

**Charity Registration No: 1159093**

**The Leewood Gospel Hall Trust**

**Report of the trustees and  
unaudited financial statements  
Year ended 5 April 2023**

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**The Leewood Gospel Hall Trust**

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**The Leewood Gospel Hall Trust****Reference and Administrative Details  
For the Year ended 5 April 2023**

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<b>Charity name</b>	The Leewood Gospel Hall Trust
<b>Registered charity number</b>	1159093
<b>Trustees</b>	Ken Hutchins (Chair) James Hutchins David Glass Michael Smith Neil Woodfield
<b>Treasurer</b>	Michael Smith
<b>Principal address</b>	Brethrens Meeting Room Snape Road Knodishall Saxmundham Suffolk IP17 1UT
<b>Independent examiner</b>	Simon Bell T B Tax Services Accountants Bridge House Pattenden Lane Marden Kent TN12 9QJ
<b>Accountant</b>	T B Tax Services Accountants Bridge House Pattenden Lane Marden Kent TN12 9QJ

## **The Leewood Gospel Hall Trust**

### **Report of the Trustees For the Year ended 5 April 2023**

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

#### **Structure, governance and management**

##### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

The Charity is an unincorporated trust constituted by a Deed of Trust dated 21 October 1978, most recently amended by Deed of Variation dated 12 August 2014. The Trust was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 6 November 2014 under Charity Registration Number: 1159093.

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

The names of the Trustees who served during the year and since the year end are set out on page 3. None of the Trustees, nor any person connected with them, received any remuneration or expenses from the Charity in the Year ended 5 April 2023 (2022: £nil).

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

##### **Wider network**

The Trustees maintain informal links with similar charities with a view to pooling experience considered useful in pursuing the objects of the Charity. The Charity also maintains particular links with Alliston Gospel Hall Trust, with which it shares members of its congregation and during the year paid expenses on its behalf as shown in the donated services note 4.

##### **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.

## **The Leewood Gospel Hall Trust**

### **Report of the Trustees (Cont'd) For the Year ended 5 April 2023**

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#### **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 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 year the trust purchased some land behind the current main Gospel Hall.

The Trust has continued to engage with the congregation and encouraging good works by them which benefit the wider community, as described in the attached report.

##### **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 30 and 450 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 hall and visitors are free to help themselves.

## **The Leewood Gospel Hall Trust**

### **Report of the Trustees (Cont'd) For the Year ended 5 April 2023**

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#### **Spreading the Gospel message and the life of a Christian**

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

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

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

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

#### **Funding**

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

#### **Financial review**

##### **Financial position**

In the Year ended 5 April 2023 there was a small surplus of income over expenditure.

Total voluntary income received this year was £60,492 compared to £71,408 in the previous year.

All funds held are unrestricted funds.

## The Leewood Gospel Hall Trust

### Report of the Trustees (Cont'd) For the Year ended 5 April 2023

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#### Reserves policy

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs, based on its size and the level of its financial commitments. The Trust has no employees and its regular outgoings are minimal. Accordingly, the Trustees have decided to adopt a policy of maintaining no significant reserves. There is a build up of reserves to fund the building of a new Gospel Hall.

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 £154,941 (2022: £168,987).

#### 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 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 are approved by at least two Trustees.

On behalf of the Board:

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Michael Smith  
Trustee

Date: 10/18/2023  
 Date: .....

## The Leewood Gospel Hall Trust

### Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees For the Year ended 5 April 2023

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Leewood Gospel Hall Trust for the year ending 5 April 2023.

#### RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

#### BASIS OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS 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 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 statement 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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# The Leewood Gospel Hall Trust

## Statement of Financial Activities For the Year ended 5 April 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
<b><i>Donations and legacies:</i></b>					
Collections		0	0	0	0
Contributions from the congregation		39,055	0	39,055	47,439
Gift Aid donations		17,155	0	17,155	19,175
Income tax refunds		4,282	0	4,282	4,794
Donated services		0	0	0	0
Other donations		0	0	0	0
Grants from other Trusts		0	0	0	0
<b><i>Investments</i></b>					0
Bank interest		676	0	676	28
<b><i>Other - Solar power revenue</i></b>		0	0	0	3,799
<b>Total</b>		<b>61,168</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>61,168</b>	<b>75,235</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
<b><i>Charitable activities</i></b>					
Running meeting rooms	5	39,353	0	39,353	20,946
Charitable events	5	9,528	0	9,528	1,450
Cost of donated services	4	6,201	0	6,201	3,173
<b>Total</b>		<b>55,082</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>55,082</b>	<b>25,569</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>6,086</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,086</b>	<b>49,666</b>
Gains/(losses) on sale of fixed assets		0	0	0	0
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>6,086</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,086</b>	<b>49,666</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		1,003,341	0	1,003,341	953,675
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>1,009,427</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,009,427</b>	<b>1,003,341</b>

The notes on pages 11 to 17 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.

**The Leewood Gospel Hall Trust****Balance Sheet****For the Year ended 5 April 2023**

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Intangible assets		0	0
Tangible fixed assets	6	<u>854,486</u>	<u>834,354</u>
		854,486	834,354
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors:			
Loan		0	0
Prepayments and accrued income		1,868	1,800
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>157,800</u>	<u>268,978</u>
		159,668	270,778
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year:			
Other creditors		(3,647)	(711)
Accruals and deferred income		(1,080)	(1,080)
Loans	7	<u>0</u>	<u>(100,000)</u>
Net current assets		154,941	168,987
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>1,009,427</u>	<u>1,003,341</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year:			
Loans		0	0
<b>Net assets</b>	8	<u>1,009,427</u>	<u>1,003,341</u>
<b>Funds</b>			
Unrestricted income fund		1,009,427	1,003,341
Designated funds		0	0
Restricted funds		0	0
<b>Total charity funds</b>	9	<u>1,009,427</u>	<u>1,003,341</u>

The unaudited financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees of The Leewood Gospel Hall Trust on 10/18/2023 and signed on their behalf by

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*Michael Smith*6C458A12B16D4F4...  
Michael Smith

Trustee

The notes on pages 11 to 17 form part of these financial statements

## The Leewood Gospel Hall Trust

### Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year ended 5 April 2023

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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 The Leewood 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 £500) 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:

Fixtures and Fittings	25% reducing balance
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## **The Leewood Gospel Hall Trust**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year ended 5 April 2023**

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

### **2. Trustees' remuneration and expenses**

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

### **3. Wages and salaries**

There are no employees (2022: none).

## The Leewood Gospel Hall Trust

### Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year ended 5 April 2023

#### 4. Donated services

	2023 £	2022 £
Outgoing - Alliston Trust	6,201	3,173
	<u>6,201</u>	<u>3,173</u>

#### 5. Resources expended

<i>Current Year</i>	Meeting rooms	Other charitable activities	2023
	£	£	£
<b>Direct costs:</b>			
Insurance	1,716	0	1,716
Repairs & Maintenance	15,350	0	15,350
Event expenses	341	0	341
Utilities	3,923	0	3,923
Loan interest	1,000	0	1,000
Donations	0	9,528	9,528
Legal and Professional Fees	15,176	0	15,176
Depreciation	647	0	647
<b>Governance costs</b>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,200</u>
	<u>39,353</u>	<u>9,528</u>	<u>48,881</u>

<i>Prior Year</i>	Meeting rooms	Other charitable activities	2022
	£	£	£
<b>Direct costs:</b>			
Insurance	1,809	0	1,809
Repairs & Maintenance	9,325	0	9,325
Event expenses	0	0	0
Utilities	3,030	0	3,030
Loan interest	3,000	0	3,000
Donations	0	1,450	1,450
Legal and Professional Fees	1,979	0	1,979
Depreciation	603	0	603
<b>Governance costs</b>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,200</u>
	<u>20,946</u>	<u>1,450</u>	<u>22,396</u>

Governance costs include £1,200 (2022: £1,080) in respect of accountancy and independent examiner's fees.

## The Leewood Gospel Hall Trust

### Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year ended 5 April 2023

#### 6. Fixed assets

	Freehold Property	Equipment	Total
<b>Cost</b>			
B/f at 06/04/2022	832,544	18,467	851,011
Additions	20,000	779	20,779
Disposals	0	0	0
<b>At 5 April 2023</b>	<u>852,544</u>	<u>19,246</u>	<u>871,790</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
B/f at 06/04/2022	0	16,657	16,657
Charge for the year	0	647	647
Impairment	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0
<b>At 5 April 2023</b>	<u>0</u>	<u>17,304</u>	<u>17,304</u>
<b>Net book value</b>			
<b>At 5 April 2023</b>	<u>852,544</u>	<u>1,942</u>	<u>854,486</u>
<b>At 5 April 2022</b>	<u>832,544</u>	<u>1,810</u>	<u>834,354</u>
<b>Freehold Property:</b>	<b>Title No</b>		<b>Cost</b>
Snape Road, Knodishall	SK147008		£413,878
Gromford Lane, Snape	SK142224	SK308749	£265,759
Carlton Road, Kelsale	SK292371		£125,000
Snape Road land, Knodishall	SK259024		£20,000

#### 7. Loans – Current Liabilities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Private Loans	0	100,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>0</u>	<u>100,000</u>

## The Leewood Gospel Hall Trust

### Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year ended 5 April 2023

#### 8. Analysis of net assets between funds

##### 8.1 Current year

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	854,486	0	0	854,486
Current assets	159,668	0	0	159,668
Current liabilities	(4,727)	0	0	(4,727)
Long term liabilities	0	0	0	0
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>1,009,427</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,009,427</u>

##### 8.2 Prior year

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	834,354	0	0	834,354
Current assets	270,778	0	0	270,778
Current liabilities	(101,791)	0	0	(101,791)
Long term liabilities	0	0	0	0
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>1,003,341</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,003,341</u>

## The Leewood Gospel Hall Trust

### Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year ended 5 April 2023

#### 9. Movement in funds

##### 9.1 Current year

	Balance at 6 April 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Realised/ unrealised gains and losses	Balance at 5 April 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds	0	0	0	0	0
Designated funds	0	0	0	0	0
Unrestricted funds	1,003,341	61,168	(55,082)	0	1,009,427
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>1,003,341</b>	<b>61,168</b>	<b>(55,082)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,009,427</b>

##### 9.2 Prior year

	Balance at 6 April 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Realised/ unrealised gains and losses	Balance at 5 April 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds	0	0	0	0	0
Designated funds	0	1,450	(1,450)	0	0
Unrestricted funds	953,675	73,785	(24,119)	0	1,003,341
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>953,675</b>	<b>75,235</b>	<b>(25,569)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,003,341</b>

#### 10. Transactions with related parties

During the year the Trust purchased goods from Beacon Lights to the value of £2,524 (2022: £37), a business part owned by Michael Smith, Trustee. This was at arms length.  
There were donations in the year of £4,160 (2022: £4,835) from related parties.

#### 11. Volunteers

The Leewood 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.



# The Leewood Gospel Hall Trust

## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year ended 5 April 2023

### 12. Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

		Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Total funds 2022
	Notes	£	£	£
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>				
<b><i>Donations and legacies:</i></b>				
Collections		0	0	0
Contributions from the congregation		45,989	1,450	47,439
Gift Aid donations		19,175	0	19,175
Income tax refunds		4,794	0	4,794
Donated services		0	0	0
Other donations		0	0	0
Grants from other Trusts		0	0	0
<b><i>Investments</i></b>				
Bank interest		28	0	28
<b><i>Other - Solar power revenue</i></b>		3,799	0	3,799
<b>Total</b>		<b>73,785</b>	<b>1,450</b>	<b>75,235</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
<b><i>Charitable activities</i></b>				
Running meeting rooms	5	20,946	0	20,946
Charitable events	5	0	1,450	1,450
Cost of donated services	4	3,173	0	3,173
<b>Total</b>		<b>24,119</b>	<b>1,450</b>	<b>25,569</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>49,666</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>49,666</b>
Gains/(losses) on sale of fixed assets		0	0	0
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>49,666</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>49,666</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward		953,675	0	953,675
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>1,003,341</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,003,341</b>

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# PUBLIC BENEFIT REPORT

# LEEWOOD GOSPEL HALL TRUST

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## LEEWOOD GOSPEL HALL TRUST PUBLIC BENEFIT

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.

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## **2022 SUMMARY**

The trustees of the Leewood 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.

Through out 2022 and 2023, we have continued to proceeded with caution as a community and whilst most of our meetings are held in our halls, whenever there is an outbreak of COVID in the community, we revert to video conferencing, to ensure protection of the congregation, particularly the elder and more vulnerable. As a community we have continued to test for COVID every week.

The trustees and the regular congregation members continue their public benefit works and as we support people and communities around our places of worship.

Every week day, members of the congregation spread the message of the Goodness of God out through preaching on the street. This is done mainly on the high street in Aldeburgh, where members of the congregations also hand out tracts and gospel cards to passers-by.

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## HEATHLAND FIRE

In the summer of 2022, a bad fire broke out in the evening of Sunday 24th July evening in the Heathland adjacent to the City Gospel Hall in Knodishall. Due to the difficulty in gaining access to the heathland, we allow access for the emergency services through the carpark, so the fire could be fought from all sides. We also opened the facilities for the service personal to use the facilities of the hall through the long battle with the fire.

It became apparent throughout the evening that the emergency services were lacking refreshments, so members of the congregation who also work with the Aldeburgh RRT team coordinated support for the emergency services.

Over 17 crews were in attendance plus off-road fire fighting vehicles, police, ambulance services and incident support units. RRT volunteers responded quickly and set up the tent alongside the incident support command unit, providing refreshments and snacks for the crews, some of which had been serving for nearly 24 hours.

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## WORKING WITH OTHER CHARITIES

Local members of the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church (PBCC) continue to offer their support for the community around them. Although this takes many forms, including simple tasks such as path clearing and cutting neighbours' grass, this is particularly demonstrated through the work of the Rapid Relief Team (RRT), a global charity that delivers compassion and hope to those in need.

With over 30 RRT volunteers enrolled locally, the past year has seen our local team engage in both reactive and proactive events, with three key examples listed below.

### **Further donations of food boxes to local support charity, IP17 Good Neighbour Scheme, May 2022**

IP17 Good Neighbour Scheme began to offer support for residents in Saxmundham and the surrounding area during the Covid-19 pandemic, but have continued to provide a greatly valued lifeline to many in need. The Rapid Relief Team have been pleased to assist their efforts which further donations of food boxes, containing vital non-perishable food supplies that can feed a family for a number of days.









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## Trek24 Sponsored Walk, East Anglian Air Ambulance, June 2022


PBCC volunteers were pleased to provide lunch and other refreshments to over 100 walkers taking part in a sponsored 24km walk along the Suffolk coast, in aid of the East Anglian Air Ambulance charity, who provide emergency medical services across Suffolk, Norfolk, Cambridgeshire and Bedfordshire.



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Thank you!



Liz Howard

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Hi Sam

On behalf of the East Anglian Air Ambulance, I just wanted to say a big thank you to you and your team for helping the day run smoothly on the Trek 24 on Saturday.

All the trekkers seemed extremely happy and very complimentary of the food at the finish line.


I hope you had a chance to enjoy a bit of the atmosphere too and please pass on my thanks to all of your team.

Best wishes

Liz

Liz Howard

Events Lead (Delivery) – Maternity cover



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