High Peak Partnership

England & Wales · Charity number 1159245

Details

Other names	HIGH PEAK METHODIST CIRCUIT, HIGH PEAK CIRCUIT
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2014-11-18
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	The High Peak Partnership Office Buxton Methodist Church Chapel Street Buxton Derbyshire SK17 6HX
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Activities

Objects: THE PURPOSES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH ARE AND SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN SINCE THE DATE OF UNION THE ADVANCEMENT OF -(A) THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DOCTRINAL STANDARDS AND THE DISCIPLINE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH;(B) ANY CHARITABLE PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY CONNEXIONAL, DISTRICT, CIRCUIT, LOCAL OR OTHER ORGANISATION OF THE METHODIST CHURCH;(C) ANY CHARITABLE PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY SOCIETY OR INSTITUTION SUBSIDUARY OR ANCILLARY TO THE METHODIST CHURCH;(D) ANY PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY CHARITY BEING A CHARITY SUBSIDIARY OR ANCILLARY TO THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Activities: Provision of Minister and staff to serve the needs of the circuit.Ensured services of worship occurred across the five churches of the circuit.Ensured that Local Preachers had the opportunity for regular development.Sought to ensure the highest standards of Safeguarding were met within the churches and circuit.Developed Messy Church in three churches and an informal monthly service.

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Classification

- **How:** Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Cheshire East
- Derbyshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£186,376	£186,819	-	-
2024-08-31	£288,153	£188,180	-	-
2023-08-31	£176,324	£224,906	-	-
2022-08-31	£147,676	£346,833	-	-
2021-08-31	£537,253	£443,117	£421,190	3
2020-08-31	£160,762	£216,742	-	-

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Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANNE MAYO		2019-09-01
Alan Woolley		2023-03-05
Albert Warrington		2019-09-01
Angela Timothy		2023-08-07
Anne Gibson		2019-09-01
Brioni Evans		2019-09-01
CLAIRE CROOK Dr		1999-09-01
Charles Winterbottom		2020-11-30
DIANE FARROW		2019-09-01
Donna Hodgson		2019-09-01
Dr Philip Botham		2020-09-01
Glyn Aneurin Rowlands		2019-09-01
Graham Paul Hodges		2025-09-19
Hazel Thompson		2019-09-01
JOHN ANFIELD		2019-09-01
JULIE ANNE MURDY		2019-09-01
Jeanette Saxby		2024-03-06
Jennifer Wheeldon		2019-09-01
John David Manders		2026-03-04
John Morten		2023-09-07
MR KEN GIBSON		2019-09-01
Margaret Ruth Hayter		2024-06-17
Nicole Parry		2023-10-10
PETER DAVID JOHNSON		2019-09-01
PHILIP ANDREW DEACON		2019-09-01
Rev Andrew Neil Parker		2019-09-01
Rev David Arthur Harrison		2019-09-01

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Name	Role	Appointed
Richard Silson		2019-09-01
Ronald Spence Sinclair		2019-09-01
Samuel Smith		2019-09-01
Sandy Winifred Picot		2024-03-14
Sheila Booth		2019-09-01
Stephen Crook		2024-01-01
Stephen Picot		2021-07-20
Tim Saxby		2024-03-06

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Accounts

HIGH PEAK PARTNERSHIP

(Formerly High Peak Methodist Circuit)

Charity Registration No. 1159245

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ended 31 August 2025

Introduction

The Trustees present their Annual Report for the year ended 31 August 2025. The Partnership was established on September 1st, 2019, when the former three Methodist Circuits – High Peak Methodist Circuit, Buxton Methodist Circuit and Whaley Bridge Uniting Partnership – were combined to form the High Peak Partnership. It was resolved that this new Partnership should take over the established High Peak Methodist circuit Charity registration (no.1159245).

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Review of the Year.

2024/25 saw the Partnership continue to build upon the new ways of working together that had been established following COVID. One church regularly provides online provision each Sunday morning which enables those who cannot travel to join in worship each week. Provision for families through Messy Church in Hayfield and Monyash has continued with Disley Methodist now having children's worship once a month. One church community ceased to meet at the end of the financial year and plans are in place to dispose of the property.

A number of churches have been supported during the year financially to enable them to carry out necessary maintenance or to undertake development to their premises so that they can continue to serve their local communities.

Staffing has been augmented by the appointment of a Circuit Operations Manager to support the Leadership Team in setting in place new systems and supporting property matters across the circuit. A new Deacon will join the Partnership in September 2025.

Fund balances

As at August 31st, 2025, the net current assets of the Partnership were £272,981.

Plans for 2025/26

The appointment of a new Deacon will provide the opportunity for the Leadership Team to develop a mission strategy that will support the life of the churches within the Partnership, enabling them to build on and extend connections within their communities and improve confidence in sharing the gospel.

The Partnership will continue to support local churches with local projects including eco projects and maintenance improvements.

Basis of preparation of the Accounts

The Charity's Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2022 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 102.

The Charity's full name is The High Peak Partnership

The Charity Registered number is 1159245 (the former High Peak Methodist Circuit number)

The main communication address (Partnership office)

The High Peak Partnership

Buxton Methodist Church

Chapel Street

Buxton SK17 6HX

Tel: 07912 144022

The members of the High Peak partnership meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of office holders, Ministers and representatives appointed by the local churches. The organisation structure comprises a full Partnership meeting, together with a Leadership Team, a Property Team and a Finance Team, which meet as required and report to the Partnership meeting.

The Trustees are as follows: -

Rev Andrew Parker	Peter Helps	Ron Sinclair
John Anfield	Donna Hodgson	Samuel Smith
Sheila Booth	Peter Johnson	Jeanette Saxby
Philip Botham	Wendy Jones	Tim Saxby
Stephen Crook	Anne Mayo	Ian Stubbs
Claire Crook	John Morten	Hazel Thompson
Philip Deacon	Wendy Mellor	Angela Timothy
Michael Doughty (till Dec 25)	Julie Murdy	Albert Warrington
Briony Evans	Nicole Parry	Jennifer Wheeldon
Diane Farrow	Sandy Picot	Alan Woolley
Ken Gibson	Stephen Picot	Charles Winterbottom
Rev David Harrison	Glyn Rowlands	
Ruth Hayter	Richard Silson	

Partnership Ministers and Officers

Partnership Ministers –	Rev Andrew Parker
Partnership Treasurer -	Julie Murdy
Partnership Administrators -	Claire Losel, Catherine Sims, Laura Krautheim

Partnership Stewards - Michael Doughty (till Dec 25), Diane Farrow, Peter Johnson, John Morten, Richard Silson and Hazel Thompson.

Aims and Organisation

The Charity's objective is to act as a resource provider within the High Peak area around Buxton, Chapel-en-le-Frith and Whaley Bridge for the Methodist Church. The purposes of the Methodist Church are, and shall be deemed to have been since the Date of Union, the advancement of:

a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of the Methodist Church.
b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church.
c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution or ancillary to the Methodist Church.
d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.

The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike.

The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups

The resourcing of pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved.

Taking religious assemblies in local schools

Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services

Provision of Chaplaincy services to appropriate local institutions.

Public Benefit

It is confirmed that the Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document for the Partnership is the Deed of Union (1932) and the Methodist Church Act (1976).

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline (CPD) of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference.

Day to day management of the Partnership is undertaken by the Partnership Leadership Team along with the Local Preachers' Meeting, the Partnership Finance and Property Committees, and the Partnership Policy Committee.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance produced by the Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the Partnership, specifically the leaflet "The Role of the Trustee in the Methodist Church" is given to all new Partnership members as their introduction to the role of Trustees, as well as attendance on a locally developed training course delivered in-house.

Related Parties

The Partnership is part of the Manchester and Stockport District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The following Methodist Churches are linked to the Partnership: -

Buxton	Harpur Hill
Chapel-en-le-Frith	Hayfield – St. John's
Disley	Hollinsclough
Dove Holes	Low Leighton
Fernilee	Monyash
Flagg	Whaley Bridge Uniting Church*

*Whaley Bridge Uniting Church is a Local Ecumenical Partnership including the Baptists, United Reformed and Methodist churches.

Risk management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Partnership Finance and Property committees, with professional advice taken as required. There is a regular review process undertaken and recorded. Income and Expenditure is monitored monthly and is being compared with the approved annual budget on a regular basis, to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Safeguarding

'Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.'

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- The care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- The safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable.
- The establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of Criminal Records Disclosures and registration with the relevant Vetting and Barring schemes.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made, which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed co-operating with the Police and Local Authorities in any investigation.

- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care. We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support including supervision and referral to the proper authorities to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or adult.
- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice.

The HPP commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy, Government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the Partnership and Churches.

HPP commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and in promoting the safeguarding of children, young people and adults who may be vulnerable.

Reserves Policy

In normal circumstance, the Reserves Policy for the Partnership would be to hold a minimum of 6 months average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen items of major expenditure on manses and / or to be able to continue in the short-term funding planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full assessment from Churches.

However, given the impact of the Covid 19 pandemic, the Trustees have agreed to hold at least 12 months average expenditure and this will be regularly reviewed. The reserves at the end of the financial year stood at £272,98. However, this figure will reduce over the next few years as the Partnership seeks to resource itself with appropriate staff members and continues to support the mission of the Partnership in the communities served.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

Signature  Dated 29/4/26

Full Name Rev Andrew Parker

Position Superintendent Minister

Name of Circuit **High Peak Partnership** Circuit No 01/15

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2025

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024-25
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income							
1 Donations and legacies							0
2 Income from monetary investments	1	454	10,265				**10,719**
3 Income from investment properties							**0**
4 Assessments on Churches	2	151,122					**151,122**
5 Capital Receipts	3	672	13,382				**14,054**
6 Grants received							**0**
7 Other charitable income		10,481					**10,481**
8 **Total income**		**162,729**	**23,647**	-	-	-	**186,376**
Expenditure							
9 Grants and donations	4		29,068				**29,068**
10 Salaries and associated costs	5	74,021					**74,021**
11 Property maintenance	6	15,567					**15,567**
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy		8	9,711				**9,719**
13 District Assessment & Levy		31,919					**31,919**
14 Depreciation							**0**
15 Office expenses		1,917					**1,917**
16 Other outgoings		24,608					**24,608**
17 **Total charitable expenditure**		**148,040**	**38,779**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**186,819**
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments							0
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties							
20 **Net income/(expenditure)**		**14,689**	**-15,132**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**-443**
21 Transfers between funds							0
22 Other gains/(losses)		- 1					1
23 **Net movement in funds**		**14,688**	**-15,132**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**-442**
24 Total funds brought forward		44,112	229,311				273,423
25 **Total funds carried forward**		**58,800**	**214,179**	-	-	-	**272,981**

Name of Circuit	High Peak Partnership					Circuit No	01/15 (previously 19/04)	
Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2024								
	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023-24	
		£	£	£	£	£	£	
Income								
1 Donations and legacies							0	
2 Income from monetary investments	1	1,306	15,328				**16,634**	
3 Income from investment properties							**0**	
4 Assessments on Churches	2	152,622					**152,622**	
5 Capital Receipts	3	30					**30**	
6 Grants received							**0**	
7 Other charitable income	4	334	118,533				**118,867**	
8 **Total income**		**154,292**	**133,861**	-	-	-	**288,153**	
Expenditure								
9 Grants and donations							**0**	
10 Salaries and associated costs	5	99,087					**99,087**	
11 Property maintenance	6	28,949					**28,949**	
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy		2	2,735				**2,735**	
13 District Assessment & Levy		30,192					**30,192**	
14 Depreciation							**0**	
15 Office expenses		149					**149**	
16 Other outgoings	7	27,066					**27,066**	
17 **Total charitable expenditure**		**185,445**	**2,735**	0	0	0	**188,180**	
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments							0	
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties								
20 **Net income/(expenditure)**		**-31,153**	**131,126**	0	0	0	**99,973**	
21 Transfers between funds							0	
22 Other gains/(losses)								
23 **Net movement in funds**		**-31,153**	**131,126**	0	0	0	**99,973**	
24 Total funds brought forward		75,265	98,185				173,450	
25 Total funds carried forward		**44,112**	**229,311**	-	-	-	**273,423**	

Name of Circuit **High Peak Partnership** **Circuit No 01 15**

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2025

	Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2024/25 £	Totals 2023/24 £	GN
Fixed Assets									
Circuit Manses & Equipment		1,033,584					1,033,584	1,033,584	R
Investment properties							0		R
Investments							0		
Total fixed assets		**1,033,584**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1,033,584**	**1,033,584**	
Current Assets									
Debtors		375					375	375	S
Loans by the Circuit							0	0	
Investments with TMCP		1,474	214,179				215,653	230,113	
Central Finance Board Deposits		14,906					14,906	11,735	T
Cash at Bank and in hand		42,047					42,047	36,996	
Total current assets		**58,802**	**214,179**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**272,981**	**279,219**	
Current liabilities									
Creditors (due in under 1 year)							0	5,796	U
Grants payable within one year							0		V
Total current liabilities		0	0	0	0	0	0	5,796	
Net current assets/liabilities		**58,802**	**214,179**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**272,981**	**273,423**	
Total assets less current liabilities		**1,092,386**	**214,179**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1,306,565**	**1,307,007**	
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)									
Grants payable after one year							0		V
Loans to the Circuit							0		
							0		
Net assets		**1,092,386**	**214,179**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1,306,565**	**1,307,007**	W
Funds of the Circuit									
General Fund (Unrestricted)		1,092,386					1,092,386	1,077,696	
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			214,179				214,179	229,311	W
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)				0			0		
Total Unrestricted Funds							**1,306,565**	**1,307,007**	
Restricted Funds					0		0		
Endowment Funds						0	0		
Total Funds		**1,092,386**	**214,179**	**0**	**0**	**0**	1,306,565	**1,307,007**	

Signed Julie Murdy

Circuit Treasurer

Notes to Accounts

2025

1 Includes interest on Circuit Model Trust Fund, various TMCP Accounts and Central Finance Board deposit account

2 The circuit comprised of 12 churches. One ceased to meet during the financial year. Each is assessed for a contribution to meet the overall net costs of the Circuit. Assessment on churches is annually determined using a formula which takes into account the number of members in each church and its relative income (after deduction of certain actual and notional expenses). Assessments on churches are paid quarterly in advance.

3 Capital receipts include sale of land owned by the Circuit and transfer of TMCP funds to the Circuit

4 Grant given to one church to support a project to develop part of the church to provide income to support future mission of the church

5 The Circuit had 1 Superintendant Minister during the financial year. Additional Operations support has been provided by a new post which was recruited to in year. Alongisde there are two part-time lay employees undertaking administrative duties. No one person received more than £60,00 in total. No accrual has been made for holiday pay as the holiday year runs from September to August. All staff are paid at or above the living wage.

6 There are two manses which are provided by the Circuit for the Superintenant Ministers. The Circuit mantains the property and pays the Council Tax and Water Charges. These are not disclosed separately as HMRC doen't regard this as a benefit in kind in the hands of a minister. Some support to churches for property repairs has been provided this year.

7 A number of volunteers including Circuit Stewards and Circuit Treasurer as managing trustees support the work of the circuit. No expenses for any work undertaken on behalf of the Circuit have been paid to any volunteers within the circuit, except for reimbursement of associated project costs. One payment of £420 for Pest control services was made to the company of a spouse of one managing trustee in relation to work undertaken on the Whaley Bridge Manse whilst the property was empty.

Note BS1 The Circuit has two manses, one located in Buxton and the other located in Whaley Bridge

Note BS2 1 quarterly payment paid in Sept 2025 for period June to Aug 2025

Name of Circuit .....High Peak Partnership ..... No...01/15.

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2025 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer ..... Date....4/3/26...

Name and address of treasurer .....Julie Murdy, 39 Links Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith, ...

...High Peak, Derbyshire..... Post Code...SK23 9TX.....

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 were presented to the Circuit meeting held on: 4 March 2026

Signature of the Chair of the meeting: .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting: ...Rev Andrew Parker..... Date ...4 March 2026

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CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HIGH PEAK PARTNERSHIP

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st August 2025.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner
The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the 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 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
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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(Formerly High Peak Methodist Circuit)

Charity Registration No. 1159245

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Review of the Year.

2032/24 saw the Partnership continue to build upon the new ways of working together that had been established during the previous year. Church attendance had been impacted by COVID but new and creative ways of worship including online provision and the establishment of reflective worship through the Caleb project at Monyash have provided opportunities to engage with local communities. One church community ceased to meet at the end of the financial year and plans are in place to dispose of the property.

A number of churches have been supported during the year financially to enable them to carry out necessary maintenance to their premises. A negative budget had been agreed by the trustees so that support to churches could be maintained as they recovered from the impact of the pandemic and continued their mission across the Partnership. Due to the refund of a contribution to the Methodist Connexional Pension fund the Partnership had a surplus of £99,973 which leaves the Partnership's reserves at £273,423, but the Partnership remains well placed to face the on-going pandemic problems and to consider initiatives to further missional activities.

Fund balances

As at August 31st, 2024, the net current assets of the Partnership were £273,423.

Plans for 2024/25

It is possible that there may be further closures of one or more of the smaller churches which are finding it increasingly difficult to continue meeting. With one of our Presbyters moving to a new Circuit, the Trustees will seek to appoint a Partnership Operations Manager to take responsibility for operational and property matters as well as seeking to appoint a Deacon for September 2025 to enable the Partnership to

continue to mee the pastoral needs of churches and continue to develop strong links into the communities they serve. The Trustees will also work to establish a mission group to look to further develop mission across the Partnership.

Basis of preparation of the Accounts

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Ruth Hayter (appt June 24)

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Donna Hodgson

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Anne Mayo

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Wendy Mellor

Julie Murdy

Nicole Parry (appt Oct 23)

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Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

Signature  Dated 21/5/25

Full Name Rev Andrew Parker

Position Superintendent Minister

Name of Circuit	High Peak Partnership					Circuit No	19/04	
Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2024								
	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023-24	
		£	£	£	£	£	£	
Income								
1 Donations and legacies							0	
2 Income from monetary investments	1	1,306	15,328				**16,634**	
3 Income from investment properties							**0**	
4 Assessments on Churches	2	152,622					**152,622**	
5 Capital Receipts	3	30					**30**	
6 Grants received							**0**	
7 Other charitable income	4	334	118,533				**118,867**	
8 **Total income**		**154,292**	**133,861**	-	-	-	**288,153**	13052
Expenditure								
9 Grants and donations							**0**	
10 Salaries and associated costs	5	99,087					**99,087**	1826
11 Property maintenance	6	28,949					**28,949**	
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy		2	2,735				**2,735**	
13 District Assessment & Levy		30,192					**30,192**	
14 Depreciation							**0**	
15 Office expenses		149					**149**	
16 Other outgoings	7	27,066					**27,066**	
17 **Total charitable expenditure**		**185,445**	**2,735**	0	0	0	**188,180**	15070
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments							0	
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties								
20 **Net income/(expenditure)**		**-31,153**	**131,126**	0	0	0	**99,973**	1990
21 Transfers between funds							0	
22 Other gains/(losses)								
23 **Net movement in funds**		**-31,153**	**131,126**	0	0	0	**99,973**	
24 Total funds brought forward		75,265	98,185				173,450	
25 Total funds carried forward		**44,112**	**229,311**	-	-	-	**273,423**	

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Income							
1 Donations and legacies							0
2 Income from monetary investments		951	3,675				**4,626**
3 Income from investment properties							**0**
4 Assessments on Churches		159,639					**159,639**
5 Capital Receipts		2,100	9,069				**11,169**
6 Grants received							**0**
7 Other charitable income		462	428				**890**
8 **Total income**		**163,152**	**13,172**	-	-	-	**176,324**
Expenditure							
9 Grants and donations		19,538	40,000				**59,538**
10 Salaries and associated costs		93,204					**93,204**
11 Property maintenance		12,530					**12,530**
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy							**0**
13 District Assessment & Levy		30,480					**30,480**
14 Depreciation							**0**
15 Office expenses		14,858					**14,858**
16 Other outgoings		9,327	4,969				**14,296**
17 **Total charitable expenditure**		**179,937**	**44,969**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**224,906**
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments							0
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties							
20 **Net income/(expenditure)**		**-16,785**	**-31,797**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**-48,582**
21 Transfers between funds		10,000 -	10,000				0
22 Other gains/(losses)							
23 **Net movement in funds**		**-6,785**	**-41,797**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**-48,582**
24 Total funds brought forward		81,317	140,716				222,033
25 Total funds carried forward	PY1	**74,532**	**98,919**	-	-	-	**173,451**

Name of Circuit - High Peak Partnership **Circuit No 19/04**

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

	Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2023/24 £	Totals 2022/23 £	GN
Fixed Assets									
Circuit Manses & Equipment	BS1	1,033,584					1,033,584	1,033,584	R
Investment properties							0		R
Investments							0		
Total fixed assets		**1,033,584**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1,033,584**	**1,033,584**	
Current Assets									
Debtors	BS2	375					375		S
Loans by the Circuit							0		
Investments with TMCP		802	229,311				230,113	98,919	
Central Finance Board Deposits		11,735					11,735	36,437	T
Cash at Bank and in hand		36,996					36,996	38,095	
Total current assets		**49,908**	**229,311**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**279,219**	**173,451**	
Current liabilities									
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	BS3	5,796					5,796		U
Grants payable within 2023-24							0		V
Total current liabilities		**5,796**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**5,796**	**0**	
Net current assets/liabilities		**44,112**	**229,311**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**273,423**	**173,451**	
Total assets less current liabilities		**1,077,696**	**229,311**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1,307,007**	**1,207,035**	
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)									
Grants payable after 2023-24							0		V
Loans to the Circuit							0		
							0		
Net assets		**1,077,696**	**229,311**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1,307,007**	**1,207,035**	W
Funds of the Circuit									
General Fund (Unrestricted)		1,077,696					1,077,696		
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			229,311				229,311		W
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)				0			0		
Total Unrestricted Funds							**1,307,007**	**0**	
Restricted Funds					0		0		
Endowment Funds						0	0		
Total Funds		**1,077,696**	**229,311**	**0**	**0**	**0**	1,307,007	**0**	

Signed Rev Andrew Parker

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Notes to the Accounts

Note 1	Interest is received on TMCP accounts and the Central Finance Board Account and includes interest of £10,145 on the refund of contribution towards Methodist Pension Fund deficit paid into the Circuit Model Trust Fund.
Note 2	The circuit comprised of 13 churches, with one congregation ceasing to meet during the year. Each is assessed for a contribution to meet the overall net costs of the Circuit. Assessment on churches is annually determined using a formula which takes into account the number of members in each church and its relative income (after deduction of certain actual and notional expenses). Assessments on churches are paid quarterly in advance.
Note 3	Transfer of funds of £30 following congregation ceasing to meet at Earl Sterndale
Note 4	This include £118,532 refund of contribution towards Methodist Pension Fund deficit
Note 5	The Circuit had 2 Superintendant Ministers during the financial year - Rev Andrew Parker and Rev Keith Sandow. Alongisde there are two part-time lay employees undertaking administrative duties. No one person received more than £60,00 in total. No accrual has been made for holiday pay as the holiday year runs from September to August. All staff are paid at or above the living wage.
Note 6	There are two manses which are provided by the Circuit for the Superintenant Ministers. The Circuit mantains the property and pays the Council Tax and Water Charges. These are not disclosed separately as HMRC doen't regard this as a benefit in kind in the hands of a minister.
Note 7	A number of volunteers including Circuit Stewards and Circuit Treasurer as managing trustees support the work of the circuit. No expenses for any work undertaken on behalf of the Circuit have been paid to any volunteers within the circuit, except for reimbursement of associated project costs. One payment of £300 was made to the company of a spouse of one managing trustee in relation to work undertaken on the Whaley Bridge Manse in preparation for leasing of the property.
Note BS1	The Circuit has two manses, one located in Buxton and the other located in Whaley Bridge
Note BS2	1 quarterly payment paid in Sept 2024 for period June to Aug 2024
Note BS3	Cheques issued during August 2024 but not cashed through the bank until September 2024
Note PY1	In previous years both Circuit Model Trust Fund and TMCP General Funds have been consolidated. In the current year TMCP General Funds are shown under general fund unrestricted

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CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HIGH PEAK PARTNERSHIP

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st August 2024.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner
The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the 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 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
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

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9 May 2025

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Accounts

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(Formerly High Peak Methodist Circuit)

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ended 31 August 2023

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The mission of the High Peak Partnership is to bless the communities they serve. This is done through creative and meaningful worship, study, pastoral care and creative arts. A Partnership Mission Plan has been developed which builds on these statements.

Review of the Year.

2022/23 was a difficult year, as the new Partnership continued to establish new ways of working together. This was not helped by the aftermath of the COVID pandemic, which required creative initiatives to enable the Partnership to continue to meet the missional objectives.

Financially a deficit on activities of £48582 was incurred, which reduced the Partnership's reserves to £173451, which leaves the Partnership well placed to face the on-going pandemic problems and to consider initiatives to further missional activities.

Fund balances

As at August 31st, 2023, the net current assets of the Partnership were £173,451.

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It is possible that there may be further closures of one or more of the smaller churches which are finding it increasingly difficult to continue meeting. The Trustees will wish to continue developing a strong Partnership identity throughout the High Peak area and are committed to strengthening ways of working.

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Signed on behalf of the Charity’s Trustees

Signature Dated

Full Name Samuel Smith

Position Partnership Treasurer

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
HIGH PEAK PARTNERSHIP	1159245

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01.09.22		31.08.23

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Assessments/Shares	159,639	-	-	159,639	145,642
Bank, CFB and TMCP Interest	4,626	-	-	4,626	1,034
Other Receipts	2,990	-	-	2,990	1,000
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	167,255	-	-	167,255	147,676
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Sale of former Church	9,069	-	-	9,069	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	9,069	-	-	9,069	-
Total receipts	176,324	-	-	176,324	147,676
A3 Payments					
Stipends, salaries, NIC,pension and travel costs	93,204	-	-	93,204	90,913
Manse costs	12,530	-	-	12,530	8,190
Administration etc	14,858	-	-	14,858	34,090
District Assessment	30,480	-	-	30,480	28,336
Grants and Donations	59,538	-	-	59,538	43,148
Other payments	14,296	-	-	14,296	142,156
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	224,906	-	-	224,906	346,833
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	224,906	-	-	224,906	346,833
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 48,582	-	-	- 48,582	- 199,157
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	222,033	-	-	222,033	421,193
Cash funds this year end	173,451	-	-	173,451	222,036

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

B1 Cash funds

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Bank Current Account	38,095	-	-
	Central Finance Board	36,437	-	-
	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	98,919	-	-
	Total cash funds	173,451	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

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Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Manses at Buxton and Whaley Bridge	Unrestricted	-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Revd T K Sandow	11/23/2023
	S D Smith (Treasurer)	**11/23/2023**

CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name
High Peak Partnership

On accounts for the year ended

31st August 2023

Charity no (if any)

1159245

Set out on pages

1-2

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2023DD / MM / YYYY.

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

August 2023

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

* *Please delete the words in* the *brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

AudreyThornhill

Date:

April 2024

Name:

Audrey Thornhill

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

FCII

Address:

4 Goyt Road, Whaley Bridge, High Peak, Derbyshire SK23 7DF

Section B **Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

High Peak Partnership

England & Wales - Charity number 1159245

Accounts

HIGH PEAK PARTNERSHIP

(Formerly High Peak Methodist Circuit)

Charity Registration No. 1159245

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Review of the Year.

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Financially a deficit on activities of £48582 was incurred, which reduced the Partnership's reserves to £173451, which leaves the Partnership well placed to face the on-going pandemic problems and to consider initiatives to further missional activities.

Fund balances

As at August 31st, 2023, the net current assets of the Partnership were £173,451.

Plans for 2023/24

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Michael Doughty	Wendy Mellor	Charles Winterbottom
Briony Evans	Julie Murdy	

Mrs Joyce Clayton retired during the year, after many faithful years of service. She has not yet been replaced.

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It is confirmed that the Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commision's guidance on public benefit.

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However, given the recent Covid 19 pandemic, we are experiencing abnormal circumstances, and the Trustees have agreed to hold at least 12 months average expenditure until circumstances return to normal. This will be regularly reviewed. The reserves at the end of the financial year stood at £173,451. However, this figure will reduce significantly in 2023/24 as the Partnership will incur significant and exceptional items of expenditure. This will result in the reserves being less than 12 months expenditure

Signed on behalf of the Charity’s Trustees

Signature Dated

Full Name Samuel Smith

Position Partnership Treasurer

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

HIGH PEAK PARTNERSHIP	1159245

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01.09.21	To	Period end date 31.08.22

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Assessments/Share	145,642	-	-	145,642	145,779
Bank, CFB and TMCP Interest	1,034	-	-	1,034	1,055
Other receipts	1,000	-	-	1,000	1,719
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
***Sub total**(Gross income for AR)*	147,676	-	-	147,676	148,553
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	388,700
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	388,700
Total receipts	147,676	-	-	147,676	537,253
A3 Payments					
Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs	90,913	-	-	90,913	89,831
Manse costs	8,190	-	-	8,190	20,988
Administration etc	34,090	-	-	34,090	21,597
District Assessment	28,336	-	-	28,336	32,472
Grants and Donations	43,148	-	-	43,148	120,986
Other payments	142,156	-	-	142,156	157,243
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	346,833	-	-	346,833	443,117
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	346,833	-	-	346,833	443,117
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 199,157	-	-	- 199,157	94,136
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	421,190	-	-	421,190	327,054
Cash funds this year end	222,033	-	-	222,033	421,190

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

B1 Cash funds

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Bank Balance	40,183	-	-
	Central Finance Board	41,134	-	-
	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	140,716	-	-
	Total cash funds	222,033	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Manses at Buxton and Whaley Bridge	Unrestricted	-	951,725
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Rev T K Sandow	
	S D Smith (Treasurer)	

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2022 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer ..... Sel Smith ..... Date 08/03/2023

Name and address of treasurer ..... SAMUEL SMITH 18 HOCKERLEY AVENUE

WHALEY BRIDGE, HIGH PEAK, DERBYSHIRE SK23 7RT

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 were/~~will be~~*

presented to the Circuit meeting held on ..... November 23rd 2022

Signature of the Chair of the meeting ..... Rev T K Sandow .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting REV. KEITH SANDOW ..... Date 31.03.2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

HIGH PEAK PARTNERSHIP

Charity Number . 1159245

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the HIGH PEAK PARTNERSHIP Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2022 set out on pages1 to 3. As the Circuit's trustees, you 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 Circuit's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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.

* delete or circle as appropriate

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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.

I have/have not* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner ..... Audrey Thornhill .....

Name of independent examiner ..... AUDREY THORNHILL

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner .... FCII

Name of firm (where appropriate) .....

Address 4 GOYT ROAD, WHALEY BRIDGE, HIGH PEAK, DERBYSHIRE

..... Post Code . SK23 7DF

Date ... 3rd March 2023

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High Peak Partnership

England & Wales - Charity number 1159245

Accounts

HIGH PEAK PARTNERSHIP

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

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However, given the Covid 19 pandemic, we are experiencing abnormal circumstances, and the Trustees have agreed to hold at least 12 months average expenditure until circumstances return to normal. This will be regularly reviewed. The sale proceeds received from the disposal of Kettleshulme Methodist Church (2020) and the former Manse in Chapel-en-le-Frith (2021) significantly boosted the Partnership's reserves, which at the end of the financial year stood at £421190. However, this figure will reduce significantly in 2021/22 as the Partnership will incur significant and exceptionalitems of expenditure.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

Signature Dated

Full Name Samuel Smith

Position Partnership Treasurer

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

HIGH PEAK PARTNERSHIP	Circuit

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT	**District**	**Circuit no**	19 04

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number	1159245

If not a registered charity **Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number**

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Ministers:

Rev Andrew Parker

Rev Keith Sandow

Circuit Stewards:

Joyce Clayton

Michael Doughty

Diane Farrow

Peter Johnson

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Hazel Thompson

Treasurer:

Samuel Smith

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2021 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer ..... S D Smith S D Smith

Name and address of treasurer ..... Samuel Smith, 18, Hockerley Avenue, Whaley Bridge
High Peak, Derbyshire
..... Post Code..... SK23 7RT

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were/~~will be~~*
presented to the Circuit meeting held on ..November 18 2021

Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting ..Rev. T K Sandow..... Date .....

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

HIGH PEAK CIRCUIT

Charity Number . 1159245

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Name of Circuit .. **HIGH PEAK PARTNERSHIP** **Circuit 19/04**

Independent Examiner's Statement

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Signature of independent examiner ..... Audrey Thornhill .....

Name of independent examiner ..... AUDREY THORNHILL

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner .... FCII

Name of firm (where appropriate) .....

Address ..... 4 GOYT ROAD, WHALEY BRIDGE, HIGH PEAK,

..... DERBYSHIRE POST CODE SK23 7DF

Date ..16...November...2021..

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High Peak Partnership

England & Wales - Charity number 1159245

Accounts

HIGH PEAK PARTNERSHIP

(Formerly High Peak Methodist Circuit)

Charity Registration No. 1159245

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ended 31 August 2020

Introduction

The Trustees present their Annual Report for the year ended 31 August 2020. The Partnership was established on September 1st 2019 when the former three Methodist Circuits – High Peak Methodist Circuit, Buxton Methodist Circuit and Whaley Bridge Uniting partnership – were combined to form the High Peak Partnership. It was resolved that this new Partnership should take over the established High Peak Methodist circuit Charity registration (no.1159245).

Aims and Organisation.

The mission of the High Peak Partnership is to bless the communities they serve. This is done through creative and meaningful worship, study, pastoral care and creative arts. A Partnership Mission Plan is being developed which will build on these statements.

Review of the Year.

2019/2020 was a difficult year, with a steep learning curve for all officers and trustees as the new Partnership established new ways of working together. This was not helped by the COVID pandemic, which required creative initiatives to enable the Partnership to continue to meet the missional objectives.

Financially a small deficit on activities was incurred but this was dramatically offset by the proceeds of the sale of one of the former church buildings, leaving the Partnership funds well placed to face the on-going pandemic problems and to consider initiatives to further missional activities.

Fund balances

As at August 31st, 2020, the net current assets of the Partnership were £327,054.

Plans for 2020/21

It is likely that there may be further closures of one or more of the smaller churches which are finding it increasingly difficult to continue meeting. The Trustees will wish to continue developing a strong Partnership identity throughout the High Peak area and are committed to strengthening ways of working.

Basis of preparation of the Accounts

The Charity's Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2020 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities

Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Report Standard (FRS) 102.

The Charity's full name is The High Peak Partnership

The Charity Registered number is 1159245 (the former High Peak Methodist Circuit number)

The main communication address (Partnership office)

The High Peak Partnership
Buxton Methodist church
Chapel Street
Buxton SK17 6HX
Tel: 07912 144022

The members of the High Peak partnership meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of office holders, Ministers and representatives appointed by the local churches. The organisation structure comprises a full Partnership meeting, together with a Leadership Team, a Property Team and a Finance Team, which meet as required and report to the Partnership meeting.

The Trustees are as follows :-

Rev Andrew Parker	Ken Gibson	Glyn Rowlands
Rev Keith Sandow	Jackie Goddard	Ian Saunders
John Anfield	Jean Greenhalgh	Susan Shirley
Peter Allen	Rev David Harrison	Richard Silson
Margaret Askey	Peter Helps	Ron Sinclair
Karen Birchenough	Donna Hodgson	Samuel Smith
Sheila Booth	Arthur Huntstone	Kerensa Stocker
Philip Botham	Moira Huntstone	Ian Stubbs
Margery Chatterton	Peter Johnson	Hazel Thompson
Claire Crook	Wendy Jones	Audery Thornhill
Philip Deacon	Terence Lomas	Albert Warrington
Michael Doughty	Anne Mayo	Jennifer Wheeldon
Briony Evans	Wendy Mellor	Charles Winterbottom
Diane Farrow	Julie Murdy	

Partnership Ministers and Officers

Partnership Ministers –	Rev Keith Sandow and Rev Andrew Parker
Partnership Treasurer -	Samuel Smith

Partnership Administrators - Claire Losel and Catherine Sims

Partnership Stewards - Joyce Clatyon, Michael Doughty, Diane Farrow, Peter Johnson,

Richard Silson and Hazel Thompson

Aims and Organisation

The Charity's objective is to act as a resource provider within the High Peak area around Buxton, Chapel-en-le-Frith and Whaley Bridge for the Methodist Church. The purposes of the Methodist Church are, and shall be deemed to have been since the Date of Union, the advancement of :

a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of the Methodist church.
b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional District, Circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church.
c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution or ancillary to the Methodist Church.
d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.

The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike.

The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups

The resourcing of pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved

Taking religious assemblies in local schools

Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services

Provision of Chaplaincy services to appropriate local institutions.

Public Benefit

It is confirmed that the Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commision's guidance on public benefit.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document for the Partnership is the Deed of Union (1932) and the Methodist Church Act (1976).

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Day to day management of the Partnership is undertaken by the Partnership Leader Team along with the Local Preachers' Meeting, the Partnership Finance and Property Committees, and the Partnership Policy Committee.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance produced by the Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the Partnership, specifically the leaflet @The Role of the Trustee in the Methodist church' is given to all new Partnership members as their introduction to the role of Trustees, as well as a locally developed training course delivered in-house.

Related Parties

The Partnership is part of the Manchester and Stockport district and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The following Methodist Churches are linked to the Partnership :-

Buxton	Flagg
Chapel-en-le-Frith	Harpur Hill
Disley	Hayfield – St. John’s
Dove Holes	Hollinsclough
Earl Sterndale	Low Leighton
Fairfield (which closed during the year)	Monyash
Fernilee	*Whaley Bridge Uniting Church

*Whaley Bridge Uniting Church is a local Ecumenical Partnership including the Baptists, United Reformed and Methodist churches.

Risk management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Partnership Finance and Property committees, with professional advice taken as required. There is a regular review process undertaken and recorded. Income and Expenditure is monitored monthly and is being compared with the approved annual budget on a regular basis, to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Safeguarding

'Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.' Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- The care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- The safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable.
- The establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of Criminal Records Disclosures and registration with the relevant Vetting and Barring schemes
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made, which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed co-operating with the Police and Local Authorities in any investigation.
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care. We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support including supervision and referral to the proper authorities to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or adult.
- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice.

The HPP commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy, Government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the Partnership and Churches.

HPP commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and in promoting the safeguarding of children, young people and adults who may be vulnerable.

Reserves Policy

In normal circumstance, the Reserves Policy for the Partnership would be to hold the minimum of 6 months average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen items of major expenditure on manses and / or to be able to continue in

the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full assessment from Churches.

However, given the Covid 19 pandemic, we are experiencing abnormal circumstances, and the Trustees have agreed to hold at least 12 months average expenditure until circumstances return to normal. This will be regularly reviewed. The sale proceeds received from the disposal of Kettleshulme Methodist Church significantly boosted the Partnership's reserves, which at the end of the financial year stood at £327,054.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

Signature		Dated
Full Name	Samuel Smith	
Position	Partnership Treasurer	

CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No. (if any)
High Peak Partnership	1159245

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01//09/2019		8/31/2020

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
A1 Receipts				
Assessment/Share	156,488	-	-	156,488
Bank, CFB and TMCP Interest	1,516	-	-	1,516
Grants		-	-	-
Other Receipts	2,758	-	-	2,758
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	160,762	-	-	160,762
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
Capital Receipts	162,103	-	-	162,103
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	162,103	-	-	162,103
Total receipts	322,865	-	-	322,865
A3 Payments				
Stipends,salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs	81,288	-	-	81,288
Manse costs	13,516	-	-	13,516
Administration etc.	18,693	-	-	18,693
District Assessment	32,920	-	-	32,920
Grants and donations	11,107	-	-	11,107
Other payments	59,218	-	-	59,218
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	216,742	-	-	216,742
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total payments	216,742	-	-	216,742
Net of receipts/(payments)	106,123	-	-	106,123
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	220,931	-	-	220,931
Cash funds this year end	327,054	-	-	327,054

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

B1 Cash funds

Categories	Details		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
	Bank balance		57,116	-
	Central Finance Board		32,785	-
	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	#	237,153	-
	Total cash funds		327,054	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		OK	OK

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
Manse - Whaley Bridge	unrestricted	-
Manse - Chapel-en-le-Frith	Unresstricted	-
Manse - Buxton	UNrestricted	-
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name
	SAMUEL SMITH
	REV K SANDOW

CC16a

[redacted]

Last year to the nearest £
169,601
1,467
1,964
44,181
-
-
-
-
217,213

-
-
217,213

122,316
15,329
6,023
30,973
15,512
64,320
-
-
-
254,473

-
254,473
- 37,260
-
258,191
220,931

Endowment funds to nearest £
-
-
-
-

OK

Endowment funds to nearest £
-
-
-
-
-
-

Current value (optional)
-
-
-
-
-

Current value (optional)
-
-
-
-
-
-
-

When due (optional)

Date of approval

Name of Circuit ..HIGH PEAK PARTNERSHIP..... No.19/04

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2020 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer ..S.L.Smith..... Date.....

Name and address of treasurer ....SAMUEL SMITH, 18 HOLKERLEY AVE.....

..WHALEY BRIDGE, HIGH PEAK, DERBYSHIRE..... Post Code..SK23 7RT

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 were/will be*

presented to the Circuit meeting held on .....

Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting ..... Date .....

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

HIGH PEAK PARTNERSHIP..... **Circuit**

Charity Number 1159245

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the ..... Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2020 set out on pages ... to .... As the Circuit's trustees, you 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 Circuit's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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.

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.....HIGH PEAK..... Post Code SK23 7DF

Date 08/2/2021

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