

Charity Registration No: 1159421

Brookfield Gospel Hall Trust

**Report of the trustees and
unaudited financial statements
for the year ended 5th April 2022**

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Brookfield Gospel Hall Trust
Reference and administrative details
for the year ended 5th April 2022

Charity name: Brookfield Gospel Hall Trust

Registered charity number: 1159421

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Brookfield Gospel Hall Trust

Report of the trustees for the year ended 5th April 2022

The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 5th April 2022. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 9 - 10 and comply with the Trust Deed and applicable law.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The Brookfield Gospel Hall Trust is an unincorporated trust constituted by Deed of Trust dated 20th February 1964, most recently amended by Deed of Variation dated 19th August 2014. The Trust was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 1st December 2014 under Charity Registration Number: 1159421.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The names of the Trustees who have 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 2022 (2021: £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 Trustees of similar Trusts with a view to pooling experience considered useful in pursuing the objects of the Trust.

Brookfield Gospel Hall Trust maintains particular links with and pays bills on behalf of; Bournemouth Gospel Hall Trust and Sandbourne 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 trust has the following charitable purposes:

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.

Brookfield Gospel Hall Trust

Report of the trustees for the year ended 5th April 2022

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's main achievement this year has been continuing to open the Broadway Lane Gospel Hall to the congregation and visitors and encouraging good works by them which benefit the wider community as described below. Also work in supporting Bournemouth Gospel Hall Trust in the consolidation of Gospel Halls under this Trust in the local area, to include the Gospel Halls that were previously under Sandbourne Gospel Hall Trust.

The trustees have also operated an Emergency Needs fund for the duration of the coronavirus pandemic and any resultant economic downturn. This is providing limited financial assistance by the way of grocery vouchers to households, who have experienced a recent and significant decrease in income due to the pandemic, such that it is likely to impact on the health and/or welfare of members of the household. The trust has appointed a Local Welfare Panel to manage the application process and to administer the vouchers to qualifying applicants.

Plans for future periods

The Trust plans to continue all the current activities.

With the commencement of lockdown restrictions in the UK the trust ceased using the gospel hall It operates. During the financial year, restrictions were eased sufficiently to allow the congregation to use the gospel hall for the Lord's Supper (Communion). The use of the room was conducted in a manner which always complied with the government guidance, and the trust intends to continue using the room when it is safe to do so. The trustees do not consider that the Covid-19 pandemic will have any effect on the ability of the trust 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 40 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 Brookfield Lane 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.

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

In addition to street preaching, the members of the congregation also keep contact with prison chaplains to provide gospel tracts and bibles as required. The Trust also operates a programme of providing regular monthly packs of nutritious food with copies of gospel literature to homeless and needy persons through local charities or homeless societies and during this year a total of over £1,600 of food was provided, with many of the congregation participating in donating generously to this means of displaying Christianity to mankind. Members of the congregation are regularly involved in supporting the Rapid Relief Team, a separate charity, in the charitable works that they carry out.

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).
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 2022 the Trust had a surplus of incoming resources over resources expended. Total voluntary income received this year was £88,152 compared to £344,804 in the previous year.

All funds held were unrestricted funds.

Reserves policy

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs, based on its size and the level of its financial commitments. The Trust has no employees and its regular outgoings are minimal. Accordingly, the Trustees have decided to adopt a policy of maintaining no significant reserves although currently surplus funds are being saved for a proposed new hall. The congregation is kept regularly informed as to particular needs for funds, and other relevant matters and the Trustees aim to ensure that the Charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure, by raising a funds appeal to the congregation.

Free reserves at the year end were £309,545.

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 Charity 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 operation.

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:

G Askew

Date

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Report to the trustees of Brookfield Gospel Hall Trust on the financial statements for the year ended 5th April 2022 set out on pages 7 to 13.

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:

Name: Julian Remmington

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Brookfield Gospel Hall Trust
Statement of financial activities
(including income and expenditure account)
for the year ended 5th April 2022

	NOTES	Unrestricted Funds £	Unrestricted Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Incoming and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies:						
Collections		-	-	-	-	-
Contributions from the congregation		42,604	75	-	42,679	44,069
Gift Aid donations		21,612	-	-	21,612	22,262
Other donations		8,938	-	-	8,938	4,846
Income tax refundable		5,403	-	-	5,403	5,591
Donated services	4.	-	-	-	-	-
Payroll giving		-	-	-	-	-
Grants received	5.	9,520	-	-	9,520	268,036
Legacies received		-	-	-	-	-
Investment income and interest						
Interest		14	-	-	14	6
Other income						
Interments		17,750	-	-	17,750	16,750
Total		105,841	75	-	105,916	361,560
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities						
Running of meeting halls	6.	67,688	-	-	67,688	48,560
Wider community outreach		-	-	-	-	-
Congregation support		-	2,700	-	2,700	4,725
Interment expenses		3,850	-	-	3,850	3,982
Cost of donated services	4.	20,815	-	-	20,815	16,169
Transfers to affiliated trusts		-	-	-	-	4,000
Other costs		675	-	-	675	-
Governance						
Computer costs		77	-	-	77	47
Postage, print and stationery		-	-	-	-	-
Legal & professional costs		2,982	-	-	2,982	2,671
Independent Examiner's fee		600	-	-	600	600
Repairs and maintenance		-	-	-	-	-
Bank charges		-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation- Office equipment		-	-	-	-	-
Profit/Loss on sale of assets		-	-	-	-	-
Total		96,687	2,700	-	99,387	80,754
Net income/(expenditure)		9,154	- 2,625	-	6,529	280,806
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		9,154	- 2,625	-	6,529	280,806
Reconciliation of funds						
Funds at 6th April 2021		1,784,844	2,625	-	1,787,469	1,506,663
Total funds at 5th April 2022	8.	1,793,998	-	-	1,793,998	1,787,469

The notes on pages 9 to 13 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.

Brookfield Gospel Hall Trust
Balance sheet
As at 5th April 2022

		2022		2021	
	NOTES	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible fixed assets	7.		1,484,453		1,523,015
			<u>1,484,453</u>		<u>1,523,015</u>
Current assets					
Debtors:					
Prepayments & accrued income		9,147		3,492	
Cash at bank and in hand		303,069		262,794	
		<u>312,216</u>		<u>266,286</u>	
Current liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year:					
Other creditors		-		-	
Accruals and deferred income		2,671		1,832	
		<u>2,671</u>		<u>1,832</u>	
Net current assets			309,545		264,454
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>1,793,998</u>		<u>1,787,469</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year:					
Loans			-		-
Net assets	8.	£	<u>1,793,998</u>	£	<u>1,787,469</u>
Funds					
Unrestricted income fund			1,793,998		1,787,469
Restricted funds			-		-
Total Funds	9.	£	<u>1,793,998</u>	£	<u>1,787,469</u>

The unaudited financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustee of Brookfield Gospel Hall Trust on / / and signed on their behalf by

G Askew
Trustee

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Second edition of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and UK Generally Accepted 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 Brookfield Gospel Hall Trust is considered to be equal to market value which would be paid were the service formally procured. This includes services paid for by other trusts.

Investment income is accounted for on a receivable basis.

1.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis. Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Charitable activities comprise those costs directly attributable to the fulfilment of the charitable objects.

1.4 Governance and support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and costs related to statutory requirements. Governance and support costs are allocated to charitable activities on the basis of capacity used. 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 £150) are stated at cost less depreciation. Freehold land is not depreciated. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Freehold buildings	2% straight line
Temporary buildings	20% straight line
Fixtures and Fittings	10% straight line
Equipment	25% reducing balance 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. The trustees do not consider that the Covid-19 pandemic will have any effect on the ability of the trust to continue as a going concern.

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 (2021: None).

3 Wages and salaries

There are no employees (2021: none).

4 Donated services

Income	2022 £	2021 £
Donated Services	-	-
	-	-

Expenditure	2022 £	2021 £
Bournemouth Gospel Hall Trust	17,418	9,986
Sandbourne Gospel Hall Trust	3,397	6,183
	20,815	16,169

5 Grants received	2022 £	2021 £
Bournemouth Gospel Hall Trust	9,520	-
Sandbourne Gospel Hall Trust	-	268,036
	9,520	268,036

6 Resources expended	Meeting rooms £	Other charitable activities £	2022 £	2021 £
Repairs and maintenance of buildings	3,980	-	3,980	995
Landscaping costs	1,907	-	1,907	2,273
Maintenance- Recording equipment	-	-	-	-
Light and heat	15,317	-	15,317	4,058
Water rates	199	-	199	242
Telephone & broadband at hall(s)	430	-	430	444
Conference costs	-	-	-	-
Insurance- Public liability	1,508	-	1,508	1,265
Legal & professional- specific to halls	5,785	-	5,785	505
Cleaning	-	-	-	37
Sundry	-	-	-	-
Depreciation- Freehold property	38,021	-	38,021	38,021
Depreciation- Equipment	541	-	541	720
	67,688	-	67,688	48,560

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Property* and Refurbishment £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 6th April 2021	1,778,328	9,029	1,787,357
Disposals	-	-	-
Additions	-	-	-
At 5th April 2022	1,778,328	9,029	1,787,357
Depreciation			
At 6th April 2021	257,474	6,868	264,342
Disposals	-	-	-
Charge for the year	38,021	541	38,562
At 5th April 2022	295,495	7,409	302,904
Net Book Value			
At 5th April 2022	1,482,833	1,620	1,484,453
At 6th April 2021	1,520,854	2,161	1,523,015

* Land Registry title number; DT203413

8 Analysis of net assets between funds

8.1 Current year

	Unrestricted funds £	Unrestricted Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	1,484,453	-	-	1,484,453
Currents assets	312,216	-	-	312,216
Current liabilities	2,671	-	-	2,671
Total funds	1,793,998	-	-	1,793,998

8.2 Prior year

	Unrestricted funds £	Unrestricted Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	1,523,015	-	-	1,523,015
Currents assets	263,661	2,625	-	266,286
Current liabilities	1,832	-	-	1,832
Total funds	1,784,844	2,625	-	1,787,469

9 Movement in funds

9.1 Current year

	Balance at 6 April 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Realised/ unrealised gain and losses £	Balance at 5 April 2022 £
Restricted funds					
Fund	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Designated funds	2,625	75	2,700	-	-
Unrestricted funds	1,784,844	105,841	96,687	-	1,793,998
Total funds	1,787,469	105,916	99,387	-	1,793,998

9 Movement in funds contd.

9.2 Prior year

	Balance at 6 April 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Realised/ unrealised gain and losses £	Balance at 5 April 2021 £
Restricted funds					
Fund	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Designated funds	-	11,350	8,725	-	2,625
Unrestricted funds	1,506,663	350,210	72,029	-	1,784,844
Total funds	1,506,663	361,560	80,754	-	1,787,469

10 Independent examiner's fees

Governance costs include £600 (2021 : £600) in respect of independent examiner's fees.

11 Transactions with related parties

Total donations received from connected persons was £14,988 (2021 £12,576). The Trust acquired services from Millway Projects Limited of which Malcolm Taylor is a director for £1,228.07 (2021: £1,163.20). Funds were advanced to 4 Sight Construction of which Malcolm Taylor and Rob Farrant are directors for £500.00 (2021: £nil).

12 Volunteers

Brookfield 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.

13 Full comparison of Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Unrestricted Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Incoming and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies:				
Collections	-	-	-	-
Contributions from the congregation	32,719	11,350	-	44,069
Gift Aid donations	22,262	-	-	22,262
Other donations	4,846	-	-	4,846
Income tax refundable	5,591	-	-	5,591
Donated services	-	-	-	-
Payroll giving	-	-	-	-
Grants received	268,036	-	-	268,036
Legacies received	-	-	-	-
Investment income and interest				
Interest	6	-	-	6
Other income				
Interments	16,750	-	-	16,750
Total	350,210	11,350	-	361,560
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities				
Running of meeting halls	48,560	-	-	48,560
Wider community outreach	-	-	-	-
Congregation support	-	4,725	-	4,725
Interment expenses	3,982	-	-	3,982
Cost of donated services	16,169	-	-	16,169
Transfers to affiliated trusts	-	4,000	-	4,000
Other costs	-	-	-	-
Governance				
Computer costs	47	-	-	47
Postage, print and stationery	-	-	-	-
Legal & professional costs	2,671	-	-	2,671
Independent Examiner's fee	600	-	-	600
Repairs and maintenance	-	-	-	-
Bank charges	-	-	-	-
Depreciation- Office equipment	-	-	-	-
Profit/Loss on sale of assets	-	-	-	-
Total	72,029	8,725	-	80,754
Net income/(expenditure)	278,181	2,625	-	280,806
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	278,181	2,625	-	280,806
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward	1,506,663	-	-	1,506,663
Total funds carried forward	1,784,844	2,625	-	1,787,469