

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)

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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 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:

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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 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

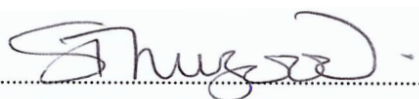
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or 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
Income and endowments:					
Donations and Legacies:					
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
Investments					
Interest Received	7,222	-	-	7,222	7,108
Total Income and endowments:	335,041	30,566	-	365,607	374,911
Expenditure:					
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
Total Expenditure:	68,399	24,375	-	92,774	129,916
Net Income/(Expenditure)	266,642	6,191	-	272,833	244,995
Net Movement In Funds	266,642	6,191	-	272,833	244,995
	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2022	TOTAL FUNDS 2021
Reconciliation of funds (note 11)					
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
Total Funds carried forward	4,504,911	-	-	4,504,911	4,232,078

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

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

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

2022

2021

Grants:**5. Tangible Fixed Assets**

<u>Cost</u>	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
<u>Depreciation</u>					
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
<u>Net Book Value</u>					
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

<u>Cost</u>	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
<u>Depreciation</u>					
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

Net Book Value					
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
Direct Costs		
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
Other Expenses		
Recoupment order	308	616
Total Other Expenses	308	616
Governance	2,340	2,024
Total Direct Costs	87,017	125,722

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
Funds				
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)
Total Funds	4,504,911	-	-	4,504,911

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
Funds				
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)
Total Funds	4,238,269	(6,191)	-	4,232,078

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
Movement in Funds				
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)
Total funds carried forward	4,504,911	-	-	4,504,911

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
Movement in Funds				
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)
Total funds carried forward	4,238,269	(6,191)	-	4,232,078

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
Income and endowments:				
Donations and Legacies:				
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
Investments				
Interest Received	7,108	-	-	7,108
Total Income and endowments:	311,352	63,559	-	374,911
Expenditure:				
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
Total Expenditure:	60,166	69,750	-	129,916
Net Income/(Expenditure)	251,186	(6,191)	-	244,995
Net Movement In Funds	251,186	(6,191)	-	244,995
	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2021
Reconciliation of funds (note 11)				
Total Funds brought forward	3,987,083	-	-	3,987,083
Net movement in funds	251,186	(6,191)	-	244,995
Total Funds carried forward	4,238,269	(6,191)	-	4,232,078

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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 christiandctrineandgospelpublishing.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
NOAH Enterprise Welfare Centre
Dunstable Foodbank, St Augustine's Church
Squared (LCH) Pathways Project
Signposts
Mary Seacole

Leighton Buzzard
Luton
Dunstable
Luton
Luton
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 Linlade 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** -

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

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Details

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

January 2022

Supporting

NOAH

Details

Donate SmaRRT cookie bars to homeless charity in Luton.

Throughout 2021

Supporting

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