

# **Trustees Report & Unaudited Financial Statements**

Lansdowne Gospel Hall Trust  
For the year ended 5 April 2025

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# Legal and Administrative Information

## Lansdowne Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2025

**Charity Name:**

Lansdowne Gospel Hall Trust

**Registered Charity Number:**

1159075

**Trustees:**

Lincoln Taylor (Chair)

Reuben Diplock

Darrell Brown

Robert Barry - resigned 1st June 2024

Derek Barry

Rolf Diplock - Appointed 1st June 2024

**Treasurer:**

Reuben Diplock

**Principle Address:**

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**Independent Examiner:**

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# Report of the Trustees

## Lansdowne 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 21st March 1983, most recently amended by Deed of Variation dated 12th August 2014. The trust was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 5th November 2014 under Charity Registration Number: 1159075

#### 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 one Gospel hall 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 Charities with a view to pooling experience considered useful in pursuing the objects of the Trust. The Trust also maintains particular links with East Hill Gospel Hall Trust & Chichester 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 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 Lansdowne Gospel Hall Trust can be found in the separate appendix to this report.

## **Main activities and achievements**

The Trust provides and maintains one 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 trusts main achievement for the year was to perform significant maintenance on the hall it owns. Further details of the trusts activities can be found in the public benefit report in the appendix to these accounts

## **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 seeking to acquire a further property to ensure the needs of the congregation can be met. At the end of the year, the trust had submitted an offer on a new property, and was awaiting a response on this offer.

## **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 20 and 600 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 where Gospel tracts are provided free of charge by the Charity to such preachers to be handed out to interested members of the public.

In addition to street preaching, members of the congregation also undertook further public outreach activities which are detailed in a separate appendix 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

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 £190,604 compared to £116,933 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 is currently seeking to acquire another property to meet the needs of the congregation, and is therefore holding an elevated level of reserves, however on an ongoing basis, the trustees have decided to adopt a policy of maintaining no significant reserves. 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 £127,504 (2024: £44,191)

## 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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Reuben Diplock (Trustee)

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Date

# Report of the Independent Examiner

## Lansdowne Gospel Hall Trust

## For the year ended 5 April 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Lansdowne 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.

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26 September 2025



# Statement of Financial Activities

## Lansdowne Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2025

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2025	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
<b>Income and endowments:</b>					
<b>Donations and Legacies:</b>					
Contributions from the Congregation	104,551	-	-	104,551	91,326
Gift Aid Donations	34,458	-	-	34,458	20,486
Income Tax refunds	8,615	-	-	8,615	5,122
Grants Received (note 5)	42,980	-	-	42,980	-
<b>Investments</b>					
Interest Received	334	-	-	334	257
<b>Total Income and endowments:</b>	<b>190,938</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>190,938</b>	<b>117,190</b>
<b>Expenditure:</b>					
Running Meeting Rooms (note 9)	70,459	-	-	70,459	59,955
Cost of donated services (note 4)	44,349	-	-	44,349	33,236
<b>Total Expenditure:</b>	<b>114,808</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>114,808</b>	<b>93,191</b>
<b>Net Income/(Expenditure)</b>	<b>76,130</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>76,130</b>	<b>23,999</b>
<b>Net Movement In Funds</b>	<b>76,130</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>76,130</b>	<b>23,999</b>
	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2025	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
<b>Reconciliation of funds (note 11)</b>					
Total Funds brought forward	1,389,250	-	-	1,389,250	1,365,252
Net movement in funds	76,130	-	-	76,130	23,999
<b>Total Funds carried forward</b>	<b>1,465,380</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,465,380</b>	<b>1,389,250</b>

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

# Balance Sheet

## Lansdowne Gospel Hall Trust As at 5 April 2025

	2025	2024
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Tangible assets (note 6)	1,337,876	1,345,059
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>1,337,876</b>	<b>1,345,059</b>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Prepayments and accrued income	8,321	3,926
Cash at bank and in hand	120,767	41,775
<b>Total Current assets</b>	<b>129,088</b>	<b>45,701</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>		
Accruals and deferred income	1,584	1,510
<b>Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>1,584</b>	<b>1,510</b>
<b>Net current assets/(liabilities)</b>	<b>127,504</b>	<b>44,191</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>1,465,380</b>	<b>1,389,250</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>1,465,380</b>	<b>1,389,250</b>
<b>Funds (note 10)</b>		
Unrestricted funds	1,465,380	1,389,250
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>1,465,380</b>	<b>1,389,250</b>

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

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Reuben Diplock (Trustee)

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

# Notes forming part of the Financial Statements

## Lansdowne 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 Lansdowne 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% straight line
Property improvements	2% 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.

## 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. Donated Services

	2025	2024
<b>Donated Services</b>		
<b>Donated To:</b>		
Donated Services to Chichester Gospel Hall Trust	44,349	33,236
<b>Total Donated Services:</b>	<b>44,349</b>	<b>33,236</b>

## 5. Grants

	2025	2024
<b>Grants:</b>		
<b>Grants Received from:</b>		
Grants Received from Harrow Gospel Hall Trust	42,930	-
Grant Received from East Hill Gospel Hill Trust	50	-
<b>Total Grants Received:</b>	<b>42,980</b>	<b>-</b>

## 6. Tangible Fixed Assets

<b>Cost</b>	Freehold Property and Refurbishment	Computer Equipment	Totals
At 6 April 2024	1,550,282	20,961	1,571,243
Additions	23,367	-	23,367
Disposals	-	-	-
At 5 April 2025	1,573,649	20,961	1,594,610
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 6 April 2024	222,853	3,332	226,186
Current Year Depreciation	28,788	1,763	30,550
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	-
At 5 April 2025	251,641	5,095	256,736
<b>Net Book Value</b>			
At 5 April 2025	1,322,009	15,866	1,337,874
At 5 April 2024	1,327,429	17,629	1,345,058

Land registry titles of the above property held are HP820376, HP669689 and HP762106.

## 7. TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

During the financial year, aggregated donations of £19,625 (2024: £5,400) were received. This included £9,850 from businesses in which the trustees were directors. Reimbursements totalling £450 were made to trustees who had paid for trust expenses on the trusts behalf

## 8. VOLUNTEERS

Lansdowne 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

## Lansdowne Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2025

### 9. Resources Expended

	MEETING ROOMS	OTHER CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	TOTAL COSTS 2025	TOTAL COSTS 2024
<b>Direct Costs</b>				
Premises costs - repairs and maintenance	12,143	-	12,143	5,236
Premises costs - heat, light and power	10,584	-	10,584	11,335
Telephone	351	-	351	88
Health and Safety	1,984	-	1,984	1,319
Legal and professional	5,328	-	5,328	5,097
Public outreach expenses	-	1,406	1,406	576
Special meeting costs	-	-	-	1,224
Depreciation	30,550	-	30,550	30,132
Insurance	3,619	-	3,619	675
Subscriptions	1,388	-	1,388	1,623
Governance	3,105	-	3,105	2,649
<b>Total Direct Costs</b>	<b>69,053</b>	<b>1,406</b>	<b>70,459</b>	<b>59,955</b>

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

# Analysis of Net Assets - Current year

Lansdowne Gospel Hall Trust

For the year ended 5 April 2025

## 10. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

### 10.1 Current Year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2025
<b>Funds</b>				
Tangible Fixed Assets	1,337,876	-	-	1,337,876
Current Assets	129,088	-	-	129,088
Current Liabilities	(1,584)	-	-	(1,584)
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>1,465,380</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,465,380</b>

# Analysis of Net Assets - Prior Year

Lansdowne Gospel Hall Trust  
For the year ended 5 April 2025

10.2 Prior Year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
<b>Funds</b>				
Tangible Fixed Assets	1,345,059	-	-	1,345,059
Current Assets	45,701	-	-	45,701
Current Liabilities	(1,510)	-	-	(1,510)
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>1,389,250</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,389,250</b>



# Movement in Funds - Current Year

## Lansdowne Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2025

### 11. Movement in Funds

#### 11.1 Movement in funds - current year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2025
<b>Movement in Funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward	1,389,250	-	-	1,389,250
Incoming resources	190,938	-	-	190,938
Resources expended	(114,808)	-	-	(114,808)
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>1,465,380</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,465,380</b>

# Movement in Funds - Prior Year

## Lansdowne Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2025

### 11. Movement in Funds

#### 11.2 Movement in funds - Prior year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	2024 DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
<b>Movement in Funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward	1,365,252	-	-	1,365,252
Incoming resources	117,190	-	-	117,190
Resources expended	(93,191)	-	-	(93,191)
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>1,389,250</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,389,250</b>

# Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

## Lansdowne Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2025

TOTAL FUNDS 2024

### Income and endowments:

#### Donations and Legacies:

Contributions from the Congregation	91,326
Gift Aid Donations	20,486
Income Tax refunds	5,122

#### Investments

Interest Received	257
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<b>Total Income and endowments:</b>	<b>117,190</b>
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### Expenditure:

Running Meeting Rooms (note 9)	59,955
Cost of donated services (note 4)	33,236
<b>Total Expenditure:</b>	<b>93,191</b>

<b>Net Income/(Expenditure)</b>	<b>23,999</b>
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<b>Net Movement In Funds</b>	<b>23,999</b>
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TOTAL FUNDS 2024

### Reconciliation of funds (note 11)

Total Funds brought forward	1,365,252
Net movement in funds	23,999
<b>Total Funds carried forward</b>	<b>1,389,250</b>

# **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.**

## 2024-2025 Summary.

The trustees of the Lansdowne 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.

### Street Preaching and Tract Distribution

From May 2024 to April 2025 we carried out 334 street preachings and distributed a total of 4692 no of tracts.

Tracts and gospel cards are also still available for collection form the main Gospel Hall.

### Working with other charities

Members of the Andover RRT team have also carried out the following activities in our local community:

#### Donations:

Charity	Date	Donated Goods
Stop Domestic Abuse	09/17/24	48 Food boxes and 48 care kits to various sites - addresses confidential
Andover Crisis Centre	09/17/24	2 care kits and 3 baby care kits
Enham Trust	09/17/24	2 crates of smarrrt cookies, 3 baby care kits and 13 frontline snack packs
Stop Domestic Abuse	09/17/24	4 baby care kits
Unity	03/17/25	980 food boxes, donations are ongoing to a expected total of 1500, this is supported by HCC
Unity	06/09/25	22 care kits following the fire following the flat fire
Unity	06/17/25	12 baby care kits following the fire at the flats

### **Events in support of emergency services:**

- 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025 - rose Cottage Quarley, Served around 80 hot meals for the emergency services
- 12<sup>th</sup> April 2025 - Wherwell House Fire, served circa 70 hot meals for the emergency services and displaced residents.
- 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025 - a flat fire at Dairy Court. There were 24 fire trucks on site through the event, and we served 150+ meals to the fire crew, police and ambulance service. We arrived on site at about 8pm and were on site for roughly 4 hours.

### **Support of Food Banks**

The trust purchased food with a value of £1,405.94, which was donated to local foodbanks in the area.

### **Public Benefit Examples Carried Out By Members of Andover PBCC.**

Members of the congregation:

On Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June, members of the congregation volunteered to install a small picket fence at Longstock Park Nursery in the new 'Garden For Mind'. This garden is a collaboration between Andover Mind and John Lewis Partnership and will serve as a community garden which people can enjoy and garden in to help with the mental wellbeing. It took us around 4.5hrs.

All the materials were donated by a local business.

Below is a message from Libby Hilling who came up with the concept of and ran the Garden For Mind project:

*"Braden, lovely to see you all this morning. The gate and fence look fabulous. Great job, thank you to yourself, Trent, and Leo. Your continued support and wonderful enthusiasm are very much appreciated. Look out for my post as I will do one either later today or tomorrow. Thank you again. If you have some people from your church who are interested in volunteering, then afternoons are good for me or next weekend so we can prep for the Grand Opening on 11th July. Enjoy the rest of your weekend. Many thanks Libby".*



Members of the congregation cleared weeds around traffic island in their road.



### Members of the congregation:

On 7<sup>th</sup> December mid afternoon, a tree blew down and completely blocked Short lane, Penton, members of the congregation spent the afternoon with another local resident clearing the tree, completed the clearing on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December. About 6 hours work in total

