

Charity Registration No: 1159103

Dolafon Gospel Hall Trust

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

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Dolafon Gospel Hall Trust**Reference and Administrative Details
For the year ended 5 April 2023**

Charity name	Dolafon Gospel Hall Trust
Registered charity number	1159103
Trustees	Mr Craig Hawgood Mr Mervyn Edmondson Mr Duncan Morren Mr John Morrish (Chair) Mr Peter Simpson
Treasurer	Mr Craig Hawgood
Principal address	Meeting Room Cambrian Gardens Newtown Powys SY16 2AW
Independent examiner	Mike Prior FCA Sherlocks Chartered Accountants 16 Desborough Avenue Stanground Peterborough PE2 8RG
Accountant	T B Tax Services Accountants Bridge House Pattenden Lane Marden Kent TN12 9QJ
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Dolafon Gospel Hall Trust

Report of the Trustees For the year ended 5 April 2023

The Trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 5 April 2023. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 13-14 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 6 May 1991, most recently amended by Deed of Variation dated 19 August 2014. The Trust was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 6 November 2014 under Charity Registration Number: 1159103.

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

Wider network

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

Risk management

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

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Report of the trustees (continued)

For the year ended 5 April 2023

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.

The preaching of the Gospel and distribution of Christian tracts is arranged and carried out on most week days on the streets of Newtown throughout the year.

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 and in the schedules to the Trust Deed.

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

Members of the congregation volunteered for the Rapid Relief Team, a registered charity, in the work that they do. Work done by the RRT includes providing food boxes and essential supplies to the people of Ukraine displaced by the war, providing support to homeless shelters in the provision of blankets and warm clothing, distributing food boxes to individuals and households in need. A number of planned events were also attended in the Newtown area where free hot meals were provided for the public.

Covid test kits are provided free of charge by the Trust for all members of the congregation to try and minimise the spread of Covid and to protect the most vulnerable.

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 350 people normally attend these occasions.

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Report of the trustees (continued) For the year ended 5 April 2023

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.

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).

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Report of the trustees (continued) For the year ended 5 April 2023

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 the Trust had a surplus of incoming resources over resources expended.

Total voluntary income received this year was £418572 compared to £719872 in the previous year.

The Trust held a restricted fund for monies collected for the new Gospel Hall project and at the year end this had been utilised. (2022: £820819)

All other funds were unrestricted.

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. The Trust aims to hold sufficient funds in a current account to cover day to day expenditure, plus an allowance for any urgent repairs and capital expenses that may arise. The Trust currently has a high level of reserves as it is providing a new Gospel Hall for the congregation.

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 £923292 (2022: £918814).

Dolafon Gospel Hall Trust**Report of the trustees (continued)
For the year ended 5 April 2023****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 have been reviewed and approved by two trustees.

On behalf of the board:

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Craig Hawgood
Trustee

11/2/2023

Date:

Dolafon Gospel Hall Trust

Independent examiner's report to the trustees For the year ended 5 April 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Dolafon 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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Mike Prior

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Dolafon Gospel Hall Trust**Statement of financial activities
For the year ended 5 April 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Income and endowments from:						
<i>Donations and legacies:</i>						
Collections		0	0	0	0	9611
Contributions from the congregation		398472	0	0	398472	705348
Gift Aid donations		16080	0	0	16080	3930
Income tax refunds		4020	0	0	4020	983
Rent received		0	0	0	0	0
Payroll giving		0	0	0	0	0
Legacies		0	0	0	0	0
<i>Investments</i>						
Bank interest		1521	0	0	1521	69
<i>Other</i>						
Total		420093	0	0	420093	719941
Expenditure on:						
<i>Charitable activities</i>						
Running meeting rooms		18939	0	0	18939	15736
Other charitable activities		5901	1850	0	7751	1380
Cost of donated services		0	0	0	0	0
Total	4	24840	1850	0	26690	17116
Net income/(expenditure)		395253	(1850)	0	393403	702825
Transfer between funds		820819	0	(820819)	0	0
Net movement in funds		1216072	(1850)	(820819)	393403	702825
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		2197560	1850	820819	3020229	2317404
Total funds carried forward		3413632	0	0	3413632	3020229

The notes on pages 13 to 19 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.

Dolafon Gospel Hall Trust**Balance sheet****As at 5 April 2023**

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Intangible assets		1597217	596347
Tangible fixed assets	5	<u>893123</u>	<u>684249</u>
		2490340	1280596
Current assets			
Debtors:			
Loans		0	0
Prepayments and accrued income		5755	1735
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>919217</u>	<u>1739578</u>
		924972	1741313
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year:			
Other creditors		0	0
Accruals and deferred income		1680	1680
Loans		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net current assets		923292	1739633
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>3413632</u>	<u>3020229</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year:			
Loans		0	0
Net assets		<u>3413632</u>	<u>3020229</u>
Funds			
Unrestricted income fund		3413632	2197560
Designated funds ENF		0	1850
Restricted funds		0	820819
Total charity funds	6	<u>3413632</u>	<u>3020229</u>

The unaudited financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees of Dolafon Gospel Hall Trust on 11/2/2023 and signed on their behalf by

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Craig Hawgood
 Trustee

The notes on pages 13 to 19 form part of these financial statements

Dolafon Gospel Hall Trust**Statement of Cash Flows
For the year ended 5 April 2023**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period	393403	702825
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	1827	1762
(Gains)/losses on investments	0	0
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	0	0
Loss/(profit) on the sale of fixed assets	0	0
(Increase)/decrease in prepayments	(4020)	(983)
Increase/(decrease) in accruals	0	300
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	391210	703904
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	0	0
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant & equipment	0	0
Purchase of property, plant & equipment	(1211571)	(378224)
Loans made	0	0
Purchase of investments	0	0
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(1211571)	(378224)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Repayments of borrowing	0	0
Cash inflows from new borrowing	0	0
Receipt of endowment	0	0
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	0	0
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period	(820361)	325680
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of reporting period	1739578	1413898
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of reporting period	919217	1739578
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period	(820361)	325680

Dolafon Gospel Hall Trust**Notes to the Financial Statements****For the year ended 5 April 2023****1. Accounting policies****1.1 Basis of financial statements**

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

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

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

1.2 Income

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

Donated services are recognised as income and expenditure in the financial statements when organisations or individuals offer their services and support pro bono. The value of these donated services to Dolafon 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 £1000) 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	5% straight line
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Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 5 April 2023

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 (2022: None).

3. Wages and salaries

There are no employees (2022: none).

Dolafon Gospel Hall Trust**Notes to the Financial Statements****For the year ended 5 April 2023****4. Resources expended**

<i>Current Year</i>	Meeting rooms	Other charitable activities	2023
	£	£	£
Direct costs:			
Insurance	2393	0	2393
Repairs & Maintenance	304	0	304
Bank charges	130	0	130
Utilities	8769	0	8769
Donations	0	5981	5981
Activity costs	0	0	0
Legal fees	5516	0	5516
Depreciation	1827	0	1827
Governance costs	0	1770	1770
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	18939	7751	26690
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<i>Prior Year</i>	Meeting rooms	Other charitable activities	2022
	£	£	£
Direct costs:			
Insurance	1331	0	1331
Repairs & Maintenance	1401	0	1401
IT costs	59	0	59
Utilities	2139	0	2139
Donations	0	0	0
Activity costs	0	0	0
Legal fees	9044	0	9044
Depreciation	1762	0	1762
Governance costs	0	1380	1380
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	15736	1380	17116
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Governance costs include £1560 (2022: £1380) in respect of independent examiner's fees.

Dolafon Gospel Hall Trust**Notes to the Financial Statements****For the year ended 5 April 2023****5. Fixed assets**

	Development costs	Land See below	Freehold Property See below	Eqpt	Total
Cost					
B/f at 06/04/2022	596347	149170	519340	35238	1300095
Additions	1000870	0	209405	1296	1211571
Transfers	0	0	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0	0	0
At 5 April 2023	1597217	149170	728745	36534	2511666
Depreciation					
B/f at 06/04/2022	0	0	0	19499	19499
Charge for the year	0	0	0	1827	1827
Impairment	0	0	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0	0	0
At 5 April 2023	0	0	0	21326	21326
Net book value					
At 5 April 2023	1597217	149170	728745	15208	2490340
At 5 April 2022	596347	149170	519340	15739	1280596
Property Details:	Title No	Cost			
Crescent Street	WA460982	110000			
Cambrian Gardens	CYM316868	124340			
Land at Abermule	CYM404983	149170			
Ashbrook	WA602454/ WA444448/ WA603732	285000			
Hodley	CYM617719/ CYM359735	157500			

Dolafon Gospel Hall Trust**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 5 April 2023****6. Analysis of net assets between funds****6.1 Current year**

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	2490340	0	0	2490340
Current assets	924972	0	0	924972
Current liabilities	(1680)	0	0	(1680)
Long term liabilities	0	0	0	0
Total funds	3413632	0	0	3413632

6.2 Prior year

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	1280596	0	0	1280596
Current assets	918644	1850	820819	1741313
Current liabilities	(1680)	0	0	(1680)
Long term liabilities	0	0	0	0
Total funds	2197560	1850	820819	3020229

7. Movement in funds**7.1 Current year**

	Balance at 6 April 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 5 April 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds	820819	0	0	(820819)	0
Designated funds	1850	0	(1850)	0	0
Unrestricted funds	2197560	420093	(24840)	820819	3413632
Total funds	3020229	420093	(26690)	0	3413632

The transfer of £820819 relates to expenditure in the year on development costs, which is shown in note 5.

Dolafon Gospel Hall Trust**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 5 April 2023****7.2** *Prior year*

	Balance at 6 April 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 5 April 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds	627142	571900	0	(378223)	820819
Designated funds	1850	0	0	0	1850
Unrestricted funds	1688412	148041	(17116)	378223	2197560
Total funds	2317404	719941	(17116)	0	3020229

The transfer of £378223 relates to expenditure in the year on development costs, which is shown in note 5.

8. Transactions with related parties

During the year there were donations totalling £331250 (2022: £661180) from Trustees, related parties, and businesses controlled by Trustees.

During the year there were payments made totalling £1000870 (2022: £93224) to Severn Design & Build Ltd for work done on the new hall, of which one of the directors is a brother to Mark Morrish, Trustee, these transactions were at arms length.

9. Volunteers

Dolafon 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.

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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 5 April 2023

10. Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2022 £
Income and endowments from:					
<i>Donations and legacies:</i>					
Collections		9611	0	0	9611
Contributions from the congregation		134848	0	570500	705348
Gift Aid donations		2810	0	1120	3930
Income tax refunds		703	0	280	983
Rent received		0	0	0	0
Payroll giving		0	0	0	0
Legacies		0	0	0	0
<i>Investments</i>					
Bank interest		69	0	0	69
<i>Other</i>					
Total		148041	0	571900	719941
Expenditure on:					
<i>Charitable activities</i>					
Running meeting rooms		15736	0	0	15736
Other charitable activities		1380	0	0	1380
Cost of donated services	4	0	0	0	0
Total	5	17116	0	0	17116
Net income/(expenditure)		130925	0	571900	702825
Transfer between funds		378223	0	(378223)	0
Net movement in funds		509148	0	193677	702825
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		1688412	1850	627142	2317404
Total funds carried forward		2197560	1850	820819	3020229