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 world-wide fellowship known as the "Plymouth Brethren Christian Church"*'. Bridgefoot Gospel Hall Trust currently owns and maintains 5 halls within the area surrounding Thaxted, Essex.

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.

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.

The Bridgefoot Gospel Hall Trust was formed in 1983 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.

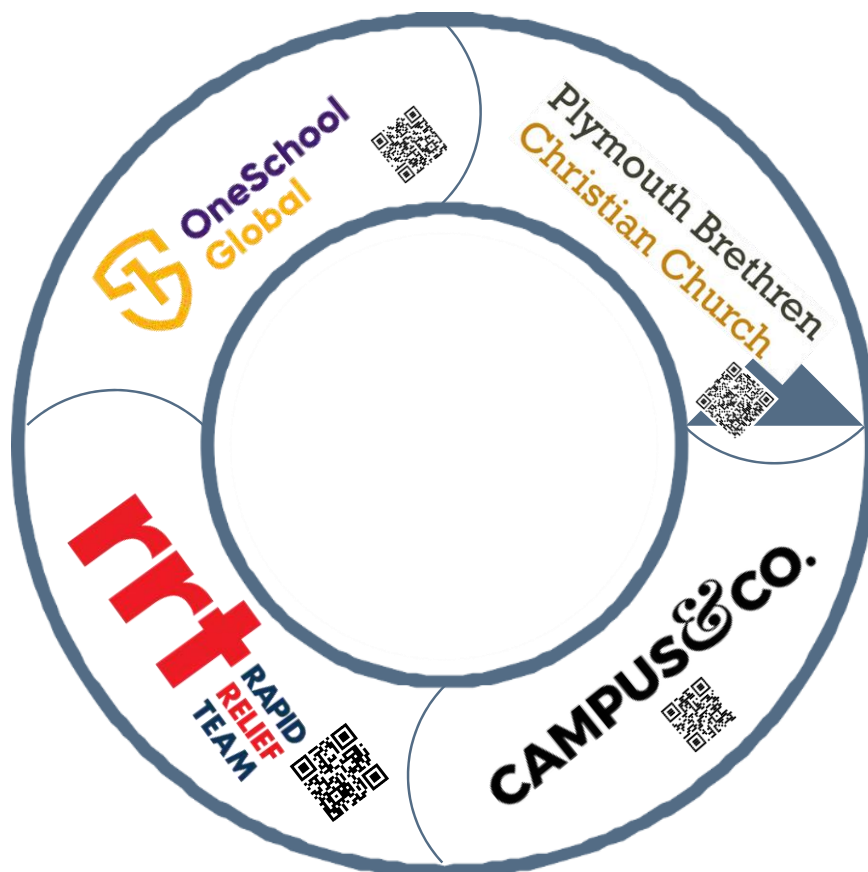
Brethren first gathered in Debden green in 1911 in a cottage before purchasing a meeting hall in 1918. In 1950 brethren purchased another hall in Thaxted which was rebuilt in 1970, further extended in 1989 and is still in use today. Other meeting halls have been purchased nearby in Newport and Great Sampford and the Bridgefoot Trust currently looks after 5 halls.

These halls are used for the celebration of the Lord's supper, Bible readings and preachings. All those attending are part of a worldwide fellowship known as Plymouth brethren. These meetings are also attended regularly by brethren from Cambridge and other nearby places. We also have a street preaching each working day at Saffron Walden market square at noon.

## Our network:

To read more on the PBCC way of life, visit the

<https://www.plymouthbrethrenchristianchurch.org> website.



## Street preaching

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 daily programme of street preaching in Thaxted and Saffron Walden and Gospel tracts are provided free of charge to be handed out to interested members of the public.

During last financial year, approximately 480 preachings were carried out and at least 2590 gospel tracts and 3 bibles were distributed free of charge. Preachings have been carried out in this location for over 50 years and are very well received by local communities.

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.

**Romans 10v13; “For everyone whosoever, who shall call on the name of the Lord, shall be saved”.**

## Outreach:

In addition to the street preaching, members of the congregation regularly participate in public benefit activities – some recent examples are as follows:

- £250 donation to Uttlesford food bank
- £200 donation to moving & handling equipment for Saffron Walden First responders
- 2 x repairs and refurbishments to bench and on local village greens
- £150 donation to Addenbrooke’s Hospital Charitable Trust
- Provision of new bench to village green in Newport
- £200 donation to Saffron Walden Homeless shelter
- £200 donation to foodbank
- Broomfield house health and wellbeing meal - £150
- Great Sampford school picnic area donation - £300



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**DEBDEN COMMUNITY LITTER-PICKERS DO IT AGAIN!**

Thank you to all who came to the Litter-pick on Saturday 23rd March. We were once again blessed with dry weather although it was a little windy.

Eight volunteers arrived, including members of the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church, along with Cllrs. Gardner, Watson and Willis, made eleven.

It was great to see some children come along to get involved. Three residents had done a litter pick the week before as they couldn't make the Saturday meet.

A total of 30 bags were collected and we managed to cover from Debden Green Crossroads through the village centre to Purton End, Newport Road from the Widdington turning to Debden Antiques, Rook End Lane and Sampson's Lane up to Littley Wood, and Debden Recreation Ground with some surrounding footpaths.

Thank you to UDC for providing the Hi Viz vests, picks, red bags and for collecting the rubbish.

A great effort once again!

Cllr. April Gardner

**KEEP BRITAIN TIDY.**

< Post in Great Sampford Primary School

**Thank you**

I just want to say thank you to the families and community for the support with the blue tokens in Tesco. I am pleased to announce that the school came in second place and we have been offered £1,000 towards the improvement of the picnic area.

As well as this grant the PTA are kindly supporting the rest of the funds and a special mention to the Bridgefoot Trust and Nigel Sault for their donations towards the improvements too.

Sent on Wednesday, May 1st at 2:26 pm

AR Posted by Miss Reis

**DPC**  
DEBDEN PARISH COUNCIL

**Debden's Grand Beacon joins Nationwide Commemoration of D-Day**

Debden's village beacon was lit at exactly 9.15pm on 6th June, along with more than 1500 beacons across the UK, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories as the nation marked the 80th Anniversary of D-Day.

In a ceremony on Debden recreation ground organised by Debden Parish Council and Debden Branch Royal British Legion, crowds of approx. 100, gathered to witness the lighting of the beacon by local resident Ben Diggins, assisted by Robert Cooper who made the metal basket back in 2022, when the beacon was first lit to mark the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Cllr April Gardner introduced the proceedings on behalf of Debden Parish Council and referred to the success and sacrifices of Operation Overlord, on June 6th, 1944. Andy Pearce, on behalf of the British Legion, read The Exhortation. Professional toastmaster Richard Cawte, who also acted as standard bearer, read the National Tribute as the beacon was lit, and following two minutes silence, District Cllr Stewart Luck cited the Kohima Epitaph.

We were thankfully blessed with a dry, cloudless and still evening, albeit a little chill. However, we were able to warm up with hot food and drinks, as refreshments were provided thanks to the generosity of the Rapid Relief Team who support community and fundraising events in the local area.

Mike Fairchild and April Gardner

Rapid relief team

In addition to the activities explained in the above section the trust actively supports the Rapid Relief Team (RRT), a separate trust, in their support of local charities and people in need. Information on RRT can be found on their website: <https://rrtglobal.org/gb/>

Some examples of recent events include:

- 20 Foodboxes donated to New Cangle Primary school in Haverhill – April
- 300 Smarrt cookie bar boxes donated to New Cangle Primary school in Haverhill – May
- 28 Foodboxes donated to Dunmow Primary School – July
- 100 Smarrt cookie bar boxes donated to New Cangle Primary school in Haverhill – July
- 21 Foodboxes donated to New Cangle Primary school in Haverhill – July
- Sanctuary Housing – 50 burger meals and 21 foodboxes event – September
- Debden Litter pick – Bacon roll meal event – September
- 14 Foodboxes and 300 cookie bars to New Cangle primary school
- MOD Training event at Carver Barracks 150 meals – October
- 14 Foodboxes and EBL kit delivered to New Cangle Primary School – October
- 10 baby care kits donated to Dunmow Primary School – November
- MOD Training event at Carver Barracks 200 meals – November
- 5 Foodboxes donated to Henham Primary School – November
- 30 Foodboxes donated to New Cangle Primary school in Haverhill – February
- MOD Training event at Carver Barracks 300 meals – February
- Sanctuary Housing event – 30 burger meals and 12 foodboxes event - February

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## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**Report to the trustees of Bridgefoot Gospel Hall Trust on the financial statements for the year ended 5th April 2024 set out on pages 7 to 14.**

### **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 statement**

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.

**Signed:**



**Date:**

11/12/2024

**Name:** Sandra Thurgood FCCA

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