

**Charity Registration No: 1160168**

**Taunton Vale Gospel Hall Trust**

**Report of the trustees and  
unaudited financial statements  
Year ended 5 April 2025**

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**Taunton Vale Gospel Hall Trust**

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## Taunton Vale Gospel Hall Trust

### Reference and Administrative Details For the year ended 5 April 2025

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<b>Charity name</b>	Taunton Vale Gospel Hall Trust
<b>Registered charity number</b>	1160168
<b>Trustees</b>	Bruce Mitchell (Chair) Scott Mitchell Darren Tallamy
<b>Treasurer</b>	Darren Tallamy
<b>Principal address</b>	Meeting Hall Showground Road Bridgwater Somerset TA6 6AJ
<b>Independent examiner</b>	Simon Bell T B Tax Services Bridge House Pattenden Lane Marden Kent TN12 9QJ
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<b>Bankers</b>	National Westminster Bank Plc 49 North Street Taunton Somerset TA1 1NB

## **Taunton Vale Gospel Hall Trust**

### **Report of the Trustees For the year ended 5 April 2025**

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The Trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 5 April 2025. 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 30<sup>th</sup> June 1982, most recently amended by Deed of Variation dated 12<sup>th</sup> August 2014. The Trust was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2015 under Charity Registration Number: 1160168.

##### **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 2025 (2024: £nil).

The Trust operates three 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 The Polden Gospel Hall Trust, with which it shares members of its congregation, and during the year expenses were paid on behalf of the Trust, 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.

## **Taunton Vale Gospel Hall Trust**

### **Report of the trustees (continued)**

**For the year ended 5 April 2025**

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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 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](http://www.plymouthbrethrenchristianchurch.org) and in the schedules to the Trust Deed.

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

##### **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 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 50 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 Halls welcome 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.

## **Taunton Vale Gospel Hall Trust**

### **Report of the trustees (continued)**

**For the year ended 5 April 2025**

#### **Objectives and activities**

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##### **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.

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 2025 the Trust had a modest deficit due to depreciation charge not being covered by other donated services.

Total voluntary income received this year was £37,441 compared to £12,975 in the previous year.

All funds held were unrestricted funds.

**Taunton Vale Gospel Hall Trust**

**Report of the trustees (continued)  
For the year ended 5 April 2025**

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**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. Accordingly, the Trustees have decided to adopt a policy of maintaining no significant reserves.

The congregation is kept regularly informed as to particular needs for funds, and other relevant matters and the Trustees aim to ensure that the Charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure, by raising a funds appeal to the congregation.

Free reserves at the year end were £1,374 (2024: £1,374)

**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 have been reviewed and approved by two trustees.

On behalf of the board:

Signed by:  
  
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Scott Mitchell  
Trustee

1/6/2026  
Date: .....

## Taunton Vale Gospel Hall Trust

### Independent examiner's report to the trustees For the year ended 5 April 2025

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Taunton Vale Gospel Hall Trust for the year ending 5 April 2025.

#### 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

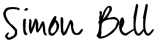
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or 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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1/6/2026

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## Statement of financial activities For the year ended 5 April 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
<b><i>Donations and legacies:</i></b>					
Collections		0	0	0	0
Contributions from the congregation		0	0	0	0
Gift Aid donations		0	0	0	0
Income tax refunds		0	0	0	0
Donated services	4	37,441	0	37,441	12,975
Other donations		0	0	0	0
Grants from other Trusts		0	0	0	0
<b><i>Investments</i></b>					0
Bank interest		0	0	0	0
<b><i>Other</i></b>		0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>		37,441	0	37,441	12,975
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
<b><i>Charitable activities</i></b>					
Running meeting rooms	5	50,055	0	50,055	23,731
Charitable events	5	840	0	840	855
Cost of donated services		0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>		50,895	0	50,895	24,586
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		(13,454)	0	(13,454)	(11,611)
Gains/(losses) on sale of fixed assets		0	0	0	0
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		(13,454)	0	(13,454)	(11,611)
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		656,639	0	656,639	668,250
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		643,185	0	643,185	656,639

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.

**Taunton Vale Gospel Hall Trust****Balance sheet****As at 5 April 2025**

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Intangible assets		0	0
Tangible fixed assets	6	641,811	655,265
		641,811	655,265
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors:			
Loan		0	0
Prepayments and accrued income		1,371	1,371
Cash at bank and in hand		843	843
		2,214	2,214
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year:			
Other creditors		0	0
Accruals and deferred income		(840)	(840)
Loans	7	0	0
Net current assets		1,374	1,374
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		643,185	656,639
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year:			
Loans		0	0
<b>Net assets</b>	8	643,185	656,639
<b>Funds</b>			
Unrestricted income fund		643,185	656,639
Designated funds		0	0
Restricted funds		0	0
<b>Total charity funds</b>	9	643,185	656,639

The unaudited financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees of Taunton Vale Gospel Hall Trust on 1/6/2026 and signed on their behalf by

Signed by:



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Scott Mitchell  
Trustee

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

**Taunton Vale Gospel Hall Trust****Notes to the Financial Statements****For the year ended 5 April 2025****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 Taunton Vale 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**

The freehold properties at Corkscrew Lane, Taunton; and at Westonzoyland Road, Bridgwater are stated at valuations determined by the Trustees in 2004, together with the cost of modest improvements since. No depreciation is charged on these properties, as the market value at 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025 is considered to be not less than book value. Land acquired at Creech Heathfield in 2024 is not depreciated.

Freehold property at Quantock Road, Bridgwater is stated at cost including improvements to date. Depreciation is charged at 4% per annum on the straight line basis on the value excluding the land.

Fixtures and Fittings are depreciated using 25% reducing balance basis.

**Taunton Vale Gospel Hall Trust**

**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the year ended 5 April 2025**

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**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.
- 1.10

**Significant estimates and judgements**

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.
2.

**Trustees' remuneration and expenses**

No Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits from an employment with the charity and no Trustees were reimbursed for expenses (2024: None).
3.

**Wages and salaries**

There are no employees (2024: none).
4.

**Donated services**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Polden Gospel Hall Trust	37,441	12,975
	<u>37,441</u>	<u>12,975</u>

# Taunton Vale Gospel Hall Trust

## Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 5 April 2025

### 5. Resources expended

<i>Current Year</i>	Meeting rooms	Other charitable activities	2025
	£	£	£
<b>Direct costs:</b>			
Insurance	1,670	0	1,670
Repairs & Maintenance	18,969	0	18,969
Event expenses	0	0	0
Utilities	8,263	0	8,263
Loan interest	0	0	0
Donations	0	0	0
Legal and Professional Fees	7,699	0	7,699
Depreciation	13,454	0	13,454
<b>Governance costs</b>	0	840	840
	50,055	840	50,895

<i>Prior Year</i>	Meeting rooms	Other charitable activities	2024
	£	£	£
<b>Direct costs:</b>			
Insurance	1,735	0	1,735
Repairs & Maintenance	4,550	0	4,550
Event expenses	0	0	0
Utilities	3,944	0	3,944
Loan interest	0	0	0
Donations	0	0	0
Legal and Professional Fees	0	0	0
Depreciation	13,502	0	13,502
<b>Governance costs</b>	0	855	855
	23,731	855	24,586

Governance costs include £840 (2024: £840) in respect of independent examiner's fees.

**Taunton Vale Gospel Hall Trust****Notes to the Financial Statements****For the year ended 5 April 2025****6. Fixed assets**

	<b>Freehold Property</b>	<b>Quantock Road ST 261193</b>	<b>Creech Land ST 371977</b>	<b>Plant / Furniture</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Cost</b>					
B/f at 06/04/2024	282,598	402,167	89,726	18,183	792,674
Additions	0	0	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0	0	0
<b>At 5 April 2025</b>	<u>282,598</u>	<u>402,167</u>	<u>89,726</u>	<u>18,183</u>	<u>792,674</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>					
B/f at 06/04/2024	0	119,799	0	17,610	137,409
Charge for the year	0	13,311	0	143	13,454
Impairment	0	0	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0	0	0
<b>At 5 April 2025</b>	<u>0</u>	<u>133,110</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>17,753</u>	<u>150,863</u>
<b>Net book value</b>					
<b>At 5 April 2025</b>	<u>282,598</u>	<u>269,057</u>	<u>89,726</u>	<u>430</u>	<u>641,811</u>
<b>At 5 April 2024</b>	<u>282,598</u>	<u>282,368</u>	<u>89,726</u>	<u>573</u>	<u>655,265</u>
<b>Freehold Property: Cost</b>					
Corkscrew Lane (ST274829)	92,598				
Westonzoyland Rd (ST232314)	190,000				
	<u>282,598</u>				

**7. Analysis of net assets between funds****7.1 Current year**

	<b>Unrestricted funds £</b>	<b>Designated funds £</b>	<b>Restricted funds £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
Fixed assets	641,811	0	0	641,811
Current assets	2,214	0	0	2,214
Current liabilities	(840)	0	0	(840)
Long term liabilities	0	0	0	0
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>643,185</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>643,185</u>

# Taunton Vale Gospel Hall Trust

## Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 5 April 2025

### 7.2 Prior year

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	655,265	0	0	655,265
Current assets	2,214	0	0	2,214
Current liabilities	(840)	0	0	(840)
Long term liabilities	0	0	0	0
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>656,639</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>656,639</b>

## 8. Movement in funds

### 8.1 Current year

	Balance at 6 April 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Realised/ unrealised gains and losses	Balance at 5 April 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds	0	0	0	0	0
Designated funds	0	0	0	0	0
Unrestricted funds	656,639	37,441	(50,895)	0	643,185
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>656,639</b>	<b>37,441</b>	<b>(50,895)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>643,185</b>

### 8.2 Prior year

	Balance at 6 April 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Realised/ unrealised gains and losses	Balance at 5 April 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds	0	0	0	0	0
Designated funds	0	0	0	0	0
Unrestricted funds	668,250	12,975	(24,586)	0	656,639
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>668,250</b>	<b>12,975</b>	<b>(24,586)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>656,639</b>

**Taunton Vale Gospel Hall Trust****Notes to the Financial Statements  
For the year ended 5 April 2025****9. Transactions with related parties**

During the year there were no transactions to report.

**10. Volunteers**

Taunton Vale 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.

**11. Comparative Statement of Financial Activities**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Total funds 2024 £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>				
<b><i>Donations and legacies:</i></b>				
Donated services	<b>4</b>	12,975	0	12,975
<b><i>Other</i></b>		0	0	0
<b>Total</b>		12,975	0	12,975
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
<b><i>Charitable activities</i></b>				
Running meeting rooms	<b>5</b>	23,731	0	23,731
Charitable events	<b>5</b>	855	0	855
Cost of donated services		0	0	0
<b>Total</b>		24,586	0	24,586
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		(11,611)	0	(11,611)
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		(11,611)	0	(11,611)
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward		668,250	0	668,250
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		656,639	0	656,639