

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1159423

Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 5 April 2025  
for  
Holyhead Road Gospel Hall Trust

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for the Year Ended 5 April 2025

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Holyhead Road Gospel Hall Trust

Reference and Administrative Details  
for the Year Ended 5 April 2025

**TRUSTEES**

R A Blackledge  
B Pocock  
L Devenish (resigned 4.12.24)  
R Blackledge  
S Plant  
N Wallach (appointed 4.12.24)

**PRINCIPAL ADDRESS**

Meeting Hall  
Holyhead Road  
Bicton  
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SY3 8EF

**REGISTERED CHARITY  
NUMBER**

1159423

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

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**CHAIRMAN**

R Blackledge

**TREASURER**

S Plant

**BANKERS**

Lloyds Bank plc  
1 Pride Hill  
Shrewsbury  
Shropshire  
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The Trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 5 April 2025. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 9-11 and comply with the Trust Deed and applicable law.

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Objectives and aims**

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

### **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](http://www.plymouthbrethrenchristianchurch.org) and in the schedules to the Trust Deed.

### **Meetings**

Meetings held at the Gospel hall would normally include the Lord's Supper (Communion), Gospel preachings, Bible readings and Bible addresses. There is a structured weekly schedule of meetings and, depending on the particular meeting, between 30 and 350 people normally attend these occasions.

The meetings are attended by the regular congregation and most are open to other properly disposed visitors. The notice board outside the Hall welcomes visitors and displays the times of Gospel preachings, along with a telephone number for those seeking further information or help. Gospel tracts, which are distributed by street preachers, also display this information.

Bibles and an extensive range of other Christian reading material are on display at the hall and visitors are free to help themselves.

### **Spreading the Gospel message and the life of a Christian**

The Gospel hall is a base from which the regular congregation and others who attend the meetings are encouraged to spread the Christian Gospel, in word and deed.

Members of the congregation participate in a programme of street preaching and Gospel tracts are provided free of charge by the Charity to such preachers to be handed out to interested members of the public.

In carrying out this work, the congregation considers itself to be living out its faith in practice, as particularly exemplified in the following extract from the schedule to the Trust Deed on living a Christian life:

\* " We seek and are encouraged to live exemplary lives in all our relationships with others in the wider community (including former Brethren), in accordance with the teachings of Holy Scripture (1 Tim 2:2).

\* " We regularly go out from our homes to preach on the streets, to distribute Christian literature and engage with the wider community (including former Brethren) in order to present eternal salvation, available to all men by faith in Jesus Christ. (2 Tim 4:2).

\* " We seek as members of the public to lead Christian lives as husbands and wives, parents, children, employers, employees and neighbours. (Col 3:22-25, Col 4:1).

\* " The preservation and protection of the family unit is fundamental and children are prized as a blessing from God. (Psalm 127:3-5). The elderly are valued members of the community, for whom both their family and the wider community are expected to care.

\* " Holy Scripture commands us to be good neighbours to others, and deal with all other people (including former Brethren) openly, honestly and fairly and consistent with these principles, we should give our time, talents and money to assist those in need in the wider community, in so far as reasonable given our abilities and our available resources. (Matt 7:12, Matt 22:39, Eph 4:28).

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## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

### **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.

### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

One of the Trust's principal activities that further its objectives is providing a facility for the coordination of 'outreach' work into the wider community.

This report includes some of the activities that we have been engaged in during 2024-25.

#### **Gospel tracts and literature available from the Gospel Hall**

The Trust maintains a stock and display of gospel tracts, literature and Bibles in the foyer of our main Gospel Hall and this fact is advertised on the sign board at the street entrance.

#### **Other Activities**

The Trust's main achievement this year has been the maintenance of Gospel Halls for public worship. The trust purchased some land and commenced the building of a new Gospel hall during the year.

In addition to street preaching, members of the congregation have worked with the Rapid Relief Team charity as detailed below:

The Rapid Relief Team is a separate charity that has a local team in Shrewsbury made up from our congregation members. To widen the scope of activity the team cooperate with the neighbouring team in Newtown, Powys. Our main hall is used to store some essential provisions and equipment that would be required if RRT are requested to support the emergency services working at an incident nearby.

#### **Food packs**

RRT teams made up of congregational members have distributed family food boxes to schools, hospitals and care homes and Care Kits were also given out.

#### **Further plans for 2025-26**

We are planning to continue the various initiatives in the new period in the new period and engage with our local parish council to identify potential areas that we can support in.

We will look for opportunities to support additional other local charities that need support from our willing team of volunteers.

We will be open to new suggestions from members of the congregation which we will review and put forward for approval at one of the regular trustee meetings.

Despite the increased cost of energy, the trustees feel that these increased costs are not significantly impacting on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Principal funding sources**

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

### Reserves policy

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs, based on its size and the level of its financial commitments. The Trust has no employees and its regular outgoings are minimal.

The Trustees are planning to build another gospel hall in the area and are increasing reserves to achieve this. 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 £227,185 [2024:£Nil].

### Financial position

In the year ended 5 April 2025, the Trust had a surplus of incoming resources over resources expended amounting to £150,274 [2024: £51,044].

The Trust commenced the building of another gospel hall during the year. The trust also received £200,000 for the sale of some surplus land relating to the building project which reduced the overall cost.

Total voluntary income received this year was £206,859 compared to £99,950 in the previous year.

All funds held were unrestricted funds.

## STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

### Governing document

The Charity is an unincorporated trust constituted by a Deed of Trust dated 18 June 1982, most recently amended by Deed of Variation dated 12 August 2014. The Trust was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 1 December 2014 under Charity Registration Number 1159423.

### Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The names of the Trustees who served during the year and since the year end are set out on page 1. None of the Trustees, nor any person connected with them, received any remuneration or expenses from the Charity in the year ended 5 April 2025 (2024: £nil).

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

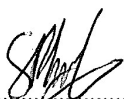
### Wider network

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

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 27/01/26 and signed on its behalf by:

  
.....  
S Plant - Trustee

Holyhead Road Gospel Hall Trust

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities  
for the Year Ended 5 April 2025

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report 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:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records 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.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Holyhead Road Gospel Hall Trust for the year ended 05 April 2025.

#### 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 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 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.



Peter Allen

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Date: 2.2.2026

Holyhead Road Gospel Hall Trust

Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 5 April 2025

		Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	5.4.25 Total funds £	5.4.24 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>	Notes				
Donations and legacies		206,859	-	206,859	99,950
Investment income	2	1,011	-	1,011	4,593
<b>Total</b>		<b>207,870</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>207,870</b>	<b>104,543</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>	3				
Running Meeting Rooms		30,948	-	30,948	26,012
Depreciation		16,777	-	16,777	15,149
Other Activities		300	-	300	-
Donated Services		9,571	-	9,571	12,338
<b>Total</b>		<b>57,596</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>57,596</b>	<b>53,499</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>		<b>150,274</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>150,274</b>	<b>51,044</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		1,239,656	-	1,239,656	1,188,612
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>1,389,930</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,389,930</b>	<b>1,239,656</b>

The notes form part of these financial statements


Holyhead Road Gospel Hall Trust

Balance Sheet  
5 April 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	5.4.25 Total funds £	5.4.24 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	7	1,162,745	-	1,162,745	1,253,938
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	8	20,539	-	20,539	1,564
Cash at bank		208,002	-	208,002	36,885
		<u>228,541</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>228,541</u>	<u>38,449</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(1,356)	-	(1,356)	(52,731)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>227,185</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>227,185</u>	<u>(14,282)</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>1,389,930</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,389,930</u>	<u>1,239,656</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>1,389,930</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,389,930</u>	<u>1,239,656</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	11				
Unrestricted funds				<u>1,389,930</u>	<u>1,239,656</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>1,389,930</u>	<u>1,239,656</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 27/01/26 and were signed on its behalf by:

  
.....  
S Plant - Trustee

  
.....  
R Blackledge - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

## 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### Basis of preparing the 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).

### 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 Holyhead Road 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.

### 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.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

### 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.

### Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets (costing more than £200) 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 Property	2% straight line
Plant and Equipment	5% straight line

### 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.

### Funds

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

# 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

## Funds

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.

## Preparation of consolidated financial statements

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

## Going concern

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

## Significant estimates and judgements

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

# 2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	5.4.25 Total funds	5.4.24 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Deposit account interest	1,011	-	1,011	4,593

# 3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs	Grant funding of activities	Support costs	Totals
	£	£	£	£
Running Meeting Rooms	28,586	-	2,362	30,948
Depreciation	16,777	-	-	16,777
Other Activities	-	300	-	300
Donated Services	9,571	-	-	9,571
	54,934	300	2,362	57,596

## Donated Services

During the year, services amounting to the value of £9,571 [2024 £12,338] were donated to the Severn Gospel Hall Trust.

# 4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

No Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits from an employment with the charity.

**4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS - continued**

**Trustees' expenses**

During the year a trustee Mr. Scott Plant was reimbursed for expenses amounting to £387 (2024: £188).

**5. WAGES AND SALARIES**

There are no employees (2024: none).

**6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	99,950	-	99,950
Investment income	4,593	-	4,593
<b>Total</b>	<b>104,543</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>104,543</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Running Meeting Rooms	26,012	-	26,012
Depreciation	15,149	-	15,149
Donated Services	12,338	-	12,338
<b>Total</b>	<b>53,499</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>53,499</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>51,044</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>51,044</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	1,188,612	-	1,188,612
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>1,239,656</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,239,656</b>

**7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Freehold property £	Plant and Equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>			
At 6 April 2024	1,517,964	6,876	1,524,840
Additions	117,839	7,745	125,584
Disposals	(200,000)	-	(200,000)
At 5 April 2025	1,435,803	14,621	1,450,424
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 6 April 2024	266,407	4,495	270,902
Charge for year	16,046	731	16,777
At 5 April 2025	282,453	5,226	287,679
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 5 April 2025	1,153,350	9,395	1,162,745
At 5 April 2024	1,251,557	2,381	1,253,938

Freehold property comprises:  
Bicton (Title Nos SL139330, SL216765 & SL176934)

**8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	5.4.25 £	5.4.24 £
Gift Aid tax recoverable	19,094	-
Prepayments	1,445	1,564
	20,539	1,564

**9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	5.4.25 £	5.4.24 £
Other creditors	1,356	52,731

**10. LOANS**

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	5.4.25 £	5.4.24 £
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Other loans	-	50,000

# 11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 6.4.24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 5.4.25 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	1,239,656	150,274	1,389,930
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,239,656</u>	<u>150,274</u>	<u>1,389,930</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	207,870	(57,596)	150,274
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>207,870</u>	<u>(57,596)</u>	<u>150,274</u>

## Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 6.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 5.4.24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	1,188,612	51,044	1,239,656
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,188,612</u>	<u>51,044</u>	<u>1,239,656</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	104,543	(53,499)	51,044
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>104,543</u>	<u>(53,499)</u>	<u>51,044</u>

# 11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 6.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 5.4.25 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	1,188,612	201,318	1,389,930
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,188,612</u>	<u>201,318</u>	<u>1,389,930</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	312,413	(111,095)	201,318
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>312,413</u>	<u>(111,095)</u>	<u>201,318</u>

# 12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the year a Trustee Mr Rob Blackledge was repaid a loan that he had made to the Trust amounting to £25,000. This loan was made in 2024 and towards the purchase of land to build a new gospel hall.

Aggregate donations to the Trust received from Trustees and Related Parties during the year amounted to £69,055 (2024: £500).

# 13. VOLUNTEERS

Holyhead Road 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.