

**Charity Registration No: 1159757**

**Portswood Gospel Hall Trust**

**Report of the trustees and  
unaudited financial statements  
Year ended 5 April 2021**

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**Portswood Gospel Hall Trust**

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**Portswood Gospel Hall Trust****Reference and Administrative Details  
For the year ended 5 April 2021**


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<b>Charity name</b>	Portswood Gospel Hall Trust
<b>Registered charity number</b>	1159757
<b>Trustees</b>	Robert Louis Tuffin (Chair) Mark Fidler Robin Edward Morton Samuel Browning Rueben Mitchell
<b>Treasurer</b>	Samuel Browning
<b>Principal address</b>	The Brethrens Meeting Hall 301 Chestnut Avenue Eastleigh Hants SO50 9QA
<b>Primary Bankers</b>	Lloyds TSB 36 Market Street Eastleigh SO50 9QA
<b>Independent examiner</b>	Simon Bell T B Tax Services Accountants Bridge House Pattenden Lane Marden Kent TN12 9QJ
<b>Accountant</b>	T B Tax Services Accountants Bridge House Pattenden Lane Marden Kent TN12 9QJ

## **Report of the Trustees**

### **For the year ended 5 April 2021**

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The Trustees present their report along 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 Charity is an unincorporated trust constituted by a Deed of Trust dated 17 July 1982, most recently amended by Deed of Variation dated 28 February 2014. The Trust was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 2 January 2015 under Charity Registration Number: 1159757.

#### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

The names of the Trustees who served during the year and since the year end are set out on page 3. 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 a Gospel Hall and Trustees are chosen from among the regular congregation of the hall. New Trustees are nominated by the existing Trustees or by the congregation and must be appointed by unanimous resolution of the congregation. They are selected according to their skills and experience and are expected to use both in furthering the objects of the Charity. Checks are made to ensure the Trustees' eligibility to act and incoming Trustees are made aware of their responsibilities by the existing Trustees, who ensure that new Trustees read the Trust Deed and relevant Charity Commission guidance.

#### **Wider network**

The Trustees maintain informal links with similar charities with a view to pooling experience considered useful in pursuing the objects of the Charity. The Charity also maintains particular links with other Gospel Hall Trusts, and during the year the Charity paid expenses on behalf of those Charities, as shown in the donated services note.

#### **Risk management**

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

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### **Report of the Trustees (Cont'd) For the year ended 5 April 2021**

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#### **Objectives and activities**

##### **Objectives and aims**

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

##### **Public benefit**

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

##### **Main activities and achievements**

The Trust provides and maintains a Gospel Hall where religious meetings are held by the local Brethren community. Details of the origins, teachings and way of life of the Brethren can be found on the website - [www.plymouthbrethrenchristianchurch.org](http://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.

The Trust has continued to engage with the congregation and encouraging good works by them which benefit the wider community, as described below.

Members of the community also help out with Food Bank provisions, to local charities such as the Society of St James, with food packages. Members of our community would purchase food, gather it into packages and take to premises in Southampton.

##### **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.

##### **Meetings**

Meetings held at the Gospel hall include the Lord's Supper (Communion), Gospel preachings, Bible readings and Bible addresses. There is a structured weekly schedule of meetings and, depending on the particular meeting, between 30 and 300 people normally attend these occasions.

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

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

#### **Spreading the Gospel message and the life of a Christian**

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

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

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

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

#### **Funding**

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

#### **Financial review**

##### **Financial position**

In the year ended 5 April 2021 the Trust had a deficit of incoming resources over resources expended. This was due to the depreciation charge on the assets.

Total voluntary income received this year was £60500 compared to £134549 in the previous year.

All funds held were unrestricted funds.

**Portswood Gospel Hall Trust****Report of the Trustees (Cont'd)  
For the year ended 5 April 2021****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 Trust has no employees and its regular outgoings are minimal. The Trustees aim to ensure that the charity has sufficient reserves to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives.

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 £66780 (2020: £62890).

**Statement of Trustees' responsibilities**

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

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- 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 transactions are approved by two Trustees.

On behalf of the Board:

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*Sam Browning*

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Samuel Browning  
Trustee

10/6/2021

Date: .....

## Portswood Gospel Hall Trust

### Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees For the year ended 5 April 2021

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I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of Portswood Gospel Hall Trust for the year ending 5 April 2021.

#### RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

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

#### BASIS OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS 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 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 statement below.

#### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

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

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

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

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# Portswood Gospel Hall Trust

## Statement of Financial Activities For the year ended 5 April 2021


		Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2021	Total funds 2020
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>						
<i><b>Donations and legacies:</b></i>						
Collections		0	0	0	0	2927
Contributions from the congregation		30000	30500	0	60500	35752
Gift Aid donations		0	0	0	0	0
Income tax refunds		0	0	0	0	0
Donated services		0	0	0	0	0
Payroll giving		0	0	0	0	0
Grants from other Trusts		0	0	0	0	95870
<i><b>Investments</b></i>						
Bank interest		5	0	0	5	1
<i><b>Other - Rent received</b></i>		0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>		30005	30500	0	60505	134550
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
<i><b>Charitable activities</b></i>						
Running meeting rooms	5	70487	0	0	70487	92882
Other charitable activities		981	16675	0	17656	914
Cost of donated services	4	9777	0	0	9777	23465
<b>Total</b>		81245	16675	0	97920	117261
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		(51240)	13825	0	(37415)	17289
Gains/(losses) on sale of fixed assets		0	0	0	0	0
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		(51240)	13825	0	(37415)	17289
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>						
Total funds brought forward		1893416	0	0	1893416	1876127
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		1842176	13825	0	1856001	1893416

The notes on pages 11 to 16 form part of these financial statements. All of the above activities are classed as continuing and there are no gains and losses other than those included above.

**Portwood Gospel Hall Trust**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**For the year ended 5 April 2021**

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Intangible assets		0	0
Tangible fixed assets	6	<u>1789221</u>	<u>1830526</u>
		1789221	1830526
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors		0	0
Loans	7	100000	100000
Prepayments and accrued income		0	0
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>100815</u>	<u>96925</u>
		200815	196925
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year:			
Other creditors		0	0
Accruals and deferred income		(1410)	(1410)
Loans	8	<u>(132625)</u>	<u>(132625)</u>
Net current assets		66780	62890
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>1856001</u>	<u>1893416</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year:			
Loans		0	0
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>1856001</u>	<u>1893416</u>
<b>Funds</b>			
Unrestricted income fund		1842176	1893416
Designated funds		13825	0
Restricted funds		0	0
<b>Total charity funds</b>	9	<u>1856001</u>	<u>1893416</u>

The unaudited financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees of Portwood Gospel Hall Trust on 10/6/2021 and signed on their behalf by

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Samuel Browning  
Trustee

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

## Portswood Gospel Hall Trust

### Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 5 April 2021

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#### 1. Accounting policies

##### 1.1 Basis of financial statements

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

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

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

##### 1.2 Income

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

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

Investment income is accounted for on a receivable basis.

##### 1.3 Expenditure

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

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

##### 1.4 Governance and support costs

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

## Portswood Gospel Hall Trust

### Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 5 April 2021

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#### 1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets (costing more than £1500) are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Freehold Land and Buildings	2% straight line
Temporary Buildings	2% straight line
Refurbishment Costs	2% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	10% straight line

#### 1.6 Taxation

The Trust is a registered charity and is not liable to United Kingdom income or corporation tax on charitable activities, provided income falls within the charitable exemptions and is spent on charitable purposes.

#### 1.7 Funds

The general unrestricted fund is free for the Trustees to use for any purposes in furtherance of the trust's charitable objects.

Restricted funds arise from donations to the trust, which are made for a specific purpose. Restricted funds can only be used for the purpose for which funds were given.

#### 1.8 Preparation of consolidated financial statements

The Charity does not have a trading subsidiary and there is no requirement to prepare consolidated accounts

#### 1.9 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 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021, the 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.

## 2. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

No Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits from an employment with the charity and no Trustees were reimbursed for expenses (2020: None).

## 3. Wages and salaries

There are no employees (2020: none).

# Portswood Gospel Hall Trust

## Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 5 April 2021

### 4. Donated services

<b>Donated to:</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Chandlers Ford Gospel Hall Trust	5267	18872
Itchen Gospel Hall Trust	4510	4593
	<u>9777</u>	<u>23465</u>

### 5. Resources expended

<i>Current year</i>	<b>Meeting rooms</b>	<b>Other charitable activities</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Direct costs:</b>			
Insurance	1366	0	1366
Repairs & Maintenance	14732	0	14732
Bank charges	168	0	168
IT costs	0	0	0
Utilities	7762	0	7762
Donations	0	16675	16675
Activity costs	0	981	981
Legal fees	2370	0	2370
Depreciation	42649	0	42649
<b>Governance costs</b>	<u>1440</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1440</u>
	<u>70487</u>	<u>17656</u>	<u>88143</u>

<i>Prior year</i>	<b>Meeting rooms</b>	<b>Other charitable activities</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Direct costs:</b>			
Insurance	1682	0	1682
Repairs & Maintenance	22382	0	22382
Bank charges	157	0	157
IT costs	850	0	850
Utilities	19621	0	19621
Donations	0	0	0
Activity costs	3046	914	3960
Legal fees	1220	0	1220
Depreciation	42514	0	42514
<b>Governance costs</b>	<u>1410</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1410</u>
	<u>92882</u>	<u>914</u>	<u>93796</u>

Governance costs include £1410 (2020: £1410) in respect of independent examiner's fees.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 5 April 2021

### 6. Fixed assets

	Freehold Property See Below	Refurb Costs	Temporary Buildings	Equipment	Total
<b>Cost</b>					
B/f at 06/04/2020	1350574	691458	72000	2340	2116372
Additions	0	0	0	1346	1346
Disposals	0	0	0	0	0
<b>At 5 April 2021</b>	<u>1350574</u>	<u>691458</u>	<u>72000</u>	<u>3686</u>	<u>2117718</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>					
B/f at 06/04/2020	109358	145547	30240	702	285848
Charge for the year	27011	13829	1440	369	42649
Impairment	0	0	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0	0	0
<b>At 5 April 2021</b>	<u>136370</u>	<u>159376</u>	<u>31680</u>	<u>1071</u>	<u>328497</u>
<b>Net book value</b>					
<b>At 5 April 2021</b>	<u>1214204</u>	<u>532082</u>	<u>40320</u>	<u>2615</u>	<u>1789221</u>
<b>At 5 April 2020</b>	<u>1241216</u>	<u>545911</u>	<u>41760</u>	<u>1638</u>	<u>1830524</u>
<b>Property Details</b>	<b>Title No</b>				
301 Chestnut Avenue	HP328931				

### 7. Loans made

	2021 £	2020 £
Private loan	100000	100000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>100000</u>	<u>100000</u>

**Portswood Gospel Hall Trust****Notes to the Financial Statements  
For the year ended 5 April 2021****8. Loans received**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Loan from Itchen Gospel Hall Trust	132625	132625
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>132625</b>	<b>132625</b>

**9. Analysis of net assets between funds****9.1 Current year**

	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Designated funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Fixed assets	1789221	0	0	1789221
Current assets	186990	13825	0	200815
Current liabilities	(134035)	0	0	(134035)
Long term liabilities	0	0	0	0
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>1842176</b>	<b>13825</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1856001</b>

**9.2 Prior year**

	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Designated funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Fixed assets	1830526	0	0	1830526
Current assets	196925	0	0	196925
Current liabilities	(134035)	0	0	(134035)
Long term liabilities	0	0	0	0
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>1893416</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1893416</b>

**Portswood Gospel Hall Trust****Notes to the Financial Statements  
For the year ended 5 April 2021****10. Movement in funds***10.1 Current year*

	Balance at 6 April 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Realised/ unrealised gains and losses	Balance at 5 April 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds	0	0	0	0	0
Designated funds	0	30500	(16675)	0	13825
Unrestricted funds	1893416	30005	(81245)	0	1842176
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>1893416</b>	<b>60505</b>	<b>(97920)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1856001</b>

*10.2 Prior year*

	Balance at 6 April 2019	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Realised/ unrealised gains and losses	Balance at 5 April 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds	0	0	0	0	0
Designated funds	0	0	0	0	0
Unrestricted funds	1876127	134550	(117261)	0	1893416
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>1876127</b>	<b>134550</b>	<b>(117261)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1893416</b>

**11. Transactions with related parties**

The only payments made to the Trustees related to general reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of the Charity in furthering the Charity's objects.

No other payments were made to directors or any persons connected with them during the financial year. No other material transaction took place between the charity and a Trustee or any person connected with them.

**12. Volunteers**

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