

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1159578

Details

Other names	TOCT
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	08908950
Registered	2014-12-11
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE CHARITY'S OBJECTS ("OBJECTS") ARE SPECIFICALLY RESTRICTED TO THE FOLLOWING:THE PRESERVATION, MAINTENANCE AND RENOVATION OF THE GRADE II* LISTED FORMER METHODIST CHAPEL AND ITS SITE IN TOLPUDDLE, DORSET AND ITS HISTORICAL, ARCHITECTURAL AND CONSTRUCTIONAL HERITAGE, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE OF TOLPUDDLE AND OF THE NATION.

Activities: The preservation, maintenance and renovation of the Grade II* listed former Methodist Chapel and its site in Tolpuddle, Dorset and its historical, architectural and constructional heritage, for the benefit of the people of Tolpuddle and of the Nation.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Dorset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-02-28	£33,861	£60,158	-	-
2024-02-29	£70,715	£83,766	-	-
2023-02-28	£628,597	£656,769	£84,016	0
2022-02-28	£141,242	£145,088	-	-
2021-02-28	£83,980	£31,522	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Colin Michael Brady	Chair	2025-05-01
Frances Cambrook		2023-06-15
Hannah Jefferson		2023-06-15
Robert Patterson		2024-10-31

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**TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST
DIRECTORS' REPORT AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2025**

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**Tolpuddle Old Chapel Trust
Company Information
For The Year Ended 28 February 2025**

Directors	Professor Philip Martin Mrs Frances Cambrook Mrs Hannah Jefferson Mrs Lorraine Tillbrook
Secretary	Mr Ian Cambrook
Company Number	08908950
Registered Office	Tolpuddle Old Chapel 59.A.Main Road Tolpuddle Dorchester Dorset DT2 7ET
Accountants	Advoco (SW) Ltd 14a Albany Road Weymouth Dorset DT4 9TH

Tolpuddle Old Chapel Trust
Company No. 08908950
Directors' Report For The Year Ended 28 February 2025

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 28 February 2025.

Directors

The directors who held office during the year were as follows:

Professor Philip Martin

Mr Robert Brunt Resigned 01/10/2024

Mrs Frances Cambrook

Mr Tobias Carleton-Prangnell Resigned 01/01/2025

Mrs Hannah Jefferson

Mrs Lorraine Tillbrook

Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the surplus or deficit of the company for that period. In preparing the financial statements the directors are required to:

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

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Small Company Rules

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

On behalf of the board

Mrs Frances Cambrook

Director

Date

Tolpuddle Old Chapel Trust
Accountant's Report
For The Year Ended 28 February 2025

In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2006, we have compiled the financial statements of the company from the accounting records and information and explanations you have given to us.

This report is made to the directors. Our work has been undertaken to prepare for approval by the directors the financial statements that we have been engaged to compile, to report to the directors that we have done so, and to state those matters that we have agreed to state to them in this 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 Company and the Company's directors for our work or for this report.

You have acknowledged on the balance sheet as at year ended 28 February 2025 your duty to ensure that the company has kept proper accounting records and to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view under the Companies Act 2006. You consider that the company is exempt from the statutory requirement for an audit for the year.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit of the financial statements. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the financial statements.

Signed

Date

Advoco (SW) Ltd
14a Albany Road
Weymouth
Dorset
DT4 9TH

Tolpuddle Old Chapel Trust
Income and Expenditure Account
For The Year Ended 28 February 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
TURNOVER		33,861	70,715
Cost of sales		(50,158)	(78,411)
GROSS DEFICIT		(16,297)	(7,696)
Administrative expenses		(8,952)	(5,355)
OPERATING DEFICIT		(25,249)	(13,051)
Interest payable and similar charges		(1,048)	-
DEFICIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		<u>(26,297)</u>	<u>(13,051)</u>

The notes on pages 6 to 7 form part of these financial statements.

Tolpuddle Old Chapel Trust
Balance Sheet
As At 28 February 2025

		2025	2024
	Notes	£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible Assets	4	24,559	24,559
		24,559	24,559
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	5	192	-
Cash at bank and in hand		23,903	67,007
		24,095	67,007
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	6	(3,985)	(20,600)
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)		20,110	46,407
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		44,669	70,966
NET ASSETS		44,669	70,966
RESERVES			
Other reserves		112,188	112,188
Income and Expenditure Account		(67,519)	(41,222)
MEMBERS' FUNDS		44,669	70,966

For the year ending 28 February 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

On behalf of the board

Mrs Frances Cambrook

Director
Date

The notes on pages 6 to 7 form part of these financial statements.

Tolpuddle Old Chapel Trust

Notes to the Financial Statements

For The Year Ended 28 February 2025

1. General Information

Tolpuddle Old Chapel Trust is a private company, limited by guarantee, incorporated in England & Wales, registered number 08908950. The registered office is Tolpuddle Old Chapel 59.A.Main Road, Tolpuddle, Dorchester, Dorset, DT2 7ET.

2. Accounting Policies

2.1. Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 section 1A Small Entities "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Companies Act 2006.

2.2. Turnover

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, net of discounts and value added taxes. Turnover includes revenue earned from the sale of goods and from the rendering of services. Turnover is reduced for estimated customer returns, rebates and other similar allowances.

Sale of goods

Turnover from the sale of goods is recognised when the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods has transferred to the buyer. This is usually at the point that the customer has signed for the delivery of the goods.

Rendering of services

Turnover from the rendering of services is recognised by reference to the stage of completion of the contract. The stage of completion of a contract is measured by comparing the costs incurred for work performed to date to the total estimated contract costs. Turnover is only recognised to the extent of recoverable expenses when the outcome of a contract cannot be estimated reliably.

2.3. Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of the fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Plant & Machinery	20% on cost
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3. Average Number of Employees

Average number of employees, including directors, during the year was: NIL (2024: NIL)

4. Tangible Assets

	Plant & Machinery	Heritage Assets	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
As at 29 February 2024	1,768	24,559	26,327
As at 28 February 2025	1,768	24,559	26,327
Depreciation			
As at 29 February 2024	1,768	-	1,768
As at 28 February 2025	1,768	-	1,768
Net Book Value			
As at 28 February 2025	-	24,559	24,559
As at 29 February 2024	-	24,559	24,559

5. Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	192	-

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended 28 February 2025

6. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	3,340	-
Other loans	-	20,000
Accruals	645	600
	<u>3,985</u>	<u>20,600</u>

Tolpuddle Old Chapel Trust
Detailed Income and Expenditure Account
For The Year Ended 28 February 2025

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
TURNOVER				
Room hire and courses		1,143		1,103
Merchandise sales		408		-
Grants received		31,726		68,473
Donations		584		1,139
		<u>33,861</u>		<u>70,715</u>
COST OF SALES				
Merchandise purchases	1,722		-	
Building works	20,731		44,138	
Workshops, courses and talks	2,365		-	
Other direct costs	25,340		34,273	
		<u>(50,158)</u>		<u>(78,411)</u>
GROSS DEFICIT		<u>(16,297)</u>		<u>(7,696)</u>
Administrative Expenses				
Light and heat	1,938		1,836	
Water rates	583		-	
Cleaning	82		-	
Computer expenses	590		75	
Repairs, renewals and maintenance	1,345		-	
Insurance	1,877		1,763	
Printing, postage and stationery	778		51	
Advertising	24		145	
Telephone and broadband	246		20	
Accountancy fees	645		600	
Subscriptions	-		100	
Licence	81		155	
Sundry expenses	763		610	
		<u>(8,952)</u>		<u>(5,355)</u>
OPERATING DEFICIT		<u>(25,249)</u>		<u>(13,051)</u>
Interest payable and similar charges				
Loan interest	1,048		-	
		<u>(1,048)</u>		<u>-</u>
DEFICIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		<u><u>(26,297)</u></u>		<u><u>(13,051)</u></u>

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England & Wales - Charity number 1159578

Accounts

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST

(A Charitable company limited by guarantee and not having share capital)

Registered Company No: 08908950

Registered Charity No: 1159578

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2024

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TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST

INFORMATION

Directors and Trustees	The Directors (who are also Trustees under charity law) of the charitable company, all of whom served throughout the year were as follows: Andrew McCarthy (Chair, Feb- June 23) Philip Martin (Chair, June 23-Feb 24; Trustee Feb-June 23) Rob Brunt (Company Secretary) David Willey (resigned May 23) Adrian Whittlesea (resigned February 23) Frances Cambrook (appointed June 23) Tobias Carleton-Pragnell (appointed July 23) Hannah Jefferson (appointed June 23) Lorraine Tillbrook (appointed September 23)
Company Secretary	Rob Brunt
Treasurer	Colin Huckle
Delivery Manager	Angela Herrera
Registered Office	59A Main Road Tolpuddle Dorset DT2 7ET
Registered Charity No.	1159578
Registered Company No.	08908950 (ENGLAND & WALES)
Independent Examiners	Advoco 14A Albany Road Weymouth Dorset DT4 9TH

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2024

Background

Tolpuddle Old Chapel Trust (TOCT) was established for the purpose of securing the ownership of the Grade II* listed former Methodist Chapel and its site in Tolpuddle, Dorset and to plan the renovation and appropriate re-use of the building.

The organisation was formed by local residents and volunteers with a specific interest in heritage matters, who felt they had a particular expertise to contribute.

The former chapel is listed as Grade II* by Historic England and is on their At-Risk Register, Historic England Building ID: 106409.

It was built in 1818 as a Methodist chapel. As a chapel it was used by the Dorsetshire Labourers, later known as the Tolpuddle Martyrs and it is believed that George Loveless and Thomas Stanfield (two of the Martyrs) were involved in the construction of the cob chapel and actually were lay preachers there. For sixteen years, the chapel became a 'sanctuary' for the families who worshipped there. It allowed them to exchange ideas and build confidence to challenge the injustices of their harsh living and working conditions and explore ways to mitigate their poverty and deprivation. These experiences paved the way for establishing a Friendly Society of Agricultural Workers in Tolpuddle.

The building has not been used as a chapel since 1844 when the lease expired. Since then it has been used for agricultural purposes. It has cob walls and a clay tiled roof. Prior to its purchase in February 2015, it was privately owned and was not accessible to the public.

The Trust registered as a private limited company by guarantee on 24th February 2014. Company number 08908950. Planning for the purchase and project preparation actually started in April 2013 under the guidance of The Architectural Heritage Fund.

It became a registered charity on 11th December 2014. Registered Charity no 1159578.

Objects of the Trust

The preservation, maintenance and renovation of the Grade II* listed former Methodist Chapel and its site in Tolpuddle, Dorset and its historical, architectural and constructional heritage, for the benefit of the people of Tolpuddle and of the nation.

TOCT is committed to sympathetically preserving, renovating and maintaining the Grade II* listed building. The building now has a dual purpose as a heritage venue for visitors, and as a social amenity hosting a range of activities for local people.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2024

Trustees as of 29 February 2024

As detailed above, the Board of Trustees underwent some major changes this year as a number of Trustees who had worked for the Trust for ten years in most cases stood down, including the Chair, Andrew McCarthy.

Volunteers:

A number of volunteers work for the Trust on an *ad hoc* basis helping with stewarding the Chapel for visitors and events. Others with key roles are as follows:

Sue Adams - Solicitor, Steele Raymond - as of 27th February 2014

Colin Clare – Webmaster – as of 17th February 2015

Phil Drake – Heritage Walks Co-ordinator – as of 18th May 2016

Rob Ellett – Mail Chimp Co-ordinator – as of 20th July 2018

Colin Huckle - Treasurer - as of 24th March 2014

Ian Cray – TOCT Photo & Video Producer/Editor – as of July 2018

Nicki Brunt – Project Finance Manager & liaison with National Lottery Heritage Fund

Andrew McCarthy, Founder Chair and Heritage Ambassador

The Building, Opening and Events

The building and renovation works were completed in the summer of 2023, and the building had its 'At Risk' status removed by Historic England in the Autumn of 2023, confirmed in Historic England's national press release in November.

The building opened on a regular basis for visitors in September for two mornings each week, with stewarding being provided by volunteers and Trustees. A steady footfall was established up until late November, and comments in the Visitors' book were universally commendatory. The building closed for visitors in early December and will re-open for this purpose in the last week of March, 2024. Throughout the period September 23 –February 24, the building has regularly been used for a variety of craft workshops run by local craft workers, concerts, and a weekly reading group. Bookings for these continue, and looking forward to the period February to October 2024, the Chapel will be operating at capacity (see 'Funding' below).

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2024

Communications 2023-2024

TOCT continues to maintain contact with our followers as well as attract new contacts, and communicates through a variety of local publications and noticeboards as well as digitally - primarily through the website and Twitter/X :

- TOCT Website. www.tolpuddleoldchapeltrust.org.
- TOCT Twitter feed [@TolpuddleOCT](https://twitter.com/TolpuddleOCT)

TOCT has also established communications and informal partnerships with a range of local organisations including Shire Hall Museum, Dorchester, the TUC Museum, Tolpuddle, The New Hardy Players, and Dorset History Centre.

Website:

At the time of the writing of this report, the website is undergoing a major overhaul to render it fit for purpose in its functions as a visitor venue, a local amenity, and an educational resource. The new website will be up and running in March 2024.

Twitter: [@TolpuddleOC](https://twitter.com/TolpuddleOC)

Andrew McCarthy continues to edit our Twitter feed. The bulk of the work is carried out by Ian Cray, our Photo & Video Production Editor. Ian prepares creative copy and video snippets for each post, including composing the background digitised music.

Educational & Research Hub:

TOCT Chair, Professor Philip Martin, continues to conduct and co-ordinate research into the Chapel's history and context, and all completed work will be available on the new website. One successful school visit took place in the Autumn of 2023, but further visits were sadly curtailed due to lack of funding for transport of the children. TOCT is re-thinking its educational strategy on the engagement of young persons in 2024-5. We have established a pilot partnership with Kingston Maurward College for 2024.

Board Meetings and Meetings with Funders

During the reporting year 2023-24, the Board has held regular minuted meetings with representatives from the National Heritage Lottery Fund Team, and regular minuted meetings of the Board in the period June 2023 to February 2024. A full schedule of meetings for 2024 is established.

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2024

Funding

The National Heritage Lottery Funding was extended until the end of May 2024, to allow for retrieval of project objectives caused by the delays in the building programme and by Covid19. In the autumn of 2023, TOCT made a grant application to Historic England's 'Everyday Heritage: Celebrating Working-Class Histories' national scheme. This was successful, and will be the main source of funding for the TOCT project, 'Tolpuddle Family Lives' running with a full set of events from April to October 2024.

Acknowledgements

The Trust is grateful to the following bodies for their continued interest & support:

The National Lottery Heritage Fund, especially Katherine Sagar (Investment Manager, National Lottery Heritage Fund); Ellen Dempster (National Lottery Heritage Fund Consultant).

Historic England, Sarah Ball (Architect Partnerships Team, Historic England).

The Architectural Heritage Fund.

Dorset Council.

Heritage Cob & Lime

Puddletown Area Parish Council.

Charitable Trusts.

Numerous groups and individuals who have made donations which help move the project forward.

Our 1,250 plus Twitter followers & our Friends of Tolpuddle Old Chapel Trust.

Architects, Paul Richold, George Tasker & Victoria Wales of Architecton, Bristol.

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2024

The Trustees (who are also the Directors for the purpose of Company Law) have pleasure in presenting their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 29 February 2024. The provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' (SORP FRS 102- implemented 1 January 2015) have been adopted in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document and Constitution

Tolpuddle Old Chapel Trust is a registered charity, charity number 1159578, and a company limited by guarantee, company number 08908950. The charity's registered office is The Old Chapel, 59A Main Road, Tolpuddle, Dorset, DT2 7DQ. The maximum liability of each member is limited to £10. At 29 February 2024 the company had 5 members who were also the charity's Trustee Directors. Tolpuddle Old Chapel Trust is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association as amended on 27 October 2014.

Tolpuddle Old Chapel Trust was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee on 24 February 2014.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

Trustees, who are also Directors of the Company, are appointed from the local community. The Trustees Board consists of at least three and not more than six individuals, all of whom must be members. Individuals may be appointed as Trustees by ordinary resolution of the members. No other persons or bodies external to the charity were entitled to appoint persons to the Trustee Board.

Prospective Trustees are interviewed by the Chair in combination with other Trustees where appropriate. Recommendations for appointment are then put to the Board and new Trustees are proposed and seconded to confirm appointment. Newly appointed Trustees are provided with an induction to Tolpuddle Old Chapel Trust.

Current Trustees and their periods of service are listed in Section 1 (Information) of this report.

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2024

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of the charity and its objects as set out in the Articles of Association are specifically restricted to the preservation, maintenance, and renovation of the Grade II* listed former Methodist Chapel and its site in Tolpuddle, Dorset and its historical, architectural and constructional heritage for the benefit of the people of Tolpuddle and of the Nation.

Summary of Charitable Activities

Having completed the purchase of the former Methodist Chapel at Tolpuddle in February 2015, the charity has been able to carry out the emergency repairs to the building as previously detailed in the project viability report and progress with the planning and preparation phases of the renovation. The charitable activities are set out in more detail under the summary below.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in deciding the activities undertaken by the charity during the year, The Trustees are satisfied that the information provided in the report and accounts meets the public benefit reporting requirements.

The Chapel opened to the public in September 2023, and is now fulfilling its role as a heritage site for visitors, and as an amenity for the local community. Further details are given in the Chair's report above.

Summary of Achievements and how our work delivers the Trust's Aims

With the completion of the building's renovation, the Trust has re-stated the original aims in the form of Vision and Mission statements.

The Trust's Vision is *to establish Tolpuddle Old Chapel as a building of historical significance and as a venue serving local needs and visitor's interests*

The Trust's Mission is *to preserve and encourage the sustainable use of Tolpuddle Old Chapel as a local and national asset*

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2024

We fulfil these aims by:

- Our interpretation programme which provides information to visitors about the historical significance of the Chapel. This programme has many forms, including physical interpretation boards and bats in the building itself; information given by volunteers and trustees when staffing the Chapel; a 'mini website' accessed by QR code in the Chapel itself; our new website which has a substantial educational section; our Twitter (X) feed.
- Running a series of events for the enrichment of people's lives through craft activities, concerts, reading groups, our developing programme of speakers, and our local history focus (to be further developed in 2024 in our programme 'Tolpuddle Family Lives')

These aims and their means will be further strengthened through our work in 2024-5.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Position

Incoming resources in the year were £70,715 (2023: £628,597). Of this £69,612 (2023: £628,597) related to project restricted activities.

A deficit of £13,050 was made in the year (2023: deficit of £28,172). At the balance sheet date total unrestricted reserves were £6,508 in surplus (2023: £10,759) and restricted reserves were £64,458 in surplus (2023: £73,257).

The charity maintains a cash balance of £67,007 (2023: £111,245), it has net current assets of £46,407 (2023: £59,457). The total net assets are £70,966 (2023 : £84,016).

Reserves Policy

Still being relatively new, the charity is not yet in a position where it has been able to accumulate any significant unrestricted reserves. During its early years the charity's project to preserve and renovate the former Methodist Chapel will result in significant costs which are likely to mean that much of the incoming resources will be required to service expenditure on charitable activities. The Trustees are however aware of the importance of having sufficient free reserves available in each financial year to meet any reasonable foreseeable contingencies and will develop a more structured unrestricted reserves policy as the project progresses and surplus funds become available.

Where the charity receives incoming resources which have restrictions placed on their use by the donors they were held as restricted reserves to the extent that they have not been utilised for their prescribed use.

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2024

Going Concern

The charity's work on the former Methodist Chapel remains ongoing with the continued support of its members, friends, volunteers and donors as well as a number of both local and national organisations. In the circumstances, the Trustees have no uncertainties concerning the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of Tolpuddle Old Chapel Trust the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK 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 charitable company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by Trustees on

and signed on their behalf by:

Director
Professor Philip Martin

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2024

I report to the Charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of Tolpuddle Old Chapel Trust ("the Company") for the year ended 29 February 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the Company are not subject to an audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your Charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act ("the 2011 Act").

In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect:

1. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006;
2. the accounts do not comply with these records;
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair" which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the account have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

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

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2024

A P Rodgers FCCA (a partner of)
Advoco
Chartered Certified Accountants

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Date

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD
(INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2024

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
	Note	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources:					
Donations and legacies		-	1,139	1,139	3,200
Charitable activities	2	-	68,473	68,473	625,397
Room hire		1,103		1,103	-
Total incoming resources		1,103	69,612	70,715	628,597
Expenditure:					
Charitable activities					
Professional fees		-	34,273	34,273	55,120
Building repairs			44,138	44,138	597,031
Insurance		1,763	-	1,763	1,636
Print, post, stationery		51	-	51	-
Advertising & website		145	-	145	512
Accountancy	3	600	-	600	600
Light and heat		1,836	-	1,836	489
Sundry expenses		959	-	959	193
Loan interest		-	-	-	1,188
Total resources expended		5,354	78,411	83,765	656,769
Net incoming resources before transfers		(4,251)	(8,799)	(13,050)	(28,172)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds for the year		(4,251)	(8,799)	(13,050)	(28,172)
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total funds brought forward		10,759	73,257	84,016	112,188
Total funds carried forward	8	6,508	64,458	70,966	84,016

The results for the year derive from continuing activities and there are no gains or losses other than those shown above.

The statement of financial activities incorporates the income and expenditure account.

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 29 FEBRUARY 2024

		2024	2023
	Note	£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Heritage assets	6	24,559	24,559
Fixed assets	6	-	-
		<u>24,559</u>	<u>24,559</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors		-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>67,007</u>	<u>111,245</u>
		<u>67,007</u>	<u>111,245</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>20,600</u>	<u>51,788</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		46,407	59,457
NET ASSETS		<u><u>70,966</u></u>	<u><u>84,016</u></u>
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITABLE COMPANY			
General	8	6,508	10,759
Restricted	8	<u>64,458</u>	<u>73,257</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	8	<u><u>70,966</u></u>	<u><u>84,016</u></u>

These accounts have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)

For the year ended 28 February 2022 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not requested the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476;

The trustees / directors' acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts

These financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on

(Chair)

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
29 FEBRUARY 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

General information and basis of accounting

Tolpuddle Old Chapel Trust is a company limited by guarantee incorporation in the United Kingdom under the Companies Act. The maximum liability of each member is limited to £10. The address of the registered office is given on page 1. The nature of the charity's operations and its principal activities are set out in the Trustees report on pages 10-13.

The financial statements have been prepared in £ sterling on the historical cost basis and 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) (effective 1 January 2015) – (Charities SORP FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity 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.

Going concern

The trustees are of the opinion that the accounts are prepared on the going concern basis.

Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income.

Donation income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable.

Income from grants, relating to charitable activities are included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable and in the period to which they relate. Grants are deferred when the monies have been received in advance of the period to which they relate. Where funds have not been received in a specific period, these funds will be accrued in debtors and recognised in the period to which they relate. Where grants received have conditions or restrictions as to their use attached the income is recognised as restricted income funds. Where no such conditions or restrictions exist, grants received are recognised as unrestricted income.

Donated services

In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), unpaid general volunteer time is not recognised in the financial statements. However, where unpaid specific volunteer tasks and other non-cash contributions are conditions for the receipt of grants, and those specific volunteer tasks and other non-cash contributions are valued by the grant provider, they are recognised in the financial statements at the values established by the grant provider which are considered to be a fair representation of their value to the charity.

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST
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Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its charitable activities. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them. Due to the specific nature of the charity's objects and the scale of its activities all costs are allocated directly to charitable activities.

Heritage assets

Heritage assets comprise the Grade II* listed former Methodist Chapel in Tolpuddle, Dorset which is recognised in the balance sheet at cost. Given the charity's objects, it is considered to have an indefinite expected useful economic life and is not therefore depreciated. Heritage assets are however reviewed annually for impairment with any required impairment provision being made as necessary.

Fixed assets

Tangible assets are stated at cost, less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. The cost of tangible assets includes directly attributable incremental costs incurred in their acquisition and installation.

Depreciation

Depreciation is charged so as to write off the cost of assets, other than land and properties under construction over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Equipment	20% Straight Line
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Debtors

Accrued income is recognised at the settlement amount due and prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount.

Concessionary loans received are initially recognised at the amounts received with the carrying amount adjusted in subsequent year to reflect repayments and any accrued interest, if payable.

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST
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Taxation

The company is a registered charity and is therefore not liable to corporation tax to the extent that its income and gains are applicable to charitable purposes only. Value added tax is not recoverable by the company and is therefore included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Funds Accounting

Funds held by the charity are:

Unrestricted general funds - these are funds that can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds - these are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
2. INCOME				
Historic England	-	29,600	29,600	115,200
Pilgrim Trust	-	-	-	10,000
Joseph Rank Trust	-	-	-	35,000
Dorset Council				30,000
Heritage Lottery Fund	-	38,873	38,873	435,197
	<u>-</u>	<u>68,473</u>	<u>68,473</u>	<u>625,397</u>
			2024 £	2023 £
3. EXPENDITURE				
Independent examiners			600	600
			<u>600</u>	<u>600</u>

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4. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

No trustees received any remuneration during the period from the charity and they also did not claim reimbursement for any expenses that they incurred in their roles as trustees.

No trustee or other person related to the Charity, had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the Charity during the period. The trustees have not acted as agents or made purchases on behalf of the charity during the period.

5. EMPLOYEES

The company does not have any employees.

6. FIXED ASSETS

	Heritage Assets £	Equipment £
<u>Cost:</u>		
Brought forward	24,559	1,768
Additions	-	-
Carried forward	<u>24,559</u>	<u>1,768</u>
<u>Depreciation:</u>		
Brought forward	-	1,416
Charge for the year	-	352
Carried forward	<u>-</u>	<u>1,768</u>
<u>Net Book Value</u>		
29 February 2024	<u><u>24,559</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>
<u>Net Book Value</u>		
28 February 2023	<u><u>24,559</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>

The Charity's sole heritage asset comprises the Grade II listed former Methodist Chapel in Tolpuddle, Dorset. The Charity was created to acquire the building with the aim of preserving, maintaining and renovating the building and the site together with its historic, architectural and conservational heritage.

Whilst full access to the building will not be possible at all times whilst the major conservation works are being carried out, once the works have been completed, it is intended that the building and the site will be brought back into use.

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7. CREDITORS

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals	<u>600</u>	<u>600</u>
	<u>600</u>	<u>600</u>

8. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	Balance 1.3.23 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 29.2.24 £
Unrestricted Funds					
General	10,759	1,103	(5,354)	-	6,508
Total Unrestricted Funds	<u>10,759</u>	<u>1,103</u>	<u>(5,354)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,508</u>
Restricted Funds					
Historic England	-	29,600	(29,600)	-	-
Donations	3,200	1,139	-	-	4,339
The National Lottery Heritage fund	70,057	38,873	(48,811)	-	60,119
Total Restricted Funds	<u>73,257</u>	<u>69,612</u>	<u>(78,411)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>64,458</u>
Total Funds	<u>84,016</u>	<u>70,715</u>	<u>(83,765)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>70,966</u>

The general unrestricted fund represents the unrestricted funds of the Charity

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9. COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

The charity is limited by guarantee and does not have any share capital. The guarantee to the company is £10 per member on the winding up of the company.

At 29 February 2024 the company had 5 members who were also the charity's Trustee Directors.

10. CONTROL

The charitable company is controlled by its members, who are the Trustees.

11. COMMITMENTS

As at 29 February 2024, the Charity had no annual commitments under operating leases.

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1159578

Accounts

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST

(A Charitable company limited by guarantee and not having share capital)

Registered Company No: 08908950

Registered Charity No: 1159578

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST

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TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST

INFORMATION

Directors and Trustees	The Directors (who are also Trustees under charity law) of the charitable company, all of whom served throughout the year were as follows: A McCarthy (Chair) (resigned 16 July 2023) R Brunt (Company Secretary) P W Martin (appointed 16 July 2023) D Willey (resigned 1 September 2023) A Whittlesea (resigned 6 February 2023)
Company Secretary	R Brunt
Treasurer	C Huckle
Project Manager	C Johnson
Registered Office	59A Main Road Tolpuddle Dorset DT2 7ET
Registered Charity No.	1159578
Registered Company No.	08908950 (ENGLAND & WALES)
Independent Examiners	Advoco 14A Albany Road Weymouth Dorset DT4 9TH

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

Background

I have set out the progress that the Trust has made since 1st March 2022.

Tolpuddle Old Chapel Trust (TOCT) was established for the purpose of securing the ownership of the Grade II* listed former Methodist Chapel and its site in Tolpuddle, Dorset and to plan the renovation and appropriate re-use of the building.

The organisation was formed by residents and volunteers with a specific interest in heritage matters, who felt they had a particular expertise to contribute.

The former chapel is listed as Grade II* by Historic England and is on their At-Risk Register, Historic England Building ID: 106409.

It was built in 1818 as a Methodist chapel. As a chapel it was used by the Tolpuddle Labourers, later known as the Tolpuddle Martyrs and it is believed that George Loveless and Thomas Stanfield (two of the Tolpuddle Labourers) were involved in the construction of the cob chapel and were lay preachers there. For sixteen years, the chapel became a 'sanctuary' for the families who worshipped there. It allowed them to exchange ideas and build confidence to challenge the injustices of their harsh living and working conditions and explore ways to mitigate their poverty and deprivation. These experiences paved the way for establishing a Friendly Society of Agricultural Workers in Tolpuddle.

The building has not been used as a chapel since 1844 when the lease expired. Since then, it has been used for agricultural purposes. It has cob walls and a clay tiled roof. Prior to its purchase in February 2015, it was privately owned and was not accessible to the public.

The Trust registered as a private limited company by guarantee on 24th February 2014. Company number 08908950. Planning for the purchase and project preparation started in April 2013 under the guidance of The Architectural Heritage Fund.

It became a registered charity on 11th December 2014. Registered Charity no 1159578.

Objects of the Trust

The preservation, maintenance, and renovation of the Grade II* listed former Methodist Chapel and its site in Tolpuddle, Dorset and its historical, architectural, and constructional heritage, for the benefit of the people of Tolpuddle and of the Nation.

TOCT is committed to sympathetically preserving, renovating, and maintaining the Grade II* listed building and its site as 'a quiet place in the heart of this historic Dorset village'. It is our hope that through the process of renovating the former chapel it will become a place for activities that will inspire a wide range of visitors and participants to engage with and understand the significance of the Old Chapel story and give them a direct connection to the times of the Tolpuddle Labourers/Tolpuddle Martyrs.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

Trustees as of 28th February 2023

Andrew McCarthy - Chairman

Robert Brunt – Secretary

David Willey

Philip Martin

Volunteers:

Sue Adams - Solicitor, Steele Raymond - as of 27th February 2014

Colin Clare – Webmaster – as of 17th February 2015

Phil Drake – Heritage Walks Co-ordinator – as of 18th May 2016

Rob Ellett – Mail Chimp Co-ordinator – as of 20th July 2018

Colin Huckle - Treasurer - as of 24th March 2014

Ian Cray – TOCT Photo & Video Producer/Editor – as of July 2018

Nicki Brunt – Project Finance Manager & liaison with National Lottery Heritage Fund. – as of 1st February 2023.

Project Team

Andrew McCarthy - TOCT Chairman.

Robert Brunt – Project Design Team Member. – as of 1st February 2023.

Crystal Johnson - Project Manager (until January 2023)

Robert Battersby– Architect & Director, Architecton, Bristol.

Victoria Wales - Architect, Architecton Bristol

Trevor Groom – Quantity Surveyor.

Barry Honeysett – Structural Engineer.

Craig Dashfield – Services Engineer.

Justin Chappell – Construction, Design & Management Consultant

Delivery Manager – Angela Herrera

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

The Building & Site

Since November 2021, when renovation work commenced on site, two new information boards have provided information to the public about the project and its sponsors. An image of the renovated and extended chapel is also on display.

Awareness Raising Opportunities, 2022/2023.

TOCT continued to maintain contact with our followers as well as attract new contacts.

- Friends of Tolpuddle Old Chapel Trust Newsletter July 2022.
- TOCT Website. www.tolpuddleoldchapeltrust.org.
- TOCT Twitter feed [@TolpuddleOCT](https://twitter.com/TolpuddleOCT)
- Many visitors to our website & Twitter feed signed up to become 'Friends of TOCT'. Anyone signing up to be a 'Friend' receives periodic updates about the progress of the project by e-mail; there are now well over 200 'Friends'.

Website:

The TOCT website – www.tolpuddletrust.org, established in February 2015 by Colin Clare, Webmaster, who continues to provide the latest news about the project. I am grateful to Colin for his patience and attention to maintaining such an informative website.

Twitter: [@TolpuddleOC](https://twitter.com/TolpuddleOC)

I (Chair, Andrew McCarthy), continue editing our Twitter feed. The bulk of the work is carried out by Ian Cray, our Photo & Video Production Editor. Ian prepares creative copy and video snippets for each post, including composing the background digitised music. All year he has faithfully attended the construction site, sometimes three or four times a week, to record video footage of building progress. He turns these into two-minute Tweets. The numbers of followers have increased to over 1,250 with on average 1,600 views a week, with numerous 'Likes' & 'Re-Tweets'. My sincere thanks to Ian for maintaining such a high standard of visual production.

Educational & Research Hub:

TOCT Trustee, Philip Martin, continues to co-ordinate research into the 'The Missing Years' (1810 – 1834) of nonconformist worship in Tolpuddle, including the building and use of Tolpuddle Old Chapel. We look forward to our website being a digital Education & Research hub, a major contributor, source and guide for knowledge about the Tolpuddle Labourers and their families in Tolpuddle in the 19th century.

Philip published three papers:

International Women's Day – The Women of Tolpuddle. (March 2022)

Tolpuddle Old Chapel – Narrative, (August 2022)

Radical Objects 'Tolpuddle Old Chapel' (October 2022), for the prestigious History Workshop' online series. (19.6K followers on Twitter).

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On 15th June 2022, Philip gave an 'Outreach Talk' 'Remembering the Tolpuddle Martyrs' to the Alresford Historical and Literary Society (Hampshire)

I am most grateful for his continued research work and for his wise counsel.

Visitors:

TOCT continued its practice of welcoming visitors by arrangement to the Old Chapel construction site.

March 2022.

Living History Visit from retired Tolpuddle Labourer, Sam Bridle aged 92. Sam lived opposite Tolpuddle Old Chapel in the 1950s. He used to stable his horse called 'Madam' in the Old Chapel.

April 2022.

Long-term TOCT supporter and worker for social justice, Colin Brady, made a site visit.

May 2022.

Our former lead architect, Paul Richold, now acting as a consultant for Architecton, came to view progress and advise on colour schemes and bench design.

July 2022.

Trustees welcomed Historic England and their consultant Tobias Carleton-Prangnell for a training day for stonemasons and conservation workers.

August 2022

Councillor Val Potheary, Chair of Dorset Council and a group from Dorset Council made a site visit to view progress. We are grateful for their grant support.

November 2022

Visit from High Sherriff of Dorset accompanied by the Chairman of Dorset Council. After laying wreaths on the grave of Tolpuddle Labourer, James Hammett, to mark the 131st anniversary of his death, the party then visited our construction site to view progress.

January 2023

It was great to greet Rev Ian Tattum and his wife, Rev Ruth Lampard.

This is the first visit researching the Old Chapel story as part of Ian's preparation for an article in the July 2023 issue of The Church Times.

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

February 2023

It was wonderful to welcome back to Tolpuddle a former resident and strong TOCT supporter, Liz Arkell. Following her visit, we are overjoyed to receive a substantial donation for our renovation project.

Final inspection of the renovation and construction works by Historic England.

It was good to receive Sarah Ball, At Risk Architect and Jessica Holland, Architect at Historic England.

Artists' Impressions.

During the year we have been privileged to receive three new artistic impressions of the Old Chapel from three artists. These will be added to our existing collection of works from three other artists.

They will all be eventually available in our onsite mini website.

October 2022 – Dr Rebecca Warren

November 2022 – Michelle Underwood

January 2023 – Phil Forder.

We welcome works from other artists to join our online gallery.

Meetings: Either face to face or digital.

Key meetings:

Trustee Meetings.

8th March 2022 – Preparation of a paper by Professor Philip Martin for International Women's Day 2023. Meeting with Andrew McCarthy and Professor Philip Martin approved digitally by trustees.

10th March 2022 – To discuss and authorise Chairman to sign a Grant & Loan Agreement between Dorset Council and Tolpuddle Old Chapel Trust to support the restoration of Tolpuddle Old Chapel dated March 2022.

28th March 2022.

Presentation by Professor Philip Martin of a Draft Business Plan to initiate discussion.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

14th April 2022.

Following interviews on 5th and 7th April for four short-term posts, all approved by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, trustees formally agreed to make four appointments for consultants for Activities, Formal Learning, Interpretation Designer and Evaluation.

The Chair of the Board of Trustees confirmed these appointments in writing on 19th April 2022.

10th June 2022.

Chair of Board of Trustees accepted the resignation of the Activity Consultant.

27th June 2022. Trustees approve job description for the new short-term post of Delivery Manager. (Previously approved by NLHF)

1st September 2022

Following formal interviews on 19th August 2022 for the post of TOCT Delivery Manager, trustees approved the appointment of Angela Herrera as Delivery Manager.

9th September 2022.

Trustees meet to agree to use the term 'Tolpuddle Labourers' within all our interpretation. This followed on research by Professor Philip Martin.

20th September 2022.

Meeting at the Tank Museum re Interpretation

17th October 2022.

Trustees agreed funding for TOCT mini web site as part of our Interpretation budget.

28th November 2022.

Trustees agree final wording for Interpretation.

15th December 2022.

Trustees agree updated Activity Plan for 2023.

10th January 2023

Trustees meet to approve request to National Lottery Heritage Fund for TOCT to draw down £2,700 from our Project Contingency towards the purchase of chairs and tables.

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

Progress Meetings with National Lottery Heritage Fund Team.

3rd March 2022 – On Line Progress Meeting with National Lottery Heritage Fund Team.

16th June 2022 – Progress Meeting with National Lottery Heritage Fund Team in Tolpuddle

26th September 2022 – On Line Progress Meeting with National Lottery Heritage Fund Team.

5th December 2022 – On Line Progress Meeting with National Lottery Heritage Fund Team.

Project Design Team Meetings - Monthly Progress Meetings:

During the year the Project Design Team along with representatives from Sally Strachey Historic Conservation and Greendale Construction met 12 times on site followed by a formal meeting in the afternoon in Tolpuddle Village Hall.

The Project Team members were:

Andrew McCarthy - TOCT Chairman

Crystal Johnson - Project Manager (until January 2023)

Robert Brunt – as of 1st February 2023

Robert Battersby– Architect & Director, Architecton, Bristol

Victoria Wales - Architect, Architecton Bristol

Trevor Groom – Quantity Surveyor

Honeysett – Structural Engineer

Craig Dashfield – Services Engineer

Justin Chappell – Construction, Design & Management Consultant

Jake Motley - Contract Manager, Sally Strachey Historic Conservation

John Mullins – Site Manager, Sally Strachey Historic Conservation

Neil Drizzle - Greendale Construction

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

Dates of Meetings:

29th March 2022

26th April 2022

31st May 2022

28th June 2022

28th July 2022

30th August 2022

27th September 2022

25th October 2022

29th November 2022

20th December 2022

31st January 2023

7th February 2023

Summary of Construction.

March 2022 saw the sourcing of chalk subsoil freely provided by a local farmer in Affpuddle. The chalk was an exact match for the chalk used in the construction of the cob wall of the Old Chapel in 1818.

The cob was transferred and manufactured into 300 cob blocks by Heritage Cob & Lime in Bideford.

Throughout the year, skilled stonemasons from Sally Strachey Historic Conservation worked tirelessly on the renovation of the Old Chapel, while engineers, carpenters and brick layers worked alongside them on the site of the new extension.

At times this was extremely challenging, for them working in such proximity to each other on a very restricted site. Understandably, this and other factors out of the control of TOCT caused the construction to overrun. Instead of the expected date of September 2022, the actual date of completion ran up to the end of February 2023.

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Highlights of this construction year are the dedicated work of the stonemasons. Two of them, Chris Insley and Andy Read were there for 12 months. They skillfully underpinned the brick plinth that supports the unique cob walls. They then used the 300 cob blocks to conserve all the damaged and cracked sections of the cob walls and lime plastered them to 'bring back to life' the work of the Tolpuddle Labourers of 1818 who originally constructed them. They conserved the brick drainage system within the floor from the stable phase of the building as well as laying a new limecrete floor.

The work of Glen Carroll, the bricklayer of Greendale Construction, is evident in the construction of the splendid stone boundary wall to the north of the site as well as in a variety of locations where he masterly incorporated recycled bricks which were saved from the site of three bricked up window reveals. Finally, Jason Ive, master carpenter and his team, moved and remade the massive King Pin roof trusses as well as creating new 'A' frame roof trusses for the extension.

Buildings are about people and people are about buildings, each influence each other. The work of the skilled Tolpuddle Labourers of 1818 has been lovingly conserved by our present day Tolpuddle Labourers.

At the end of February 2023, the building is nearly complete and looking splendid.

The Trustees are grateful to the following for their interest & support:

Thanks also to The National Lottery Heritage Fund, especially Katherine Sagar (Investment Manager, National Lottery Heritage Fund); Ellen Dempster (National Lottery Heritage Fund Consultant).

Historic England, Sarah Ball (Architect Partnerships Team, Historic England).

The Architectural Heritage Fund.

Dorset Council.

Heritage Cob & Lime

Puddletown Area Parish Council.

Charitable Trusts.

Numerous groups and individuals who have made donations which help move the project forward.

Our 1,250 plus Twitter followers & our Friends of Tolpuddle Old Chapel Trust.

Architects, Paul Richold, George Tasker & Victoria Wales of Architecton, Bristol.

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

Thank you to Victoria Wales, who is now guiding us through the last year of the construction phase of the project and to Architecton Director, Robert Battersby who has become actively involved during the year.

Thanks to the Trustees, TOCT Link Volunteers and to our consultants for their time, work & dedication.

Special thanks to Project Manager, Crystal Johnson, who continued to work far in excess of her contractual duties in contributing loyally to this exciting & unique project right up to the end of her contract in January 2023. The Trustees are grateful for her guidance throughout the exciting Delivery Phase of the project.

We are grateful for the on-going work of our new Delivery Manager, Angela Herrera, our Formal Learning Consultant, Kathy O'Borne and Nick Morris of the Wallis Agency.

Sincere thanks to our Treasurer, Colin Huckle, who patiently and accurately monitored our accounts and prepared TOCT for its annual audit.

Thanks to John Mullins, our Site Manager (Sally Strachey Historic Conservation), for his work in getting the building phase of the project off to such a good start in November 2021 and staying the course until February 2023.

A special thank you to Founder Trustee, Adrian Whittlesea, who stood down as a trustee on 6th February 2023. Adrian was one of the original team of four founders in 2013. He served as a trustee for nine years.

Adrian gave TOCT its clear vision as a Building Preservation Trust, seeing the building as a place of 'sanctuary', a place for quiet contemplation, a place of pilgrimage, as well as a venue for Heritage linked events and activities.

Adrian designed the TOCT logo and provided us with our original artist impression of what the renovated chapel and extension would look like. He has been a tremendous support to me and to TOCT.

I particularly wish to acknowledge the support which we have had from our families.

I look forward to the successful completion of construction works on site by Sally Strachey Historic Conservation and Greendale Construction.

After ten years of planning and development, it will be wonderful to see Tolpuddle Old Chapel renovated as a place for activities that will inspire a wide range of visitors and participants to engage with and understand the significance of the Old Chapel's history and give them a direct connection to the times of the Tolpuddle Labourers/Tolpuddle Martyrs.

Andrew McCarthy TOCT Chairman.

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

The Trustees (who are also the Directors for the purpose of Company Law) have pleasure in presenting their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 28 February 2023. The provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' (SORP FRS 102- implemented 1 January 2015) have been adopted in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document and Constitution

Tolpuddle Old Chapel Trust is a registered charity, charity number 1159578, and a company limited by guarantee, company number 08908950. The charity's registered office is The Old Chapel, 59A Main Road, Tolpuddle, Dorset, DT2 7DQ. The maximum liability of each member is limited to £10. At 28 February 2022 the company had 5 members who were also the charity's Trustee Directors. Tolpuddle Old Chapel Trust is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association as amended on 27 October 2014.

Tolpuddle Old Chapel Trust was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee on 24 February 2014.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

Trustees, who are also Directors of the Company, are appointed from the local community. The Trustees Board consists of at least three and not more than six individuals, all of whom must be members. Individuals may be appointed as Trustees by ordinary resolution of the members. No other persons or bodies external to the charity were entitled to appoint persons to the Trustee Board.

The following people were Trustees/Directors of the charity during the year and since the year end.

A. McCarthy	Trustee/Director/Chair
R. Brunt	Trustee/Director/Company Secretary
P. Martin	Trustee/Director
D. Willey	Trustee/Director
A. Whittlesea	Trustee/Director – Resigned 6 February 2023.

Induction of Trustees

Newly appointed Trustees are provided with an induction to Tolpuddle Old Chapel Trust and are mentored by established Trustees as necessary.

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of the charity and its objects as set out in the Articles of Association are specifically restricted to the preservation, maintenance, and renovation of the Grade II* listed former Methodist Chapel and its site in Tolpuddle, Dorset and its historical, architectural and constructional heritage for the benefit of the people of Tolpuddle and of the Nation.

Summary of Charitable Activities

Having completed the purchase of the former Methodist Chapel at Tolpuddle in February 2015, the charity has been able to carry out the emergency repairs to the building as previously detailed in the project viability report and progress with the planning and preparation phases of the renovation project during the year. The charitable activities are set out in more detail under the Achievements and Performance heading below.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in deciding the activities undertaken by the charity during the year. The Trustees are satisfied that the information provided in the report and accounts meets the public benefit reporting requirements.

The progress made during the year in preserving the former Methodist Chapel, carrying out planning and preparation works for the renovation project and starting construction in November 2021, are significant steps towards achieving the charity's purpose as set out above for the benefit of the people of Tolpuddle and the wider public.

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Position

Incoming resources in the year were £628,597 (2022: £141,242). Of this £628,597 (2022: £141,182) related to project restricted activities.

A deficit of £28,172 was made in the year (2022: deficit of £3,846). At the balance sheet date total unrestricted reserves were £10,759 in surplus (2022: £15,377) and restricted reserves were £73,257 in surplus (2022: £96,811).

The charity maintains a cash balance of £111,245 (2022: £88,049), it has net current assets of £59,457 (2022: £87,629). The total net assets are £84,016 (2022 : £112,188).

Reserves Policy

Still being relatively new, the charity is not yet in a position where it has been able to accumulate any significant unrestricted reserves. During its early years the charity's project to preserve and renovate the former Methodist Chapel will result in significant costs which are likely to mean that much of the incoming resources will be required to service expenditure on charitable activities. The Trustees are however aware of the importance of having sufficient free reserves available in each financial year to meet any reasonable foreseeable contingencies and will develop a more structured unrestricted reserves policy as the project progresses and surplus funds become available.

Where the charity receives incoming resources which have restrictions placed on their use by the donors they were held as restricted reserves to the extent that they have not been utilised for their prescribed use.

Going Concern

The charity's work on the former Methodist Chapel remains ongoing with the continued support of its members, friends, volunteers and donors as well as a number of both local and national organisations. In the circumstances, the Trustees have no uncertainties concerning the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of Tolpuddle Old Chapel Trust the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK 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 charitable company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by Trustees on 26 September 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Director
A McCarthy (Chair)

**TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023**

I report to the Charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of Tolpuddle Old Chapel Trust ("the Company") for the year ended 28 February 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the Company are not subject to an audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your Charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act ("the 2011 Act").

In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect:

1. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006;
2. the accounts do not comply with these records;
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair" which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the account have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

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

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

A P Rodgers FCCA (a partner of)
Advoco
Chartered Certified Accountants

14A Albany Road
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Dorset
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Date 26 September 2023

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD
(INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

		Unrestricte d funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
	Note				
Incoming resources:					
Donations and legacies		-	3,200	3,200	60
Charitable activities	2	-	625,397	625,397	141,182
Total incoming resources		<u>-</u>	<u>628,597</u>	<u>628,597</u>	<u>141,242</u>
Expenditure:					
Charitable activities					
Professional fees		-	55,120	55,120	143,372
Building repairs		-	597,031	597,031	
Insurance		1,636	-	1,636	549
Light and heat		489	-	489	-
Advertising & website		512	-	512	24
Accountancy	3	600	-	600	600
Legal		-	-	-	113
Sundry expenses		193	-	193	78
Loan interest		1,188	-	1,188	-
Depreciation	6	-	-	-	352
Total resources expended		<u>4,618</u>	<u>652,151</u>	<u>656,769</u>	<u>145,088</u>
Net incoming resources before transfers		(4,618)	(23,554)	(28,172)	(3,846)
Transfers between funds		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds for the year		(4,618)	(23,554)	(28,172)	(3,846)
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total funds brought forward		15,377	96,811	112,188	116,034
Total funds carried forward	9	<u>10,759</u>	<u>73,257</u>	<u>84,016</u>	<u>112,188</u>

The results for the year derive from continuing activities and there are no gains or losses other than those shown above.

The statement of financial activities incorporates the income and expenditure account.

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2023

		2023	2022
	Note	£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Heritage assets	6	24,559	24,559
Fixed assets	6	-	-
		<u>24,559</u>	<u>24,559</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	7	-	180
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>111,245</u>	<u>88,049</u>
		<u>111,245</u>	<u>88,229</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	8	<u>51,788</u>	<u>600</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		59,457	87,629
NET ASSETS		<u><u>84,016</u></u>	<u><u>112,188</u></u>
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITABLE COMPANY			
General	9	10,759	15,377
Restricted	9	<u>73,257</u>	<u>96,811</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	9	<u><u>84,016</u></u>	<u><u>112,188</u></u>

These accounts have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)

For the year ended 28 February 2023 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not requested the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476;

The trustees / directors' acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts

These financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 26 September 2023

A McCarthy (Chair)

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
28 FEBRUARY 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

General information and basis of accounting

Tolpuddle Old Chapel Trust is a company limited by guarantee incorporation in the United Kingdom under the Companies Act. The maximum liability of each member is limited to £10. The address of the registered office is given on page 1. The nature of the charity's operations and its principal activities are set out in the Trustees report on pages 10-13.

The financial statements have been prepared in £ sterling on the historical cost basis and 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) (effective 1 January 2015) – (Charities SORP FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity 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.

Going concern

The trustees are of the opinion that the accounts are prepared on the going concern basis.

Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income.

Donation income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable.

Income from grants, relating to charitable activities are included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable and in the period to which they relate. Grants are deferred when the monies have been received in advance of the period to which they relate. Where funds have not been received in a specific period, these funds will be accrued in debtors and recognised in the period to which they relate. Where grants received have conditions or restrictions as to their use attached the income is recognised as restricted income funds. Where no such conditions or restrictions exist, grants received are recognised as unrestricted income.

Donated services

In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), unpaid general volunteer time is not recognised in the financial statements. However, where unpaid specific volunteer tasks and other non-cash contributions are conditions for the receipt of grants, and those specific volunteer tasks and other non-cash contributions are valued by the grant provider, they are recognised in the financial statements at the values established by the grant provider which are considered to be a fair representation of their value to the charity.

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST
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Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its charitable activities. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them. Due to the specific nature of the charity's objects and the scale of its activities all costs are allocated directly to charitable activities.

Heritage assets

Heritage assets comprise the Grade II* listed former Methodist Chapel in Tolpuddle, Dorset which is recognised in the balance sheet at cost. Given the charity's objects, it is considered to have an indefinite expected useful economic life and is not therefore depreciated. Heritage assets are however reviewed annually for impairment with any required impairment provision being made as necessary.

Fixed assets

Tangible assets are stated at cost, less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. The cost of tangible assets includes directly attributable incremental costs incurred in their acquisition and installation.

Depreciation

Depreciation is charged so as to write off the cost of assets, other than land and properties under construction over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Equipment	20% Straight Line
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Debtors

Accrued income is recognised at the settlement amount due and prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount.

Concessionary loans received are initially recognised at the amounts received with the carrying amount adjusted in subsequent year to reflect repayments and any accrued interest, if payable.

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST
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28 FEBRUARY 2023

Taxation

The company is a registered charity and is therefore not liable to corporation tax to the extent that its income and gains are applicable to charitable purposes only. Value added tax is not recoverable by the company and is therefore included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Funds Accounting

Funds held by the charity are:

Unrestricted general funds - these are funds that can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds - these are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
2. INCOME				
Historic England	-	115,200	115,200	40,326
Pilgrim Trust	-	10,000	10,000	-
Dorset Council		30,000	30,000	-
Leonard Laity Charitable Trust	-	-	-	1,000
Joseph Rank Trust	-	35,000	35,000	-
Foyle Foundation	-	-	-	10,000
Heritage Lottery Fund	-	435,197	435,197	89,856
	<u>-</u>	<u>625,397</u>	<u>625,397</u>	<u>141,182</u>
			2023 £	2022 £
3. EXPENDITURE				
Independent examiners			<u>600</u>	<u>600</u>
			<u>600</u>	<u>600</u>

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
28 FEBRUARY 2023

4. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

No trustees received any remuneration during the period from the charity and they also did not claim reimbursement for any expenses that they incurred in their roles as trustees.

No trustee or other person related to the Charity, had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the Charity during the period. The trustees have not acted as agents or made purchases on behalf of the charity during the period.

5. EMPLOYEES

The company does not have any employees.

6. FIXED ASSETS

	Heritage Assets £	Equipment £
<u>Cost:</u>		
Brought forward	24,559	1,768
Additions	-	-
Carried forward	<u>24,559</u>	<u>1,768</u>
<u>Depreciation:</u>		
Brought forward	-	1,416
Charge for the year	-	352
Carried forward	<u>-</u>	<u>1,768</u>
<u>Net Book Value</u>		
28 February 2023	<u><u>24,559</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>
<u>Net Book Value</u>		
29 February 2022	<u><u>24,559</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>

The Charity's sole heritage asset comprises the Grade II listed former Methodist Chapel in Tolpuddle, Dorset. The Charity was created to acquire the building with the aim of preserving, maintaining and renovating the building and the site together with its historic, architectural and conservational heritage.

Whilst full access to the building will not be possible at all times whilst the major conservation works are being carried out, once the works have been completed, it is intended that the building and the site will be brought back into use.

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST
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7. DEBTORS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Prepayments	-	180
	<u>-</u>	<u>180</u>

8. CREDITORS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Loan	51,188	-
Accruals	600	600
	<u>51,788</u>	<u>600</u>

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST
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9 STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	Balance At 1-3-22 £	Incom e £	Expendit ure £	Transf ers £	Balance At 28-2-23 £
Unrestricted Funds					
General	15,377	-	(4,618)	-	10,759
Total Unrestricted Funds	<u>15,377</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,618)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,959</u>
Restricted Funds					
Pilgrim Trust	-	10,000 115,20	(10,000)	-	-
Historic England	10,942	0	(126,142)	-	-
Dorset Council	-	30,000	(30,000)	-	-
Joseph Rank Trust	-	35,000	(35,000)	-	-
The National Lottery Heritage fund	85,869	435,197	(451,009)	-	70,057
Donations and legacies		3,200			
Total Restricted Funds	<u>96,811</u>	<u>628,597</u>	<u>(652,151)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>70,057</u>
Total Funds	<u>112,188</u>	<u>628,597</u>	<u>(656,769)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>84,016</u>

- The general unrestricted fund represents the unrestricted funds of the Charity

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10. COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

The charity is limited by guarantee and does not have any share capital. The guarantee to the company is £10 per member on the winding up of the company.

At 28 February 2023 the company had 4 members who were also the charity's Trustee Directors.

11. CONTROL

The charitable company is controlled by its members, who are the Trustees.

12. COMMITMENTS

As at 28 February 2023, the Charity had no annual commitments under operating leases.

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1159578

Accounts

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST

(A Charitable company limited by guarantee and not having share capital)

Registered Company No: 08908950

Registered Charity No: 1159578

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
28 FEBRUARY 2022**

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST

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TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST

INFORMATION

Directors and Trustees The Directors (who are also Trustees under charity law) of the charitable company, all of whom served throughout the year were as follows:

A McCarthy (Chair)
R Brunt (Company Secretary)
P W Martin
D Willey
A Whittlesea

Company Secretary R Brunt

Treasurer C Huckle

Project Manager C Johnson

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TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2022

Background

I have set out the progress that the Trust has made since 1st March 2021.

The Tolpuddle Old Chapel Trust (TOCT) was established for the purpose of securing the ownership of the Grade II* listed former Methodist Chapel and its site in Tolpuddle, Dorset and to plan the renovation and appropriate re-use of the building.

The organisation was formed by local residents and volunteers with a specific interest in heritage matters, who felt they had a particular expertise to contribute.

The former chapel is listed as Grade II* by Historic England and is on their At-Risk Register, Historic England Building ID: 106409.

It was built in 1818 as a Methodist chapel. As a chapel it was used by the Dorsetshire Labourers, later known as the Tolpuddle Martyrs and it is believed that George Loveless and Thomas Stanfield (two of the Martyrs) were involved in the construction of the cob chapel and actually were lay preachers there. For sixteen years, the chapel became a 'sanctuary' for the families who worshipped there. It allowed them to exchange ideas and build confidence to challenge the injustices of their harsh living and working conditions and explore ways to mitigate their poverty and deprivation. These experiences paved the way for establishing a Friendly Society of Agricultural Workers in Tolpuddle.

The building has not been used as a chapel since 1844 when the lease expired. Since then it has been used for agricultural purposes. It has cob walls and a clay tiled roof. Prior to its purchase in February 2015, it was privately owned and was not accessible to the public.

The Trust registered as a private limited company by guarantee on 24th February 2014. Company number 08908950. Planning for the purchase and project preparation actually started in April 2013 under the guidance of The Architectural Heritage Fund.

It became a registered charity on 11th December 2014. Registered Charity no 1159578.

Objects of the Trust

The preservation, maintenance and renovation of the Grade II* listed former Methodist Chapel and its site in Tolpuddle, Dorset and its historical, architectural and constructional heritage, for the benefit of the people of Tolpuddle and of the Nation.

TOCT is committed to sympathetically preserving, renovating and maintaining the Grade II* listed building and its site as 'a quiet place in the heart of this historic Dorset village'. It is our hope that through the process of renovating the former chapel it will become a place for activities that will inspire a wide range of visitors and participants to engage with and understand the significance of the Old Chapel story and give them a direct connection to the times of the Dorsetshire Labourers/Tolpuddle Martyrs.

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2022

Trustees as of 28th February 2022

Andrew McCarthy - Chairman

Robert Brunt – Secretary

Adrian Whittlesea

David Willey

Philip Martin

Volunteers:

Sue Adams - Solicitor, Steele Raymond - as of 27th February 2014

Colin Clare – Webmaster – as of 17th February 2015

Phil Drake – Heritage Walks Co-ordinator – as of 18th May 2016

Rob Ellett – Mail Chimp Co-ordinator – as of 20th July 2018

Colin Huckle - Treasurer - as of 24th March 2014

Ian Cray – TOCT Photo & Video Producer/Editor – as of July 2018

Project Team

Andrew McCarthy - TOCT Chairman

Crystal Johnson - Project Manager

Paul Richold - Lead Designer & Architect, Architecton, Bristol.

George Tasker - Architect, Architecton Bristol

Victoria Wales - Architect, Architecton Bristol

Trevor Groom – Quantity Surveyor.

Barry Honeysett – Structural Engineer.

Craig Dashfield – Services Engineer.

Justin Chappell – Construction, Design & Management Consultant

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28th FEBRUARY 2022

The Building & Site

The Trust continues to care for the 'At Risk' building and site, ensuring that it is protected from the elements and maintaining the grass surrounds and its boundaries. In November 2021, renovation work commenced on site. Two new information boards provide information to the public about the project, its sponsors, and displays an image of the renovated and extended chapel.

Finance & Funding

Donations - £60.

Thank you to our Treasurer, Colin Huckle, for his continued support in processing the day to day financial transactions for the trust.

Awareness Raising Opportunities, 2021/2022.

The National Covid 19 lockdown restricted our usual awareness raising opportunities. However, thanks to our use of digital mailings, Twitter feed and our website, TOCT was able to maintain contact with our followers as well as attract new contacts.

- Friends of Tolpuddle Old Chapel Trust Newsletters April, July, December 2021 & New Year 2022.
- TOCT Website. www.tolpuddleoldchapeltrust.org.
- TOCT Twitter feed [@TolpuddleOCT](https://twitter.com/TolpuddleOCT)
- Many visitors to our website & Twitter feed signed up to become 'Friends of TOCT'. Anyone signing up to be a 'Friend' will receive periodic updates about the progress of the project by e-mail; there are now well over 200 'Friends'.

Website:

The TOCT website – www.tolpuddletrust.org, established in February 2015 by Colin Clare, Webmaster, who continues to provide the latest news about the project. I am grateful to Colin for his patience and attention to maintaining such an informative website.

Twitter: [@TolpuddleOC](https://twitter.com/TolpuddleOC)

I (TOCT Chair, Andrew McCarthy), continue editing our Twitter feed. The bulk of the work is carried out by Ian Cray, our Photo & Video Production Editor. Ian prepares creative copy and video snippets for each post, including composing the background digitised music. Since November 2021, he has faithfully attended the construction site, sometimes three or four times a week, to record video footage of building progress. He turns these into two-minute Tweets. The numbers of followers have increased to over 1,000 and many tweets record over 500 views, with numerous 'Likes' & 'Re-Tweets'. My sincere thanks to Ian for maintaining such a high standard of visual production.

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Educational & Research Hub:

TOCT Trustee, Philip Martin, continues to co-ordinate research into the 'The Missing Years' (1810 – 1834) of Non-Conformist worship in Tolpuddle, including the building and use of Tolpuddle Old Chapel. We look forward to our website being a digital Education & Research hub, a major contributor, source and guide for knowledge about the Tolpuddle Labourers and their families in Tolpuddle in the 19th century. Philip is preparing several research papers for publication in historical journals. These will also be available on our Educational & Research Hub. In relation to this work, TOCT hosted two remote student placements for second year undergraduates from Oxford Brookes University in 2021-22. The students worked on the preparation of materials for our research hub. It is expected that placements offering educational opportunity will become a regular part of our work.

Visitors:

In autumn 2021, TOCT resumed its practice of welcoming visitors by arrangement to the Old Chapel site.

We welcomed Professor Robert Colls, a distinguished historian and Professor Emeritus in History at De Montfort University. Since then, Professor Colls is kindly advising TOCT Trustee, Philip Martin, with his research into the writings and life of founding Tolpuddle Old Chapel Trustee and Lay preacher, George Loveless.

In January 2021, we were pleased to welcome Josh Gamston, an undergraduate student of building surveying from University College of Estate Management. Josh wrote a detailed report on the Grade II* listed building as part of his course.

Meetings:

Due to the National Covid 19 lockdown, trustees were restricted to telephone and online communication. Fortunately, regular face to face meetings re-started fully in autumn 2021.

Key meetings:

Trustee Digital Meetings.

24th March 2021. - Trustees agree that TOCT can only sign a contract with a contractor when we have sufficient guaranteed funding.

18th September 2021– Trustees agree for Chair to sign contract with Sally Strachey Historic Conservation, following guaranteed funding.

12th November 2021 – Trustees agree 2020 Chairman's Report.

TOCT AGM, 28th February 2022.

Digital Progress Meetings with National Lottery Heritage Fund Team.

3rd March 2021 - Progress Meeting with National Lottery Heritage Fund Team.

16th May 2021 – Progress Meeting with National Lottery Heritage Fund Team.

6th September 2021 - Progress Meeting with National Lottery Heritage Fund Team.

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6th December 2021 - – Progress Meeting with National Lottery Heritage Fund Team.

Project Design Team Meetings - Monthly Progress Meetings:

Due to the National Covid 19 lockdown, no face-to-face meetings were able to take place. Instead, TOCT Chair, Andrew McCarthy and TOCT Project Manager, Crystal Johnson, TOCT Project Manager, maintained weekly digital and telephone contact. Crystal has painstakingly continued to co-ordinate our interactions with The National Lottery Heritage Fund, Historic England, Architecton and Charitable Trust Funders. Regular face to face meetings re-started fully in autumn 2021.

Architecton was able to finalise the detailed structural requirements with Historic England. They refined our detailed plans and obtained full planning permission from Dorset Council. TOCT Trustees appointed a registered firm of conservation builders, Sally Strachey Historic Conservation, to renovate Tolpuddle Old Chapel.

The Project Design Team Meetings became Monthly Progress Meetings from October 2021. The Project Team members were joined by Jake Motley - Contract Manager, Sally Strachey Historic Conservation; John Mullins – Site Manager, Sally Strachey Historic Conservation & Luke Hillier – Greendale Construction.

Key Actions & Meetings:

17th March 2021 – Tender Packs approved

21st March 2021 to 28th April 2021, Site visits for prospective contractors.

10th April 2021 – Architecton submits full planning application to Dorset Council.

14th May 2021 to 13th August 2021 – Process of tendering, analysis, decision making in favour of Sally Strachey Historic Conservation and ensuring TOCT has secured guaranteed funding for the construction and social purpose aspects of the project.

19th August 2021 – Site visit by Architecton.

26th August 2021 – Project Team – Pre-Contract Zoom Meeting.

7th September 2021 – Pre-contract site meeting with Architecton.

21st October 2021 – Site Meeting

8th November 2021 – Site Meeting

(Site Office established 1st November 2021 & and work started on site on 8th November 2021.)

21st December 2021 Site Meeting.

1st February 2022 – Site Meeting

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The Trustees are grateful to the following for their interest & support:

The National Heritage Lottery Fund, especially Katherine Sagar (Investment Manager, National Heritage Lottery Fund); Ellen Dempster (National Lottery Heritage Fund Consultant).

Historic England, Sarah Ball (Architect Partnerships Team, Historic England).

The Architectural Heritage Fund.

Dorset Council.

Puddletown Area Parish Council.

Charitable Trusts.

Numerous individuals and groups who have made donations which help move the project forward.

Our 1,000 plus Twitter followers & our Friends of Tolpuddle Old Chapel Trust.

A particular mention of the loss of one of our strongest & loyal supporters, the author, Alan Gallop, who died on 20th November 2021. Alan was the author of 'Six for the Tolpuddle Martyrs', which highlights the significance of Tolpuddle Old Chapel within the Tolpuddle Story.

Architects, Paul Richold, George Tasker & Victoria Wales of Architecton, Bristol.

(A sincere Thank You to our architect, George Tasker, who in August 2021, moved to a new post after six years working with Lead Architect, Paul Richold of Architecton. George has made a major contribution to Tolpuddle Old Chapel Trust and its work to save our historic building. We welcome Victoria Wales, who is now guiding us through the construction phase of the project.)

Thanks to the Trustees, TOCT Link Volunteers and to our consultants for their time, work & dedication.

Special thanks to Project Manager, Crystal Johnson, who continues to work far in excess of her contractual duties in contributing loyally to this exciting & unique project. The Trustees are grateful for her continued guidance through the exciting Delivery Phase of the project.

Thanks to John Mullins, our Site Manager (Sally Strachey Historic Conservation), for his work in getting the building phase of the project off to such a good start in November 2021.

I particularly wish to acknowledge the support which we have had from our families.

I look forward to the successful continuation and completion of construction works on site by Sally Strachey Historic Conservation and Greendale Construction.

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After eight years of planning and development it will be wonderful to see Tolpuddle Old Chapel renovated to provide 'a quiet place in the heart of this historic Dorset village' and a place for activities that will inspire a wide range of visitors and participants to engage with and understand the significance of the Old Chapel story and give them a direct connection to the times of the Tolpuddle Labourers/Tolpuddle Martyrs.



Andrew McCarthy TOCT Chairman.

15-10 - 2022

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2022

The Trustees (who are also the Directors for the purpose of Company Law) have pleasure in presenting their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 28 February 2022. The provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' (SORP FRS 102- implemented 1 January 2015) have been adopted in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document and Constitution

Tolpuddle Old Chapel Trust is a registered charity, charity number 1159578, and a company limited by guarantee, company number 08908950. The charity's registered office is The Old Chapel, 59A Main Road, Tolpuddle, Dorset, DT2 7DQ. The maximum liability of each member is limited to £10. At 28 February 2022 the company had 5 members who were also the charity's Trustee Directors. Tolpuddle Old Chapel Trust is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association as amended on 27 October 2014.

Tolpuddle Old Chapel Trust was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee on 24 February 2014.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

Trustees, who are also Directors of the Company, are appointed from the local community. The Trustees Board consists of at least three and not more than six individuals, all of whom must be members. Individuals may be appointed as Trustees by ordinary resolution of the members. No other persons or bodies external to the charity were entitled to appoint persons to the Trustee Board.

The following people were Trustees/Directors of the charity during the year and since the year end.

A. McCarthy	Trustee/Director/Chair
R. Brunt	Trustee/Director/Company Secretary
P. Martin	Trustee/Director
D. Willey	Trustee/Director
A. Whittlesea	Trustee/Director
S. Jenner	Trustee/Director – Resigned 8 February 2022

Induction of Trustees

Newly appointed Trustees are provided with an induction to Tolpuddle Old Chapel Trust and are mentored by established Trustees as necessary.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of the charity and its objects as set out in the Articles of Association are specifically restricted to the preservation, maintenance, and renovation of the Grade II* listed former Methodist Chapel and its site in Tolpuddle, Dorset and its historical, architectural and constructional heritage for the benefit of the people of Tolpuddle and of the Nation.

Summary of Charitable Activities

Having completed the purchase of the former Methodist Chapel at Tolpuddle in February 2015, the charity has been able to carry out the emergency repairs to the building as previously detailed in the project viability report and progress with the planning and preparation phases of the renovation project during the year. The charitable activities are set out in more detail under the Achievements and Performance heading below.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in deciding the activities undertaken by the charity during the year. The Trustees are satisfied that the information provided in the report and accounts meets the public benefit reporting requirements.

The progress made during the year in preserving the former Methodist Chapel, carrying out planning and preparation works for the renovation project and starting construction in November 2021, are significant steps towards achieving the charity's purpose as set out above for the benefit of the people of Tolpuddle and the wider public.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2022

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Position

Incoming resources in the year were £141,242 (2021: £83,980). Of this £141,182 (2021: £83,510) related to project restricted activities.

A deficit of £3,846 was made in the year (2021: surplus of £52,458). At the balance sheet date total unrestricted reserves were £15,377 in surplus (2021: £17,033) and restricted reserves were £96,811 in surplus (2021: £99,001).

The charity maintains a cash balance of £88,049 (2021: £91,536), it has net current assets of £88,229 (2021: £91,723). The total net assets are £112,188 (2021 : £116,034).

Reserves Policy

Still being relatively new, the charity is not yet in a position where it has been able to accumulate any significant unrestricted reserves. During its early years the charity's project to preserve and renovate the former Methodist Chapel will result in significant costs which are likely to mean that much of the incoming resources will be required to service expenditure on charitable activities. The Trustees are however aware of the importance of having sufficient free reserves available in each financial year to meet any reasonable foreseeable contingencies and will develop a more structured unrestricted reserves policy as the project progresses and surplus funds become available.

Where the charity receives incoming resources which have restrictions placed on their use by the donors they were held as restricted reserves to the extent that they have not been utilised for their prescribed use.

Going Concern

The charity's work on the former Methodist Chapel remains ongoing with the continued support of its members, friends, volunteers and donors as well as a number of both local and national organisations. In the circumstances, the Trustees have no uncertainties concerning the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2022

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of Tolpuddle Old Chapel Trust the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK 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 charitable company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by Trustees on 15-10-2022 and signed on their behalf by:



Director
A McCarthy (Chair)

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST

I report to the Charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of Tolpuddle Old Chapel Trust ("the Company") for the year ended 28 February 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the Company are not subject to an audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your Charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act ("the 2011 Act").

In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect:

1. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006;
2. the accounts do not comply with these records;
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair" which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the account have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

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

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST



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Date 14-11-2022

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD
(INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Incoming resources:					
Donations and legacies		60	-	60	470
Charitable activities	2	-	141,182	141,182	83,510
Total incoming resources		60	141,182	141,242	83,980
Expenditure:					
Charitable activities					
Professional fees		-	143,372	143,372	29,959
Building repairs					
Insurance		549	-	549	509
Print, post, stationery		-	-	-	-
Advertising & website		24	-	24	-
Accountancy	3	600	-	600	600
Legal		113	-	113	-
Sundry expenses		78	-	78	100
Depreciation	6	352	-	352	354
Total resources expended		1,716	143,372	145,088	31,522
Net incoming resources before transfers		(1,656)	(2,190)	(3,846)	52,458
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds for the year		(1,656)	(2,190)	(3,846)	52,458
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total funds brought forward		17,033	99,001	116,034	63,576
Total funds carried forward	9	15,377	96,811	112,188	116,034

The results for the year derive from continuing activities and there are no gains or losses other than those shown above.

The statement of financial activities incorporates the income and expenditure account.

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2022

		2022		2021	
	Note	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Heritage assets	6		24,559		24,559
Fixed assets	6		<u>-</u>		<u>352</u>
			24,559		24,911
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	180		187	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>88,049</u>		<u>91,536</u>	
		88,229		<u>91,723</u>	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	8	<u>600</u>		<u>600</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			87,629		91,123
NET ASSETS			<u>112,188</u>		<u>116,034</u>
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITABLE COMPANY					
General	9		15,377		17,033
Restricted	9		<u>96,811</u>		<u>99,001</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	9		<u>112,188</u>		<u>116,034</u>

These accounts have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)

For the year ended 28 February 2022 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not requested the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476;

The trustees / directors' acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts

These financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on XX-XX-2022

A McCarthy (Chair)

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

General information and basis of accounting

Tolpuddle Old Chapel Trust is a company limited by guarantee incorporation in the United Kingdom under the Companies Act. The maximum liability of each member is limited to £10. The address of the registered office is given on page 1. The nature of the charity's operations and its principal activities are set out in the Trustees report on pages 10-13.

The financial statements have been prepared in £ sterling on the historical cost basis and 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) (effective 1 January 2015) – (Charities SORP FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity 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.

Going concern

The trustees are of the opinion that the accounts are prepared on the going concern basis.

Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income.

Donation income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable.

Income from grants, relating to charitable activities are included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable and in the period to which they relate. Grants are deferred when the monies have been received in advance of the period to which they relate. Where funds have not been received in a specific period, these funds will be accrued in debtors and recognised in the period to which they relate. Where grants received have conditions or restrictions as to their use attached the income is recognised as restricted income funds. Where no such conditions or restrictions exist, grants received are recognised as unrestricted income.

Donated services

In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), unpaid general volunteer time is not recognised in the financial statements. However, where unpaid specific volunteer tasks and other non-cash contributions are conditions for the receipt of grants, and those specific volunteer tasks and other non-cash contributions are valued by the grant provider, they are recognised in the financial statements at the values established by the grant provider which are considered to be a fair representation of their value to the charity.

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Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its charitable activities. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them. Due to the specific nature of the charity's objects and the scale of its activities all costs are allocated directly to charitable activities.

Heritage assets

Heritage assets comprise the Grade II* listed former Methodist Chapel in Tolpuddle, Dorset which is recognised in the balance sheet at cost. Given the charity's objects, it is considered to have an indefinite expected useful economic life and is not therefore depreciated. Heritage assets are however reviewed annually for impairment with any required impairment provision being made as necessary.

Fixed assets

Tangible assets are stated at cost, less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. The cost of tangible assets includes directly attributable incremental costs incurred in their acquisition and installation.

Depreciation

Depreciation is charged so as to write off the cost of assets, other than land and properties under construction over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Equipment	20% Straight Line
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Debtors

Accrued income is recognised at the settlement amount due and prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount.

Concessionary loans received are initially recognised at the amounts received with the carrying amount adjusted in subsequent year to reflect repayments and any accrued interest, if payable.

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Taxation

The company is a registered charity and is therefore not liable to corporation tax to the extent that its income and gains are applicable to charitable purposes only. Value added tax is not recoverable by the company and is therefore included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Funds Accounting

Funds held by the charity are:

Unrestricted general funds - these are funds that can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds - these are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
2. INCOME				
Historic England	-	40,326	40,326	691
Architectural Fund	-	-	-	8,712
Leonard Laity Charitable Trust	-	1,000	1,000	-
Woolfson foundation	-	-	-	50,000
Foyle Foundation	-	10,000	10,000	-
Heritage Lottery Fund	-	89,856	89,856	24,107
	-	141,182	141,182	83,510
			2022 £	2021 £
3. EXPENDITURE				
Independent examiners			600	600
			600	600

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4. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

No trustees received any remuneration during the period from the charity and they also did not claim reimbursement for any expenses that they incurred in their roles as trustees.

No trustee or other person related to the Charity, had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the Charity during the period. The trustees have not acted as agents or made purchases on behalf of the charity during the period.

5. EMPLOYEES

The company does not have any employees.

6. FIXED ASSETS

	Heritage Assets £	Equipment £
<u>Cost:</u>		
Brought forward	24,559	1,768
Additions	-	-
Carried forward	<u>24,559</u>	<u>1,768</u>
<u>Depreciation:</u>		
Brought forward	-	1,416
Charge for the year	-	352
Carried forward	<u>-</u>	<u>1,768</u>
<u>Net Book Value</u>		
28 February 2022	<u><u>24,559</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>
<u>Net Book Value</u>		
29 February 2021	<u><u>24,559</u></u>	<u><u>352</u></u>

The Charity's sole heritage asset comprises the Grade II listed former Methodist Chapel in Tolpuddle, Dorset. The Charity was created to acquire the building with the aim of preserving, maintaining and renovating the building and the site together with its historic, architectural and conservational heritage.

Whilst full access to the building will not be possible at all times whilst the major conservation works are being carried out, once the works have been completed, it is intended that the building and the site will be brought back into use.

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7. DEBTORS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Prepayments	<u>180</u>	<u>187</u>
	<u>180</u>	<u>187</u>

8. CREDITORS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Accruals	<u>600</u>	<u>600</u>
	<u>600</u>	<u>600</u>

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9 STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	Balance At 1-3-21 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance At 28-2-22 £
Unrestricted Funds					
General	17,033	60	(1,716)	-	15,377
Total Unrestricted Funds	<u>17,033</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>(1,716)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,377</u>
Restricted Funds					
Leonard Laity Charitable Trust	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
All Churches Trust	3,732	-	(3,732)	-	-
Garfield Weston	25,000	-	(25,000)	-	-
Valentine Charitable Trust	10,000	-	(10,000)	-	-
Historic England	-	40,326	(29,384)	-	10,942
Woolfson foundation	50,000	-	(50,000)	-	-
Foyle Foundation	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	-
The National Lottery Heritage fund	10,269	89,856	(14,256)	-	85,869
Total Restricted Funds	<u>99,001</u>	<u>141,182</u>	<u>(143,372)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>96,811</u>
Total Funds	<u>116,034</u>	<u>141,242</u>	<u>(145,088)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>112,188</u>

- The general unrestricted fund represents the unrestricted funds of the Charity
- The Garfield Weston Grant was unrestricted, however the Trustees have committed the Funds to the Project.

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10. COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

The charity is limited by guarantee and does not have any share capital. The guarantee to the company is £10 per member on the winding up of the company.

At 28 February 2022 the company had 5 members who were also the charity's Trustee Directors.

11. CONTROL

The charitable company is controlled by its members, who are the Trustees.

12. COMMITMENTS

As at 28 February 2022, the Charity had no annual commitments under operating leases.

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1159578

Accounts

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST

(A Charitable company limited by guarantee and not having share capital)

Registered Company No: 08908950

Registered Charity No: 1159578

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST

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TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST

INFORMATION

Directors and Trustees The Directors (who are also Trustees under charity law) of the charitable company, all of whom served throughout the year were as follows:

R Brunt (Company Secretary)
S Jenner – Resigned 8 February 2021
A McCarthy (Chair)
A Whittlesea
D Willey
P W Martin

Company Secretary R Brunt

Treasurer C Huckle

Project Manager C Johnson

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TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021

Background

I have set out the progress that the Trust has made since 1st March 2020.

The Tolpuddle Old Chapel Trust (TOCT) was established for the purpose of securing the ownership of the Grade II* listed former Methodist Chapel and its site in Tolpuddle, Dorset and to plan the renovation and appropriate re-use of the building.

The organisation was formed by local residents and volunteers with a specific interest in heritage matters, who felt they had a particular expertise to contribute.

The former chapel is listed as Grade II* by Historic England and is on their At-Risk Register, Historic England Building ID: 106409.

It was built in 1818 as a Methodist chapel. As a chapel it was used by the Dorsetshire Labourers, later known as the Tolpuddle Martyrs and it is believed that George Loveless and Thomas Stanfield (two of the Martyrs) were involved in the construction of the cob chapel and actually were lay preachers there. For sixteen years, the chapel became a 'sanctuary' for the families who worshipped there. It allowed them to exchange ideas and build confidence to challenge the injustices of their harsh living and working conditions and explore ways to mitigate their poverty and deprivation. These experiences paved the way for establishing a Friendly Society of Agricultural Workers in Tolpuddle.

The building has not been used as a chapel since 1844 when the lease expired. Since then it has been used for agricultural purposes. It has cob walls and a clay tiled roof. Prior to its purchase in February 2015, it was privately owned and was not accessible to the public.

The Trust registered as a private limited company by guarantee on 24th February 2014. Company number 08908950. Planning for the purchase and project preparation actually started in April 2013 under the guidance of The Architectural Heritage Fund.

It became a registered charity on 11th December 2014. Registered Charity no 1159578.

Objects of the Trust

The preservation, maintenance and renovation of the Grade II* listed former Methodist Chapel and its site in Tolpuddle, Dorset and its

historical, architectural and constructional heritage, for the benefit of the people of Tolpuddle and of the Nation.

TOCT is committed to sympathetically preserving, renovating and maintaining the Grade II* listed building and its site as 'a quiet place in the heart of this historic Dorset village'. It is our hope that through the process of renovating the former chapel it will become a place for activities that will inspire a wide range of visitors and participants to engage with and understand the significance of the Old Chapel story and give them a direct connection to the times of the Dorsetshire Labourers/Tolpuddle Martyrs.

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021

Trustees as of 28th February 2021

Andrew McCarthy - Chairman

Robert Brunt - Secretary

Adrian Whittlesea

David Willey

Philip Martin

Volunteers:

Sue Adams - Solicitor, Steele Raymond - as of 27th February 2014

Colin Clare - Webmaster - as of 17th February 2015

Phil Drake - Heritage Walks Co-ordinator - as of 18th May 2016

Rob Ellett - Mail Chimp Co-ordinator - as of 20th July 2018

Colin Huckle - Treasurer - as of 24th March 2014

Ian Cray - TOCT Photo & Video Producer/Editor - as of July 2018

Project Team

Andrew McCarthy - TOCT Chairman

Crystal Johnson - Project Manager

Paul Richold - Lead Designer & Architect, Architecton, Bristol.

George Tasker - Architect, Architecton Bristol

Trevor Groom - Quantity Surveyor.

Barry Honeysett - Structural Engineer.

Craig Dashfield - Services Engineer.

Justin Chappell - Construction, Design & Management Consultant

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28th FEBRUARY
2021

The Building & Site

The Trust continues to care for the 'at risk' building and site, ensuring that it is protected from the elements and maintaining the grass surrounds and its boundaries. Two interpretive information boards are provided on site, displaying information about the project and News & Events.

Finance & Funding

Donations - £470.

Thank you to our Treasurer, Colin Huckle, for his continued support in processing the day to day financial transactions for the trust.

Awareness Raising Opportunities, 2020/2021.

The National Covid 19 Lockdown restricted our usual awareness raising opportunities. However, thanks to our use of digital mailings, Twitter feed and our website, TOCT was able to maintain contact with our followers as well attract new contacts.

- Friends of Tolpuddle Old Chapel Trust Newsletters April, July, December 2020 & New Year 2021.
- TOCT Twitter feed [@TolpuddleOCT](#).
- TOCT Website. www.tolpuddleoldchapeltrust.org.
- Virtual Tolpuddle Martyrs' Festival 19th to 21st July 2020.
- TOCT Chair, Andrew McCarthy recorded two short videos welcoming the virtual audience to the Old Chapel and giving a progress update
- Tolpuddle Festival TOCT July Update - Details of funding and a plea for the remaining £23K required to make the project viable.
- Many visitors to our Twitter feed & our website signed up to become 'Friends of TOCT'. Anyone signing up to be a 'Friend' will receive periodic updates about the progress of the project by e-mail; there are now well over 200 'Friends'.

Website:

The TOCT website - www.tolpuddletrust.org, established in February 2015 by Colin Clare, Webmaster, continues to provide the latest news about the project.

Twitter: [@TolpuddleOCT](#)

In June 2020, TOCT Chair, Andrew McCarthy, took over editing our Twitter feed from Catherine Jefferson, who founded the site in 2016.

TOCT is extremely grateful to Catherine for all her work and innovation over the past four years.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28th FEBRUARY
2021

Meetings:

Due to the National Covid 19 Lockdown, trustees were restricted to telephone and online communication. Fortunately, they were able to maintain regular contact with each other as well as taking part in our AGM online

Key meetings:

16th June 2020 - Progress Meeting with National Lottery Heritage Fund Team.

17th September 2020 - Progress Meeting with National Lottery Heritage Fund Team.

9th December 2020 - Progress Meeting with National Lottery Heritage Fund Team.

26th February 2021 - TOCT AGM on-line

Project Design Team Meetings:

Due to the National Covid 19 Lockdown, no face-to-face meetings were able to take place. Instead, TOCT Chair, Andrew McCarthy and TOCT Project Manager, Crystal Johnson were able to maintain weekly contact with our team of architects at Architecton in Bristol. Despite the restriction, significant progress has been made towards deciding on the treatment required to stabilise the cob wall of the building.

Development Stage

- Crystal Johnson, TOCT Project Manager, has painstakingly continued to co-ordinate our interactions with The National Lottery Heritage Fund, Historic England, Architecton and Charitable Trust Funders.
- Our Project Team met on site on 3rd March 2020 with Sarah Ball, Historic England At Risk architect and her team to assess the condition of the cob structure of the building and to negotiate plans for the reinforcement of the land to the northern boundary.
- On 17th March 2020, part of the boundary wall to the north was removed, allowing the excavation of a trench along the north wall. This provided our architects and Historic England's consultant the opportunity of inspecting the previously buried brick plinth as well as allowing the plinth and cob to dry out.
- Historic England's consultant started the monthly measurements of the moisture content of the cob of the north wall.

- As a result of detailed analysis of the cob structure and trial digs in the chalk under the site, a decision was made as to the exact composition of the cob blocks required for the repair of the walls of the building.
- Fortunately, an exact match for the chalk used 202 years ago when the chapel was built was found on a farm in Affpuddle. A lorry load of chalk was extracted by hand by Nigel Jaggard, Conservation Builder, and transported to Heritage Cob & Lime in Bideford.

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28th FEBRUARY 2021

Development Stage - continued

- The chalk was processed into cob blocks and delivered back to Dorset on 6th February 2021 for storage, prior to being used to repair the cob walls of the old chapel.
- TOCT is grateful to Heritage Cob & Lime for their interest and dedication in the preparation of the cob blocks. We are also grateful to Nigel Jaggard for storing the blocks.
- Ian Cray, TOCT Photo & Video Producer/Editor, created a superb digital historic reconstruction on how Tolpuddle Old Chapel would have looked in 1818.
- TOCT trustees, Philip Martin, Rob Brunt and David Willey, each prepared information videos about what the project means to them. These were made available on our Twitter feed and on our website and were all well received.
- TOCT Trustee, Philip Martin, continues to co-ordinate research into the 'The Missing Years' (1810 - 1834) of Non-Conformist worship in Tolpuddle, including the building and use of Tolpuddle Old Chapel. We look forward to our website being a 'digital Education & Research hub', a major contributor, source and guide for knowledge about the Dorsetshire Labourers and their families in Tolpuddle in the 19th century. We continue expanding our academic network within the UK and abroad to help build this historical and educational resource base.
- During the year, TOCT produced fifteen 'Thank You' Tweets for our grant providers..

The Future

The National Covid 19 Lockdown, continues to challenge and lengthen our Development Stage. TOCT looks forward to finalising detailed

structural requirements with Historic England and to proceed with appointing a registered firm of conservation builders to renovate Tolpuddle Old Chapel.

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28th FEBRUARY 2021

The Trustees are grateful to the following for their interest & support:

The National Heritage Lottery Fund, especially Victoria Allott (Investment Manager, National Heritage Lottery Fund); Ellen Dempster (National Lottery Heritage Fund Consultant).

Historic England, Sarah Ball (Architect Partnerships Team, Historic England).

The Architectural Heritage Fund.

Dorset Council.

Charitable Trusts.

Numerous individuals and groups who have made donations which help move the project forward.

Architects Paul Richold & George Tasker.

Thanks to the Trustees, TOCT Link Volunteers and to our consultants for their time, work & dedication.

Special Thanks to Revd Stephanie Jenner, TOCT Trustee and Superintendent Minister of Dorset South & West Methodist Circuit. Sadly, Steph resigned as a TOCT trustee on 8th February 2021, for health reasons. Steph has worked tirelessly since the establishment of TOCT as a Building Preservation Trust. She has provided her fellow trustees with a breadth of vision and support in shaping our building preservation trust.

Special thanks to Project Manager, Crystal Johnson, who continues to work far in excess of her contractual duties in contributing loyally to this exciting & unique project. The Trustees are grateful to have her to continue to guide us skilfully through the Delivery Phase of the project.

I particularly wish to acknowledge the support which we have had from our families.

Andrew McCarthy TOCT Chairman.

18 November 2021

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28
FEBRUARY 2021

The Trustees (who are also the Directors for the purpose of Company Law) have pleasure in presenting their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 28 February 2021. The provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' (SORP FRS 102- implemented 1 January 2015) have been adopted in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document and Constitution

Tolpuddle Old Chapel Trust is a registered charity, charity number 1159578, and a company limited by guarantee, company number 08908950. The charity's registered office is The Old Chapel, 59A Main Road, Tolpuddle, Dorset, DT2 7DQ. The maximum liability of each member is limited to £10. At 28 February 2021 the company had 5 members who were also the charity's Trustee Directors. Tolpuddle Old Chapel Trust is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association as amended on 27 October 2014.

Tolpuddle Old Chapel Trust was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee on 24 February 2014.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

Trustees, who are also Directors of the Company, are appointed from the local community. The Trustees Board consists of at least three and not more than six individuals, all of whom must be members. Individuals may be appointed as Trustees by ordinary resolution of the members. No other persons or bodies external to the charity were entitled to appoint persons to the Trustee Board.

The following people were Trustees/Directors of the charity during the year and since the year end.

R Brunt	Trustee/Director/Company Secretary
S Jenner	Trustee/Director - Resigned 8 February 2021
A McCarthy	Trustee/Director/Chair
A Whittlesea	Trustee/Director
D Willey	Trustee/Director
P W Martin	Trustee/Director

Induction of Trustees

Newly appointed Trustees are provided with an induction to Tolpuddle Old Chapel Trust and are mentored by established Trustees as necessary.

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28
FEBRUARY 2021

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of the charity and its objects as set out in the Articles of Association are specifically restricted to the preservation, maintenance and renovation of the Grade II* listed former Methodist Chapel and its site in Tolpuddle, Dorset and its historical, architectural and constructional heritage for the benefit of the people of Tolpuddle and of the Nation.

Summary of Charitable Activities

Having completed the purchase of the former Methodist Chapel at Tolpuddle in February 2015, the charity has been able to carry out the emergency repairs to the building as previously detailed in the project viability report and progress with the planning and preparation phases of the renovation project during the year. The charitable activities are set out in more detail under the Achievements and Performance heading below.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in deciding the activities undertaken by the charity during the year. The Trustees are satisfied that the information provided in the report and accounts meets the public benefit reporting requirements.

The progress made during the year in preserving the former Methodist Chapel and carrying out planning and preparation works for the renovation project are the first significant steps towards achieving the charity's purpose as set out above for the benefit of the people of Tolpuddle and the wider public.

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28
FEBRUARY 2021

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Position

Incoming resources in the year were £83,980 (2020: £55,277). Of this £83,510 (2020: £49,920) related to project restricted activities.

A surplus of £52,458 was made in the year (2020: surplus of £25,299). At the balance sheet date total unrestricted reserves were £17,033 in surplus (2020: £24,844) and restricted reserves were £99,001 in surplus (2020: £38,732).

The charity maintains a cash balance of £91,536 (2020: £38,775), it has net current assets of £91,123 (2020: £38,311). The total net assets are £116,034 (2020 : £63,576).

Reserves Policy

Still being relatively new, the charity is not yet in a position where it has been able to accumulate any significant unrestricted reserves. During its early years the charity's project to preserve and renovate the former Methodist Chapel will result in significant costs which are likely to mean that much of the incoming resources will be required to service expenditure on charitable activities. The Trustees are however aware of the importance of having sufficient free reserves available in each financial year to meet any reasonable foreseeable contingencies and will develop a more structured unrestricted reserves policy as the project progresses and surplus funds become available.

Where the charity receives incoming resources which have restrictions placed on their use by the donors they were held as restricted reserves to the extent that they have not been utilised for their prescribed use.

Going Concern

The charity's work on the former Methodist Chapel remains ongoing with the continued support of its members, friends, volunteers and donors as well as a number of both local and national organisations. In the circumstances, the Trustees have no uncertainties concerning the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28
FEBRUARY 2021

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of Tolpuddle Old Chapel Trust the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK 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 charitable company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by Trustees on 18-11-2021 and signed on their behalf by:

Director
A McCarthy (Chair)

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST**

I report to the Charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of Tolpuddle Old Chapel Trust ("the Company") for the year ended 28 February 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the Company are not subject to an audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your Charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act ("the 2011 Act").

In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect:

1. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006;
2. the accounts do not comply with these records;
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair" which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the account have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

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

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST

A P Rodgers FCCA (a partner of)
Advoco
Chartered Certified Accountants

14A Albany Road
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Date 21-11-2021

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD
(INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021

		Unrestric ted funds	Restric ted funds	Total funds 2021	Total funds 2020
	No te	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources:					
Donations and legacies		470	-	470	5,357
Charitable activities	2	-	83,510	83,510	49,920
Total incoming resources		470	83,510	83,980	55,277
Expenditure:					
Charitable activities					
Professional fees		-	29,959	29,959	26,429
Building repairs					-
Insurance		509	-	509	579
Print, post, stationery		-	-	-	-
Advertising & website		-	-	-	99
Accountancy	3	600	-	600	600
Legal		-	-	-	1,694
Sundry expenses		100	-	100	223
Depreciation	6	354	-	354	354
Total resources expended		1,563	29,959	31,522	29,978
Net incoming resources before transfers		(1,093)	53,551	52,458	25,299
Transfers between funds		(6,718)	6,718	-	-
Net movement in funds for the year		(7,811)	60,269	52,458	25,299
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total funds brought forward		24,844	38,732	63,576	38,277

Total funds carried forward	9	<u>17,033</u>	<u>99,001</u>	<u>116,034</u>	<u>63,576</u>
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The results for the year derive from continuing activities and there are no gains or losses other than those shown above.

The statement of financial activities incorporates the income and expenditure account.

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2021

		2020	2019
	Not e	£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Heritage assets	6	24,559	24,559
Fixed assets	6	352	706
		<u>24,911</u>	<u>25,265</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	7	187	136
Cash at bank and in hand		38,775	38,911
		<u>91,536</u>	<u>38,911</u>
		<u>91,723</u>	<u>1</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	8	600	600
NET CURRENT ASSETS		91,123	38,311
NET ASSETS		<u>116,034</u>	<u>63,576</u>
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITABLE COMPANY			
General	9	17,033	24,844
Restricted	9	99,001	38,732
TOTAL FUNDS	9	<u>116,034</u>	<u>63,576</u>

These accounts have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)

For the year ended 28 February 2021 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not requested the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476;

The trustees / directors' acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts

These financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 18-11-2021

A McCarthy (Chair)

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR
ENDED
28 FEBRUARY 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

General information and basis of accounting

Tolpuddle Old Chapel Trust is a company limited by guarantee incorporation in the United Kingdom under the Companies Act. The maximum liability of each member is limited to £10. The address of the registered office is given on page 1. The nature of the charity's operations and its principal activities are set out in the Trustees report on pages 10-13.

The financial statements have been prepared in £ sterling on the historical cost basis and 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) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity 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.

Going concern

The trustees are of the opinion that the accounts are prepared on the going concern basis.

Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income.

Donation income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable.

Income from grants, relating to charitable activities are included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable and in the period to which they relate. Grants are deferred when the monies have been received in advance of the period to which they relate. Where funds have not been received in a specific period, these funds will be accrued in debtors and recognised in the period to which they relate. Where grants received have conditions or restrictions as to their use attached the income is recognised as restricted income funds. Where no such conditions or restrictions exist, grants received are recognised as unrestricted income.

Donated services

In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), unpaid general volunteer time is not recognised in the financial statements. However, where unpaid specific volunteer tasks and other non-cash contributions are conditions for the receipt of grants, and those specific volunteer tasks and other non-cash contributions are valued by the grant provider, they are recognised in the financial statements at the values established by the grant provider which are considered to be a fair representation of their value to the charity.

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ENDED
28 FEBRUARY 2021

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its charitable activities. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them. Due to the specific nature of the charity's objects and the scale of its activities all costs are allocated directly to charitable activities.

Heritage assets

Heritage assets comprise the Grade II* listed former Methodist Chapel in Tolpuddle, Dorset which is recognised in the balance sheet at cost. Given the charity's objects, it is considered to have an indefinite expected useful economic life and is not therefore depreciated. Heritage assets are however reviewed annually for impairment with any required impairment provision being made as necessary.

Fixed assets

Tangible assets are stated at cost, less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. The cost of tangible assets includes directly attributable incremental costs incurred in their acquisition and installation.

Depreciation

Depreciation is charged so as to write off the cost of assets, other than land and properties under construction over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Equipment	20% Straight Line
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Debtors

Accrued income is recognised at the settlement amount due and prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the

obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount.

Concessionary loans received are initially recognised at the amounts received with the carrying amount adjusted in subsequent year to reflect repayments and any accrued interest, if payable.

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR
ENDED
28 FEBRUARY 2021

Taxation

The company is a registered charity and is therefore not liable to corporation tax to the extent that its income and gains are applicable to charitable purposes only. Value added tax is not recoverable by the company and is therefore included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Funds Accounting

Funds held by the charity are:

Unrestricted general funds - these are funds that can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds - these are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

	Unrestrict ed Funds £	Restrict ed Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
2. INCOME				
Historic England	-	691	691	-
Architectural Fund	-	8,712	8,712	-
All Churches Trust	-	-	-	12,800
			50,00	
Woolfson foundation	-	50,000	0	-
Garfield Weston	-	-	-	25,000
Valentine Charitable Trust	-	-	-	10,000
Heritage Lottery Fund	-	24,107	24,10 7	2,120
	-	83,510	83,51 0	49,920
			2021 £	2020 £

3. EXPENDITURE

Independent
examiners

600	600
<u>600</u>	<u>600</u>

TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR
ENDED
28 FEBRUARY 2021

4. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

No trustees received any remuneration during the period from the charity and they also did not claim reimbursement for any expenses that they incurred in their roles as trustees.

No trustee or other person related to the Charity, had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the Charity during the period. The trustees have not acted as agents or made purchases on behalf of the charity during the period.

5. EMPLOYEES

The company does not have any employees.

6. FIXED ASSETS

	Heritage	
	Assets	Equipme
	£	nt
		£
<u>Cost:</u>		
Brought forward	24,559	1,768
Additions	-	-
Carried forward	<u>24,559</u>	<u>1,768</u>
<u>Depreciation:</u>		
Brought forward	-	1,062
Charge for the year	-	354
Carried forward	<u>-</u>	<u>1,416</u>
<u>Net Book Value</u>		
28 February 2021	<u>24,559</u>	<u>352</u>
<u>Net Book Value</u>	<u>24,559</u>	<u>706</u>

29 February 2020

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The Charity's sole heritage asset comprises the Grade II listed former Methodist Chapel in Tolpuddle, Dorset. The Charity was created to acquire the building with the aim of preserving, maintaining and renovating the building and the site together with its historic, architectural and conservational heritage.

Whilst full access to the building will not be possible at all times whilst the major conservation works are being carried out, once the works have been completed, it is intended that the building and the site will be brought back into use.

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7. DEBTORS

	2021	2020
	£	£
Prepayments	<u>187</u>	<u>136</u>
	<u>187</u>	<u>136</u>

8. CREDITORS

	2021	2020
	£	£
Accruals	<u>600</u>	<u>600</u>
	<u>600</u>	<u>600</u>

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9 STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	Balanc e At 1-3- 20 £	Incom e £	Expendit ure £	Transf ers £	Balance At 28- 2-21 £
Unrestricted Funds					
General	24,844	470	(1,563)	(6,718)	17,033
Total Unrestricted Funds	<u>24,844</u>	<u>470</u>	<u>(1,563)</u>	<u>(6,718)</u>	<u>17,033</u>
Restricted Funds					
Dorset County Council	-	-	-	-	-
All Churches Trust	3,732	-	-	-	3,732
Garfield Weston	25,000	-	-	-	25,000
Valentine Charitable Trust	10,000	-	-	-	10,000
Historic England	-	691	(691)	-	-
Woolfson foundation	-	50,000	-	-	50000
Architectural Fund	-	8,712	(8,712)	-	-
The National Lottery Heritage fund	-	24,107	(20,556)	6,718	10,269
Total Restricted Funds	<u>38,732</u>	<u>83,510</u>	<u>(29,959)</u>	<u>6,718</u>	<u>99,001</u>
Total Funds	<u>63,576</u>	<u>83,980</u>	<u>(31,522)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>116,034</u>

- The general unrestricted fund represents the unrestricted funds of the Charity
- The Garfield Weston Grant was unrestricted, however the Trustees have committed the Funds to the Project.

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10. COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

The charity is limited by guarantee and does not have any share capital. The guarantee to the company is £10 per member on the winding up of the company.

At 28 February 2021 the company had 5 members who were also the charity's Trustee Directors.

11. CONTROL

The charitable company is controlled by its members, who are the Trustees.

12. COMMITMENTS

As at 28 February 2021, the Charity had no annual commitments under operating leases.