

Trustees Report & Unaudited Financial Statements

Winchester Gospel Hall Trust
For the year ended 5 April 2024

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Legal and Administrative Information

Winchester Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2024

Charity Name:

Winchester Gospel Hall Trust

Registered Charity Number:

1159128

Trustees:

D Gill (Chair)

D Ghinn

MJ Morton

L Holmes

GC Dible (resigned 25th September 2024)

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Report of the Trustees

Winchester Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2024

The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 5 April 2024. 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 17 July 1982, most recently amended by Deed of Variation dated 19 August 2014. The trust was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 07 November 2014 under Charity Registration Number: 1159128

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 2024.

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.

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 Winchester Gospel Hall Trust can be found in the separate appendix to this report.

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 and in the schedules to the Trust Deed.

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 40 and 300 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.

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 2024 the Trust had a surplus of incoming resources over resources expended.

Total voluntary income received this year was £182,016 compared to £188,477 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 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. The trust is building up reserves in 2024 and since the year end used these reserves to purchase another property to be used as a gospel hall.

Free Reserves at the year end were £478,344 (2023: £418,968).

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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Douglass Ghinn (Trustee)

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Date

Report of the Independent Examiner

Winchester Gospel Hall Trust

For the year ended 5 April 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Winchester Gospel Hall Trust for the year ended 5 April 2024.

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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18 December 2024

Statement of Financial Activities

Winchester Gospel Hall Trust

For the year ended 5 April 2024

	UNRESTRICTED	DESIGNATED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2024	TOTAL FUNDS 2023
Income and endowments:				
Donations and Legacies:				
Contributions from the Congregation	91,366	-	91,366	91,541
Gift Aid Donations	49,720	-	49,720	57,561
Income Tax refunds	12,430	-	12,430	14,017
Congregation Support	28,500	-	28,500	25,358
Investments				
Interest Received	5,130	-	5,130	664
Total Income and endowments:	187,146	-	187,146	189,141
Expenditure:				
Running Meeting Rooms (note 7)	117,292	-	117,292	83,930
Congregation Support (note 7)	-	(300)	(300)	300
Total Expenditure:	117,292	(300)	116,992	84,230
Net Income/(Expenditure)	69,854	300	70,154	104,910
Net Movement In Funds	69,854	300	70,154	104,910
	UNRESTRICTED	DESIGNATED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2024	TOTAL FUNDS 2023
Reconciliation of funds (note 9)				
Total Funds brought forward	2,513,024	2,100	2,515,124	2,410,213
Net movement in funds	69,854	300	70,154	104,910
Total Funds carried forward	2,582,878	2,400	2,585,278	2,515,124

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

Balance Sheet

Winchester Gospel Hall Trust As at 5 April 2024

	2024	2023
Fixed Assets		
Tangible assets (note 4)	2,106,934	2,123,656
Total Fixed Assets	2,106,934	2,123,656
Current assets		
Prepayments and accrued income	29,748	16,260
Cash at bank and in hand	479,289	479,394
Total Current assets	509,037	495,653
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Loans	27,500	75,600
Accruals and deferred income	3,193	1,086
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	30,693	76,686
Net current assets/(liabilities)	478,344	418,968
Total assets less current liabilities	2,585,278	2,542,624
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		
Loans	-	27,500
Net Assets	2,585,278	2,515,124
Funds (note 8)		
Unrestricted funds	2,585,278	2,515,124
Total Funds	2,585,278	2,515,124

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

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Douglass Ghinn (Trustee)

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

Notes forming part of the Financial Statements

Winchester Gospel Hall Trust

For the year ended 5 April 2024

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 Winchester 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 (2023: none).

3. WAGES AND SALARIES

There are no employees (2023: none)

4. Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost	Park Road, Winchester - Land and Buildings	Northington Lane - Land and Buildings	South Wonston - Land and Buildings	Meeting Hall 4 - Land and Buildings	Fixtures and Fittings	Computer Equipment	Plant and Machinery	Total
At 6 April 2023	163,924	1,973,245	103,770	2,930	13,269	4,879		2,262,018
Additions	2,320	9,141		450	2,285	784	1,020	16,000
Disposals								
At 5 April 2024	166,244	1,982,386	103,770	3,380	15,555	5,663	1,020	2,278,018
Depreciation								
At 6 April 2023	29,323	105,809	109	49	2,892	180		138,362
Current Year Depreciation	3,280	27,386	22	60	1,330	548	96	32,722
Eliminated on disposals								
At 5 April 2024	32,604	133,195	131	108	4,222	728	96	171,84
Net Book Value								
At 5 April 2024	133,640	1,849,191	103,638	3,272	11,333	4,935	924	2,106,934
At 5 April 2023	134,601	1,867,436	103,660	2,882	10,378	4,699		2,123,655

Land registry titles of the above property held are:

Northington Lane: HP569828

South Wonston: HP812017

Park Road: HP870936.

5. TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

During the financial year, aggregated donations of £24,185 (2023: £39,443) were received.

6. VOLUNTEERS

Winchester 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

Winchester Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2024

7. Resources Expended

	MEETING ROOMS	OTHER CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	TOTAL COSTS 2024	TOTAL COSTS 2023
Direct Costs				
Premises costs - repairs and maintenance	10,923	-	10,923	7,383
Premises costs - heat, light and power	37,652	-	37,652	22,261
Telephone	2,486	-	2,486	1,702
Health and Safety	2,980	-	2,980	2,440
Legal and professional	11,620	-	11,620	13,063
Congregation Support	-	(300)	(300)	300
Public outreach expenses	185	-	185	320
Special meeting costs	13,315	-	13,315	-
Stationery	-	-	-	234
Depreciation	32,722	-	32,722	31,807
Insurance	3,333	-	3,333	2,681
Governance	2,076	-	2,076	2,040
Total Direct Costs	117,292	(300)	116,992	84,230

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

Analysis of Net Assets - Current year

Winchester Gospel Hall Trust
For the year ended 5 April 2024

8. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

8.1 Current Year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUND	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
Funds				
Tangible Fixed Assets	2,106,934	-	-	2,106,934
Current Assets	503,382	5,655	-	509,037
Current Liabilities	(27,118)	(3,575)	-	(30,693)
Total Funds	2,583,199	2,080	-	2,585,278

Analysis of Net Assets - Prior Year

Winchester Gospel Hall Trust
For the year ended 5 April 2024

8.2 Prior Year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2023
Funds				
Tangible Fixed Assets	2,123,656	-	-	2,123,656
Current Assets	490,299	5,675	-	495,653
Current Liabilities	(100,611)	(3,575)	-	(104,186)
Total Funds	2,513,344	2,100	-	2,515,124

Movement in Funds - Current Year

Winchester Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2024

9. Movement in Funds

9.1 Movement in funds - current year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUND	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
Movement in Funds				
Total funds brought forward	2,513,344	2,100	-	2,515,124
Incoming resources	187,146	-	-	187,146
Resources expended	(117,292)	300	-	(116,992)
Total funds carried forward	2,583,199	2,400	-	2,585,278

Movement in Funds - Prior Year

Winchester Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2024

9. Movement in Funds

9.2 Movement in funds - Prior year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2023
Movement in Funds				
Total funds brought forward	2,407,813	2,400	-	2,410,213
Incoming resources	189,141	-	-	189,141
Resources expended	(83,610)	(300)	-	(84,230)
Total funds carried forward	2,513,344	2,100	-	2,515,124

Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

Winchester Gospel Hall Trust

For the year ended 5 April 2024

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2023
Income and endowments:				
Donations and Legacies:				
Contributions from the Congregation	91,541	-	-	91,541
Gift Aid Donations	57,561	-	-	57,561
Income Tax refunds	14,017	-	-	14,017
Congregation Support	25,358	-	-	25,358
Investments				
Interest Received	664	-	-	664
Total Income and endowments:	189,141	-	-	189,141
Expenditure:				
Running Meeting Rooms (note 7)	83,610	-	-	83,930
Congregation Support (note 7)	-	300	-	300
Total Expenditure:	83,610	300	-	84,230
Net Income/(Expenditure)	105,531	(300)	-	104,910
Net Movement In Funds	105,531	(300)	-	104,910
	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2023
Reconciliation of funds (note 9)				
Total Funds brought forward	2,407,813	2,400	-	2,410,213
Net movement in funds	105,531	(300)	-	104,910
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