SWINDON GOSPEL TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1159755

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Trust
Registered	2015-01-02
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	Hinton Abbott Accountants 2 Kingsdown Orchard Hyde Road Swindon SN2 7RR
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Activities

Objects: (A) THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT INCLUDING BY THE CARRYING ON OF THE SERVICE OF GOD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS OF THE HOLY BIBLE AS FOLLOWED BY THOSE CHRISTIANS FORMING PART OF A WORLDWIDE FELLOWSHIP KNOWN AS THE "PLYMOUTH BRETHREN CHRISTIAN CHURCH" (THE "BRETHREN") WHOSE CORE DOCTRINE IS SUMMARISED IN SCHEDULE 1 TO THIS DEED AND WHOSE PROPER PRACTICES IN FURTHERANCE OF SOME ASPECTS OF THAT CORE DOCTRINE ARE SUMMARISED IN SCHEDULE 2 TO THIS DEED; AND (B) ANY OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES CONNECTED WITH BRETHREN.

Activities: The advancement of the Christian religion for the public benefit including by the carrying on of the service ofGod in accordance with the Old and New Testaments of the Holy Bible as followed by those Christians formingpart of the world-wide fellowship known as the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church (the Brethren)

Classification

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

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Geography

- Swindon

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£192,105	£86,349	-	-
2024-04-05	£197,161	£67,117	-	-
2023-04-05	£155,314	£56,261	-	-
2022-04-05	£68,583	£50,884	-	-
2021-04-05	£76,407	£21,262	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Doug Pomeroy		2024-06-01
Jack Whiteside		2024-03-02
Matthew Preston		2015-10-03
Robin Painter		2018-02-03
Tom Pittock		2024-04-06

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for the Year Ended 5 April 2025

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The Trust's main achievements this year have been improving hall facilities, supporting local village communities in landscaping works, regularly supplying food for a local homeless charity and continuing toopen the hall to the congregation and visitors and encouraging good works by them which benefit the wider community, as described below.

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 are provided free of charge by the Charity to such preachers to be handed out to interested members of the public.

In addition to street preaching, members of the congregation have been supporting local village communities in landscaping works, regularly supporting the RRT charity (Rapid Relief Team) and continuing toopen the hall to the congregation and visitors.

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).

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

Meetings
Meetings held at the Gospel halls 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 40 and 500 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.

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

Financial review

In the year ended 5 April 2025, the Trust had a surplus of £105,756 of incoming resources over resources expended. Total voluntary income received this year was £192,105 compared to £197,161 in the previous year.

All funds held were unrestricted funds.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs, based on its size and the level of its financial commitments.The Trustees aim to hold sufficient funds in a current account to cover day to day expenditure, plus an allowance for any urgent repairs and capital expenses that may arise.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 £335,575 (2024: £242,070).

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 22/01/26 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr Thomas Pittock
Treasurer

Swindon Gospel Trust

Statement of Responsibilities

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

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the Trust Deed require the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to

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

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which 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 Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. All the transactions of the trust have been reviewed by atleast two trustees.

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

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 22/01/26 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr Thomas Pittock
Treasurer

Swindon Gospel Trust

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Swindon Gospel Trust

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Swindon Gospel Trust for the year ended 5 April 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of Swindon Gospel Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Swindon Gospel 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 accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



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Chris Pittock - Senior Partner
Hinton Abbott Accountants
2 Kingsdown Orchard
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SN2 7RR

Date: 14/01/26

Swindon Gospel Trust

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 5 April 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds: Designated £	Unrestricted funds: General £	Total 2025 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies		-	192,105	192,105
Total income		-	192,105	192,105
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities		-	(78,447)	(78,447)
Other expenditure	3	-	(7,902)	(7,902)
Total expenditure		-	(86,349)	(86,349)
Net income		-	105,756	105,756
Net movement in funds		-	105,756	105,756
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		-	1,437,897	1,437,897
Total funds carried forward	8	-	1,543,653	1,543,653

	Note	Unrestricted funds: Designated £	Unrestricted funds: General £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies		-	197,161	197,161
Total income		-	197,161	197,161
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities		-	(64,234)	(64,234)
Other expenditure	3	-	(2,883)	(2,883)
Total expenditure		-	(67,117)	(67,117)
Net income		-	130,044	130,044
Gross transfers between funds		(2,965)	2,965	-
Net movement in funds		(2,965)	133,009	130,044
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		2,965	1,304,888	1,307,853
Total funds carried forward	8	-	1,437,897	1,437,897

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2025 and 2024 are shown in note 8.

Swindon Gospel Trust

(Registration number: 1159755)
Balance Sheet as at 5 April 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	6	1,208,078	1,195,827
Current assets			
Debtors		20,516	25,139
Cash at bank and in hand		316,559	218,432
		337,075	243,571
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		(1,500)	(1,501)
Net current assets		335,575	242,070
Net assets		1,543,653	1,437,897
Funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		1,543,653	1,437,897
Total funds	8	1,543,653	1,437,897

The financial statements on pages 8 to 16 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on

22/01/26 and signed on their behalf by:

Mr Thomas Pittock
Secretary

1 Accounting policies

Basis of financial statements

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

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

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

Incoming Resources

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 Swindon 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.

Resources expended

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.

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.

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.

Tangible fixed assets
Tangible fixed assets (costing more than £100.00) 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:

Fixtures and Fittings 20% on Written down Value

Fund structure
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.

Going concern
The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

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.

Trustees' remuneration and expenses

No Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits from an employment with the charity and no Trustees were reimbursed for expenses (2024: None).

Wages and salaries

There are no employees (2024: None).

Donated Services

The Value of Donated Services to Goddard Avenue Trust was £6,792 for the year ended 5 April 2025.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Donations and legacies;		
Donations - Gift Aidable	81,813	81,813
Donation - No Gift aid	89,839	89,839
Gift aid reclaimed	20,453	20,453
Total for 2025	192,105	192,105
Total for 2024	197,161	197,161

3 Governance Cost

Accountancy Fees includes £1,620 towards Independent Examinations fees.

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Legal fees		6,282	6,282
Accountancy fees		1,620	1,620
Total for 2025		7,902	7,902
Total for 2024		2,883	2,883

4 Resources Expended

Net incoming resources for the year include:

	2025 £	2024 £
Depreciation of fixed assets	577	721
Grants/Donated Services to Goddard Avenue Trust	4,824	4,728
General maintainence	2,523	1,360
Repairs & Maintenance	49,519	38,975
Insurance	2,008	2,431
Light , heat & power	8,960	5,068
Security	2,009	1,028
Health & Safety	3,672	1,343
Washroom Supplies	350	273
Donations and Gifts	2,066	5,418
Sundry Expenses	1,194	2,219
Telephone	745	670
Accountancy	1,620	1,440
Legal and professional fees	6,282	1,443
Total	86,349	67,118

5 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

6 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Furniture and equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 6 April 2024	1,192,942	34,138	1,227,080
Additions	12,829	-	12,829
At 5 April 2025	1,205,771	34,138	1,239,909
Depreciation			
At 6 April 2024	-	31,253	31,253
Charge for the year	-	578	578
At 5 April 2025	-	31,831	31,831
Net book value			
At 5 April 2025	1,205,771	2,307	1,208,078
At 5 April 2024	1,192,942	2,885	1,195,827

Property Details:
Land registry titles of the above property held are WT309370 , WT96393, WT93368 and WT242527.

7 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 5 April 2025 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,208,078	1,208,078
Current assets	337,075	337,075
Current liabilities	(1,500)	(1,500)
Total net assets	1,543,653	1,543,653

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 5 April 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,195,827	1,195,827
Current assets	243,571	243,571
Current liabilities	(1,501)	(1,501)
Total net assets	1,437,897	1,437,897

8 Funds

	Balance at 6 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 5 April 2025 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	1,437,897	192,105	(86,349)	1,543,653

Unrestricted funds

	Balance at 6 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 5 April 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
General	1,304,888	197,161	(67,117)	2,965	1,437,897
Designated	2,965	-	-	(2,965)	-
Total funds	1,307,853	197,161	(67,117)	-	1,437,897

9 Related party transactions

During the year, donations received from related parties were £87,700.

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As the cost-of-living crisis started to hit the UK, many members of the public who were homeless began to struggle to afford food, even more than they were already. To help ease this suffering, Swindon Gospel Trust partnered with a local charity - Swindon Night Shelter (Charity number: 1187554). Swindon Night Shelter are a Christian charity who operate a centre that offers shelter and food to those in need. They also offer moral support to anyone who requires it and are a key partner in advancing Christian religion for the public benefit. During the year 6th April 2022 - 5th April 2023 Swindon Gospel Trust spent £1,544.90 on food which was donated to Swindon Night Shelter. This was then used to provide meals for anyone attending Swindon Night Shelter.

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The Trust's main achievements this year have been improving hall facilities, supporting local village communities in landscaping works, regularly supplying food for a local homeless charity and continuing toopen the hall to the congregation and visitors and encouraging good works by them which benefit the wider community, as described below.

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

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

In addition to street preaching, members of the congregation have been supporting local village communities in landscaping works, regularly supporting the RRT charity (Rapid Relief Team) and continuing toopen the hall to the congregation and visitors.

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

Meetings
Meetings held at the Gospel halls 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 40 and 500 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.

Trustees Report (continued)

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Financial review
In the year ended 5 April 2024, the Trust had a surplus of £130,043 of incoming resources over resources expended. Total voluntary income received this year was £197,161 compared to £155,314 in the previous year.

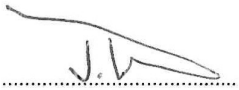
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Free reserves at the year end were £242,070.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 06/11/24 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr Jack Whiteside
Chairman

Swindon Gospel Trust

Statement of Responsibilities

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Swindon Gospel Trust

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Swindon Gospel Trust

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of Swindon Gospel Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Swindon Gospel 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.

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Swindon
SN27RR

Date: 08/10/24

Swindon Gospel Trust

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 5 April 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds: Designated £	Unrestricted funds: General £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies		-	197,161	197,161
Total income		-	197,161	197,161
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities		-	(64,234)	(64,234)
Other expenditure	3	-	(2,883)	(2,883)
Total expenditure		-	(67,117)	(67,117)
Net income		-	130,044	130,044
Gross transfers between funds		(2,965)	2,965	-
Net movement in funds		(2,965)	133,009	130,044
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		2,965	1,304,888	1,307,853
Total funds carried forward	8	-	1,437,897	1,437,897

	Note	Unrestricted funds: Designated £	Unrestricted funds: General £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies		-	155,314	155,314
Total income		-	155,314	155,314
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities		-	(52,224)	(52,224)
Other expenditure	3	-	(4,037)	(4,037)
Total expenditure		-	(56,261)	(56,261)
Net income		-	99,053	99,053
Net movement in funds		-	99,053	99,053
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		2,965	1,205,835	1,208,800
Total funds carried forward	8	2,965	1,304,888	1,307,853

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2024 and 2023 are shown in note 8.

Swindon Gospel Trust

(Registration number: 1159755)
Balance Sheet as at 5 April 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	6	1,195,827	1,177,761
Current assets			
Debtors		25,139	21,897
Cash at bank and in hand		218,432	109,696
		243,571	131,593
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		(1,501)	(1,501)
Net current assets		242,070	130,092
Net assets		1,437,897	1,307,853
Funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		1,437,897	1,307,853
Total funds	8	1,437,897	1,307,853

The financial statements on pages 8 to 15 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 06/11/24 and signed on their behalf by:

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Mr Jack Whiteside
Chairman

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 5 April 2024

1 Accounting policies

Basis of financial statements

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

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

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

Incoming Resources

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 Swindon 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.

Resources expended

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.

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.

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.

Tangible fixed assets
Tangible fixed assets (costing more than £100.00) 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:

Fixtures and Fittings 20% on Written down Value

Fund structure
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.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

Going concern
The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

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.

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).

Wages and salaries

There are no employees (2023: None).

Donated Services

The Value of Donated Services to Goddard Avenue Trust was £3,080.17 for the year ended 5 April 2024.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Donations and legacies;		
Donations - Gift Aidable	100,305	100,305
Donation - No Gift aid	71,780	71,780
Gift aid reclaimed	25,076	25,076
Total for 2024	197,161	197,161
Total for 2023	155,314	155,314

3 Governance Cost

Accountancy Fees includes £600 towards Independent Examinations fees.

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Legal fees		1,443	1,443
Accountancy fees		1,440	1,440
Total for 2024		2,883	2,883
Total for 2023		4,037	4,037

6 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Furniture and equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 6 April 2023	1,174,155	34,138	1,208,293
Additions	18,787	-	18,787
At 5 April 2024	1,192,942	34,138	1,227,080
Depreciation			
At 6 April 2023	-	30,532	30,532
Charge for the year	-	721	721
At 5 April 2024	-	31,253	31,253
Net book value			
At 5 April 2024	1,192,942	2,885	1,195,827
At 5 April 2023	1,174,155	3,606	1,177,761

Property Details:
Land registry titles of the above property held are WT309370 , WT96393, WT93368 and WT242527.

7 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 5 April 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,177,761	1,177,761
Current assets	131,593	131,593
Current liabilities	(1,500)	(1,500)
Total net assets	1,307,854	1,307,854

8 Funds

	Balance at 6 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 5 April 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
General	1,304,888	197,161	(67,117)	2,965	1,437,897
Designated	2,965	-	-	(2,965)	-
Total funds	1,307,853	197,161	(67,117)	-	1,437,897

Unrestricted funds

	Balance at 6 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 5 April 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
Unrestricted general funds	1,205,835	155,314	(56,261)	-	1,304,888
Unrestricted designated funds					
Designated funds	2,965	-	-	(2,965)	-
Total funds	1,208,800	155,314	(56,261)	(2,965)	1,304,888

9 Related party transactions

During the year, donations received from related parties were £95,040.

SWINDON GOSPEL TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1159755

Accounts

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Swindon Gospel Trust

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 5 April 2023

Swindon Gospel Trust

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Swindon Gospel Trust

Reference and Administrative Details

Chairman	Mr Peter Preston
Trustees	Mr Tim Painter Mr Matthew Preston Mr Jerry Whiteside Mr Peter Preston Mr Robin Painter
Treasurer	Mr Jerry Whiteside
Charity Registration Number	1159755
Solicitors	Bevirs 141 High Street Wootton Bassett SN4 7AZ
Bankers	Barclays Bank PLC Leicester LE87 2BB HSBC Swindon Unit 6 The Lock Canal Walk Swindon SN1 1LD
Principal Office	46 Draycott Road Chiseldon Swindon SN4 0LS
Independent Examiner	Hinton Abbott Accountants 2 Kingsdown Orchard Swindon SN27RR

Swindon Gospel Trust

Trustees Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2023.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The charity is controlled by a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

The Swindon Gospel Hall Trust is constituted by a Deed of Trust dated 16th February 1979, amended by various Deeds and most recently by Deed of Variation dated 8 August 2014. The Trust was registered with the Charity Commmission for England and Wales on 2nd January 2015 under Charity Registration Number:1159755.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The Trustees who have served during the year and since the year end are set out as mentioned above on Page1. None of the Trustees, nor any person connected with them, received any remuneration or expenses from the Charity in the year ended 5 April 2023. (2022: £nil).

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

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 or mitigate those risks.

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 The Goddard Avenue Trust, with which it shares members of its congregation. The value of donated services to The Goddard Avenue Trust were £2,438.

Objectives and activities

Objects 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

One of the Trust's principal activities that furthers its objects is providing a facility for the coordination of "outreach" work into the wider community. Members of the congregation, acting under the directions of the trustees and with their full active encouragement, have continued with "outreach" work which they have carried out for many years. The trustees of Swindon Gospel Trust confirm that they have compiled 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.

Members of the congregation have continued to hand out tracts to neighbours and people in need when they have met them. Other church leaders and ministers from time-to-time request some of the early printed ministry by the leaders which is made available from the website listed below.

Any enquiries received by the trustees or made to central office have been followed up fully, and where applicable people have been directed to the following website where literature can be purchased or downloaded for reading in multiple languages https://christiandoctrineandgospelpublishing.org/

Members of the congregation have been actively involved for many years in proactive volunteer roles for the RRT - Rapid Relief Team - who are a registered charity that provide practical support for emergency services during difficult times.

On 1st October 2022 the congregation in Swindon supported the RRT at an event at Brize Norton airfield. The event involved multiple emergency crews in a simulated nuclear incident training exercise. The RRT, staffed by volunteer congregation members of the Swindon Gospel Trust attended the event to provide hot meals and drinks. Over the course of the day, the RRT supplied, cooked, and served over 600 x meals to the emergency services who attended the site.

As the cost-of-living crisis started to hit the UK, many members of the public who were homeless began to struggle to afford food, even more than they were already. To help ease this suffering, Swindon Gospel Trust partnered with a local charity - Swindon Night Shelter (Charity number: 1187554). Swindon Night Shelter are a Christian charity who operate a centre that offers shelter and food to those in need. They also offer moral support to anyone who requires it and are a key partner in advancing Christian religion for the public benefit. During the year 6th April 2022 - 5th April 2023 Swindon Gospel Trust spent £1,544.90 on food which was donated to Swindon Night Shelter. This was then used to provide meals for anyone attending Swindon Night Shelter.

Main activities and achievements

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In addition to street preaching, members of the congregation supported Wiltshire Police at a crime scene near M4 in Wiltshire and supported WILSAR in a missing person search. Attached photos in appendix.

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Swindon Gospel Trust

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Date: 11/12/23

Swindon Gospel Trust

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Donations and legacies	2	-	155,314	155,314
Total Income		-	155,314	155,314
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities		-	(52,224)	(52,224)
Other expenditure	3	-	(4,037)	(4,037)
Total Expenditure	4	-	(56,261)	(56,261)
Net income		-	99,053	99,053
Net movement in funds		-	99,053	99,053
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		2,965	1,205,835	1,208,800
Total funds carried forward	8	2,965	1,304,888	1,307,853

Swindon Gospel Trust

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 5 April 2023 (continued)

	Note	Unrestricted funds Designated £	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies		-	68,583	68,583
Total Income	2	-	68,583	68,583
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities		-	(46,066)	(46,066)
Other expenditure	3	-	(4,818)	(4,818)
Total Expenditure	4	-	(50,884)	(50,884)
Net income		-	17,699	17,699
Net movement in funds		-	17,699	17,699
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		2,965	1,188,136	1,191,101
Total funds carried forward	8	2,965	1,205,835	1,208,800

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2023 and 2022 are shown in note 8.

Swindon Gospel Trust

(Registration number: 1159755)
Balance Sheet as at 5 April 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	6	1,177,761	1,136,044
Current assets			
Debtors		21,897	7,422
Cash at bank and in hand		109,696	67,202
		131,593	74,624
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		(1,501)	(1,868)
Net current assets		130,092	72,756
Net assets		1,307,853	1,208,800
Funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		1,307,853	1,208,800
Total funds	8	1,307,853	1,208,800

The financial statements on pages 8 to 17 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 04/01/24 and signed on their behalf by:

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Mr Peter Preston
Chairman

Swindon Gospel Trust

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 5 April 2023

1 Accounting policies

Basis of financial statements

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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).

Incoming Resources

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.

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Investment income is accounted for on a receivable basis.

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.

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.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets (costing more than £100.00) 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 :

Equipment : @ 20% on Written down Value

Fund structure
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.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

Going concern
The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

Trustees' remuneration and expenses

No trustees received any remuneration or other benefits from an employment with the charity and Expenses reimbursed are mentioned in note 5.

Wages and salaries

There are no employees (2022: none).

Donated Services

The Value of Donated Services to Goddard Avenue Trust was £9,928.78 for the year ended 5 April 2023.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Donations and legacies;		
Donations - Gift Aidable	87,336	87,336
Donation - No Gift aid	46,144	46,144
Gift aid reclaimed	21,834	21,834
Total for 2023	155,314	155,314
Total for 2022	68,583	68,583

3 Governance Cost

Accountancy Fees includes £600 towards Independent Examinations fees.

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Legal fees		2,597	2,597
Accountancy fees		1,440	1,440
Total for 2023		4,037	4,037
Total for 2022		4,818	4,818

4 Resources Expended

Net incoming resources for the year include:

	2023 £	2022 £
Depreciation of Fixed Assets	901	1,127
Grants/Donated Services to Goddard Avenue Trust	9,929	2,438
General maintainence	3,260	21,133
Repairs & Maintenance	16,428	-
Insurance	2,407	2,012
Light , heat & power	6,076	12,017
Health & Safety	8,266	-
Security	1,452	-
Washroom Supplies	140	-
Donations and Gifts	2,934	-
Sundry Expenses	60	-
Telephone	371	-
Accountancy	1,440	-
Legal and professional fees	2,597	-
Total	56,262	38,726

5 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

6 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Furniture and equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 6 April 2022	1,131,537	34,138	1,165,675
Additions	42,618	-	42,618
At 5 April 2023	1,174,155	34,138	1,208,293
Depreciation			
At 6 April 2022	-	29,631	29,631
Charge for the year	-	901	901
At 5 April 2023	-	30,532	30,532
Net book value			
At 5 April 2023	1,174,155	3,606	1,177,761
At 5 April 2022	1,131,537	4,507	1,136,044

Land Registry Numbers:
Meeting Room Cheney Manor Road (£451,307) : WT309370 and WT96393
Meeting Room Chiseldon (£315,433) : WT93368
Land at Blunsdon (£407,415) : WT242527

7 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 5 April 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,177,761	1,177,761
Current assets	131,593	131,593
Current liabilities	(1,500)	(1,500)
Total net assets	1,307,854	1,307,854

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 5 April 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,136,044	1,136,044
Current assets	74,624	74,624
Current liabilities	(1,868)	(1,868)
Total net assets	1,208,800	1,208,800

8 Funds

	Balance at 6 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 5 April 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	1,205,835	155,314	(56,261)	1,304,888
Designated	2,965	-	-	2,965
Total funds	1,208,800	155,314	(56,261)	1,307,853

Unrestricted funds

	Balance at 6 April 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 5 April 2022 £
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted general funds	1,188,136	68,583	(50,884)	1,205,835
Unrestricted designated funds				
Designated funds	2,965	-	-	2,965
Total funds	1,191,101	68,583	(50,884)	1,208,800

9 Related party transactions

During the year, donations received from related parties were £22,225.


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Accounts

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Swindon Gospel Trust

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 5 April 2022

Swindon Gospel Trust

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Swindon Gospel Trust

Reference and Administrative Details

Chairman	Mr Peter Preston
Trustees	Mr Tim Painter Mr Matthew Preston Mr Jerry Whiteside Mr Peter Preston Mr Robin Painter
Treasurer	Mr Jerry Whiteside
Charity Registration Number	1159755
Solicitors	Bevirs 141 High Street Wootton Bassett SN4 7AZ
Bankers	Barclays Bank PLC Leicester LE87 2BB HSBC Swindon Unit 6 The Lock Canal Walk Swindon SN1 1LD
Principal Office	46 Draycott Road Chiseldon Swindon SN4 0LS
Independent Examiner	Hinton Abbott Accountants 2 Kingsdown Orchard Swindon SN27RR

Swindon Gospel Trust

Trustees Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2022. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 10-11 and comply with the Trust Deed and applicable law.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The charity is controlled by a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

The Swindon Gospel Hall Trust is constituted by a Deed of Trust dated 16th February 1979, amended by various Deeds and most recently by Deed of Variation dated 8 August 2014. The Trust was registered with the Charity Commmission for England and Wales on 2nd January 2015 under Charity Registration Number:1159755.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The Trustees who have served during the year and since the year end are set out as mentioned above on Page1. None of the Trustees, nor any person connected with them, received any remuneration or expenses from the Charity in the year ended 5 April 2022. (2021: £nil).

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

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 or mitigate those risks.

Wider network

The Trustees maintain informal links with Trustees of similar Trusts with a view to pooling experience considered useful in pursuing the objects of the Charity. The Charity also maintains particular links with The Goddard Avenue Trust , with which it shares members of its congregation. The value of donated services to The Goddard Avenue Trust were £2,438.

Objectives and activities

Objects 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.

Swindon Gospel Trust

Trustees Report

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

The Trust provides and maintains Swindon Gospel Trust 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.

One of the Trust's principal activities that furthers its objects is providing a facility for the coordination of "outreach" work into the wider community. Members of the congregation, acting under the directions of the trustees and with their full active encouragement, have continued with "outreach" work which they have carried out for many years. The trustees of Swindon Gospel Trust confirm that they have compiled 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.

Public Benefit in 2021

As COVID-19 related restrictions started to lift in 2021, it enabled the congregation to take-up their charitable work in a more active way again.

Members of the congregation have continued to hand out tracts to neighbours and people in need when they have met them. Other church leaders and ministers from time-to-time request some of the early printed ministry by the leaders which is made available from the website listed below.

Any enquiries received by the trustees or made to central office have been followed up fully, and where applicable people have been directed to the following website where literature can be purchased or downloaded for reading in multiple languages https://christiandoctrineandgospelpublishing.org/

Due to the hardship that COVID-19 brought on many families, the trustee recognised the need to support the many families facing financial hardship. Swindon Gospel Trust purchased 50 x RRT Family Food Boxes which are designed to feed a family of 4 for up to 4 days and bring some relief and joy to households during their time of pressure and crisis.

These were donated to a local primary school who handed them out to the most needy families of children enrolled at the school, and these were very gratefully received.

Members of the congregation have been actively involved for many years in proactive volunteer roles for the RRT - Rapid Relief Team - who are a registered charity that provide practical support for emergency services during difficult times. During the year 6th April 2021 - 5th April 2022, the congregation in Swindon supported at 2 events.

From 3rd July 2021 - 12th July 2021 the RRT (staffed by volunteer congregation members of Swindon Gospel Trust) provided hot meals and drinks to the Wiltshire Police Forensic Team who were working in exceptionally hot weather conditions at a site near the M4. 30 x congregation members spent a total of 25 hours on site, and provided 190 meals to the police force.

From 16th October 2021 - 23rd October 2021 the RRT (again, staffed entirely by volunteer congregation members of Swindon Gospel Trust) supported at a scene near Blunsdon, Swindon. The Wiltshire Search & Rescue (WILSAR) team were conducting a search for a missing 19-year old person. 21 x congregation members spent a total of 11 hours on site, and cooked and served 183 x hot meals to the WILSAR team.

Swindon Gospel Trust

Trustees Report

During the summer months of 2021 we experienced a particularly long dry spell of weather. This had the potential to cause hardship for the many homeless persons who have very little shelter from extremes of weather. Swindon Gospel Trust congregation members donated packs of bottled water to three local charities during this time - The Salvation Army, the Swindon & Wiltshire Sexual Assault Referral Centre, and Threshold.

Spreading the Gospel Message and the life of a Christian
The Gospel Hall is a base from which a large number of preachers operate to spread the Christian gospel, in word and deed.

Members of the congregation participate in a programme of street preaching and Gospel tracts are provided free of charge by the Charity to such preachers to be handed out to interested members of the public on the streets of Swindon Town most weeks of the year.

In addition to street preaching, members of the congregation supported Wiltshire Police at a crime scene near M4 in Wiltshire and supported WILSAR in a missing person search. Attached photos in appendix.

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).

Plans for future periods
With the commencement of lockdown restrictions in the UK the trust ceased using the gospel hall It operates. During the financial year, restrictions were eased sufficiently to allow the congregation to use the gospel hall for the Lord's Supper (Communion). The use of the rooms was conducted in a manner which always complied with the government guidance, and the trust intends to continue using the rooms when it is safe to do so. The trustees do not consider that the Covid-19 pandemic will have any effect on the ability of the trust to continue as a going concern.

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.

Swindon Gospel Trust

Trustees Report

Financial review

Financial position

In the year ended 5 April 2022, the Trust had a modest surplus £17,699 of incoming resources over resources expended. Total voluntary income received this year was £68,583 compared to £76,407 in the previous year.

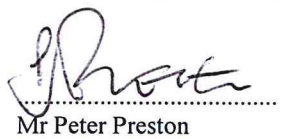
Funds held at the year end Unrestricted General Fund £1,205,835 and unrestricted designated funds £2,965.00.

Reserves Policy

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 Trustees aim to hold sufficient funds in a current account to cover day to day expenditure, plus an allowance for any urgent repairs and capital expenses that may arise.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 £72,756

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 29/01/23 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr Peter Preston
Chairman

Swindon Gospel Trust

Statement of Responsibilities

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

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the Trust Deed require the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to

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

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which 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 Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. All the transactions of the trust have been reviewed by atleast two trustees.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 29/01/23 and signed on its behalf by:

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Mr Peter Preston
Chairman

Swindon Gospel Trust

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Swindon Gospel Trust

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of Swindon Gospel Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Swindon Gospel 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.

Bsais of Independent Examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Swindon Gospel 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 accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

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Chris Pittock - Senior Partner
Hinton Abbott Accountants
2 Kingsdown Orchard
Swindon
SN27RR

Date: 30/01/23

Swindon Gospel Trust

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 5 April 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds Designated £	General £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies		-	68,583	68,583
Total Income		-	68,583	68,583
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities		-	(46,066)	(46,066)
Other expenditure	3	-	(4,818)	(4,818)
Total Expenditure		-	(50,884)	(50,884)
Net income		-	17,699	17,699
Net movement in funds		-	17,699	17,699
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		2,965	1,188,136	1,191,101
Total funds carried forward	8	2,965	1,205,835	1,208,800

Swindon Gospel Trust

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 5 April 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds Designated £	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2021 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies		6,415	69,992	76,407
Total Income		6,415	69,992	76,407
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities		(3,450)	(15,209)	(18,659)
Other expenditure	3	-	(2,603)	(2,603)
Total Expenditure		(3,450)	(17,812)	(21,262)
Net income		2,965	52,180	55,145
Net movement in funds		2,965	52,180	55,145
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		-	1,135,956	1,135,956
Total funds carried forward	8	2,965	1,188,136	1,191,101

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The funds breakdown for 2021 and 2022 are shown in note 8.

Swindon Gospel Trust

(Registration number: 1159755)
Balance Sheet as at 5 April 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	6	1,136,044	1,125,743
Current assets			
Debtors		7,422	8,337
Cash at bank and in hand		67,202	58,522
		74,624	66,859
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		(1,868)	(1,501)
Net current assets		72,756	65,358
Net assets		1,208,800	1,191,101
Funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		1,208,800	1,191,101
Total funds	8	1,208,800	1,191,101

The financial statements on pages 8 to 16 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 29/01/23... and signed on their behalf by:

Mr Peter Preston
Chairman

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

1 Accounting policies

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From 18th March 2020, Swindon Gospel Trust ceased using the gospel halls, which it operates, due to the global COVID-19 pandemic and the general lockdown imposed by the government. The trustees do not consider that the Covid-19 pandemic will have any effect on the ability of the trust to continue as a going concern.

Trustees' remuneration and expenses

No trustees received any remuneration or other benefits from an employment with the charity and Expenses reimbursed are mentioned in note 7.

Wages and salaries

There are no employees (2021: none).

Donated Services

The Value of Donated Services to Goddard Avenue Trust was £2,438.20 for the year ended 5 April 2022

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds Designated £	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations - Gift Aidable	-	27,080	27,080
Donation - No Gift aid	-	34,119	34,119
Gift aid reclaimed	-	7,384	7,384
Total for 2022	-	68,583	68,583
Total for 2021	6,415	69,992	76,407

3 Governance Cost

Accountancy Fees includes £600 towards Independent Examinations fees.

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Legal fees		1,878	1,878
Accountancy fees		2,940	2,940
Total for 2022		4,818	4,818
Total for 2021		2,603	2,603

4 Resources Expended

Net outgoing resources for the year include:

	2022 £	2021 £
Depreciation of fixed assets	1,127	1,409
Donations	-	2,700
Congregation support	-	3,450
Grants/Donated Services to Goddard Avenue Trust	2,438	2,658
General maintainence	21,133	3,535
Insurance	2,012	1,670
Light , heat & power	12,017	3,237
Total	37,599	18,659

5 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

6 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Furniture and equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 6 April 2021	1,094,275	34,138	1,128,413
Additions	37,262	-	37,262
At 5 April 2022	1,131,537	34,138	1,165,675
Depreciation			
At 6 April 2021	-	28,504	28,504
Charge for the year	-	1,127	1,127
At 5 April 2022	-	29,631	29,631
Net book value			
At 5 April 2022	1,131,537	4,507	1,136,044
At 5 April 2021	1,094,275	5,634	1,099,909

Land Registry Numbers:
Meeting Room Cheney Manor Road (£448,955) : WT309370 and WT96393
Meeting Room Chiseldon (£317,910) : WT93368
Land at Blunsdon (£353,245) : WT242527

7 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 5 April 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,136,044	1,136,044
Current assets	74,624	74,624
Current liabilities	(1,868)	(1,868)
Total net assets	1,208,800	1,208,800

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 5 April 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,125,743	1,125,743
Current assets	66,859	66,859
Current liabilities	(1,501)	(1,501)
Total net assets	1,191,101	1,191,101

8 Funds

	Balance at 6 April 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 5 April 2022 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	1,188,136	68,583	(50,884)	1,205,835
Designated	2,965	-	-	2,965
Total funds	1,191,101	68,583	(50,884)	1,208,800

Unrestricted funds

	Balance at 6 April 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 5 April 2021 £
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted general funds	1,135,956	69,992	(17,812)	1,188,136
Unrestricted designated funds				
Designated funds	-	6,415	(3,450)	2,965
Total funds	1,135,956	76,407	(21,262)	1,191,101

9 Related party transactions

During the year, donations received from related parties were £15,920.

Appendix Photos Reference Public Benefit Report



Supporting Wiltshire Police at a crime scene near M4 in Wiltshire





Supporting WILSAR in a missing person search

Appendix Photos Reference Public Benefit Report



Donations of water bottles to local charities during the summer of 2021

SWINDON GOSPEL TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1159755

Accounts

Charity registration number: 1159755

Swindon Gospel Trust

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 5 April 2021

Swindon Gospel Trust

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Swindon Gospel Trust

Reference and Administrative Details

Chairman	Mr Peter Preston
Trustees	Mr Tim Painter Mr. Matthew Preston Mr. Jerry Whiteside Mr. Peter Preston Mr Robin Painter
Treasurer	Mr. Jerry Whiteside
Charity Registration Number	1159755
Solicitors	Bevirs 141 High Street Wootton Bassett SN4 7AZ
Bankers	Barclays Bank PLC Leicester LE87 2BB HSBC Swindon Unit 6 The Lock Canal Walk Swindon SN1 1LD
Independent Examiner	Hinton Abbott Accountants 2 Kingsdown Orchard Swindon SN27RR
Principal Office	46 Draycott Road Chiseldon Swindon SN4 0LS

Swindon Gospel Trust

Trustees Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2021. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 11 and comply with the Trust Deed and applicable law.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The charity is controlled by a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

The Swindon Gospel Hall Trust is constituted by a Deed of Trust dated 16th February 1979, amended by various Deeds and most recently by Deed of Variation dated 8 August 2014. The Trust was registered with the Charity Commmission for England and Wales on 2nd January 2015 under Charity Registration Number:1159755.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The Trustees who have served during the year and since the year end are set out as mentioned above on Page1. None of the Trustees, nor any person connected with them, received any remuneration or expenses from the Charity in the year ended 5 April 2021. (2020: £nil).

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

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 or mitigate those risks.

Wider network

The Trustees maintain informal links with Trustees of similar Trusts with a view to pooling experience considered useful in pursuing the objects of the Charity. The Charity also maintains particular links with The Goddard Avenue Trust , with which it shares members of its congregation. The value of donated services to The Goddard Avenue Trust were £2,658.

Objectives and activities

Objects 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.

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Trustees Report

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.

One of the Trust's principal activities that furthers its objects is providing a facility for the coordination of "outreach" work into the wider community. Members of the congregation, acting under the directions of the trustees and with their full active encouragement, have continued with "outreach" work which they have carried out for many years.

2020 panned out to be a year like no other with individuals, businesses and charities alike facing unique challenges unparalleled in our lifetime. In some way shape or form COVID 19 has had a profound impact on all our lives. The trustees and the regular congregation members were determined to continue their public benefit works and we have found this year has demanded even more resource as we support people and communities around our places of worship.We were unable to maintain our longstanding committal to the open air preaching in the town centre of Swindon but tracts and gospel cards were still available for collection from the main Gospel Hall.

Any enquiries received by the trustees or made to central office have been followed up fully, and where applicable people have been directed to the following website where literature can be purchased or downloaded for reading in multiple languages https://christiandoctrineandgospelpublishing.org/

Members of the congregation have continued to hand out tracts to neighbours and people in need when they have met them. Other church leaders and ministers from time-to-time request some of the early printed ministry by the leaders which is made available from the website listed.

Due to the hardship that COVID-19 brought on many families, the trustee recognised the need to support the many families facing financial hardship. TheTrust purchased 100 x RRT (Rapid Relief Team, a separate charity)Family Food Boxes which were donated to various local needs such as homeless and vulnerable shelters, schools, parishes etc. The RRT Food Boxes are designed to feed a family of 4 for up to 4 days and bring some relief and joy to households during their time of pressure and crisis.

35 of these were donated to a local primary school who handed them out to the most needy families of children enrolled at the school. These were very gratefully received, as can be borne out by the message below:

Good Morning,

I just wanted to say thank you again for the food boxes and we had some very grateful families that have benefitted from the generosity.
Please pass on our thanks to everyone who was involved.
Kind regards
Áine Gale

Principal, Haydon Wick Primary School

A further 65 x boxes were donated to another local secondary school and the Swindon Rotary Club who were coordinating food donations to other households in our town that had been adversely affected by the pandemic.

Members of the congregation have been actively involved for many years in proactive volunteer roles for the RRT – Rapid Relief Team – who are a registered charity that provide practical support for emergency services during difficult times. Due to the necessary restrictions throughout most of 2020, the local Rapid Relief Team's activities were curtailed, but these have now recommenced in 2021.

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Trustees Report

Main Activities and achievements

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

The trustees have also established an Emergency Needs fund for the duration of the current pandemic and any resultant economic downturn. This is providing limited financial assistance by the way of grocery vouchers to households, who have experienced a recent and significant decrease in income due to the pandemic, such that it is likely to impact on the health and/or welfare of members of the household. The trust has appointed a Local Welfare Panel to manage the application process and to administer the vouchers to qualifying applicants.

Meetings
Meetings held at these gospel halls include the Lord's Supper (Communion), Gospel preachings, Bible readings and Bible addresses. Depending on the particular meeting, between 30 and 500 people normally attend these occasions. There is a structured weekly schedule of meetings held in one or more of the gospel halls. Bibles, tracts, and other gospel publications are distributed free of charge to interested parties.

Spreading the Gospel Message and the life of a Christian
The Gospel Hall is a base from which a large number of preachers operate to spread the Christian gospel, in word and deed. Gospel tracts and bibles are provided free of charge by the Trust to such preachers. Many of them also preach the Christian gospel on the streets of Swindon Town most weeks of the year.

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.

Swindon Gospel Trust

Trustees Report

Plans for future periods

From 18th March 2020, the Trust ceased using the gospel hall, which it operates. This was as a result of the global COVID-19 pandemic and the general lockdown imposed by the government on 23rd March 2020. The Trust aims to use these Gospel Halls again once the general lockdown is lifted and it is deemed safe to do so. The trustees do not consider that the Covid-19 pandemic will have any effect on the ability of the trust to continue as a going concern.

Financial review

In the year ended 5 April 2021, the Trust had a surplus of £55,145 of incoming resources over resources expended. Total voluntary income received this year was £76,407 compared to £112,930 in the previous year.

Funds held at the year end : Unrestricted General fund £ 1,188,136 and unrestricted designated funds £2,965.

Reserves Policy

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 Trustees aim to hold sufficient funds in a current account to cover day to day expenditure, plus an allowance for any urgent repairs and capital expenses that may arise.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 £65,358.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 02/02/2022 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr Jerry Whiteside
Treasurer

Swindon Gospel Trust

Statement of Responsibilities

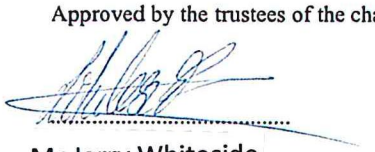
The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the Trust Deed require the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to

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

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which 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 Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. All the transactions of the trust have been reviewed by atleast two trustees.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 07/09/2022 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr Jerry Whiteside
Treasurer

Swindon Gospel Trust

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Swindon Gospel Trust

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2021 which are set out on pages 8 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees of Swindon Gospel Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Swindon Gospel 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.

Bsais of Independent Examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Swindon Gospel 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 accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



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Chris Pittock - Senior Partner
Hinton Abbott Accountants
2 Kingsdown Orchard
Swindon
SN27RR

Date: 02/02/22

Swindon Gospel Trust

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 5 April 2021

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2021 £
Income and Endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	2	76,407	76,407
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	4	(18,659)	(18,659)
Other expenditure	3	(2,603)	(2,603)
Total Expenditure		(21,262)	(21,262)
Net movement in funds		55,145	55,145
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		1,135,956	1,135,956
Total funds carried forward	10	1,191,101	1,191,101

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2020 £
Income and Endowments from:			
Donations and legacies		112,930	112,930
Total income		112,930	112,930
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities		(23,119)	(23,119)
Other expenditure	3	(2,744)	(2,744)
Total expenditure		(25,863)	(25,863)
Net income		87,067	87,067
Net movement in funds		87,067	87,067
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		1,048,890	1,048,890
Total funds carried forward	10	1,135,957	1,135,957

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.
The funds breakdown for 2020 and 2021 are shown in note 10.

The notes on pages 12 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

Swindon Gospel Trust

(Registration number: 1159755)
Balance Sheet as at 5 April 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	6	1,125,743	1,089,890
Current assets			
Debtors	7	8,337	14,992
Cash at bank and in hand	8	58,522	32,575
		66,859	47,567
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	9	(1,501)	(1,500)
Net current assets		65,358	46,067
Net assets		1,191,101	1,135,957
Funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		1,191,101	1,135,957
Total funds	10	1,191,101	1,135,957

The financial statements on pages 8 to 15 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 01/02/2022 and signed on their behalf by:

Mr Jerry Whiteside
Treasurer

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 5 April 2021

1 Accounting policies

Basis of financial statements

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

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

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

Incoming Resources

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 Swindon 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.

Resources expended

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.

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.

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.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets (costing more than £100.00) 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 :

Equipment : @ 20% on Written down Value

Fund structure

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.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

Going concern

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

From 18th March 2020, Swindon Gospel Trust ceased using the gospel halls, which it operates, due to the global COVID-19 pandemic and the general lockdown imposed by the government. The trustees do not consider that the Covid-19 pandemic will have any effect on the ability of the trust to continue as a going concern.

Trustees' remuneration and expenses

No trustees received any remuneration or other benefits from an employment with the charity and Expenses reimbursed are mentioned in note 7.

Wages and salaries

There are no employees (2020: none).

Donated Services

The Value of Donated Services to Goddard Avenue Trust was £2,658 for the year ended 5 April 2021.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds Designated £	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations - Gift Aidable	-	28,300	28,300
Donation - No Gift aid	6,415	34,617	41,032
Gift aid reclaimed	-	7,075	7,075
Total for 2021	6,415	69,992	76,407
Total for 2020	-	112,930	112,930

3 Governance Cost

Accountancy Fees includes £600 towards Independent Examinations fees.

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Legal fees		1,103	1,103
Accountancy fees		1,500	1,500
Total for 2021		2,603	2,603
Total for 2020		2,744	2,744

4 Resources Expended

Net outgoing resources for the year include:

	2021 £	2020 £
Depreciation of fixed assets	1,409	1,761
Donations	2,700	-
Congregation support	3,450	-
Grants/Donated Services to Goddard Avenue Trust	2,658	2,564
General maintainence	3,535	9,704
Repairs & Maintenance	-	2,647
Insurance	1,670	1,559
Light , heat & power	3,237	4,883
Total	18,659	23,119

5 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

6 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Furniture and equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 6 April 2020	1,082,847	34,138	1,116,985
Additions	37,263	-	37,263
At 5 April 2021	1,120,110	34,138	1,154,248
Depreciation			
At 6 April 2020	-	27,095	27,095
Charge for the year	-	1,410	1,410
At 5 April 2021	-	28,505	28,505
Net book value			
At 5 April 2021	1,120,110	5,633	1,125,743
At 5 April 2020	1,082,847	7,043	1,089,890

Land Registry Numbers:
Meeting Room Cheney Manor Road (£448,955) : WT309370 and WT96393
Meeting Room Chiseldon (£317,910) : WT93368
Land at Blunsdon (£353,245) : WT242527

7 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Other Debtors	8,337	14,992

Includes :
Gift Aid Receivable £7,075 (2020: £13,951)
Insurance Prepayments £1,261 (2020: £1,040)

8 Cash and cash equivalents

	2021 £	2020 £
Cash at bank	58,522	32,575

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Accruals	1,501	1,500

10 Funds

	Balance at 6 April 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 5 April 2021 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	1,135,956	69,992	(17,812)	1,188,136
Designated	-	6,415	(3,450)	2,965
Total funds	1,135,956	76,407	(21,262)	1,191,101

	Balance at 6 April 2019 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 5 April 2020 £
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted general funds	1,048,890	112,930	(25,863)	1,135,957

11 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 5 April 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,125,743	1,125,743
Current assets	66,859	66,859
Current liabilities	(1,501)	(1,501)
Total net assets	1,191,101	1,191,101

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 5 April 2020 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,089,890	1,089,890
Current assets	47,567	47,567
Current liabilities	(1,500)	(1,500)
Total net assets	1,135,957	1,135,957

12 Analysis of net funds

	At 6 April 2020 £	Financing cash flows £	At 5 April 2021 £
Cash at bank and in hand	32,575	25,947	58,522
Net debt	32,575	25,947	58,522

	At 6 April 2019 £	Financing cash flows £	At 5 April 2020 £
Cash at bank and in hand	31,779	796	32,575
Net debt	31,779	796	32,575

13 Related party transactions

During the year, donations received from related parties were £15,640.

14 Volunteers

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