

Charity Registration No: 1159957

Bacton Gospel Hall Trust

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

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Reference and Administrative Details For the year ended 5 April 2024

Charity name	Bacton Gospel Hall Trust
Registered charity number	1159957
Trustees	David Charles Bowen (Chair) Timothy Andrew Carlyon Caleb Horner Matthew James Pooley Warren Ward
Treasurer	Timothy Andrew Carlyon
Principal address	5 Ipswich Road Newbourne Woodbridge IP12 4NS
Independent examiner	Simon Bell T B Tax Services Bridge House Pattenden Lane Marden Kent TN12 9QJ
Accountant	T B Tax Services Bridge House Pattenden Lane Marden Kent TN12 9QJ
Bankers	National Westminster Bank plc Ipswich Tavern Street (B) Branch 2 Tavern Street Ipswich IP1 3BD
Solicitors	Ellisons Wherstead Park Ipswich IP9 2BJ

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Report of the Trustees For the year ended 5 April 2024

The Trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 5 April 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 11-12 and comply with the Trust Deed and applicable law.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The Charity is an unincorporated trust constituted by a Deed of Trust dated 15th September 1978, most recently amended by Deed of Variation dated 8th August 2014. The Trust was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 15th January 2015 under Charity Registration Number: 1159957

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 2024 (2023: £nil).

The Trust operates 5 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.

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 Heath Gospel Hall Trust, with which it shares members of its congregation.

Risk management

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

Objectives and activities

Objectives and aims

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

Public benefit

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

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Main activities and achievements

The Trust provides and maintains 5 Gospel Halls where religious meetings are held by the local Brethren community. One of the halls is owned by the charity and 4 are owned by Heath Gospel Hall Trust, for whom services are 100% provided for by the charity (see 'Donated Services' in financial section). Details of the origins, teachings and way of life of the Brethren can be found on the website - www.plymouthbrethrenchristianchurch.org and in the schedules to the Trust Deed.

The Trust's main achievements have been:

- Support to Inspire Suffolk Charity, with a donation of £1,550 towards an event of theirs with free food (Joined with RRT)
- Playford – voluntary labour supplied for removal of old fence and concrete standing area for recycling bin area. Erect new fence and hard standing area. 3-4 days work
- Westerfield - Storm Henk, tree fallen across main village road, stopping public transport. Highways couldn't clear until morning. PBCC volunteers cleared the road.
- Food donations for the FIND Charity supplied on a weekly basis across the year costing a total of approx. £1,370

Plans for Future Periods

Despite inflation, 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 400 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 halls and visitors are free to help themselves.

Spreading the Gospel message and the life of a Christian

The Gospel Halls are 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.

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In addition to street preaching and the other activities already listed in the '*Main activities and achievements*' section above, members of the congregation: maintain links with hospital and prison chaplains to provide Christian literature, provide volunteer labour to support local community needs e.g. litter picking etc. and work with Rapid Relief Team (a separate charity) to provide food packs and provide support for charity events.

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 2024, the Trust had a modest surplus of incoming resources over resources expended. Total voluntary income received this year was £184,868 compared to £170,382 in the previous year.

All funds held were unrestricted funds.

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Report of the Trustees (Cont'd) For the year ended 5 April 2024

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 main objective of the accumulation of these reserves is for the provision of an additional small meeting hall that is needed to accommodate the growing congregation. Beyond this, the Trust's regular outgoings are minimal, and it has no employees. Accordingly, in addition to the main objective already mentioned, the Trustees have decided to adopt a policy of maintaining sufficient reserves to meet outstanding loans and any unexpected needs as they 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 £437,183 (2023: £337,827)

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

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

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

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

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

On behalf of the Board:

Signed by:

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 Tim Carlyon
 Trustee

Date: 10/10/2024
 Date:

Bacton Gospel Hall Trust

Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees For the year ended 5 April 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Bacton Gospel Hall Trust for the year ending 5 April 2024.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

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

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

BASIS OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

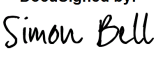
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or 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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Simon Bell

10/10/2024

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Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 5 April 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income and endowments from:					
<i>Donations and legacies:</i>					
Collections		48,740	0	48,740	49,990
Contributions from the congregation		90,599	0	90,599	75,350
Gift Aid donations		33,965	0	33,965	33,780
Income tax refunds		8,491	0	8,491	8,445
Other donations		0	0	0	0
Payroll giving		3,073	0	3,073	2,817
Grants from other trusts		0	0	0	0
<i>Investments</i>					0
Bank interest		6,487	0	6,487	0
<i>Other - Profit on sale of asset</i>		0	0	0	0
Total		191,355	0	191,355	170,382
Expenditure on:					
<i>Charitable activities</i>					
Running meeting rooms		132,441	0	132,441	99,185
Other charitable activities		12,613	0	12,613	358,526
Cost of donated services	4	12,825	0	12,825	10,719
Total	5	157,879	0	157,879	110,963
Net income/(expenditure)		33,476	0	33,476	59,419
Gains/(losses) on sale of fixed assets		0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		33,476	0	33,476	59,419
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		3,287,647	0	3,287,647	3,228,228
Total funds carried forward		3,321,123	0	3,321,123	3,287,647

The notes on pages 11 to 17 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.

Bacton Gospel Hall Trust**Balance Sheet****For the year ended 5 April 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Intangible assets		0	0
Tangible fixed assets	6	<u>2,883,940</u>	<u>2,949,820</u>
		2,883,940	2,949,820
Current assets			
Debtors:			7,732
Loans			0
Prepayments and accrued income	7	8,491	8,445
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>478,525</u>	<u>432,483</u>
		487,016	448,660
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year:		0	
Other creditors		0	0
Accruals and deferred income		1,500	2,500
Loans	8	<u>48,333</u>	<u>100,000</u>
Net current assets		437,183	346,160
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>3,321,123</u>	<u>3,295,980</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year:			
CGHT Loan	9	0	8,333
Net assets	10	<u><u>3,321,123</u></u>	<u><u>3,287,647</u></u>
Funds			
Unrestricted income fund		3,321,123	3,287,647
Restricted funds		0	0
Total unrestricted and charity funds	11	<u><u>3,321,123</u></u>	<u><u>3,287,647</u></u>

The unaudited financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees of Bacton Gospel Hall Trust on 10/10/2024 and signed on their behalf by

Signed by:


 Tim Carlyon
 Trustee

The notes on pages 11 to 17 form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 5 April 2024

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.

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 Bacton Gospel Hall Trust is considered to be equal to market value which would be paid were the service formally procured. This includes services paid for by other trusts.

Investment income is accounted for on a receivable basis.

1.3 Expenditure

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

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

1.4 Governance and support costs

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

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets (costing more than £1000) 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	25% Straight Line
Buildings	50 Years Straight Line
Equipment	25 Years Straight Line

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Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 5 April 2024

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. An example of this is that a donor may want their donation to be passed on to a charity of their choice.

1.8 Going concern

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

1.9 Significant estimates and judgements

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

2. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

No Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits from an employment with the charity and one Trustee was reimbursed for expenses incurred on behalf of the trust totalling £61 (2023: None).

3. Wages and salaries

There are no employees (2023: none).

4. Donated services

Donated to:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Heath Gospel Hall Trust	8,878	7,582
Kesgrave Gospel Hall Trust	3,947	3,137
	<u>12,825</u>	<u>10,719</u>

Bacton Gospel Hall Trust**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 5 April 2024****5. Resources expended**

Current Year	Meeting rooms	Other charitable activities	2024
	£	£	£
Direct costs:			
Insurance	3,000	0	3,000
Repairs & Maintenance	12,582		12,582
IT costs			0
Utilities	27,175		27,175
Donations		3,933	3,933
Activity costs	15,024	8,680	23,704
Loan Interest			0
Legal fees	5,880		5,880
Depreciation	65,880		65,880
Governance costs	2,900		2,900
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	132,441	12,613	145,054
Donated services (see above)		12,825	12,825
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	132,441	25,438	157,879
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Prior Year	Meeting rooms	Other charitable activities	2023
	£	£	£
Direct costs:			
Insurance	1,878		1,878
Repairs & Maintenance	2,067		2,067
IT costs	0		0
Utilities	10,915		10,915
Donations			0
Activity costs	28,786	1,059	29,845
Loan Interest			0
Legal fees	4,342		4,342
Depreciation	59,126		59,126
Governance costs	2,790		2,790
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	109,904	1,059	110,963
Donated services (see above)		10,719	10,719
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	109,904	11,778	121,682
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Governance costs include £1500 (2023: £2500) in respect of independent examiner's fees.

Bacton Gospel Hall Trust**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 5 April 2024****6. Fixed assets**

	Freehold Property	Temporary Buildings	Equipment	Total
Cost				
B/f at 06/04/2023	3,109,778	10,605	3,168	3,123,551
Additions	0	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0	0
At 5 April 2024	<u>3,109,778</u>	<u>10,605</u>	<u>3,168</u>	<u>3,123,551</u>
Depreciation				
B/f at 06/04/2023	166,425	6,363	942	173,730
Charge for the year	62,950	2,121	810	65,881
Disposals	0	0	0	0
At 5 April 2024	<u>229,375</u>	<u>8,484</u>	<u>1,752</u>	<u>239,611</u>
Net book value				
At 5 April 2024	<u>2,880,403</u>	<u>2,121</u>	<u>1,416</u>	<u>2,883,940</u>
At 5 April 2023	<u>2,943,353</u>	<u>4,242</u>	<u>2,226</u>	<u>2,949,821</u>

Property details:

SK345453**7. Prepayments and accrued income**

	2024	2023
	£	£
HMRC Gift aid refund	8,491	7,732
TOTAL	<u>8,491</u>	<u>7,732</u>

8. Loans

	2024	2023
	£	£
Church & Gospel Hall Trust	8,333	0
Private loan	40,000	0
TOTAL	<u>48,333</u>	<u>0</u>

Bacton Gospel Hall Trust**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 5 April 2024****9. Long term loans**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Church & Gospel Hall Trust	0	0
Private loan	0	0
TOTAL	0	0

10. Analysis of net assets between funds*10.1 Current year*

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
Fixed assets	2,883,940	0	2,883,940
Current assets	487,016	0	487,016
Current liabilities	(49,833)	0	(49,833)
Long term liabilities	0	0	0
Total funds	3,321,123	0	3,321,123

10.2 Prior year

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
Fixed assets	2,949,820	0	2,949,820
Current assets	448,660	0	448,660
Current liabilities	(102,500)	0	(102,500)
Long term liabilities	(8,333)	0	(8,333)
Total funds	3,287,647	0	3,287,647

Bacton Gospel Hall Trust**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 5 April 2024****11. Movement in funds***11.1 Current year*

	Balance at 6 April 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Realised/ unrealised gains and losses	Balance at 5 April 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Designated funds	0	0	0	0	0
Unrestricted funds	3,287,647	191,355	(157,879)	0	3,321,123
Total funds	3,287,647	191,355	(157,879)	0	3,321,123

11.2 Prior year

	Balance at 6 April 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Realised/ unrealised gains and losses	Balance at 5 April 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Designated funds	1,015	0	(1,015)	0	0
Unrestricted funds	3,227,213	170,382	(109,948)	0	3,287,647
Total funds	3,229,243	170,382	(111,978)	0	3,287,647

12. Transactions with related parties

During the year there were donations totalling £83,185 (2023: £66,680) from persons related to the Trustees, and from Trustees and businesses controlled by them.

There was also a short term interest free loan of £40,000 from a business controlled by a Trustee that was repaid immediately after the year end.

13. Volunteers

Bacton 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.

Bacton Gospel Hall Trust**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 5 April 2024****14. Comparative Statement of Financial Activities**

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2023
	Notes	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:				
<i>Donations and legacies:</i>				
Collections		49,990	0	49,990
Contributions from the congregation		75,350	0	75,350
Gift Aid donations		33,780	0	33,780
Income tax refunds		8,445	0	8,445
Other donations		0	0	0
Payroll giving		2,817	0	2,817
Grants from other Trusts		0	0	0
<i>Investments</i>				
Bank interest		0	0	0
<i>Other - Profit on sale of asset</i>		0	0	0
Total		170,382	0	170,382
Expenditure on:				
<i>Charitable activities</i>				
Running meeting rooms		99,185	0	99,185
Other charitable activities		44	1,015	358,526
Cost of donated services	5	10,719	0	10,719
Total	6	109,948	1,015	110,963
Net income/(expenditure)		60,434	(1,015)	59,419
Gains/(losses) on sale of fixed assets		0	0	0
Net movement in funds		60,434	(1,015)	59,419
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		3,227,213	1,015	3,228,228
Total funds carried forward		3,287,647	0	3,287,647