

# BIDWELL GOSPEL HALL TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1159530

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Trust

**Registered** 2014-12-08

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** (A) 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 A WORLDWIDE FELLOWSHIP KNOWN AS THE "PLYMOUTH BRETHREN CHRISTIAN CHURCH" (THE "BRETHREN") WHOSE CORE DOCTRINE IS SUMMARISED IN SCHEDULE 1 TO THIS DEED AND WHOSE PROPER PRACTICES IN FURTHERANCE OF SOME ASPECTS OF THAT CORE DOCTRINE ARE SUMMARISED IN SCHEDULE 2 TO THIS DEED("FAITH IN PRACTICE"); AND (B) ANY OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES CONNECTED WITH BRETHREN.

**Activities:** The Trust provides & maintains gospel halls for the religious activities of Christians often referred to as 'Brethren'. Details of the origins, teachings & way of life of the Brethren can be found on the website - [www.plymouthchristianchurch.org](http://www.plymouthchristianchurch.org) Meetings held at these gospel halls include the Lord's Supper (Communion), Gospel preachings, Bible Readings & Bible addresses. Also see Trustees Report

## Classification

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- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Central Bedfordshire
- Luton

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£2,588,015	£123,823	£5,553,753	0
2024-04-05	£469,291	£352,215	-	-
2023-04-05	£317,369	£1,849,796	-	-
2022-04-05	£365,607	£92,774	-	-
2021-04-05	£374,912	£129,917	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANDREW JONATHAN STUART PURDOM		2014-08-17
BRIAN MOFFITT		2016-09-02
Hugh Smith		2016-09-02
IAN ALARIC MORREN		2014-08-17
Jacob Lee Newton		2021-12-07

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# Accounts

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# **Trustees Report & Audited Financial Statements**

The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust  
For the year ended 5 April 2025

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# Legal and Administrative Information

## The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2025

**Charity Name:**

The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust

**Registered Charity Number:**

1159530

**Trustees:**

Andrew Purdom (Chair)

Hugh Smith

Jacob Newton

Ian Morren

Brian Moffitt

**Treasurer:**

Hugh Smith

**Principle Address:**

10 St. Nicholas Close, Tingrith, Milton Keynes, Bedfordshire, MK17 9EL

**Auditors:**

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**Accountant:**

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**Bankers:**

Metro Bank  
Milton Keynes Branch  
United Trust Bank

# Report of the Trustees

## The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2025

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 14 and comply with the Trust Deed and applicable law.

### Structure, Governance and Management

#### Governing Document

The Charity is an unincorporated trust constituted by a Deed of Trust dated 20 October 1978, most recently amended by Deed of Variation dated 17 August 2014. The trust was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 8 December 2014 under Charity Registration Number: 1159530.

#### Recruitment and appointment of new Trustees

The Trustees who have served during the year and since the year end are set out on page 3. 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.

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 Prince Avenue 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 to manage and mitigate those risks.

#### Objectives and Activities

##### Objectives and Aims

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

##### 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.

Details of public benefit activities carried out by The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust can be found in the separate appendix to this report.

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

In the course of the year, the Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust secured a new site, which the trustees intend to develop for the purpose of constructing a new Gospel Hall.

## Plans for future periods

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

The trustees of the Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust plan to develop the newly secured site into a Gospel Hall during the forthcoming financial years at an estimated, but as yet not contracted, cost of approximately £3,000,000. There was also a commitment to refurbish the gospel hall situated at Park Road, Toddington, at an anticipated cost of £120,000.

## Meetings

Meetings held at the Gospel halls 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 650 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 halls 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.

Members of the congregation participate in a programme of street preaching where 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).

## **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**

In the year ended 5 April 2025 the Trust had a surplus of incoming resources over resources expended.

Total voluntary income received this year was £2,396,076 compared to £393,392 in the previous year.

The substantial increase in voluntary income received was due to two grants from affiliated trusts, Mays Lane Gospel Hall Trust and Harrow Gospel Hall Trust. Funds are being built up in view of developing, building and maintaining another Gospel Hall under The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust.

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. This is based on the charity's size and the level of financial commitments. The Trustees aim for the Charity to hold sufficient funds in a current account to meet the day to day expenses, plus an allowance for any urgent repairs and capital expenses. The Trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

Free reserves accumulated in excess of the minimum will be used at the discretion of the Trustees for the strategic development of Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust. 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.

The trustees confirm the reserves are being accumulated in view of developing a new Gospel Hall.

Free Reserves at the year end were £715,820 (2024: £1,431,896).

### Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

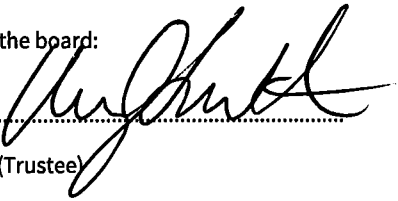
The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the Trust Deed require 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, including the income and expenditure, of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity 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 which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 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:



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Mr H Smith (Trustee)

**22-01-2026**

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Date

# Independent Auditor's Report to the Trustees of The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust

## The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2025

### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 5 April 2025 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 5 April 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

### **Responsibilities of Trustees**

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

We identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the entity's financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

We obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the group's internal control.

We evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.

We conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.

We evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation (i.e. gives a true and fair view).

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud;
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations; and
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias;
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions;
- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims;

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

**Other matters**

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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)" (as amended) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

This has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with current Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



23 January 2026

**Brown Warner LLP**  
**Chartered Accountants**  
**Statutory Auditor**

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Brown Warner LLP is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

# Statement of Financial Activities

## The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2025

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2025	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
<b>Income and endowments:</b>					
<b>Donations and Legacies:</b>					
Contributions from the Congregation	193,295	-	-	193,295	203,724
Gift Aid Donations	126,373	-	-	126,373	151,735
Income Tax refunds	31,601	-	-	31,601	37,934
Grants Received (note 5)	2,044,807	-	-	2,044,807	-
<b>Investments</b>					
Interest Received	68,705	-	-	68,705	37,402
Rental Income	42,001	-	-	42,001	-
<b>Other Income</b>					
Write back of long term loan	81,233	-	-	81,233	-
Insurance claim	-	-	-	-	38,496
<b>Total Income and endowments:</b>	<b>2,588,015</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,588,015</b>	<b>469,291</b>
<b>Expenditure:</b>					
Running Meeting Rooms (note 9)	92,864	-	-	92,864	70,189
Cost of donated services (note 4)	30,960	-	-	30,960	282,026
<b>Total Expenditure:</b>	<b>123,823</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>123,823</b>	<b>352,215</b>
<b>Net Income/(Expenditure)</b>	<b>2,464,192</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,464,192</b>	<b>117,076</b>
<b>Net Movement In Funds</b>	<b>2,464,192</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,464,192</b>	<b>117,076</b>
	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2025	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
<b>Reconciliation of funds (note 11)</b>					
Total Funds brought forward	3,089,560	-	-	3,089,560	2,972,484
Net movement in funds	2,464,192	-	-	2,464,192	117,076
<b>Total Funds carried forward</b>	<b>5,553,752</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,553,752</b>	<b>3,089,560</b>

The notes on pages 14-23 form part of these financial statements.

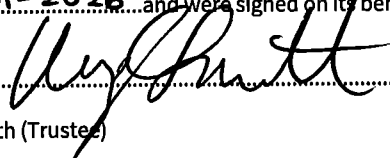
# Balance Sheet

## The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust

As at 5 April 2025

	2025	2024
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Tangible assets (note 6)	4,844,700	1,745,664
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>4,844,700</b>	<b>1,745,664</b>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Other Debtors	46,231	-
Prepayments and accrued income	34,933	39,113
Cash at bank and in hand	642,989	1,395,452
<b>Total Current assets</b>	<b>724,153</b>	<b>1,434,565</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>		
Accruals and deferred income	8,332	2,669
<b>Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>8,332</b>	<b>2,669</b>
<b>Net current assets/(liabilities)</b>	<b>715,820</b>	<b>1,431,896</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>5,560,520</b>	<b>3,177,561</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>		
Loans	6,768	88,001
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>5,553,752</b>	<b>3,089,560</b>
<b>Funds (note 11)</b>		
Revaluation reserve	1,328,305	1,328,305
Unrestricted funds	4,225,447	1,761,255
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>5,553,752</b>	<b>3,089,560</b>

The audited financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees of The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust on 22-01-2026 and were signed on its behalf by:

  
.....  
Mr H Smith (Trustee)

The notes on pages 14-23 form part of these financial statements.

# Statement of Cash Flows

## The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2025

	2025	2024
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>		
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period	2,464,192	117,076
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation	24,147	14,835
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(42,051)	(14,945)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	5,664	(181)
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:</b>	<b>2,451,952</b>	<b>116,785</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>		
Payment for property, plant and equipment	(3,123,183)	(1,082)
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities</b>	<b>(3,123,183)</b>	<b>(1,082)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Write back of long term loan	(81,233)	-
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities</b>	<b>(81,233)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net change in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(752,464)</b>	<b>115,704</b>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	1,395,452	1,279,749
Net change in cash for period	(752,464)	115,704
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	642,989	1,395,452

# Notes forming part of the Financial Statements

## The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2025

### 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 on 16th October 2019, effective from 1st January 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.

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.

Donated services are recognised as expenditure in the financial statements when organisations or individuals are offered services and support pro bono. The value of these donated services to The Prince Avenue Gospel Hall Trust is considered to be equal to market value which would be paid were the service formally procured.

#### 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 £100) 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	1% straight line
Property improvements	4% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	25% reducing balance

### 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.

### 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 (2024: none).

## 3. WAGES AND SALARIES

There are no employees (2024: none).

## 4. Donated Services

	2025	2024
<b>Donated Services</b>		
<b>Donated To:</b>		
Donated Services to Prince Avenue GHT	30,960	282,026
<b>Total Donated Services:</b>	<b>30,960</b>	<b>282,026</b>

**5. Grants**

2025 2024

**Grants:****Grants Received from:**

Grants from Mays Lane Gospel Hall Trust	425,000	-
Grants from Harrow Gospel Hall Trust	1,619,807	-
<b>Total Grants Received:</b>	<b>2,044,807</b>	<b>-</b>

**6. Tangible Fixed Assets**

<b>Cost</b>	Bedford Road, Bidwell	Park Road, Toddington	Chapel Farm, Luton	Fixtures and fittings	Total
At 6 April 2024	1,800,000	-	-	164,923	1,964,924
Additions	37,643	490,495	2,592,525	2,520	3,123,183
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 5 April 2025	1,837,643	490,495	2,592,525	167,444	5,088,106
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At 6 April 2024	63,069	-	-	156,191	219,259
Current Year Depreciation	12,609	1,138	7,753	2,648	24,147
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 5 April 2025	75,677	1,138	7,753	158,839	243,407
<b>Net Book Value</b>					
At 5 April 2025	1,761,966	489,357	2,584,772	8,605	4,844,700
At 5 April 2024	1,736,931	-	-	8,733	1,745,664

Land registry titles of the above property held are as follows -

Bedford Road - BD73501

Park Road - BD253613

Chapel Farm - BD55181, BD327225, BD363117 & BD346934

## **7. TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES**

During the financial year, aggregated donations of £21,630 (2024: £20,735) were received from Trustees and related parties. The trust also received £18,000 from Deckpro Ltd (2024: £18,160), where a trustee was a director of the company at the year end, £30,000 from Selo Holdings Ltd (2024: £29,500), where a director of the company is a trustee, and £14,000 from Fast Mover Tools Ltd (2024: £15,850), where a director of the company is a trustee. The trust made no reimbursements of expenses to any of the trustees this financial year.

## **8. VOLUNTEERS**

The Bidwell 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.

# Resources Expended

## The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2025

### 9. Resources Expended

	MEETING ROOM COSTS	OTHER CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	TOTAL COSTS 2025	TOTAL COSTS 2024
<b>Direct Costs</b>				
Premises costs - repairs and maintenance	16,744	-	16,744	10,038
Premises costs - heat, light and power	14,044	-	14,044	11,231
Premises costs - rent and rates	4,930	-	4,930	-
Telephone	1,419	-	1,419	566
Health and Safety	1,709	-	1,709	13,318
Legal and professional	17,093	-	17,093	13,281
Bank charges	335	-	335	-
Public outreach expenses	-	500	500	423
Special meeting costs	1,043	-	1,043	1,359
Depreciation	24,147	-	24,147	14,835
Insurance	2,495	-	2,495	1,861
Other Expenses	380	-	380	608
Governance	8,024	-	8,024	2,669
<b>Total Direct Costs</b>	<b>92,364</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>92,864</b>	<b>70,189</b>

Governance costs include £4,500 (prior year: £180) in respect of audit and independent examiners fees.

# Analysis of Net Assets - Current year

The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust  
For the year ended 5 April 2025

## 10. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

### 10.1 Current Year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2025
<b>Funds</b>				
Tangible Fixed Assets	4,844,700	-	-	4,844,700
Current Assets	724,153	-	-	724,153
Current Liabilities	(8,332)	-	-	(8,332)
Non Current Liabilities	(6,768)	-	-	(6,768)
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>5,553,752</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,553,752</b>

# Analysis of Net Assets - Prior Year

The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust  
For the year ended 5 April 2025

## 10.2 Prior Year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
<b>Funds</b>				
Tangible Fixed Assets	1,745,664	-	-	1,745,664
Current Assets	1,434,565	-	-	1,434,565
Current Liabilities	(2,669)	-	-	(2,669)
Non Current Liabilities	(88,001)	-	-	(88,001)
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>3,089,560</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,089,560</b>

# Movement in Funds - Current Year

The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust  
For the year ended 5 April 2025

## 11. Movement in Funds

### 11.1 Movement in funds - current year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2025
<b>Movement in Funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward	3,089,560	-	-	3,089,560
Incoming resources	2,588,015	-	-	2,588,015
Resources expended	(123,823)	-	-	(123,823)
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>5,553,752</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,553,752</b>

# Movement in Funds - Prior Year

The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust  
For the year ended 5 April 2025

## 11. Movement in Funds

### 11.2 Movement in funds - Prior year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
<b>Movement in Funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward	2,972,484	-	-	2,972,484
Incoming resources	469,291	-	-	469,291
Resources expended	(352,215)	-	-	(352,215)
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>3,089,560</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,089,560</b>

# Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust  
For the year ended 5 April 2025

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
<b>Income and endowments:</b>				
<b>Donations and Legacies:</b>				
Contributions from the Congregation	203,724	-	-	203,724
Gift Aid Donations	151,735	-	-	151,735
Income Tax refunds	37,934	-	-	37,934
<b>Investments</b>				
Interest Received	37,402	-	-	37,402
Other Income	38,496	-	-	38,496
<b>Total Income and endowments:</b>	<b>469,291</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>469,291</b>
<b>Expenditure:</b>				
Running Meeting Rooms (note 9)	70,189	-	-	70,189
Cost of donated services (note 4)	282,026	-	-	282,026
<b>Total Expenditure:</b>	<b>352,215</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>352,215</b>
<b>Net Income/(Expenditure)</b>	<b>117,076</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>117,076</b>
<b>Net Movement In Funds</b>	<b>117,076</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>117,076</b>
	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
<b>Reconciliation of funds (note 11)</b>				
Total Funds brought forward	2,972,484	-	-	2,972,484
Net movement in funds	117,076	-	-	117,076
<b>Total Funds carried forward</b>	<b>3,089,560</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,089,560</b>



RRT support event - Mencap Event

# Public Benefit Report

The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust  
6th April 2024 - 5th April 2025

# 2024-25 Summary

The Trustees of the The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust (BGHT) 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.

## Highlights

**16** food packs delivered to foodbanks and homeless charities, totalling **£800**  
**9** events supported through **RRT**

# Tracts & Street Preaching

We have held to our commitment to the open air preaching in the town centres of Leighton Buzzard and Dunstable, with has included handing out tracts and gospel cards.

Tracts and gospel cards are available for collection from the main Gospel Hall in Houghton Regis, Bedfordshire.

Any enquiries received by the Trustees have been followed up fully, and where applicable people have been directed to [christiandocctrineandgospelpublishing.org](http://christiandocctrineandgospelpublishing.org) where literature can be purchased or downloaded for reading in multiple languages.

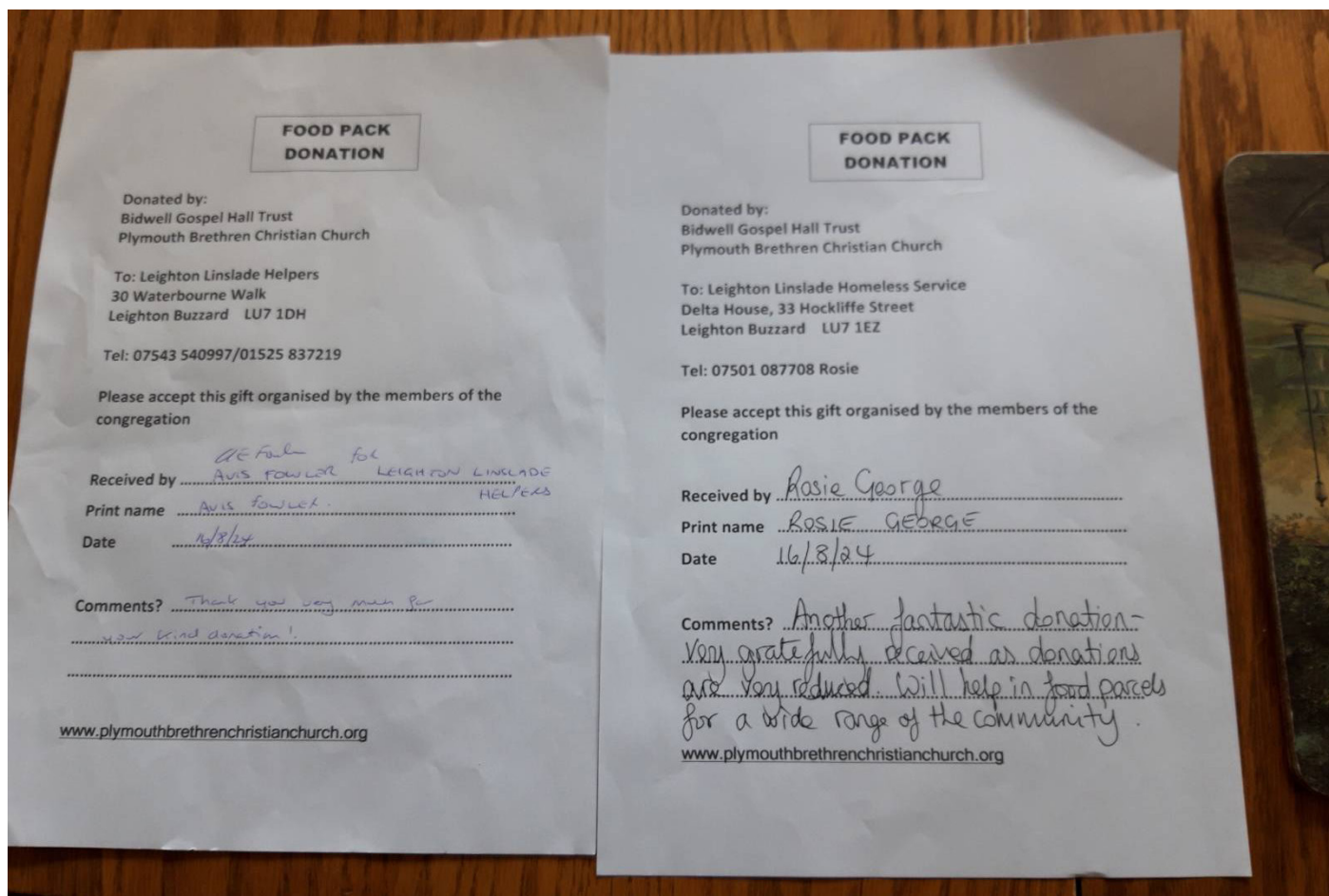
Congregation members have continued to hand out tracts to neighbours and persons in need, where this has been felt helpful.

# Giving to the Community

Food boxes delivered to food banks in the local area.

Beneficiaries include:

- Leighton Linslade Helpers
- NOAH Welfare Centre
- Dunstable Foodbank
- LLHS Delta House
- Squared (LCH) Pathways Project
- Mary Seacole



# Working with RRT

Members of the congregation supported another charity - the Rapid Relief Team - in the following operations:

## 10 May 2024

RRT provided 1,500 hot burger meals for the nurses at the Luton & Dunstable Hospital over a 3-hour period to celebrate International Nurses Day.

## 8 June 2024

RRT provided a hot burger meal for 50 volunteers from a Leighton Buzzard MENCAP & Roads Victim Trust fundraiser event.



## 6 July 2024

RRT provided a hot burger meal for 800 members of the public at a Dunstable Fire Station open day.



## 27 July 2024

RRT provided a hot burger meal for 500 members of the public at a Toddington Fire Station open day.

## 27 July 2024

RRT provided a hot burger meal for 300 members of the public at a Leighton Buzzard Fire Station open day.

# Working with RRT

## 14 September 2024

RRT provided refreshments for the emergency services serving at the Marsh Farm triple murder.

## 20 October 2024

RRT provided meals for the emergency services serving at the Cleat Hill house explosion.

## 22 November 2024

RRT provided a hot burger meal for 50 participants of a CEO Sleepout at Kenilworth Road Football Stadium in Luton.



## 14 September 2024

RRT provided breakfast for 240 police officers in the early hours of the morning for a Beds Police Enforcement Operation.

# Litter Picking

Members of the congregation conducted a litter picking operation on Saturday 29th March 2025, collecting a considerable quantity of waste in the Eaton Bray area.



# **The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust**

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**BIDWELL GOSPEL HALL TRUST**

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# Accounts

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# **Trustees Report & Unaudited Financial Statements**

The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust  
For the year ended 5 April 2024

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# Legal and Administrative Information

## The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2024

**Charity Name:**

The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust

**Registered Charity Number:**

1159530

**Trustees:**

Andrew Purdom (Chair)

Hugh Smith

Jacob Newton

Ian Morren

Brian Moffitt

**Treasurer:**

Hugh Smith

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Metro Bank  
Milton Keynes Branch  
United Trust Bank

# Report of the Trustees

## The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2024

The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 5 April 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 11 and comply with the Trust Deed and applicable law.

### Structure, Governance and Management

#### Governing Document

The Charity is an unincorporated trust constituted by a Deed of Trust dated 20 October 1978, most recently amended by Deed of Variation dated 17 August 2014. The trust was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 8 December 2014 under Charity Registration Number: 1159530

#### Recruitment and appointment of new Trustees

The Trustees who have served during the year and since the year end are set out on page 3. None of the Trustees, nor any person connected with them, received any remuneration or expenses from the Charity in the year ended 5 April 2024.

The Trust operate one Gospel hall 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 Trust also maintains particular links with Kirby Road Gospel Hall Trust and Prince Avenue 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 to manage and mitigate those risks.

#### Objectives and Activities

##### Objectives and Aims

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

##### 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.

Details of public benefit activities carried out by The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust can be found in the separate appendix to this report.

## **Main activities and achievements**

The Trust provides and maintains one 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.

## **Plans for future periods**

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

## **Meetings**

Meetings held at the Gospel halls 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 20 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 halls 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.

Members of the congregation would usually participate in a programme of street preaching where 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).

## 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

In the year ended 5 April 2024 the Trust had a surplus of incoming resources over resources expended.

Total voluntary income received this year was £393,392 compared to £301,906 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. This is based on the charity's size and the level of financial commitments. The Trustees aim for the Charity to hold sufficient funds in a current account to meet the day to day expenses, plus an allowance for any urgent repairs and capital expenses. The Trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

Free reserves accumulated in excess of the minimum will be used at the discretion of the Trustees for the strategic development of Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust. 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.

Free Reserves at the year end were £1,431,896 (2023: £1,301,067)

The trustees confirm the reserves are being accumulated in view of future capital expenditure.

### 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 and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the Trust Deed require 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, including the income and expenditure, of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity 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 which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 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:

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Mr H Smith (Trustee)

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Date

# Report of the Independent Examiner

## The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust for the year ended 5 April 2024.

### 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 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.



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10 January 2025

# Statement of Financial Activities

## The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2024

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUND	TOTAL FUNDS 2024	TOTAL FUNDS 2023
<b>Income and endowments:</b>					
<b>Donations and Legacies:</b>					
Contributions from the Congregation	203,724	-	-	203,724	187,692
Gift Aid Donations	151,735	-	-	151,735	91,371
Income Tax refunds	37,934	-	-	37,934	22,843
<b>Investments</b>					
Interest Received	37,402	-	-	37,402	15,463
Other Income	38,496	-	-	38,496	-
<b>Total Income and endowments:</b>	<b>469,291</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>469,291</b>	<b>317,369</b>
<b>Expenditure:</b>					
Running Meeting Rooms (note 10)	70,189	-	-	70,189	142,223
Cost of donated services (note 5)	282,026	-	-	282,026	79,053
Grants to affiliated trusts (note 6)	-	-	-	-	1,480,561
<b>Loss on sale of assets</b>					
Profit/Loss on sale of assets	-	-	-	-	147,959
<b>Total Loss on sale of assets</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>147,959</b>
<b>Total Expenditure:</b>	<b>352,215</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>352,215</b>	<b>1,849,796</b>
<b>Net Income/(Expenditure)</b>	<b>117,076</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>117,076</b>	<b>(1,532,426)</b>
<b>Net Movement In Funds</b>	<b>117,076</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>117,076</b>	<b>(1,532,426)</b>
	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUND	TOTAL FUNDS 2024	TOTAL FUNDS 2023
<b>Reconciliation of funds (note 12)</b>					
Total Funds brought forward	2,972,484	-	-	2,972,484	4,504,911
Net movement in funds	117,076	-	-	117,076	(1,532,426)
<b>Total Funds carried forward</b>	<b>3,089,560</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,089,560</b>	<b>2,972,484</b>

The notes on page 11 - 18 form part of these financial statements.

# Balance Sheet

## The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust As at 5 April 2024

	2024	2023
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Tangible assets (note 7)	1,745,664	1,759,418
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>1,745,664</b>	<b>1,759,418</b>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Prepayments and accrued income	39,113	24,168
Cash at bank and in hand	1,395,452	1,279,749
<b>Total Current assets</b>	<b>1,434,565</b>	<b>1,303,916</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>		
Accruals and deferred income	2,669	2,850
<b>Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>2,669</b>	<b>2,850</b>
<b>Net current assets/(liabilities)</b>	<b>1,431,896</b>	<b>1,301,067</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>3,177,561</b>	<b>3,060,485</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>		
Loans	88,001	88,001
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>3,089,560</b>	<b>2,972,484</b>
<b>Funds (note 12)</b>		
Revaluation reserve	1,328,305	1,328,305
Unrestricted funds	1,761,255	1,644,179
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>3,089,560</b>	<b>2,972,484</b>

The unaudited financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees of The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust on .....and were signed on its behalf by:

.....

Mr H Smith (Trustee)

The notes on pages 11 - 18 form part of these financial statements.

# Notes forming part of the Financial Statements

## The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2024

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### 1.1 Basis of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014, and incorporating update bulletins 1 and 2, and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The functional currency of the charity is sterling (£).

The Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

#### 1.2 Income

Donations are recognised in the year in which there is entitlement and probability of receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future year. Gift aid is added to the value of the donation to which it relates.

Donated services are recognised as income and expenditure in the financial statements when organisations or individuals offer their services and support pro bono. The value of these donated services to The Bidwell 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 £100) 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	1% straight line
Property improvements	4% straight line
Fixtures and Fittings	25% reducing balance

## 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.

## 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 (2023: £98.50)

## 3. WAGES AND SALARIES

There are no employees (2023: none)

## 4. LONG-TERM LOANS

This relates to loans for which there is no requirement to repay within twelve months.

## 5. Donated Services

	2024	2023
<b>Donated Services</b>		
<b>Donated To:</b>		
Donated Services to Kirby GHT (inc Ashcroft)	-	2,230
Donated Services to Prince Avenue GHT	282,026	76,823
<b>Total Donated Services:</b>	<b>282,026</b>	<b>79,053</b>

## 6. Grants

2024

2023

### Grants:

#### Grants to:

Grants to Prince Avenue GHT	-	1,480,561
<b>Total Grants:</b>	-	<b>1,480,561</b>

## 7. Tangible Fixed Assets

<b>Cost</b>	Freehold Land and Buildings - Bedford Road, Bidwell	Fixtures and Fittings	Total
At 6 April 2023	1,800,000	163,842	1,963,842
Additions		1,082	1,082
Disposals			
At 5 April 2024	1,800,000	164,924	1,964,924
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 6 April 2023	51,060	153,364	204,424
Current Year Depreciation	12,009	2,826	14,835
Eliminated on disposals			
At 5 April 2024	63,069	156,191	219,259
<b>Net Book Value</b>			
At 5 April 2024	1,736,931	8,733	1,745,665
At 5 April 2023	1,748,941	10,478	1,759,418

Land registry titles of the above property held are Bedford Road: BD73501

## 8. TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

During the financial year, aggregated donations of £20,735 (2023: £50,965) were received. The trust also received £18,160 from Deckpro Ltd, where a director of the company is a trustee, £29,500 from Selo Holdings Ltd, where a director of the company is a trustee, and £15,850 from Fast Mover Tools Ltd, where a director of the company is a trustee. The trust made no reimbursements to any of the trustees this financial year (2023: £1,077).

## 9. VOLUNTEERS

The Bidwell 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.

# Resources Expended

## The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2024

### 10. Resources Expended

	MEETING ROOM COSTS	CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	TOTAL COSTS 2024	TOTAL COSTS 2023
<b>Direct Costs</b>				
Premises costs - repairs and maintenance	10,038	-	10,038	12,856
Premises costs - heat, light and power	11,231	-	11,231	12,674
Telephone	566	-	566	1,297
Health and Safety	13,318	-	13,318	17,881
Legal and professional	13,281	-	13,281	62,913
Public outreach expenses	423	-	423	336
Special meeting costs	1,359	-	1,359	-
Depreciation	14,835	-	14,835	27,886
Insurance	1,861	-	1,861	2,716
<b>Other Expenses</b>				
Recoupment order	308	-	308	308
Training	300	-	300	-
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>308</b>
Governance	2,669	-	2,669	3,356
<b>Total Direct Costs</b>	<b>70,189</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>70,189</b>	<b>142,223</b>

Governance costs include £300 (prior year: £250) in respect of independent examiners fees.

# Analysis of Net Assets - Current year

## The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2024

### 11. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

#### 11.1 Current Year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUND	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
<b>Funds</b>				
Tangible Fixed Assets	1,745,664	-	-	1,745,664
Current Assets	1,434,565	-	-	1,434,565
Current Liabilities	(2,669)	-	-	(2,669)
Non Current Liabilities	(88,001)	-	-	(88,001)
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>3,089,560</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,089,560</b>

# Analysis of Net Assets - Prior Year

## The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2024

### 11.2 Prior Year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2023
<b>Funds</b>				
Tangible Fixed Assets	1,759,418	-	-	1,759,418
Current Assets	1,303,916	-	-	1,303,916
Current Liabilities	(2,850)	-	-	(2,850)
Non Current Liabilities	(88,001)	-	-	(88,001)
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>2,972,484</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,972,484</b>

# Movement in Funds - Current Year

The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust  
For the year ended 5 April 2024

## 12. Movement in Funds

### 12.1 Movement in funds - current year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUND	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
<b>Movement in Funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward	2,972,484	-	-	2,972,484
Incoming resources	469,291	-	-	469,291
Resources expended	(352,215)	-	-	(352,215)
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>3,089,560</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,089,560</b>

# Movement in Funds - Prior Year

## The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2024

### 12. Movement in Funds

#### 12.2 Movement in funds - Prior year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2023
<b>Movement in Funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward	4,504,911	-	-	4,504,911
Incoming resources	317,369	-	-	317,369
Resources expended	(1,849,796)	-	-	(1,849,796)
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>2,972,484</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,972,484</b>

# Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

## The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2024

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2023
<b>Income and endowments:</b>				
<b>Donations and Legacies:</b>				
Contributions from the Congregation	187,692	-	-	187,692
Gift Aid Donations	91,371	-	-	91,371
Income Tax refunds	22,843	-	-	22,843
<b>Investments</b>				
Interest Received	15,463	-	-	15,463
<b>Total Income and endowments:</b>	<b>317,369</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>317,369</b>
<b>Expenditure:</b>				
Running Meeting Rooms (note 10)	142,223	-	-	142,223
Cost of donated services (note 5)	79,053	-	-	79,053
Grants to affiliated trusts (note 6)	1,480,561	-	-	1,480,561
<b>Loss on sale of assets</b>				
Profit/Loss on sale of assets	147,959	-	-	147,959
<b>Total Loss on sale of assets</b>	<b>147,959</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>147,959</b>
<b>Total Expenditure:</b>	<b>1,849,796</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,849,796</b>
<b>Net Income/(Expenditure)</b>	<b>(1,532,426)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(1,532,426)</b>
<b>Net Movement In Funds</b>	<b>(1,532,426)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(1,532,426)</b>
	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2023
<b>Reconciliation of funds (note 12)</b>				
Total Funds brought forward	4,504,911	-	-	4,504,911
Net movement in funds	(1,532,426)	-	-	(1,532,426)
<b>Total Funds carried forward</b>	<b>2,972,484</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,972,484</b>



RRT support event - International Nurses Day -

# Public Benefit Report

The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust  
6th April 2023 - 5th April 2024

# 2023-24 Summary

The Trustees of the The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust (BGHT) 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.

## Highlights

**13** food packs delivered to foodbanks and homeless charities

**4** events supported through **RRT**

# Tracts & Street Preaching

We have held to our commitment to the open air preaching in the town centres of Luton and Dunstable, with has included handing out tracts and gospel cards.

Tracts and gospel cards are available for collection from the main Gospel Hall in Houghton Regis, Bedfordshire.

Any enquiries received by the Trustees have been followed up fully, and where applicable people have been directed to [christiandocctrineandgospelpublishing.org](http://christiandocctrineandgospelpublishing.org) where literature can be purchased or downloaded for reading in multiple languages.

Congregation members have continued to hand out tracts to neighbours and persons in need, where this has been felt helpful.

# Giving to the Community

Food boxes delivered to food banks in the local area.

Beneficiaries include:

Dunstable Foodbank, St Augustines Church, Dunstable  
Squared (LCH) Pathways Project, Luton  
Mary Seacole, Luton  
Signposts, Luton  
NOAH Welfare Centre, Luton



*Thank you very much for your contribution, it is most welcome.*



- NOAH Welfare Centre



*Many thanks we were literally talking about food this morning. Food donations save us so much money - thank you. God bless.*



- Signposts

# Working with RRT

The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust have worked with another charity - the Rapid Relief Team - in the following operations:

## 12 May 2023

RRT provided a hot burger for medical staff at Luton & Dunstable Hospital for International Nurses Day 2023, serving approximately 1,400 meals.



## 6 July 2023

Teams from RRT Luton and RRT Hertford provided a hot burger meal for medical staff at Lister Hospital.

## 14 October 2023

In support of World Homeless Day, RRT provided Leighton Linlade Homeless Service with 49 Family Food Boxes and 10 Homeless Blankets.

# Working with RRT

**17-18th October 2023**

RRT provided hot refreshments over a 24 hour period to the multi-agency emergency response at the Luton Airport fire, serving approximately 600 meals.



# **The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust**

10 St Nicholas Close  
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MK17 9EL

Registered Charity No. 1159530

**BIDWELL GOSPEL HALL TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1159530

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# Accounts

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# **Trustees Report & Unaudited Financial Statements**

The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust  
For the year ended 5 April 2023

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# Legal and Administrative Information

## The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2023

**Charity Name:**

The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust

**Registered Charity Number:**

1159530

**Trustees:**

Andrew Purdom (Chair)

Hugh Smith

Ian Morren

Brian Moffitt

Jacob Newton

**Treasurer:**

Hugh Smith

**Principle Address:**

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**Independent Examiner:**

Sandra Thurgood  
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**Accountant:**

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Santis House  
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CV4 8AW

**Bankers:**

Metro Bank  
Milton Keynes Branch

United Trust Bank

# Report of the Trustees

## The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2023

The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 5 April 2023. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 11 and comply with the Trust Deed and applicable law.

### Structure, Governance and Management

#### Governing Document

The Charity is an unincorporated trust constituted by a Deed of Trust dated 20 October 1978, most recently amended by Deed of Variation dated 17 August 2014. The trust was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 8 December 2014 under Charity Registration Number: 1159530

#### Recruitment and appointment of new Trustees

The Trustees who have served during the year and since the year end are set out on page 3. 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.

The Trust now operates one 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 charities with a view to pooling experience considered useful in pursuing the objects of the Charity. The Charity also maintains particular links with Kirby Road Gospel Hall Trust, Capron Road Gospel Hall Trust and Prince Avenue 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 to manage and mitigate those risks.

#### Objectives and Activities

##### Objectives and Aims

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

##### 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.

Details of public benefit activities carried out by The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust can be found in the separate appendix to this report.

## **Main activities and achievements**

The Trust provides and maintains one 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.

### **Rosebury Farm Site**

Planning Permission was not granted for the Rosebury Farm site as a new Gospel Hall for the congregation's use, resulting in a significant amount of legal and professional fees being spent this year and the land deposit and expenses which were capitalised in previous years being written off this year. A partial refund of the land deposit was received and the remaining costs were disposed of in 2022/23 as a loss.

### **Donation of Gospel Halls**

During the financial year the Trustees concluded that the gospel halls (excepting the Bedford Road, Bidwell Gospel Hall) owned by Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust, [together with any net assets after the settlement of outstanding liabilities] should be donated to Prince Avenue Gospel Hall Trust (an affiliated trust) for NIL consideration pursuant to the power contained in clause 2.2(o) of the Trust Deed. as they considered it would be in the best interests of the congregation if the management and administration of gospel halls was consolidated. The donation was completed on 8 November 2022.

## **Plans for future periods**

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

## **Meetings**

Meetings held at the Gospel halls 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 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 halls 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.

Members of the congregation would participate in a programme of street preaching where 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).

## 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

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 £301,906 compared to £358,385 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. This is based on the charity's size and the level of financial commitments. The Trustees aim for the Charity to hold sufficient funds in a current account to meet the day to day expenses, plus an allowance for any urgent repairs and capital expenses. The Trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

Free reserves accumulated in excess of the minimum will be used at the discretion of the Trustees for the strategic development of Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust. 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.

Free Reserves at the year end were £1,301,067 (2022: £1,489,299)

The trustees confirm the reserves are being accumulated in view of future capital expenditure.

### 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 and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the Trust Deed require 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, including the income and expenditure, of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity 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 which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 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:

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Mr H Smith (Trustee)

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Date

# Report of the Independent Examiner

## The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust for the year ended 5 April 2023.

### 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 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.

.....  
Sandra Thurgood

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Biggleswade  
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# Statement of Financial Activities

## The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2023

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2023	TOTAL FUNDS 2022
<b>Income and endowments:</b>					
<b>Donations and Legacies:</b>					
Contributions from the Congregation	187,692	-	-	187,692	236,094
Gift Aid Donations	91,371	-	-	91,371	73,380
Income Tax refunds	22,843	-	-	22,843	18,345
Congregation Support	-	-	-	-	30,566
<b>Investments</b>					
Interest Received	15,463	-	-	15,463	7,222
<b>Total Income and endowments:</b>	<b>317,369</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>317,369</b>	<b>365,607</b>
<b>Expenditure:</b>					
Running Meeting Rooms (note 10)	142,223	-	-	142,223	62,642
Congregation Support (note 10)	-	-	-	-	24,375
Cost of donated services (note 5)	79,053	-	-	79,053	5,757
Grants to affiliated trusts (note 6)	1,480,561	-	-	1,480,561	-
<b>Loss on sale of assets</b>					
Profit/Loss on sale of assets	147,959	-	-	147,959	-
<b>Total Loss on sale of assets</b>	<b>147,959</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>147,959</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Expenditure:</b>	<b>1,849,796</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,849,796</b>	<b>92,774</b>
<b>Net Income/(Expenditure)</b>	<b>(1,532,426)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(1,532,426)</b>	<b>272,833</b>
<b>Net Movement In Funds</b>	<b>(1,532,426)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(1,532,426)</b>	<b>272,833</b>
	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2023	TOTAL FUNDS 2022
<b>Reconciliation of funds (note 12)</b>					
Total Funds brought forward	4,504,911	-	-	4,504,911	4,232,078
Net movement in funds	(1,532,426)	-	-	(1,532,426)	272,833
<b>Total Funds carried forward</b>	<b>2,972,484</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,972,484</b>	<b>4,504,911</b>

The notes on page 11 - 19 form part of these financial statements.

# Balance Sheet

## The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust As at 5 April 2023

	2023	2022
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Tangible assets (note 7)	1,759,418	3,110,179
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>1,759,418</b>	<b>3,110,179</b>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Prepayments and accrued income (incl Gift Aid due)	24,168	20,413
Cash at bank and in hand	1,279,749	1,470,582
<b>Total Current assets</b>	<b>1,303,916</b>	<b>1,490,995</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>		
Accruals and deferred income	2,850	1,496
<b>Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>2,850</b>	<b>1,496</b>
<b>Net current assets/(liabilities)</b>	<b>1,301,067</b>	<b>1,489,499</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>3,060,485</b>	<b>4,599,679</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>		
Loans (note 4)	88,001	94,768
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>2,972,484</b>	<b>4,504,911</b>
<b>Funds (note 12)</b>		
Revaluation reserve	1,328,305	1,328,305
Unrestricted funds	1,644,179	3,176,606
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>2,972,484</b>	<b>4,504,911</b>

The unaudited financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees of The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust on .....and were signed on its behalf by:

.....

Mr H Smith (Trustee)

The notes on pages 11 - 19 form part of these financial statements.

# Notes forming part of the Financial Statements

## The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2023

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### 1.1 Basis of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014, and incorporating update bulletins 1 and 2, and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The functional currency of the charity is sterling (£).

The Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

#### 1.2 Income

Donations are recognised in the year in which there is entitlement and probability of receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future year. Gift aid is added to the value of the donation to which it relates.

Donated services are recognised as income and expenditure in the financial statements when organisations or individuals offer their services and support pro bono. The value of these donated services to The Bidwell 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 £100) 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	1% straight line
Property improvements	1% straight line and 4% Straight Line
Fixtures and Fittings	25% reducing balance

## 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.

## 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 one Trustee (Ian Morren) was reimbursed for expenses of £98.50 (2022: none).

## 3. WAGES AND SALARIES

There are no employees (2022: none)

## 4. LONG-TERM LOANS

This relates to loans for which there is no requirement to repay within twelve months.

## 5. DONATED SERVICES

	2023	2022
<b>Donated Services</b>		
<b>Donated To:</b>		
Donated Services to Kirby GHT (inc Ashcroft)	2,230	5,757
Donated Services to Prince Avenue GHT	76,823	-
<b>Total Donated Services:</b>	<b>79,053</b>	<b>5,757</b>

## 6. GRANTS

2023

2022

### Grants:

#### Grants to:

Grants to Prince Avenue GHT	1,480,561	-
<b>Total Grants:</b>	<b>1,480,561</b>	<b>-</b>

## 7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

<b>Cost</b>	Freehold Land and Buildings - Bedford Road, Bidwell	Freehold Land and Buildings - Dunendin, Toddington	Freehold Land and Buildings - Stanbridge Road	Freehold Land and Buildings - Chapel Lane, Ivinghoe Aston	Freehold Land and Buildings - Rosebury Farm
At 6 April 2022	1,800,000	218,969	386,752	350,000	186,641
Additions					
Disposals		(218,969)	(386,752)	(350,000)	(186,641)
At 5 April 2023	1,800,000	0	0	0	0
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At 6 April 2022	39,051		16,293	14,000	1,821
Current Year Depreciation	12,009		1,533	2,081	1,861
Eliminated on disposals			(17,826)	(16,081)	(3,683)
At 5 April 2023	51,060		0	0	0
<b>Net Book Value</b>					
At 5 April 2023	1,748,941	0	0	0	0
At 5 April 2022	1,760,950	218,969	370,459	336,000	184,820

<b>Cost</b>	Property Improvements - Dunendin, Toddington	Property Improvements - Stanbridge Road	Fixtures and Fittings	Property Improvements - Chapel Lane, Ivinghoe Aston	Totals
At 6 April 2022	81,032	213,248	161,501	10,737	3,408,880
Additions			2,341		2,341
Disposals	(81,032)	(213,248)		(10,737)	(1,447,379)
At 5 April 2023	0	0	163,842	0	1,963,842
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At 6 April 2022	10,448	66,479	150,216	393	298,701

Current Year Depreciation	1,297	5,071	3,149	255	27,886
Eliminated on disposals	(12,375)	(71,550)		(648)	(122,163)
At 5 April 2023	0	0	153,364	0	204,424
<b>Net Book Value</b>					
At 5 April 2023	0	0	10,478	0	1,759,418
At 5 April 2022	73,825	146,769	11,286	10,344	3,110,180

Land registry titles of the above property held are

Bedford Road: BD73501

Changes in 2022/23

Stanbridge Road: BD91651, BD205007, BD279602, BD280025 Gifted to Prince Avenue GHT 8.11.2023

Chapel Lane: BM306857 Gifted to Prince Avenue GHT 8.11.2023

Harlington Road: BD306604 Gifted to Prince Avenue GHT 8.11.2023

Rosebury Farm: BD230395 Disposed of 5.4.2023

## 8. TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

During the financial year, aggregated donations of £50,965 (2022 £56,035 ) were received. Reimbursements of £1,077 (2022:£0) were paid to related parties.

## 9. VOLUNTEERS

The Bidwell 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.

# Resources Expended

## The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2023

### 10. Resources Expended

	MEETING ROOM COSTS	CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	TOTAL COSTS 2023	TOTAL COSTS 2022
<b>Direct Costs</b>				
Premises costs - repairs and maintenance	12,856	-	12,856	5,494
Premises costs - heat, light and power	12,674	-	12,674	7,259
Telephone	1,297	-	1,297	155
Health and Safety	17,881	-	17,881	1,993
Legal and professional	62,913	-	62,913	3,450
Bank charges	-	-	-	31
Congregation Support	-	-	-	24,375
Public outreach expenses	-	336	336	2,750
Stationery	-	-	-	1,041
Depreciation	27,886	-	27,886	35,683
Insurance	2,716	-	2,716	2,137
<b>Other Expenses</b>				
Recoupment order	308	-	308	308
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>308</b>
Governance	3,356	-	3,356	2,340
<b>Total Direct Costs</b>	<b>141,887</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>142,223</b>	<b>87,017</b>

Governance costs include £250 (prior year: £416) in respect of independent examiners fees.

# Analysis of Net Assets - Current year

## The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2023

### 11. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

#### 11.1 Current Year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2023
<b>Funds</b>				
Tangible Fixed Assets	1,759,418	-	-	1,759,418
Current Assets	1,303,916	-	-	1,303,916
Current Liabilities	(2,850)	-	-	(2,850)
Non Current Liabilities	(88,001)	-	-	(88,001)
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>2,972,484</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,972,484</b>

# Analysis of Net Assets - Prior Year

## The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2023

### 11.2 Prior Year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2022
<b>Funds</b>				
Tangible Fixed Assets	3,110,179	-	-	3,110,179
Current Assets	1,490,995	-	-	1,490,995
Current Liabilities	(1,496)	-	-	(1,496)
Non Current Liabilities	(94,768)	-	-	(94,768)
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>4,504,911</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,504,911</b>

# Movement in Funds - Current Year

## The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2023

### 12. Movement in Funds

#### 12.1 Movement in funds - current year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2023
<b>Movement in Funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward	4,504,911	-	-	4,504,911
Incoming resources	317,369	-	-	317,369
Resources expended	(1,849,796)	-	-	(1,849,796)
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>2,972,484</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,972,484</b>

# Movement in Funds - Prior Year

## The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2023

### 12. Movement in Funds

#### 12.2 Movement in funds - Prior year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2022
<b>Movement in Funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward	4,238,269	(6,191)	-	4,232,078
Incoming resources	335,041	30,566	-	365,607
Resources expended	(68,399)	(24,375)	-	(92,774)
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>4,504,911</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,504,911</b>

# Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

## The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2023

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2022
<b>Income and endowments:</b>				
<b>Donations and Legacies:</b>				
Contributions from the Congregation	236,094	-	-	236,094
Gift Aid Donations	73,380	-	-	73,380
Income Tax refunds	18,345	-	-	18,345
Congregation Support	-	30,566	-	30,566
<b>Investments</b>				
Interest Received	7,222	-	-	7,222
<b>Total Income and endowments:</b>	<b>335,041</b>	<b>30,566</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>365,607</b>
<b>Expenditure:</b>				
Running Meeting Rooms (note 10)	62,642	-	-	62,642
Congregation Support (note 10)	-	24,375	-	24,375
Cost of donated services (note 5)	5,757	-	-	5,757
<b>Total Expenditure:</b>	<b>68,399</b>	<b>24,375</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>92,774</b>
<b>Net Income/(Expenditure)</b>	<b>266,642</b>	<b>6,191</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>272,833</b>
<b>Net Movement In Funds</b>	<b>266,642</b>	<b>6,191</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>272,833</b>
	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2022
<b>Reconciliation of funds (note 11)</b>				
Total Funds brought forward	4,238,269	(6,191)	-	4,232,078
Net movement in funds	266,642	6,191	-	272,833
<b>Total Funds carried forward</b>	<b>4,504,911</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,504,911</b>



RRT support event - Luton

# Public Benefit Report

The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust  
6th April 2022 - 5th April 2023

# 2022-23 Summary

The Trustees of the The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust (BGHT) 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.

## Highlights

**13** food packs delivered to foodbanks and homeless charities

**7** events supported through **RRT**

## Litter Picking

Members of the congregation worked to clear up Harling Road, Doolittle Lane, Totternhoe Road, Eaton Road in Bedfordshire.



# Giving to the Community

Food boxes delivered to food banks in the local area.

Beneficiaries include:

Signposts	Luton
Square (LCH) Pathways Project	Luton
Mary Seacole	Luton
Leighton Linlade Homeless Service	Leighton Buzzard
Dunstable Foodbank	Dunstable



*Thank you so much for your generous support.*



- St Augustine's Church Foodbank



Leighton Linlade Helpers Foodbank

# Working with RRT

The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust have worked with another charity - the Rapid Relief Team - in the following operations:

## 15 April 2022

In support of Luton Fire & Rescue Service, RRT provided hot refreshments for attendees to the Spring StartUp Motorbike Safety event held at Luton Fire Station. Approx 150 meals were served.



## 21 April 2022

RRT were called out to the scene of a fire incident at a residential block in Luton around 7am. We were onsite by 9am to provide fire, police and forensics personnel with a hot breakfast followed by a hot lunch later on. Around 100 meals were served in total.



## 12 May 2022

RRT provided a hot burger meal for medical staff at Luton & Dunstable Hospital for International Nurses Day 2023, providing approximately 1500 meals.



# Working with RRT

## 15 June 2022

RRT were delighted to provide estates and facilities staff at L&D Hospital with free lunch in support of everything they do to keep the hospital running.

## 13 August 2022

RRT served the signature RRT burger meal to around 400 members of the public at the open day of the Blue Light Hub at West Ashland, Milton Keynes.



## 6 September 2022

RRT were delighted to provide hospital staff at L&D with free lunch in collaboration with the UNISON trade union.



## 29 October 2022

RRT attended a fire incident at Kingsway in Luton to support a multi agency response combating a fire at a commercial property. Approximately 75 hot meals were served to emergency personnel.



# Working with RRT

Letter of thanks after the event held on 12th May 2022.



**Bedfordshire Hospitals**  
NHS Foundation Trust

Damon Cantley  
Rapid Relief Team  
Luton

**Luton & Dunstable University Hospital**  
Lewsey Road  
Luton  
Bedfordshire  
LU4 0DZ

Tel: 01582 491 166

Dear Damon & Team,

Tuesday, 21 June 2022



Thank you for once again for coming in and supporting our colleagues with free burgers here at Luton & Dunstable Hospital for Estates & Facilities Day 2022. We really appreciate your generosity and the wonderful support you continue to give us.



I can honestly say the feedback we received was all so positive and very thankful, your team of volunteers were amazing and should be commended for how hard they worked that day. Please pass on our sincere thanks to everyone who came and supported on the day, you truly made our Estates & Facilities Day extremely special.

This letter is to say "Thank you" for such generous support to our Estate & Facility teams in Luton & Dunstable Hospital.

Yours sincerely

*Charmaine*

Deputy Fundraising Manager  
Charmaine.Norrish@ldh.nhs.uk  
☎ Luton (01582) 718978

Bedfordshire Hospitals incorporating:  
Bedford Hospital, Luton and Dunstable Hospital



# Tracts & Street Preaching

We have held to our commitment to the open air preaching in the town centres of Luton and Dunstable, with has included handing out tracts and gospel cards.

Tracts and gospel cards are available for collection from the main Gospel Hall in Houghton Regis, Bedfordshire.

Any enquiries received by the Trustees have been followed up fully, and where applicable people have been directed to [christiandocctrineandgospelpublishing.org](http://christiandocctrineandgospelpublishing.org) where literature can be purchased or downloaded for reading in multiple languages.

Congregation members have continued to hand out tracts to neighbours and persons in need, where this has been felt helpful.

# **The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust**

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Bedfordshire  
MK17 9EL

Registered Charity No. 1159530

**BIDWELL GOSPEL HALL TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1159530

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# Accounts

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# **Trustees Report & Unaudited Financial Statements**

The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust  
For the year ended 5 April 2022

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# Legal and Administrative Information

## The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2022

**Charity Name:**

The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust

**Registered Charity Number:**

1159530

**Trustees:**

Andrew Purdom (Chair)

Hugh Smith

Stephen Hibbert (Resigned 07.12.2021)

Ian Morren

Brian Moffitt

Jacob Newton (Appointed 07.12.2021)

**Treasurer:**

Hugh Smith

**Principle Address:**

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CV4 8AW

**Bankers:**

Metro Bank  
Milton Keynes Branch

# Report of the Trustees

## The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2022

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

### Structure, Governance and Management

#### Governing Document

The Charity is an unincorporated trust constituted by a Deed of Trust dated 20 October 1978, most recently amended by Deed of Variation dated 17 August 2014. The trust was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 8 December 2014 under Charity Registration Number: 1159530

#### Recruitment and appointment of new Trustees

The Trustees who have served during the year and since the year end are set out on page 2. 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.

The Trust operates 5 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 Trustees of similar Trusts with a view to pooling experience considered useful in pursuing the objects of the Trust. The Trust also maintains particular links with Kirby Road Gospel Hall Trust and Capron Road Gospel Hall Trust and Prince Avenue 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 to manage and mitigate those risks.

#### Objectives and Activities

##### Objectives and Aims

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

##### 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.

Details of public benefit activities carried out by The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust can be found in the separate appendix to this report.

## **Main activities and achievements**

The Trust provides and maintains 5 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](http://www.plymouthbrethrenchristianchurch.org) and in the schedules to the Trust Deed.

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

## **Plans for future periods**

With the commencement of lockdown restrictions in the UK the trust ceased using the gospel halls it operates. During the financial year, restrictions were eased sufficiently to allow the congregation to use the gospel halls for the Lord's Supper (Communion). The use of the rooms was conducted in a manner which always complied with the government guidance, and the trust intends to continue using the rooms 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 halls 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 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 halls 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.

Members of the congregation would usually participate in a programme of street preaching where Gospel tracts are provided free of charge by the Charity to such preachers to be handed out to interested members of the public. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic this has not been possible during the financial year, but the congregation aim to continue this once it is safe to do so.

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).

## 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

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 £358,385 compared to £367,804 in the previous year.

All funds held were unrestricted funds.

The Trust is committed to developing the Rosebury Farm site into a new Gospel Hall for the congregation's use, subject to planning permission.

## Reserves Policy

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and the level of financial commitments. The Trustees aim for the Charity to hold sufficient funds in a current account to meet the day to day expenses, plus an allowance for any urgent repairs and capital expenses. The Trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

Free reserves accumulated in excess of the minimum will be used at the discretion of the Trustees for the strategic development of Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust. 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.

Free Reserves at the year end were £1489,299 (2021: £1,235,590)

The trustees confirm the reserves are being accumulated in view of future capital expenditure.

### 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 and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the Trust Deed require 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, including the income and expenditure, of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity 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 which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. All transactions have been reviewed and approved by two trustees.

On Behalf of the board:

.....

Mr H Smith (Trustee)

.....

Date

# Report of the Independent Examiner

## The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2022

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust for the year ended 5 April 2022.

### 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 Report

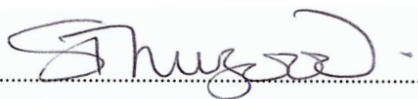
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or 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.



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3 January 2023

# Statement of Financial Activities

## The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2022

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2022	TOTAL FUNDS 2021
<b>Income and endowments:</b>					
<b>Donations and Legacies:</b>					
Contributions from the Congregation	236,094	-	-	236,094	204,345
Gift Aid Donations	73,380	-	-	73,380	79,920
Income Tax refunds	18,345	-	-	18,345	19,980
Congregation Support	-	30,566	-	30,566	63,559
<b>Investments</b>					
Interest Received	7,222	-	-	7,222	7,108
<b>Total Income and endowments:</b>	<b>335,041</b>	<b>30,566</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>365,607</b>	<b>374,911</b>
<b>Expenditure:</b>					
Running Meeting Rooms (note 9)	62,642	-	-	62,642	55,972
Congregation Support (note 9)	-	24,375	-	24,375	69,750
Cost of donated services (note 4)	5,757	-	-	5,757	4,194
<b>Total Expenditure:</b>	<b>68,399</b>	<b>24,375</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>92,774</b>	<b>129,916</b>
<b>Net Income/(Expenditure)</b>	<b>266,642</b>	<b>6,191</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>272,833</b>	<b>244,995</b>
<b>Net Movement In Funds</b>	<b>266,642</b>	<b>6,191</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>272,833</b>	<b>244,995</b>
	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2022	TOTAL FUNDS 2021
<b>Reconciliation of funds (note 11)</b>					
Total Funds brought forward	4,238,269	(6,191)	-	4,232,078	3,987,083
Net movement in funds	266,642	6,191	-	272,833	244,995
<b>Total Funds carried forward</b>	<b>4,504,911</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,504,911</b>	<b>4,232,078</b>

The notes on page 11 - 20 form part of these financial statements.

# Balance Sheet

## The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust As at 5 April 2022

	2022	2021
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Tangible assets (note 6)	3,110,179	3,091,256
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>3,110,179</b>	<b>3,091,256</b>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Prepayments and accrued income	20,413	21,397
Cash at bank and in hand	1,470,582	1,216,305
<b>Total Current assets</b>	<b>1,490,995</b>	<b>1,237,702</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>		
Accruals and deferred income	1,496	2,112
<b>Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>1,496</b>	<b>2,112</b>
<b>Net current assets/(liabilities)</b>	<b>1,489,499</b>	<b>1,235,590</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>4,599,679</b>	<b>4,326,846</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>		
Loans (note 4)	94,768	94,768
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>4,504,911</b>	<b>4,232,078</b>
<b>Funds (note 10)</b>		
Revaluation reserve	1,328,305	1,328,305
Unrestricted funds	3,176,606	2,903,773
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>4,504,911</b>	<b>4,232,078</b>

The unaudited financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees of The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust on .....and were signed on its behalf by:

.....

Mr H Smith (Trustee)

# Notes forming part of the Financial Statements

## The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2022

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### 1.1 Basis of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014, and incorporating update bulletins 1 and 2, and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The functional currency of the charity is sterling (£).

The Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

#### 1.2 Income

Donations are recognised in the year in which there is entitlement and probability of receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future year. Gift aid is added to the value of the donation to which it relates.

Donated services are recognised as income and expenditure in the financial statements when organisations or individuals offer their services and support pro bono. The value of these donated services to The Bidwell 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 £100) 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	1% straight line
Property improvements	1% straight line and 4% Straight Line
Fixtures and Fittings	25% reducing balance

## 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.

## 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.

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. Long-term Loans

This relates to loans for which there is no requirement to repay within twelve months.

	2022	2021
<b>Donated Services</b>		
<b>Donated To:</b>		
Donated Services to Trust 1 - Kirby GHT (inc Ashcroft)	5,757	3,383
Donated Services to Trust 2 - Capron Road Trust	-	811
<b>Total Donated Services:</b>	<b>5,757</b>	<b>4,194</b>

**Grants:****5. Tangible Fixed Assets**

<b>Cost</b>	Freehold Land and Buildings - Bedford Road, Bidwell	Freehold Land and Buildings - Dunendin, Toddington	Freehold Land and Buildings - Stanbridge Road	Freehold Land and Buildings - Chapel Lane, Ivinghoe Aston	Freehold Land and Buildings - Rosebury Farm
At 6 April 2021	1,800,000	218,969	386,752	350,000	139,404
Additions					47,237
Disposals					
At 5 April 2022	1,800,000	218,969	386,752	350,000	186,641
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At 6 April 2021	27,042		13,715	10,500	137
Current Year Depreciation	12,009		2,578	3,500	1,684
Eliminated on disposals					
At 5 April 2022	39,051		16,293	14,000	1,821
<b>Net Book Value</b>					
At 5 April 2022	1,760,950	218,969	370,459	336,000	184,820
At 5 April 2021	1,772,959	218,969	373,037	339,500	139,267

<b>Cost</b>	Property Improvements - Dunendin, Toddington	Property Improvements - Stanbridge Road	Fixtures and Fittings	Property Improvements - Chapel Lane, Ivinghoe Aston	Totals
At 6 April 2021	81,032	213,248	161,501	3,367	3,354,274
Additions				7,370	54,606
Disposals					
At 5 April 2022	81,032	213,248	161,501	10,737	3,408,880
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At 6 April 2021	7,207	57,949	146,454	14	263,017
Current Year Depreciation	3,241	8,530	3,762	379	35,683
Eliminated on disposals					
At 5 April 2022	10,448	66,479	150,216	393	298,700

<b>Net Book Value</b>					
At 5 April 2022	70,584	146,769		10,344	3,110,179
At 5 April 2021	73,825	155,299		3,353	3,091,257

Land registry titles of the above property held are Bedford Road: BD73501  
 Stanbridge Road: BD91651, BD205007, BD279602, BD280025  
 Chapel Lane: BM306857  
 Harlington Road: BD306604  
 Rosebury Farm: BD230395

## 6. TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

During the financial year, aggregated donations of £56,035 (2021: £42,460) were received.

## 7. VOLUNTEERS

The Bidwell 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.

# Resources Expended

## The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2022

### 9. Resources Expended

	TOTAL COSTS 2022	TOTAL COSTS 2021
<b>Direct Costs</b>		
Premises costs - repairs and maintenance	5,494	3,334
Premises costs - heat, light and power	7,259	5,565
Telephone	155	155
Health and Safety	1,993	750
Legal and professional	3,450	3,420
Bank charges	31	353
Congregation Support	24,375	69,750
Public outreach expenses	2,750	2,849
Special meeting costs	-	52
Stationery	1,041	-
Depreciation	35,683	34,834
Insurance	2,137	2,021
<b>Other Expenses</b>		
Recoupment order	308	616
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>616</b>
Governance	2,340	2,024
<b>Total Direct Costs</b>	<b>87,017</b>	<b>125,722</b>

Governance costs include £240 (prior year: £416) in respect of independent examiners fees.

# Analysis of Net Assets - Current year

## The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2022

### 10. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

#### 10.1 Current Year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2022
<b>Funds</b>				
Tangible Fixed Assets	3,110,179	-	-	3,110,179
Current Assets	1,490,995	-	-	1,490,995
Current Liabilities	(1,496)	-	-	(1,496)
Non Current Liabilities	(94,768)	-	-	(94,768)
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>4,504,911</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,504,911</b>

# Analysis of Net Assets - Prior Year

## The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2022

### 10.2 Prior Year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2021
<b>Funds</b>				
Tangible Fixed Assets	3,091,256	-	-	3,091,256
Current Assets	1,243,893	(6,191)	-	1,237,702
Current Liabilities	(2,112)	-	-	(2,112)
Non Current Liabilities	(94,768)	-	-	(94,768)
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>4,238,269</b>	<b>(6,191)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,232,078</b>

# Movement in Funds - Current Year

## The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2022

### 11. Movement in Funds

#### 11.1 Movement in funds - current year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2022
<b>Movement in Funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward	4,238,269	(6,191)	-	4,232,078
Incoming resources	335,041	30,566	-	365,607
Resources expended	(68,399)	(24,375)	-	(92,774)
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>4,504,911</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,504,911</b>

# Movement in Funds - Prior Year

## The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2022

### 11. Movement in Funds

#### 11.2 Movement in funds - Prior year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2021
<b>Movement in Funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward	3,987,083	-	-	3,987,083
Incoming resources	311,352	63,559	-	374,911
Resources expended	(60,166)	(69,750)	-	(129,916)
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>4,238,269</b>	<b>(6,191)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,232,078</b>

# Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

## The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2022

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2021
<b>Income and endowments:</b>				
<b>Donations and Legacies:</b>				
Contributions from the Congregation	204,345	-	-	204,345
Gift Aid Donations	79,920	-	-	79,920
Income Tax refunds	19,980	-	-	19,980
Congregation Support	-	63,559	-	63,559
<b>Investments</b>				
Interest Received	7,108	-	-	7,108
<b>Total Income and endowments:</b>	<b>311,352</b>	<b>63,559</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>374,911</b>
<b>Expenditure:</b>				
Running Meeting Rooms (note 9)	55,972	-	-	55,972
Congregation Support (note 9)	-	69,750	-	69,750
Cost of donated services (note 4)	4,194	-	-	4,194
<b>Total Expenditure:</b>	<b>60,166</b>	<b>69,750</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>129,916</b>
<b>Net Income/(Expenditure)</b>	<b>251,186</b>	<b>(6,191)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>244,995</b>
<b>Net Movement In Funds</b>	<b>251,186</b>	<b>(6,191)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>244,995</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds (note 11)</b>				
Total Funds brought forward	3,987,083	-	-	3,987,083
Net movement in funds	251,186	(6,191)	-	244,995
<b>Total Funds carried forward</b>	<b>4,238,269</b>	<b>(6,191)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,232,078</b>

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# Public Benefit Report

The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust  
6th April 2021-5th April 2022

# 2021-22 Summary

The trustees of the The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust (BGHT) 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.

Congregation members have worked hard to support key workers in the NHS, the homeless in Luton, Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard and the victims of the war in Ukraine. We have also continued our work with Rapid Relief Team (RRT).

## Overview

**£2,500** donated to RRT

**1,000** care packs handed out to staff at **L&D Hospital**

**6** local organisations supported directly by BGHT

**8** further organisations supported through **RRT**

# Tracts & Street Preaching

We have held to our commitment to the open air preaching in the town centres of Luton and Dunstable, with has included handing out tracts and gospel cards.

Tracts and gospel cards are available for collection from the main Gospel Hall in Houghton Regis, Bedfordshire.

Any enquiries received by the trustees have been followed up fully, and where applicable people have been directed to [christiandocctrineandgospelpublishing.org](http://christiandocctrineandgospelpublishing.org) where literature can be purchased or downloaded for reading in multiple languages.

Congregation members have continued to hand out tracts to neighbours and persons in need, where this has been felt helpful.

# Giving to the Community

Food boxes delivered to food banks in the local area.

Beneficiaries include:

Leighton Road Homeless Foodbank	Leighton Buzzard
NOAH Enterprise Welfare Centre	Luton
Dunstable Foodbank, St Augustine's Church	Dunstable
Squared (LCH) Pathways Project	Luton
Signposts	Luton
Mary Seacole	Luton



*Many thanks for your generous donations. It will be gratefully received*



- Elaine, St Augustine's Church Foodbank



# Giving to the Community



“ very generous and extremely helpful with a phone call asking for what we need!! Thank you. ”

“ Thank you very much - after the Christmas rush we are grateful for replenishments! ”

- Rosie, Leighton Linlode Homeless Service



# Litter Picking



Members of the congregation worked to clear up Harling Road, Doolittle Lane, Totternhoe Road, Eaton Road in Bedfordshire, resulting in the removal of 20 bags worth of general rubbish and fly-tipped builders waste.

# Working with RRT

The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust have worked with another charity - the Rapid Relief Team - in the following operations.

**April 2021**

**Supporting**

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## Details

Provision of RRT Family Food boxes direct to local residents in and around Dunstable.

**15 April 2021**

**Supporting**

Leighton-Linslade Helpers

## Details

Provision of RRT Family Food boxes to local initiatives in Leighton Buzzard.

**16 April 2021**

**Supporting**

Weatherfield Academy

## Details

Provision of RRT Family Food boxes to local primart school.

# Working with RRT

**1 July 2021**

**Supporting**

Bedfordshire Police

## **Details**

Providing emergency services with late night meal at onsite crime investigation

**20 July 2021**

**Supporting**

St Augustine's Academy

## **Details**

Donate and deliver Early Bird Learning resources to local school - campaign to promote healthy eating and good morning habits.

**27 June 2021**

**Supporting**

Bedfordshire Fire & Rescue

## **Details**

Providing lunch at vaccination centres around Luton.

**15 September 2021**

**Supporting**

Bedfordshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

## **Details**

Donate >1000 care packs to staff at Luton & Dunstable Hospital.

**12 December 2021**

**Supporting**

Stepping Stones Luton

## **Details**

Provision of RRT Family Food boxes to domestic abuse charity in Luton.

**12 December 2021**

**Supporting**

Thornhill Primary School

## **Details**

Provision of RRT Family Food boxes to local primart school in Houghon Regis.

# Working with RRT

**Throughout 2021**

**Supporting**

-

## Details

Provide volunteers to assist with packing and distribution of supplies going to refuges of the war in Ukraine.

**January 2022**

**Supporting**

NOAH

## Details

Donate SmaRRT cookie bars to homeless charity in Luton.

**Throughout 2021**

**Supporting**

Thornhill Primary School

## Details

Donate and deliver Early Bird Learning resources to local school - campaign to promote healthy eating and good morning habits.



# **The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust**

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MK17 9EL

Registered Charity No. 1159530

**BIDWELL GOSPEL HALL TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1159530

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# Accounts

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CHARITY REGISTRATION NO: 1159530

**BIDWELL GOSPEL HALL TRUST**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2021**

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**BIDWELL GOSPEL HALL TRUST**  
**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**BIDWELL GOSPEL HALL TRUST**  
**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**  
**YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2021**

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**CHARITY NAME:** Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER:** 1159530

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**BIDWELL GOSPEL HALL TRUST**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

**YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2021**

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The Trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 05 April 2021. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page ten and comply with the Trust Deed and applicable law.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The Charity is an unincorporated trust constituted by a Deed of Trust dated 20/10/1978, most recently amended by Deed of Variation dated 17/08/2014. The Trust was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 08/12/2014 under Charity Registration Number: 1159530

**Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

The Trustees who have served during the year and since the year end are set out on page 2. None of the Trustees, nor any person connected with them, received any remuneration or expenses from the Charity in the year ended 05 April 2021 (2020: £nil).

The Trust operates 6 Gospel halls 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. The Charity also maintains particular links with Kirby Road Gospel Hall Trust and Capron Road 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 to manage and mitigate those risks.

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and aims**

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

**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.

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**Main activities and achievements**

The Trust provides and maintains 6 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](http://www.plymouthbrethrenchristianchurch.org) and in the schedules to the Trust Deed.

The Trust's main achievement this year has been the payment of a deposit of a site for a new gospel hall at Rosebury Farm. The trustees have also established an Emergency Needs fund for the duration of the current 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**

From 18th March 2020, Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust ceased using the five gospel halls, which it operates. This was as a result of the global COVID-19 pandemic and the general lockdown imposed by the government on 23rd March 2020.

The Trust aims to use these Gospel Halls again once the general lockdown is lifted and it is deemed 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 halls 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 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 halls 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.

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.

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In addition to street preaching, members of the congregation made up food parcels that were distributed to charitable organisations or those in need. They also provided support and funding for the Rapid Relief Team, a separate charity, to enable them to provide marquees for the Stoke Mandeville hospital vaccination centre. The Covid pandemic has prevented the Trust from carrying out outreach events, but the trust aims to renew these activities once it is safe to do so.

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).

### **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 05 April 2021 the Trust had a surplus of incoming resources over resources expended.

Total voluntary income received this year was £367,804 compared to £409,976 in the previous year.

All funds held were unrestricted funds. The designated fund was in deficit at the yearend, but the trustees are aware of this and the deficit was cleared by funds received after the year end.

The Trust is committed to ensuring that rooms are safe for the congregation to use again once the Coronavirus restrictions are lifted. They are also committed to developing the Rosebury Farm site into a new Gospel Hall for the congregation's use, subject to planning permission.

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**Reserves policy**

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and the level of financial commitments. The Trustees aim for the Charity to hold sufficient funds in a current account to meet the day to day expenses, plus an allowance for any urgent repairs and capital expenses. The Trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

Free reserves accumulated in excess of the minimum will be used at the discretion of the Trustees for the strategic development of Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust. 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.

Free reserves at the year end were £ 1,235,590.00

The trustees confirm the reserves are being accumulated in view of future capital expenditure.

**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 and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the Trust Deed require 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, including the income and expenditure, of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES - continued**

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 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:

.....  
Hugh Smith

.....  
Date

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**  
**TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE BIDWELL GOSPEL HALL TRUST**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2021**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust for the year ended 05 April 2021.

**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.

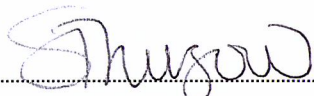
**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT**

Since the Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ACCA, which is one of the listed bodies.

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.



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31 January 2022

**BIDWELL GOSPEL HALL TRUST**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>						
<b>Donations and legacies:</b>						
Non Gift Aid donations		204,345	-	-	204,345	272,875
Gift Aid donations		79,920	-	-	79,920	109,681
Income tax refunds		19,980	-	-	19,980	27,420
Donated services	4	-	-	-	-	-
Contributions - Congregation Support		-	63,559	-	63,559	-
<b>Investments:</b>						
Bank interest		7,108	-	-	7,108	1,986
<b>Total</b>		<b>311,353</b>	<b>63,559</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>374,912</b>	<b>411,962</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
<b>Charitable activities</b>						
Running meeting rooms	5	55,973	69,750	-	125,723	78,150
Cost of donated services	4	4,194	-	-	4,194	2,741
<b>Total</b>		<b>60,167</b>	<b>69,750</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>129,917</b>	<b>80,891</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>251,186</b>	<b>(6,191)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>244,995</b>	<b>331,071</b>
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	1,328,305
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>251,186</b>	<b>(6,191)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>244,995</b>	<b>1,659,376</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>						
Total funds brought forward		3,987,083	-	-	3,987,083	2,327,707
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	9	<b>4,238,269</b>	<b>(6,191)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,232,078</b>	<b>3,987,083</b>

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

**BIDWELL GOSPEL HALL TRUST**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**AS AT 05 APRIL 2021**

	Notes	2021	2020
		£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible assets	6	3,091,256	2,983,512
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors		-	-
Prepayments and accrued income		21,397	28,700
Cash at bank and in hand		1,216,305	1,321,211
		<u>1,237,702</u>	<u>1,349,911</u>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year:			-
Current Loans	7	-	250,000
Accruals and deferred income		2,112	1,572
		<u>2,112</u>	<u>251,572</u>
Net current assets		1,235,590	1,098,339
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>4,326,846</u>	<u>4,081,851</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year:			
Other Loans	7	94,768	94,768
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>4,232,078</u>	<u>3,987,083</u>
<b>Funds</b>			
Revaluation Reserve		1,328,305	1,328,305
Unrestricted income fund		2,903,773	2,658,778
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	8	<u>4,232,078</u>	<u>3,987,083</u>

The unaudited financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees of Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust on .....and were signed on its behalf by

.....  
Hugh Smith

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

## 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### 1.1 Basis of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014, and incorporating update bulletins 1 and 2, and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The functional currency of the charity is sterling (£).

The Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

### 1.2 Income

Donations are recognised in the year in which there is entitlement and probability of receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future year. Gift aid is added to the value of the donation to which it relates.

Donated services are recognised as income and expenditure in the financial statements when organisations or individuals offer their services and support pro bono. The value of these donated services to Bidwell 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 £100) 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:

Property improvements	1% Straight Line and 4% Straight Line
Freehold Buildings	1% Straight Line
Fixtures and Fittings	25% Reducing Balance

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. 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.

From 18th March 2020, Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust ceased using the gospel hall which it operates, due to the global COVID-19 pandemic and the general lockdown imposed by the government.

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 (2020: None).

3. **WAGES AND SALARIES**

There are no employees (2020: none).

4. **DONATED SERVICES**

**Donated to:**

	<b>Year ended 05 April 2021</b>	<b>Year ended 05 April 2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Kirby Road Gospel Hall Trust	3,383	2,638
Capron Road Gospel Hall Trust	811	103
	<hr/> 4,194	<hr/> 2,741

5. RESOURCES EXPENDED	Meeting rooms £	Other charitable activities £	Year ended 05 April 2021 £	Year ended 05 April 2020 £
<b>Direct costs</b>				
Premises costs Rates	-	-	-	(96)
Premises costs Heat and Light	5,565	-	5,565	8,155
Premises costs Repairs and Maintenance	2,752	-	2,752	18,984
Insurance	2,021	-	2,021	1,981
Telephone and broadband costs	155	-	155	139
Legal and professional	4,170	-	4,170	10,914
Sundry	297	-	297	1,020
Security	285	-	285	5,619
Depreciation	34,834	-	34,834	28,890
Conference costs	52	-	52	322
Recoupment Order	616	-	616	-
Congregation Support	-	69,750	69,750	-
<b>Support costs</b>				
Bank Charges	353	-	353	380
Community outreach costs	-	2,849	2,849	486
<b>Governance</b>	2,024	-	2,024	1,356
	<u>53,124</u>	<u>72,599</u>	<u>125,723</u>	<u>78,150</u>

Governance costs include £416 (2020: £216) in respect of independent examiners fees

#### 6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold Land and Buildings - Bedford Road, Bidwell £	Freehold Land and Buildings - Dunendin, Toddington £	Freehold Land and Buildings - Chapel Lane, Ivinghoe Aston £	Freehold Land and Buildings - Stanbridge Road £	Freehold Land and Buildings - Rosebury Farm £
<b>Cost</b>					
At 06 April 2020	1,800,000	218,969	350,000	386,752	-
Additions	-	-	-	-	139,404
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 05 April 2021	<u>1,800,000</u>	<u>218,969</u>	<u>350,000</u>	<u>386,752</u>	<u>139,404</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At 06 April 2020	15,032	-	7,000	11,136	-
Charge for the year	12,009	-	3,500	2,578	137
Depreciation on disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 05 April 2021	<u>27,041</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,500</u>	<u>13,714</u>	<u>137</u>
<b>Net book value</b>					
At 05 April 2021	<u>1,772,959</u>	<u>218,969</u>	<u>339,500</u>	<u>373,038</u>	<u>139,267</u>
At 05 April 2020	<u>1,784,968</u>	<u>218,969</u>	<u>343,000</u>	<u>375,616</u>	<u>-</u>

	Property Improvements - Dunendin, Toddington	Property Improvements - Stanbridge Road	Property Improvements - Chapel Lane, Ivinghoe Aston	Fixtures and Fittings	Totals
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Cost</b>					
At 06 April 2020	81,032	213,248	-	161,501	3,211,502
Additions	-	-	3,367	-	142,771
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 05 April 2021	<u>81,032</u>	<u>213,248</u>	<u>3,367</u>	<u>161,501</u>	<u>3,354,273</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At 06 April 2020	3,966	49,419	-	141,438	227,991
Charge for the year	3,241	8,530	14	5,016	35,025
Depreciation on disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 05 April 2021	<u>7,207</u>	<u>57,949</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>146,454</u>	<u>263,016</u>
<b>Net book value</b>					
At 05 April 2021	<u>73,825</u>	<u>155,299</u>	<u>3,353</u>	<u>15,047</u>	<u>3,091,256</u>
At 05 April 2020	<u>77,066</u>	<u>163,829</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,063</u>	<u>2,983,512</u>

#### Property Details:

Land registry titles of the above property held are

Bedford Road	BD73501
Stanbridge Road	BD91651, BD205007, BD279602, BD280025
Chapel Lane	BM306857
Harlington Road	BD306604
Rosebury Farm	BD230395

#### 7. Non-Interest Bearing Loans

	Year ended 05 April 2021 £	Year ended 05 April 2020 £
Central GH Trust		250,000
Villa Road Trust	6,768	6,768
Villa Road Trust - in lieu of assets	88,000	88,000
	<u>94,768</u>	<u>344,768</u>

During the financial year, the trustees paid off the loan outstanding from Central GH Trust. The loan from Villa Road is assumed to be a long term liability which is due over 12 months from the year end date, as there is no specified repayment date. £88,000 of this is not repayable, but is an item in lieu of the land and buildings on the balance sheet that were funded using the sale proceeds of the Villa Road Property (this expenditure was sanctioned by the Charity Commission). The Villa Road property was the subject of permanent endowment, so the proceeds from the sale of the Villa Road Property couldn't be handed over to Bidwell GHT. Recoupment payments are made annually from Bidwell Gospel Hall trust to the Villa Road Trust.

#### 8. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSET BETWEEN FUNDS

##### 8.1 Current year

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	3,091,256	-	3,091,256
Current assets	1,237,702	-	1,237,702
Current liabilities	(2,112)	-	(2,112)
Non-current liabilities	(94,768)	-	(94,768)
Total funds	<u>4,232,078</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,232,078</u>

## 8.2 Prior year

	<b>Unrestricted funds £</b>	<b>Restricted funds £</b>	<b>Total funds £</b>
Tangible fixed assets	2,983,512	-	2,983,512
Current assets	1,349,911	-	1,349,911
Current liabilities	(251,572)	-	(251,572)
Non-current liabilities	(94,768)	-	(94,768)
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>3,987,083</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,987,083</u>

9. **MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

## 9.1. Current year

	<b>Fund balance At 06 April 2020 £</b>	<b>Incoming resources £</b>	<b>Resources expended £</b>	<b>Realised/ unrealised gains and losses £</b>	<b>Fund balance At 05 April 2021 £</b>
Restricted funds	-	-	-	-	-
Designated Funds		63,559	(69,750)		(6,191)
Unrestricted funds	3,987,083	311,353	(60,167)	-	4,238,269
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>3,987,083</u>	<u>374,912</u>	<u>(129,917)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,232,078</u>

## 9.2. Prior year

	<b>Fund balance At 06 April 2019 £</b>	<b>Incoming resources £</b>	<b>Resources expended £</b>	<b>Realised/ unrealised gains and losses £</b>	<b>Fund balance At 05 April 2020 £</b>
Restricted funds	-	-	-	-	-
Designated Funds	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted funds	2,327,707	411,962	(80,891)	1,328,305	3,987,083
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>2,327,707</u>	<u>411,962</u>	<u>(80,891)</u>	<u>1,328,305</u>	<u>3,987,083</u>

10. **TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES**

Donations totalling £42,460 have been received from related parties of the trustees. Reimbursements of £525 were made to Mr Alan Smith, father of Hugh Smith, a trustee, for public outreach expenses.

11. **VOLUNTEERS**

Bidwell 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.

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# Public Benefit Report

The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust  
6th April 2020-5th April 2021

# 2020-21 Summary

The trustees of the The Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust 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.

In some way, shape or form COVID-19 has had a profound impact on all our lives. The trustees and the regular congregation members were determined to continue their public benefit works and we have found this year has demanded even more resource as we support people and communities around our places of worship.

## Overview

**£2,500** donated to RRT for Stoke Mandeville Hospital

**15** food boxes delivered to **6** community support organisations

**161** food boxes delivered to various organisations through RRT

**150** lunch packs delivered to **3** vaccination centres through RRT

# Giving to the Community



## Helping in the fight against COVID-19

Bidwell Trust donated £2,500 to RRT to enable them to supply marquees to Stoke Mandeville Hospital for their vaccination centre. The donation was much appreciated by Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service, who organised the operation on the site.



Thankyou for your help and support, especially for supplying the Gazebo's and hundreds of bottles of water.

To Bill and RRT

A personal thank you for the part you played in our nation's battle against Covid-19



For each medal sold, Sterling Mint will donate 100% of its profits from sale to NHS Charities Together, a registered charity in England & Wales (No. 1186569). The total donation is expected to be £2,000,000.

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# Giving to the Community

15 food boxes delivered to food banks in the local area.

Beneficiaries include:

Dunstable Foodbank  
Signposts  
NOAH Welfare Centre  
Leighton Linslade Homeless Service  
Mary Seacole  
Squared (LCH) Pathways Project

“ Thank you for the very generous donation of items for our foodbank. All will be used and are items that we particularly need.

Please convey our gratitude to all members of the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church.

- Rosie, Leighton Linslade Homeless Service



Example Food Box

“ This is such a massive help! We are incredibly grateful & appreciative of this. Thank you so much!

- Jennifer, LCH Pathways Project

# Tracts & Street Preaching

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and resultant lock downs, we were unable to maintain our long-standing committal to the open air preaching in the town centres of Luton and Dunstable. However, with the lifting of lock down restrictions, we are working to resume street preachings as soon as possible.

Tracts and gospel cards were still available for collection from the main Gospel Hall in Houghton Regis, Bedfordshire.

Any enquiries received by the trustees have been followed up fully, and where applicable people have been directed to [christiandocctrineandgospelpublishing.org](http://christiandocctrineandgospelpublishing.org) where literature can be purchased or downloaded for reading in multiple languages.

Congregation members have continued to hand out tracts to neighbours and persons in need, where this has been felt helpful.

# Litter Picking

Members of the congregation worked to clear up Harling Road and Doolittle Lane in Eaton Bray, Bedfordshire in August 2020, resulting in the removal of 16 bags worth of general rubbish and significant amounts of fly-tipped builders waste.



# Working with RRT

Although lockdowns prevented RRT (Rapid Relief Team) outreach events, our congregation members gave up their time to support the following RRT operations.

## April 2020

### Supporting

Tithe Farm Primary  
Hawthorn Park Primary  
Eaton Bray Academy  
Houghton Regis Primary Academy

### Details

100 food boxes were donated to those in need through schools in Houghton Regis and Eaton Bray.



Eaton Bray Academy



Houghton Regis Primary Academy

## October 2020

### Supporting

See details

### Details

Meals were provided to fire-fighters throughout Sunday afternoon and evening, who were working to relieve flooding in Long Marston.



Long Marston RRT marquees



Long Marston Flooding

# Working with RRT

**December 2020**

**Supporting**

Dunstable Foodbank  
Leighton-Linslade Helpers  
Stepping Stones

**Details**

61 food boxes were donated to local community support organisations.

**March 2021**

**Supporting**

Bedfordshire Fire & Rescue

**Details**

150 lunch bags were provided to three COVID-19 vaccination centres across Luton.



For more information about RRT, please visit <https://rrtglobal.org/gb/>.

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