

# Wychwood Baptist Church (Charity number 1159536)

## Trustees Annual Report

For the year ended 31 December 2024

### **Address:**

83 High Street  
Milton under Wychwood  
Chipping Norton  
Oxfordshire  
OX7 6LD

### **Trustees:**

Mr J Witts  
Mrs D Pavey  
Mr A Field

### Structure and Management

The charity is a small independent evangelical church governed by its members and directed by its minister Mr J Witts and the other Trustees.

### Aims and Objectives

The charity conducts Christian services each Sunday, Midweek Bible Studies, and Pastoral Care, as appropriate. It also runs a regular weekly cafe, and Youth Club on Fridays, as well as other occasional activities and events. Foodbank (Life Larder) and other support is provided to those in need within the local community.

It's objective is to show the love of Jesus to those in the village, giving opportunities for them to learn more about, and come to faith in Him, and providing support to those in need.

### Achievements, Performance and Public Benefit

Worship services and Bible studies take place on a weekly basis. Around 50 young people are part of our Youth Club, with numbers typically around 25-30 per week. Cafe is appreciated by many older members of the village, giving them gives an opportunity to socialise weekly. The church supports other community events, and John Witts is a Governor at the Primary School.

### Financial Review

The Charity had a deficit of £6,775 for the year ended 31 December 2024. The ongoing funding of the Charity is being secured through grants, with the option of releasing capital from assets if required.

Signed



Mr J Witts

Dated

22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2025

**Wychwood Baptist Church**  
**Income and expenditure account**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2024**

**2023**

**Income**

Offering and gifts received	20,709	22,998
Grants received	18,750	34,476
Café Income	1,821	1,535
School room rental	5,069	4,428
Investment income	674	184
Life centre	3,163	20
Active Life Café	0	463
Other income	452	0
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	50,638	64,104

**Expenditure**

Pastors costs

Salary	24,552	23,283
Pension	1,800	1,800
Expenses	496	1,100
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	26,848	26,183

Property costs

Manse running	3,921	4,344
Manse improvements	656	3,430
Church Running	3,578	4,380
Church Improvements	3,225	1,127
Hall running costs	2,281	2,349
Hall improvements	60	804
Cleaning	710	505
Grounds costs	1,280	725
Insurance	1,311	1,273
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	17,022	18,937

Other expenses

Local and other giving	1,602	2,504
Visiting speakers	1,400	200
Sundries	769	859
DBS costs	224	0
Copyright licence	437	0
Publicity and literature	2,416	1,195
Admin salaries	3,330	6,558
Active Life Café	579	104
Life Larder Takeaways	0	788
Life Centre administration & set up	1,130	455
Life Centre Set Up	1,080	0
Accountancy	576	0
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	13,543	12,663

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	57,413	57,783
Deficit/ surplus before sales of investment	-6,775	6,321
Profit on sale of investment	0	1,972
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Deficit/ surplus for the year	-6,775	8,293
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**Wychwood Baptist Church**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**at 31 December 2024**

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Cash at bank	21,259	36,936
CAF Account	103	86
Gift Aid tax refund due	1,203	1,614
Other debtors	847	0

23,412

38,636

Creditors

PAYE and expenses owed	2,122	4,021
Childrens Events grant to be spent 2024	0	240
Wychwood Minis grant to be spent 2024	0	94

2,122

4,355

21,290

34,281

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**General Fund**

Brought forward	18,286	9,993
Deficit/ surplus for the year	-6,775	8,293

11,511

18,286

Carried forward

**Life Larder Fund**

Brought forward	11,285	268
Income	2,528	2,915
Grants	1,171	11,990
Expenditure	-8,183	-3,888

6,801

11,285

Carried forward

**Ngage fund**

Brought forward	122	200
Income	1,260	3,077
Grants	0	1,000
Expenditure	-1,017	-4,155

365

122

Carried forward

**Energy Fund**

Brought forward	4,588	3,957
Income	425	2,511
Expenditure	-2,400	-1,880

2,613

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Carried forward

21,290

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Wychwood Baptist Church

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 December 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1159536

Set out on pages

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Responsibilities and  
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024

As the charity's trustees, you 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.

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 (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

14 October 2025

Name:

N J Bowman

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

ACA

Address:

14 Home farm Close, Shipton under Wychwood, Oxon OX7 6EH

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.