

Charity Registration No: 1160257

Fairfax 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 Fairfax Gospel Hall Trust

Registered charity number 1160257

Trustees Mr A. Woodcock (Chair)
Mr G. Parsons
Mr R. Webberley
Mr S. Woodcock
Mr M. Lucas

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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 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 6 May 1982, most recently amended by Deed of Variation dated 12 August 2014. The Trust was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 30 January 2015 under Charity Registration Number: 1160257.

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 six 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 Chelmsford Gospel Hall Trust, with whom it shares members of its congregation, and during the year the Chelmsford Gospel Hall Trust paid expenses on behalf 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.

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.

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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 and in the schedules to the Trust Deed.

The Trust has continued to engage with the congregation 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 300 people normally attend these occasions.

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

Bibles and an extensive range of other Christian reading material are on display at the hall 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.

The Trust also works alongside the Rapid Relief Team (a separate charity) and provides trained volunteers for the great work that they do.

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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).

Spreading the Gospel message and the life of a Christian

- 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

The Trust's finances are controlled by a related Trust, the Chelmsford Gospel Hall Trust, and during the year it paid expenses on behalf of the Trust and during the year had donated services income of £123,384 (2023: £71,336). There was also a grant received from the Chelmsford Gospel Hall Trust of £6,240 (2023: £5,787).

Total voluntary income received this year was £129,624 (2023: £77,123).

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 Trust has no employees and its regular outgoings are minimal. Accordingly, the Trustees have decided to adopt a policy of maintaining no significant reserves.

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

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

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

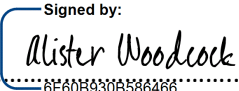
The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

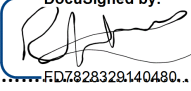
The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the Trust Deed require the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity 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 reviewed and approved by two Trustees.

On behalf of the Board:

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Mr A. Woodcock
Trustee
11/4/2024
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Mr R. Webberley
Trustee
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Mr M. Lucas
Trustee
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Date:

Fairfax 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 Fairfax 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').

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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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		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	123,384	0	123,384	71,336
Payroll giving		0	0	0	0
Grants from other Trusts		6,240	0	6,240	5,787
<i>Investments</i>					
Bank interest		0	0	0	0
<i>Other -</i>		0		0	0
Total		129,624	0	129,624	77,123
Expenditure on:					
<i>Charitable activities</i>					
Running meeting rooms		41,675	0	41,675	87,809
Other charitable activities		1,920	0	1,920	18,176
Cost of donated services		0	0	0	0
Total	5	43,595	0	43,595	105,985
Net income/(expenditure)		86,029	0	86,029	(28,862)
Gains/(losses) on sale of fixed assets		0	0	0	296,302
Net movement in funds		86,029	0	86,029	267,440
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		1,877,122	0	1,877,122	1,609,682
Total funds carried forward		1,963,151	0	1,963,151	1,877,122

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.

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Balance Sheet

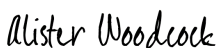
For the year ended 5 April 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Investments		0	0
Intangible fixed assets		0	0
Tangible fixed assets	6	<u>2,513,817</u>	<u>2,433,903</u>
		2,513,817	2,433,903
Current assets			
Debtors:			
Loans		0	0
Prepayments and accrued income		0	0
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>6,374</u>	<u>139</u>
		6,374	139
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year:			
Other creditors		0	0
Accruals and deferred income		2,040	1,920
Loans	7	<u>555,000</u>	<u>555,000</u>
Net current assets		(550,666)	(556,781)
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>1,963,151</u>	<u>1,877,122</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year:			
Loans - Chelmsford Gospel Hall Trust		0	0
Net assets		<u>1,963,151</u>	<u>1,877,122</u>
Funds			
Unrestricted income fund		1,963,151	1,877,122
Designated funds		0	0
Total unrestricted and charity funds	8	<u>1,963,151</u>	<u>1,877,122</u>

The unaudited financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees of Fairfax Gospel Hall Trust on

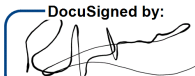
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The notes on pages 11 to 17 form part of these financial statements

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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(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 Fairfax 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% reducing balance
Buildings	Not depreciated as the Trustees consider the residual value of the buildings to be no less than the cost at which the residential buildings are held

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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.

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 (2023: None).

3.

Wages and salaries

There are no employees (2023: none).

4.

Donated Services

	2024	2023
	£	£
Chelmsford Gospel Hall Trust	123,384	71,336
	123,384	71,336

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

5. Resources expended

<i>Current Year</i>	Meeting rooms	Other charitable activities	2024
	£	£	£
Direct costs:			
Insurance	3,712	0	3,712
Repairs & Maintenance	14,529	0	14,529
Rates	1,100	0	1,100
Utilities	8,590	0	8,590
Donations	0	0	0
Activity costs	0	0	0
Bank charges	5	0	5
Legal fees	13,464	0	13,464
Depreciation	275	0	275
Governance costs	0	1,920	1,920
	<u>41,675</u>	<u>1,920</u>	<u>43,595</u>
<i>Prior Year</i>	Meeting rooms	Other charitable activities	2023
	£	£	£
Direct costs:			
Insurance	3,098	0	3,098
Repairs & Maintenance	28,474	0	28,474
Rates	2,913	0	2,913
Utilities	5,192	0	5,192
Donations	0	15,896	15,896
Activity costs	0	0	0
Bank charges	0	0	0
Legal fees	47,765	0	47,765
Depreciation	367	0	367
Governance costs	0	2,280	2,280
	<u>87,809</u>	<u>18,176</u>	<u>105,985</u>

Governance costs include £1,920 (2023: £1,680) in respect of independent examiner's fees.

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

6. Fixed assets

	Holybread Lane	Bicknacre	Cock Clarks/ Maldon	Howe Green / Hatfield	Equipment	Total
Cost						
B/f at 06/04/2023	426,200	559,819	848,203	598,581	13,832	2,446,635
Additions	67,999	0	12,190	0	0	80,189
Disposals	0	0	0	0	0	0
At 5 April 2024	<u>494,199</u>	<u>559,819</u>	<u>860,393</u>	<u>598,581</u>	<u>13,832</u>	<u>2,526,824</u>
Depreciation						
B/f at 06/04/2023	0	0	0	0	12,732	12,732
Charge for the year	0	0	0	0	275	275
Disposals	0	0	0	0	0	0
At 5 April 2024	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>13,007</u>	<u>13,007</u>
Net book value						
At 5 April 2024	<u>494,199</u>	<u>559,819</u>	<u>860,393</u>	<u>598,581</u>	<u>825</u>	<u>2,513,817</u>
At 5 April 2023	<u>426,200</u>	<u>559,819</u>	<u>848,203</u>	<u>598,581</u>	<u>1,100</u>	<u>2,433,903</u>
Property details:	Cost	Title				
Bicknacre	£ 500,545	EX623023/EX654585				
Cock Clarks	£ 145,000	EX610681				
Holybread Lane	£ 426,200	EX789712				
Howe Green	£ 245,081	EX373452				
Hatfield Peverel	£ 353,500	EX854090				
Maldon	£ 555,000	EX714018				

7. Loans received

	2024	2023
	£	£
Central Gospel Hall Trust	555,000	555,000
TOTAL	<u>555,000</u>	<u>555,000</u>

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

8. Analysis of net assets between funds

8.1 Current year

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Total £
Fixed assets	2,513,817	0	2,513,817
Current assets	6,374	0	6,374
Current liabilities	(557,040)	0	(557,040)
Long term liabilities	0	0	0
Total funds	1,963,151	0	1,963,151

8.2 Prior year

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Fixed assets	2,433,903	0	2,433,903
Current assets	139	0	139
Current liabilities	(556,920)	0	(556,920)
Long term liabilities	0	0	0
Total funds	1,877,122	0	1,877,122

9. Movement in funds

9.1 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	1,877,122	129,624	(43,595)	0	1,963,151
Total funds	1,877,122	129,624	(43,595)	0	1,963,151

Fairfax Gospel Hall Trust**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 5 April 2024****9.2** *Prior year*

	Balance at 6 April 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Realised/ unrealised gains and losses	Balance at 5 April 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Designated funds	0	0	0	0	0
Unrestricted funds	1,609,682	77,123	(105,985)	296,302	1,877,122
Total funds	1,609,682	77,123	(105,985)	296,302	1,877,122

10. Transactions with related parties

There were no disclosable transactions in the period.

11. Volunteers

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

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

12. Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2023
	Notes	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:				
<i>Donations and legacies:</i>				
Collections		0	0	0
Contributions from the congregation		0	0	0
Gift Aid donations		0	0	0
Income tax refunds		0	0	0
Donated services	4	71336	0	71336
Payroll giving		0	0	0
Grants from other Trusts		5787	0	5787
<i>Investments</i>				
Bank interest		0	0	0
<i>Other -</i>				
		0		0
Total		77123	0	77123
Expenditure on:				
<i>Charitable activities</i>				
Running meeting rooms		87809	0	87809
Other charitable activities		18176	0	18176
Cost of donated services		0	0	0
Total	5	105985	0	105985
Net income/(expenditure)		(28862)	0	(28862)
Gains/(losses) on sale of fixed assets		296302	0	296302
Net movement in funds		267440	0	267440
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		1609682	0	1609682
Total funds carried forward		1877122	0	1877122