

Charity Registration No: 1159526

Bricknell Gospel Hall Trust

**Report of the trustees and
unaudited financial statements
for the year ended 5th April 2023**

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Bricknell Gospel Hall Trust
Reference and administrative details
for the year ended 5th April 2023

Charity name: Bricknell Gospel Hall Trust

Registered charity number: 1159526

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Bricknell Gospel Hall Trust

Report of the trustees for the year ended 5th April 2023

The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 5th April 2023. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 9 and comply with the Trust Deed and applicable law.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The Bricknell Gospel Hall Trust is an unincorporated trust constituted by Deed of Trust dated 17th April 1982, most recently amended by Deed of Variation dated 5th August 2014. The Trust was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 8th December 2014 under Charity Registration Number: 1159526.

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 2023 (2022: £nil).

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

Wider network

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

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 two Gospel halls where religious meetings are held by the local Brethren community. Details of the origins, teachings and way of life of the Brethren can be found on the website - www.plymouthbrethrenchristianchurch.org and in the schedules to the Trust Deed.

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.

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

Meetings

Meetings held at the gospel hall include the Lord's Supper (Communion), Gospel preachings, Bible readings and Bible addresses. There is a structured weekly schedule of meetings and, depending on the particular meeting, between 50 and 450 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 Melton West Gospel hall and visitors are free to help themselves.

Spreading the Gospel message and the life of a Christian

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

As mentioned above, 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, members of the congregation engaged in several litter picking activities that were organised by the RRT, a separate charity, with the support of the Trust. These events are usually carried out in areas where our meeting halls are located or where regular members of the congregation live. Representatives of the trustees met with local councillors at several parish council meetings offering financial and practical support to local causes. The Trust also established contact with a local resident's association in the area of the main gospel hall and we will be working with this group to support them in the activities they undertake for the good of the local wider community. A number of home visits to the infirm and elderly were also undertaken to spread the Gospel and encourage persons in their faith.

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 2023 the Trust had a surplus of incoming resources over resources expended. Total voluntary income received this year was £143,011 compared to £144,601 in the previous year.

All funds held were unrestricted funds.

**Report of the trustees
for the year ended 5th April 2023**

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. However it is noted that in this accounting period there is an increase in the reserves held by the Trust, this trend is expected to continue also into the 2022/23 period as the Trust actively progresses negotiations over a 5th meeting hall site. This increase is exceptional however and once the project is complete, the Trustees will adopt their normal policy of maintaining no significant reserves. The congregation is kept regularly informed as to particular needs for funds, and other relevant matters and the Trustees aim to ensure that the Charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure, by raising a funds appeal to the congregation.

Free reserves at the year end were £416,243.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

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

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

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

James R G Record
Trustee

Date

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Report to the trustees of Bricknell Gospel Hall Trust on the financial statements for the year ended 5th April 2023 set out on pages 7 to 12.

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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Bricknell Gospel Hall Trust
Statement of financial activities
(including income and expenditure account)
for the year ended 5th April 2023

	NOTES	Unrestricted Funds £	Unrestricted Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Incoming and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies:						
Collections		-	-	-	-	-
Contributions from the congregation		36,520	9,730	-	46,250	51,975
Gift Aid donations		8,940	-	-	8,940	10,150
Other donations		80,540	-	-	80,540	73,402
Income tax refundable		2,243	-	-	2,243	2,550
Donated services	4.	-	-	-	-	-
Payroll giving		5,038	-	-	5,038	6,524
Grants received		-	-	-	-	-
Legacies received		-	-	-	-	-
Investment income and interest						
Bank Interest		20	-	-	20	23
Other income						
Interments		6,000	-	-	6,000	3,000
Total		139,301	9,730	-	149,031	147,624
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities						
Running of meeting halls	5.	89,912	-	-	89,912	87,421
Wider community outreach		281	-	-	281	195
Congregation support		-	11,405	-	11,405	4,575
Interment expenses		564	-	-	564	1,048
Cost of donated services	4.	7,361	-	-	7,361	10,828
Transfers to affiliated trusts		-	-	-	-	1,500
Other costs		-	-	-	-	761
Governance						
Computer costs		-	-	-	-	-
Postage, print and stationery		-	-	-	-	-
Legal & professional costs		3,351	-	-	3,351	1,830
Independent Examiner's fee		1,170	-	-	1,170	1,374
Repairs and maintenance		-	-	-	-	-
Bank charges		-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation- Office equipment		-	-	-	-	-
Profit/Loss on sale of assets		-	-	-	-	-
Total		102,639	11,405	-	114,044	109,532
Net income/(expenditure)		36,662	- 1,675	-	34,987	38,092
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		36,662	- 1,675	-	34,987	38,092
Reconciliation of funds						
Funds at 6th April 2022		2,841,661	1,675	-	2,843,336	2,805,244
Total funds at 5th April 2023	7.	2,878,323	-	-	2,878,323	2,843,336

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.

Bricknell Gospel Hall Trust
Balance sheet
As at 5th April 2023

	NOTES	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible fixed assets	6.		2,462,080		2,505,294
			<u>2,462,080</u>		<u>2,505,294</u>
Current assets					
Debtors:					
Prepayments & accrued income		3,131		3,146	
Cash at bank and in hand		415,469		336,869	
		<u>418,600</u>		<u>340,015</u>	
Current liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year:					
Other creditors		-		-	
Accruals and deferred income		2,357		1,973	
		<u>2,357</u>		<u>1,973</u>	
Net current assets			416,243		338,042
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>2,878,323</u>		<u>2,843,336</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year:					
Loans			-		-
Net assets		£	<u><u>2,878,323</u></u>	£	<u><u>2,843,336</u></u>
Funds					
Unrestricted income fund			2,878,323		2,843,336
Restricted funds			-		-
Total Funds	8.	£	<u><u>2,878,323</u></u>	£	<u><u>2,843,336</u></u>

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

James R G Record
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 Bricknell Gospel Hall Trust is considered to be equal to market value which would be paid were the service formally procured. This includes services paid for by other trusts.

Investment income is accounted for on a receivable basis.

1.3 Expenditure

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

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

1.4 Governance and support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and costs related to statutory requirements. Governance and support costs are allocated to charitable activities on the basis of capacity used.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets (costing more than £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
Fixtures and Fittings	15% 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.

1.10 Significant estimates and judgements

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

2 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

No Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits from an employment with the charity and no Trustees were reimbursed for expenses (2022: None).

3 Wages and salaries

There are no employees (2022: none).

4 Donated services

Income	2023 £	2022 £
Donated Services	-	-
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	-	-
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Expenditure	2023 £	2022 £
Inglemire Gospel Hall Trust	7,361	10,828
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5 Resources expended	Meeting rooms £	Other charitable activities £	2023 £	2022 £
Repairs and maintenance of buildings	3,652	-	3,652	21,432
Landscaping costs	3,644	-	3,644	8,810
Maintenance- Recording equipment	-	-	-	-
Light and heat	17,380	-	17,380	8,803
Water rates	2,261	-	2,261	727
Telephone & broadband at hall(s)	1,315	-	1,315	369
Conference costs	-	2,531	2,531	-
Insurance- Public liability	2,545	-	2,545	1,155
Legal & professional- specific to halls	11,750	-	11,750	1,954
Cleaning	1,620	-	1,620	575
Sundry	-	-	-	-
Depreciation- Freehold property	40,524	-	40,524	40,524
Depreciation- Equipment	637	-	637	850
Depreciation - Furniture, fixtures & fittings	2,053	-	2,053	2,222
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	87,381	2,531	89,912	87,421
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6 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Property* and Refurbishment £	Plant & Equipment £	Furniture, Fixtures & Fittings £	Total £
Cost				
At 6th April 2022	2,994,225	12,521	14,815	3,021,561
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Additions	-	-	-	-
At 5th April 2023	2,994,225	12,521	14,815	3,021,561
Depreciation				
At 6th April 2022	494,901	9,972	11,394	516,267
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Charge for the year	40,524	637	2,053	43,214
At 5th April 2023	535,425	10,609	13,447	559,481
Net Book Value				
At 5th April 2023	2,458,800	1,912	1,368	2,462,080
At 6th April 2022	2,499,324	2,549	3,421	2,505,294

* Land Registry title numbers; YEA55514 and YEA60712

7 Analysis of net assets between funds

7.1 Current year

	Unrestricted funds £	Unrestricted Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	2,462,080	-	-	2,462,080
Currents assets	418,600	-	-	418,600
Current liabilities	2,357	-	-	2,357
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	-	-	-	-
Total funds	2,878,323	-	-	2,878,323

7.2 Prior year

	Unrestricted funds £	Unrestricted Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	2,505,294	-	-	2,505,294
Currents assets	338,340	1,675	-	340,015
Current liabilities	1,973	-	-	1,973
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	-	-	-	-
Total funds	2,841,661	1,675	-	2,843,336

8 Movement in funds

8.1 Current year

	Balance at 6 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Realised/ unrealised gain and losses £	Balance at 5 2023 £
Restricted funds					
Fund	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Designated funds	1,675	9,730	11,405	-	-
Unrestricted funds	2,841,661	139,301	102,639	-	2,878,323
Total funds	2,843,336	149,031	114,044	-	2,878,323

8. Movement in funds contd.

8.2 Prior year

	Balance at 6 April 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Realised/ unrealised gain and losses £	Balance at 5 2022 £
Restricted funds					
Fund	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Designated funds	6,250	-	4,575	-	1,675
Unrestricted funds	2,798,994	147,624	104,957	-	2,841,661
Total funds	2,805,244	147,624	109,532	-	2,843,336

9 Independent examiner's fees

Governance costs include £1,170 including VAT (2022: £1,374) in respect of independent examiner's fees.

10 Transactions with related parties

No payments were made to related parties in the year (2022 £15,587.94). The Trust received donations totalling £86,010 from connected persons (2022 £42,840).

11 Volunteers

The Bricknell Gospel Hall Trust relies entirely on volunteers to carry out the management, administration and general maintenance work. The Trust has no paid staff or paid Trustees.

12 Comparative 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	51,975	-	-	51,975
Gift Aid donations	10,150	-	-	10,150
Other donations	73,402	-	-	73,402
Income tax refundable	2,550	-	-	2,550
Donated services	-	-	-	-
Payroll giving	6,524	-	-	6,524
Grants received	-	-	-	-
Legacies received	-	-	-	-
Investment income and interest				
Bank interest	23	-	-	23
Other income				
Interments	3,000	-	-	3,000
Total	147,624	-	-	147,624
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities				
Running of meeting halls	87,421	-	-	87,421
Wider community outreach	195	-	-	195
Congregation support	-	4,575	-	4,575
Interment expenses	1,048	-	-	1,048
Cost of donated services	10,828	-	-	10,828
Transfers to affiliated trusts	1,500	-	-	1,500
Other costs	761	-	-	761
Governance				
Computer costs	-	-	-	-
Postage, print and stationery	-	-	-	-
Legal & professional costs	1,830	-	-	1,830
Independent Examiner's fee	1,374	-	-	1,374
Repairs and maintenance	-	-	-	-
Bank charges	-	-	-	-
Depreciation- Office equipment	-	-	-	-
Profit/Loss on sale of assets	-	-	-	-
Total	104,957	4,575	-	109,532
Net income/(expenditure)	42,667	-	4,575	38,092
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	42,667	-	4,575	38,092
Reconciliation of funds				
Funds at 6th April 2021	2,798,994	6,250	-	2,805,244
Total funds at 5th April 2022	2,841,661	1,675	-	2,843,336