

Charity Registration No: 1159231

The Colville Gospel Hall Trust

**Report of the trustees and
unaudited financial statements
for the year ended 5th April 2025**

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The Colville Gospel Hall Trust
Reference and administrative details
for the year ended 5th April 2025

Charity name: The Colville Gospel Hall Trust

Registered charity number: 1159231

Trustees:

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The Colville Gospel Hall Trust

Report of the trustees for the year ended 5th April 2025

The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 5th April 2025. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 10 to 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 10th June 1997, most recently amended by Deed of Variation dated 12th August 2014. The Trust was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 17th November 2014 under Charity Registration Number: 1159231

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 1. None of the Trustees, nor any person connected with them, received any remuneration or expenses from the Charity in the year ended 5 April 2025 (2024: £nil).

The Trust operates a 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 similar Charities with a view to pooling experience considered useful in pursuing the objects of the Charity. The Charity also maintains particular links with The Oulton Gospel Hall Trust, with which it shares members of its congregation.

Risk management

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

Objectives and activities

Objectives and aims

The charitable purposes of the Charity are the advancement of the Christian religion for the public benefit, including by the carrying on of the service of God in accordance with the Old and New Testaments of the Holy Bible as followed by those Christians forming part of the world-wide fellowship known as the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church (the "Brethren") and any other charitable purposes connected with Brethren. The core doctrine of the Brethren and proper practices in furtherance of certain aspects of doctrine are summarised in two schedules to the Trust Deed.

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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 a Gospel hall 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 continues to open the hall to the congregation and visitors and encourages good works by the congregation which benefit the wider community, as described below.

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 hall 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 25 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 hall, and visitors are free to help themselves.

Spreading the Gospel Message and the life of a Christian

The Gospel Hall is 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 addition to street preaching, members of the congregation also provide support to those in need outside the community and a good number work with the Rapid Relief Team (RRT), a separate charity. For more information see appendix for Outreach 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:

1. We seek and are encouraged to live exemplary lives in all our relationships with others in the wider community (including former Brethren), in accordance with the teachings of Holy Scripture (1 Tim 2:2)
2. We regularly go out from our homes to preach on the streets, to distribute Christian literature and engage with the wider community (including former Brethren) in order to present eternal salvation, available to all men by faith in Jesus Christ. (2 Tim 4:2).

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Spreading the Gospel Message and the life of a Christian contd.

3. We seek as members of the public to lead Christian lives as husbands and wives, parents, children, employers, employees and neighbours. (Col 3:22-25, Col 4:1).
4. The preservation and protection of the family unit is fundamental and children are prized as a blessing from God. (Psalm 127:3-5). The elderly are valued members of the community, for whom both their family and the wider community are expected to care.
5. Holy Scripture commands us to be good neighbours to others, and deal with all other people (including former Brethren) openly, honestly and fairly and consistent with these principles, we should give our time, talents and money to assist those in need in the wider community, in so far as reasonable given our abilities and our available resources. (Matt 7:12, Matt 22:39, Eph 4:28).

Funding

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

Financial review

Financial position

In the year ended 5 April 2025 the Trust had a deficit of incoming resources over resources expended. This was due to granting funds to an associated Trust. Total voluntary income received this year was £137,116 compared to £166,567 in the previous year.

All funds held were unrestricted funds.

Reserves policy

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain and have decided to ensure that there are enough reserves held to cover day to day expenditure and any urgent needs that may arise. The Trust has no employees and its regular outgoings are minimal. 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 £124,958 (2024 £271,993).

The trust is currently accumulating reserves with the view to supporting the Oulton Gospel Hall Trust in a project to construct a new Gospel Hall in North Lowestoft.

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Report of the trustees for the year ended 5th April 2025

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- a) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- b) observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- c) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- d) state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- e) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. All transactions have been reviewed and approved by two trustees.

On behalf of the board:



Mr Robert I Francis

02/02/2026

Date

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Report to the trustees of The Colville Gospel Hall Trust on the financial statements for the year ended 5th April 2025 set out on pages 7 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking of explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

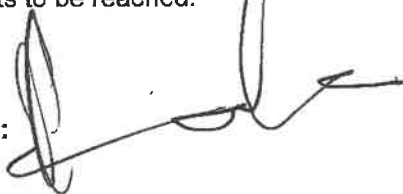
Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

~~I have no concerns~~ and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date:

2.2.26

Name: Julian Remmington

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The Colville Gospel Hall Trust
Statement of financial activities
(Including income and expenditure account)
for the year ended 5th April 2025

	NOTES	Unrestricted Funds £	Unrestricted Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Incoming and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies:						
Collections		-	-	-	-	-
Contributions from the congregation		32,625	-	-	32,625	41,500
Gift Aid donations		60,444	-	-	60,444	48,424
Other donations		28,700	-	-	28,700	49,320
Income tax refundable		15,111	-	-	15,111	12,106
Donated services	4.	-	-	-	-	-
Payroll giving		236	-	-	236	217
Grants received		-	-	-	-	15,000
Legacies received		-	-	-	-	-
Investment income and interest						
Interest		3,249	-	-	3,249	4,039
Other income						
Other		-	-	-	-	-
Total		140,365	-	-	140,365	170,606
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities						
Running of meeting halls	6.	64,969	-	-	64,969	66,634
Wider community outreach		-	-	-	-	75
Congregation support		-	-	-	-	-
Cost of donated services	4.	1,121	-	-	1,121	13,145
Transfers to affiliated trusts	5.	260,000	-	-	260,000	-
Other costs		-	-	-	-	-
Governance and support costs						
Legal & professional costs		3,444	-	-	3,444	2,323
Health and Safety		144	-	-	144	5,639
Training		-	-	-	-	450
Independent Examiner's fee		960	-	-	960	840
Bank charges		3	-	-	3	14
Total		330,641	-	-	330,641	89,120
Net income/(expenditure)		- 190,276	-	-	- 190,276	81,486
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		- 190,276	-	-	- 190,276	81,486
Reconciliation of funds						
Funds at 6th April 2024		1,452,091	-	-	1,452,091	1,370,605
Total funds at 5th April 2025	9.	1,261,815	-	-	1,261,815	1,452,091

The notes on pages 10 to 14 form part of these financial statements. All of the above activities are classed as continuing and there are no gains and losses other than those included above.

The Colville Gospel Hall Trust
Balance sheet
As at 5th April 2025

	NOTES	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible fixed assets	7.		1,156,857		1,180,098
			<u>1,156,857</u>		<u>1,180,098</u>
Current assets					
Debtors:					
Debtors and sundry loans		15,150		12,145	
Prepayments & accrued income		5,008		5,314	
Cash at bank and in hand		182,303		369,058	
		<u>202,461</u>		<u>386,517</u>	
Current liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year:					
Other creditors		73,320		110,000	
Accruals and deferred income		4,183		4,524	
		<u>77,503</u>		<u>114,524</u>	
Net current assets			124,958		271,993
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>1,281,815</u>		<u>1,452,091</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year:			20,000		-
Net assets		£	<u>1,261,815</u>	£	<u>1,452,091</u>
Funds					
Unrestricted income fund			1,261,815		1,452,091
Restricted funds			-		-
Total Funds	8.	£	<u>1,261,815</u>	£	<u>1,452,091</u>

The unaudited financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees of The Colville Gospel Hall Trust on 02/02/2025 and signed on their behalf by



Mr Robert I Francis
Trustee

The Colville Gospel Hall Trust
Detailed statement of financial activities
Cashflow Statement
for the year ended 5th April 2025

NOTES	Unrestricted Funds £	Unrestricted Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities:					
Net income/(-) expenditure for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	- 190,276	-	-	- 190,276	81,486
Adjustments for:					
Depreciation charges	23,241	-	-	23,241	23,241
(-) Gains/losses on investments	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	-	-	-	-	-
Loss/(-) profit on sale of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-
(-) Increase/decrease in stocks	-	-	-	-	-
(-) Increase/decrease in debtors	- 2,699	-	-	- 2,699	- 4,828
Increase/(-) decrease in creditors	- 17,021	-	-	- 17,021	112,676
Net cash provided by (-) used in operating activities	- 186,755	-	-	- 186,755	212,575
Cash flows from investing activities:					
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-
Net cash provided by (-) used in investing activities	-	-	-	-	-
Cash flows from financing activities:					
Repayments of borrowing	-	-	-	-	-
Cash inflows from new borrowing	-	-	-	-	-
Receipt of endowment	-	-	-	-	-
Net cash provided by (-) used in financing activities	-	-	-	-	-
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period	- 186,755	-	-	- 186,755	212,575
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	369,058	-	-	369,058	156,483
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	182,303	-	-	182,303	369,058

The notes on pages 10 to 14 form part of these financial statements

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 Colville 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. As there are no staff or offices the Trustees have agreed to allocate all such costs to Governance costs.

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:

Freehold land	Not depreciated
Freehold buildings	2%- Straight line method
Furniture, fixtures and fittings	10%- Straight line method

1.6 Taxation

The Trust is a registered charity and is not liable to United Kingdom income or corporation tax on charitable activities, provided income falls within the charitable exemptions and is spent on charitable purposes.

1.7 Funds

The general unrestricted fund is free for the Trustees to use for any purposes in furtherance of the trust's charitable objects.

Restricted funds arise from donations to the trust which are made for a specific purpose. Restricted funds can only be used for the purpose for which funds were given.

1.8 Preparation of consolidated financial statements

The Charity does not have a trading subsidiary and there is no requirement to prepare consolidated accounts.

1.9 Going concern

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

1. Accounting policies contd.

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

Income	2025 £	2024 £
Donated services	-	-
	-	-

Expenditure	2025 £	2024 £
Oulton Gospel Hall Trust	1,121	13,145
	1,121	13,145

5 Grants awarded	2025 £	2024 £
Oulton Gospel Hall Trust	260,000	-
	260,000	-

6 Running of meeting halls	Meeting rooms £	Other charitable activities £	2025 £	2024 £
Repairs and maintenance of buildings	7,906	-	7,906	11,253
Recording equipment- replacement and maintenance	1,228	-	1,228	3,542
Grounds maintenance	4,375	-	4,375	5,521
Light and heat	16,547	-	16,547	12,880
Water rates	647	-	647	945
Telephone at hall	1,449	-	1,449	1,526
Conference	-	1,708	1,708	1,249
Insurance- Public liability	3,709	-	3,709	2,538
Legal & professional- specific to halls	480	-	480	35
Cleaning, first-aid and sundries	3,679	-	3,679	3,613
Sundry	-	-	-	291
Depreciation- Freehold property	21,281	-	21,281	21,281
Depreciation- Equipment	1,960	-	1,960	1,960
Profit/Loss on sale of assets	-	-	-	-
	63,261	1,708	64,969	66,634

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Property* and Refurbishment £	Furniture, Fixtures & Fittings £	Total £
Cost			
At 6th April 2024	1,387,661	19,607	1,407,268
Disposals	-	-	-
Additions	-	-	-
At 5th April 2025	1,387,661	19,607	1,407,268
Depreciation			
At 6th April 2024	214,510	12,660	227,170
Disposals	-	-	-
Charge for the year	21,281	1,960	23,241
At 5th April 2025	235,791	14,620	250,411
Net Book Value			
At 5th April 2025	1,151,870	4,987	1,156,857
At 6th April 2024	1,173,151	6,947	1,180,098

* Land Registry title number is SK341108

8 Analysis of net assets between funds

8.1 Current year

	Unrestricted funds £	Unrestricted Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	1,156,857	-	-	1,156,857
Currents assets	202,461	-	-	202,461
Current liabilities	77,503	-	-	77,503
Amounts falling due after more than one year	20,000	-	-	20,000
Total funds	1,261,815	-	-	1,261,815

8.2 Prior year

	Unrestricted funds £	Unrestricted Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	1,180,098	-	-	1,180,098
Currents assets	386,517	-	-	386,517
Current liabilities	114,524	-	-	114,524
Total funds	1,452,091	-	-	1,452,091

9 Movement in funds

9.1 Current year

	Balance at 6 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Realised/ unrealised gain and losses £	Balance at 5 April 2025 £
Restricted funds					
Fund	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Designated funds	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted funds	1,452,091	140,365	330,641	-	1,261,815
Total funds	1,452,091	140,365	330,641	-	1,261,815

9 Movement in funds contd.

9.2 Prior year

	Balance at 6 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Realised/ unrealised gain and losses £	Balance at 5 April 2024 £
Restricted funds					
Fund	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Designated funds	-	5,616	5,616	-	-
Unrestricted funds	1,370,605	164,990	83,504	-	1,452,091
Total funds	1,370,605	170,606	89,120	-	1,452,091

10 Transactions with related parties

Delwin Pallister, Trustee is a director of Nexus Team Limited, from which The Colville Gospel Hall Trust made purchases totalling £802.70 (2024: £893.81). Alfie Temple, Trustee is a director of Eastpoint from which The Colville Gospel Trust made purchases totalling £0.00 (2024 £5,616.00). Donations received from connected parties totalled £36,035 (2024: £44,614).

11 Volunteers

The Colville 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.

12 Full comparison of Statement of Financial Activities

NOTES	Unrestricted Funds £	Unrestricted Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Incoming and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies:				-
Collections	-	-	-	-
Contributions from the congregation	35,884	5,616	-	41,500
Gift Aid donations	48,424	-	-	48,424
Other donations	49,320	-	-	49,320
Income tax refundable	12,106	-	-	12,106
Donated services	-	-	-	-
Payroll giving	217	-	-	217
Grants received	15,000	-	-	15,000
Legacies received	-	-	-	-
Investment income and interest				
Interest	4,039	-	-	4,039
Other income				
Other	-	-	-	-
Total	164,990	5,616	-	170,606
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities				
Running of meeting halls	66,634	-	-	66,634
Wider community outreach	75	-	-	75
Congregation support	-	-	-	-
Cost of donated services	13,145	-	-	13,145
Transfers to affiliated trusts	-	-	-	-
Other costs	-	-	-	-
Governance and support costs				
Legal & professional costs	2,323	-	-	2,323
Health and Safety	23	5,616	-	5,639
Training	450	-	-	450
Independent Examiner's fee	840	-	-	840
Bank charges	14	-	-	14
Depreciation- Office equipment (Admin)	-	-	-	-
Profit/Loss on sale of assets	-	-	-	-
Total	83,504	5,616	-	89,120
Net income/(expenditure)	81,486	-	-	81,486
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	81,486	-	-	81,486
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward	1,370,605	-	-	1,370,605
Total funds carried forward	1,452,091	-	-	1,452,091

Appendix

**Report of the trustees (continued)
for the year ended 5th April 2025**

Outreach Report

In line with the scriptural exhortation, "As we have opportunity let us do good unto all men" Gal. 6:10, members of the Congregation continued with their "outreach" work much of which has been carried on for a long time.

Spreading the Gospel Message

We have preached most weekdays in the centre of Lowestoft for very many years and this was continued during the past year. Gospel Tracts with contact details are normally given out by members of the Congregation at these open air preachings, as well as at other times.

As indicated in the main body of the Report, Bibles and an extensive range of other Christian reading material is on display at the Hall, to which visitors are free to help themselves. Members of the Congregation also gave away Bibles to their neighbours.

Other Contact and Support to the wider community.

Members of the congregation are always ready to help others in the wider community.

The RRT (Rapid Relief Team) charity is supported both actively and financially by a good number of the congregation. RRT's mission is to serve people with care and compassion in their time of need. RRT has provided around 100 food box parcels to schools and disability charities to distribute to families in need/poverty. As well as distributing food box parcels, RRT also helped support EACH (East Anglian Children's Hospice) and St Elizabeths hospice by providing free refreshments to support their charity fundraising events.

Many of the congregation are fully trained first-aiders and are always ready to provide help where needed and on a number of occasions have assisted in emergencies when members of the public have been taken ill suddenly or been involved in accidents.

In addition to the above a large number of the congregation regularly donate to charities that provide relief and help in the wider community. These charities include Crisis, Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, St John Ambulance, Royal National Lifeboat Institution, Cancer Research, Great Ormond Street Hospital, The Christian Institute, East Anglian Children's Hospices and Prostate Cancer UK.

Members of the congregation as employers are always willing to assist employees from the wider community in financial difficulty.