

Charity Registration No: 1159652

Tunbridge Wells Gospel Hall Trust

**Report of the trustees and
unaudited financial statements
Year ended 5 April 2024**

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Reference and administrative details For the year ended 5 April 2024

Charity name	Tunbridge Wells Gospel Hall Trust
Registered charity number	1159652
Trustees	R Allen T W Fleck (Chair) B W Lynes R Marriott T J Woodcock
Treasurer	B W Lynes
Principal address	The Meeting Hall Whetsted Road Five Oak Green Tonbridge TN12 6RT
Independent examiner	L Bowie Kingfield Cackle Street Brede Rye TN31 6DX
Bankers	Bank of Scotland plc PO Box 1000 BX2 1LB
Solicitors	Watson & Watson Mercury House Shrewsbury Business Park Shrewsbury SY2 6LG

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Report of the Trustees For the year ended 5 April 2024

The Trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 5 April 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 10-11 and comply with the Trust Deed and applicable law.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The Charity is an unincorporated trust constituted by a Deed of Trust dated 25th February 2003, most recently amended by Deed of Variation dated 15th August 2014. The Trust was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 17th December 2014 under Charity Registration Number: 1159652

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The names of the Trustees who served during the year and since the year end are set out on page 2. None of the Trustees, nor any person connected with them, received any remuneration or expenses from the Charity in the year ended 5 April 2024 (2023: £nil).

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

Wider network

The Trustees maintain informal links with similar charities with a view to pooling experience considered useful in pursuing the objects of the Charity. The Charity also maintains particular links with Milton Gospel Hall Trust, with which it shares members of its congregation

Risk management

The Trustees have identified and reviewed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed and confirm that they have established systems or procedures to manage and mitigate those risks.

Objectives and activities

Objectives and aims

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

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty under section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance to charities on public benefit.

Main activities and achievements

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

The Trust's main achievements this year have included inviting to the hall local congregation and visitors from other congregations further afield and overseas and encouraging good works by them which benefit the wider community, as described below.

The Trust has also supported the Milton Gospel Trust by providing support both financially and physically with members of the congregation in refurbishing and renovating the Milton Gospel Halls in Tunbridge Wells and Tonbridge giving the benefitting the congregation and wider with better facilities.

The Emergency Needs Fund which the trust has supported in the past has not been used so extensively this year, however the Trust remains available and ready to step in and provide extra limited assistance by the way of grocery vouchers or similar to households who experience hardship such that it is likely to impact on the health and/or welfare of members of the household. The trust continues to liaise with a Local Welfare Panel to manage the application process and to administer the needed support to qualifying applicants.

Plans for Future Periods

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

Meetings

Meetings held at the Gospel Hall would normally include the Lord's Supper (Communion), Gospel preachings, Bible readings and Bible addresses. There is a structured weekly schedule of meetings and, depending on the particular meeting, between 25 and 300 people normally attend these occasions.

The meetings are attended by the regular congregation and most are open to other properly disposed visitors. The notice board outside the Hall welcomes visitors and displays the times of Gospel preachings, along with a telephone number for those seeking further information or help. Gospel tracts, which are distributed by street preachers, also display this information.

Bibles and an extensive range of other Christian reading material are on display at the hall[s] and visitors are free to help themselves.

Spreading the Gospel message and the life of a Christian

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

Members of the congregation participate in a programme of street preaching and Gospel tracts and Bibles are provided free of charge by the Charity to such preachers to be handed out to interested members of the public.

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In addition to street preaching in some of the local town centres including Paddock Wood and Tonbridge, members of the congregation have continued their commitment to supporting the Rapid Relief Team (a separate charity) in their support of those in need and needs of the local community, this has included supporting food and welfare boxes to homeless charities in the locality as well as those who have been displaced in the war in Ukraine to supporting the emergency services with refreshments and supporting local communities in litter picking duties. The Trust has been pleased to make its external facilities available to be used as a meeting point for these volunteers along with the storage and a gathering point for the equipment for these activities to be carried out.

In carrying out this work, the congregation considers itself to be living out its faith in practice, as particularly exemplified in the following extract from the schedule to the Trust Deed on living a Christian life:

- We seek and are encouraged to live exemplary lives in all our relationships with others in the wider community (including former Brethren), in accordance with the teachings of Holy Scripture (1 Tim 2:2).
- We regularly go out from our homes to preach on the streets, to distribute Christian literature and engage with the wider community (including former Brethren) in order to present eternal salvation, available to all men by faith in Jesus Christ. (2 Tim 4:2).
- We seek as members of the public to lead Christian lives as husbands and wives, parents, children, employers, employees and neighbours. (Col 3:22-25, Col 4:1).
- The preservation and protection of the family unit is fundamental and children are prized as a blessing from God. (Psalm 127:3-5). The elderly are valued members of the community, for whom both their family and the wider community are expected to care.
- Holy Scripture commands us to be good neighbours to others, and deal with all other people (including former Brethren) openly, honestly and fairly and consistent with these principles, we should give our time, talents and money to assist those in need in the wider community, in so far as reasonable given our abilities and our available resources. (Matt 7:12, Matt 22:39, Eph 4:28).

Funding

Funding is sought through gifts from the congregation and Gift Aid is claimed on eligible donations. Funding is sometimes received from other charitable trusts with complementary objectives.

Financial review

Financial position

In the year ended 5th April 2024, the Trust had a modest surplus of incoming resources, over resources expended. Total voluntary income received this year was £181,088 compared to £135,328 in the previous year.

All funds held were unrestricted funds.

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The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs, based on its size and the level of its financial commitments. The Trust has no employees and its regular outgoings are minimal. Accordingly, the Trustees have decided to adopt a policy of maintaining no significant reserves. The congregation is kept regularly informed as to particular needs for funds, and other relevant matters and the Trustees aim to ensure that the Charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure, by raising a funds appeal to the congregation.

Free reserves at the year end were £nil. (2023: £nil)

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

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

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

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. All transactions have been reviewed and approved by two trustees.

On behalf of the Board:



Tim Fleck
Trustee

Date: 01/02/25

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees For the year ended 5 April 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Tunbridge Wells Gospel Hall Trust for the year ended 05 April 2024.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

BASIS OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking of explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.


INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination, because I am a member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA)

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act;
or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

 22.01.2025
..... (Signed, Date)

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Statement of financial activities For the year ended 5 April 2024

Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies:					
Collections	35,400	0	0	35,400	37,850
Contributions from the congregation	87,575	0	0	87,575	56,200
Gift Aid donations	43,165	0	0	43,165	29,035
Gift Aid refunds received	10,791	0	0	10,791	7,259
Payroll giving	4,157	0	0	4,157	4,984
Investments					
Bank interest	565	0	0	565	18
Total	181,653	0	0	181,653	135,346
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Grant to affiliated charity	0	0	0	0	418,111
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities					
Running meeting rooms	101,097	0	0	101,097	98,671
Other charitable activities	5,269	0	0	5,269	631
Cost of donated services	4 3,597	0	0	3,597	3,625
Total	5 109,963	0	0	109,963	95,584
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Net income/(expenditure)	71,690	0	0	71,690	(378,349)
Net movement in funds	71,690	0	0	71,690	(378,349)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	1,758,053	0	0	1,758,053	2,136,402
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Total funds carried forward	1,829,743	0	0	1,829,743	1,758,053

The notes on pages 10 to 15 form part of these financial statements. All of the above activities are classed as continuing and there are no gains and losses other than those included above.

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**Balance Sheet
As at 5 April 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	6	1,975,715	2,016,260
Current assets			
Debtors:			
Prepayments and accrued income		2,540	1,659
Gift aid due from HMRC		13,535	4,074
Cash at bank and in hand		128,060	26,035
		144,135	31,768
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year:			
Accruals and deferred income		(3,108)	(2,975)
Loans		(287,000)	(287,000)
Net current assets		(145,973)	(258,207)
Total assets less current liabilities		1,829,743	1,758,053
Net assets		1,829,743	1,758,053
Funds			
Unrestricted income fund		1,829,743	1,758,053
Restricted funds		-	-
Total funds	7	1,829,743	1,758,053

The unaudited financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustee of Tunbridge Wells Gospel Hall Trust on 2024 and signed on their behalf by

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Bruce Lynes
Trustee

The notes on pages 11 to 16 form part of these financial statements

Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 5 April 2024

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Second edition of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

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

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

1.2 Income

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

Donated services are recognised as income and expenditure in the financial statements when organisations or individuals offer their services and support pro bono. The value of these donated services to ABC Gospel Hall Trust is considered to be equal to market value which would be paid were the service formally procured. This includes services paid for by other trusts.

Investment income is accounted for on a receivable basis.

1.3 Expenditure

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

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

1.4 Governance and support costs

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

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets (costing more than £1,000) are stated at cost less depreciation. Freehold land is not depreciated. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Freehold buildings	2% straight line
Temporary buildings	20% straight line
Fixtures and Fittings	10% straight line

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- Computer equipment 25% straight line
- 1.6 **Taxation**
The Trust is a registered charity and is not liable to United Kingdom income or corporation tax on charitable activities, provided income falls within the charitable exemptions and is spent on charitable purposes.
- 1.7 **Funds**
The general unrestricted fund is free for the Trustees to use for any purposes in furtherance of the trust's charitable objects.

Restricted funds arise from donations to the trust, which are made for a specific purpose. Restricted funds can only be used for the purpose for which funds were given.
- 1.8 **Preparation of consolidated financial statements**

The Charity does not have a trading subsidiary.
- 1.9 **Going concern**
The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.
- 1.10 **Significant estimates and judgements**
The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.
- 2. Trustees' remuneration and expenses**

No Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits from an employment with the charity and no Trustees were reimbursed for expenses (2023: None).
- 3. Wages and salaries**

There are no employees (2023: none).
- 4. Donated services**

<i>Donated to:</i>	2024	2023
	£	£
Milton Gospel Hall Trust	3,597	3,625
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5. Resources expended

	Meeting rooms	Other charitable activities	2024	Meeting Rooms	Other charitable activities	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Direct costs						
- Repairs and Maint'ce	8,107		8,107	9,182		9,182
- Utilities	24,429		24,429	11,353		11,353
- Insurance	2,884		2,884	2,068		2,068
- Telephone & IT	1,815		1,815	1,581		1,581
- Security	1,700		1,700	1,539		1,539
- Other direct costs	8,046	5,000	13,046	10,689	575	11,264
- Interest cost	8,410		8,410	6,223		6,223
- Depreciation	40,545		40,545	40,530		40,530
Support costs	2,224	116	2,340	2,324	16	2,340
Governance	2,937	153	3,090	5,839	40	5,879
	101,097	5,269	106,336	91,328	631	91,959

Governance costs include £600 (2023: £600) in respect of independent examiner's fees.

6. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Property and Refurbishment	Furniture, fixtures & fittings	Computer equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
Brought forward at 6 April 2023	2,483,627	89,368	1,134	2,574,129
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 5 April 2024	2,483,627	89,368	1,134	2,574,129
Depreciation				
Brought forward at 6 April 2023	482,734	74,852	284	557,870
Charge for the year	38,649	1,613	284	40,545
Impairment	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-

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At 5 April 2024	521,383	76,465	567	598,415
Net book value At 5 April 2024	1,962,244	12,904	567	1,975,715
At 5 April 2023	2,000,893	14,516	850	2,016,260

Property Details:

Land registry titles of the above property held are **K788361**.

7. Analysis of net assets between funds

7.1 Current year

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Tangible fixed assets	1,975,715	-	1,975,715
Current assets	144,135	-	144,135
Current liabilities	290,108	-	290,108
Total funds	1,829,743	-	1,829,743

7.2 Prior year

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total Funds £
Tangible fixed assets	2,016,260	-	2,016,260
Current assets	31,768	-	31,768
Current liabilities	289,975	-	289,975
Total funds	1,758,053	-	1,758,053

8. Movement in funds

8.1 Current year

Balance at 6 April 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Realised/ unrealised gains and losses	Balance at 5 April 2024
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	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds	-	-	-	-	-
Designated Funds	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted funds	1,758,053	181,653	109,963	-	1,829,743
Total funds	1,758,053	181,653	109,963	-	1,829,743

8.2 Prior year

	Balance at 6 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Realised/ unrealised gains and losses £	Balance at 5 April 2023 £
Restricted funds	-	-	-	-	-
Designated Funds	375	-	375	-	-
Unrestricted funds	2,136,027	135,346	513,320	-	1,758,053
Total funds	2,136,402	135,346	513,695	-	1,758,053

9. Transactions with related parties

Donations were made during the year by related parties totalling £65,810 (2023: £30,185).

10. Volunteers

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

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Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 5 April 2024

11. Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Income and endowments from:					
<i>Donations and legacies:</i>					
Collections		37,850	-	-	37,850
Contributions from the congregation		56,200	-	-	56,200
Gift Aid donations		29,035	-	-	29,035
Gift Aid refunds received		7,259	-	-	7,259
Payroll giving		4,984	-	-	4,984
<i>Investments</i>					
Bank interest		18	-	-	18
Total		135,346	-	-	135,346
Grant to affiliated charity		418,111	-	-	418,111
Expenditure on:					
<i>Charitable activities</i>					
Running meeting rooms	5	91,328	-	-	98,671
Other charitable activities	5	256	375	-	631
Cost of donated services	4	3,625	-	-	3,625
Total		95,209	375	-	95,584
Net income/(expenditure)		(377,974)	(375)	-	(378,349)
Net movement in funds		(377,974)	(375)	-	(378,349)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		2,136,027	375	-	2,136,402
Total funds carried forward		1,758,053	-	-	1,758,053