

Charity Registration No: 1161692

Hertford Gospel Hall Trust

**Report of the trustees and
audited financial statements
for the year ended 5th April 2024**

Hertford Gospel Hall Trust
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Hertford Gospel Hall Trust
Reference and administrative details
for the year ended 5th April 2024

Charity name: Hertford Gospel Hall Trust

Registered charity number: 1161692

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Hertford Gospel Hall Trust

Report of the trustees for the year ended 5th April 2024

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

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

Hertford Gospel Hall Trust is an unincorporated trust constituted by Deed of Trust dated 12th March 2007, 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 May 2015 under Charity Registration Number: 1161692.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The names of the Trustees who have served during the year and since the year end are set out on page 1. 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 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; East Herts, Enfield, and Mays Lane Gospel Hall Trusts 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 trust has the following charitable purposes:

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 the 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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Report of the trustees for the year ended 5th April 2024

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.

Members of the congregation preach in local town centres and tracts are handed out as well as to neighbours and people in need. The Trust has been involved in supporting several events run by a separate charity; The Rapid Relief Team (RRT). Members of the congregation have volunteered to assist RRT with the packaging of food boxes that have been sent to Ukraine, to help those who have been affected by the current war in that country.

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 and in the schedules to the Trust Deed.

Plans for future periods

The Trust plans to continue all the current activities.

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, approximately 40 to 700 people would normally attend these occasions.

The meetings are attended by the regular congregation and most are open to other properly disposed visitors. Gospel tracts, which are distributed by street preachers would have contact details to help any wishing to be aware of meeting times.

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:

1. 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)
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).

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Report of the trustees for the year ended 5th April 2024

Objectives and activities

Spreading the Gospel message and the life of a Christian contd.

3. 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).
4. 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.
5. 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 and donations from the congregation. Grants are sometimes received from other charitable trusts with congruent objectives. Gift aid is also claimed on relevant gifts.

Financial review

Financial position

In the year ended 5 April 2024 the Trust had a deficit of incoming resources over resources expended. This was due to using funds for an affiliated trust to purchase a new hall and also due to a high depreciation charge i.e. non cash item. Total voluntary income received this year was £281,177.00 compared to £117,000.00 in the previous year.

The trust has converted a property it owned into two houses which were marketed for sale. One was sold during the year and the second is expected to take place in 24/25. This second house will yield the trust around £850,000.

The trust also expects a further £1,000,000 to be granted from an affiliated trust for a property it sold in 2018/19 that awaits successful permission being obtained by the buyer.

The trust received funds totalling £5,060,000 from the Mays Lane Gospel Trust who sold their hall in the year. These funds are being held on behalf of Mays Lane Gospel Trust and the trust will distribute the funds on behalf of Mays Lane Gospel Hall Trust according to their wishes. Any interest received from the bank on this sum will be added to the funds held for Mays Lane Gospel Hall Trust.

All funds held were unrestricted funds.

Reserves policy

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and the level of financial commitments. The Trustees aim to ensure that the charity will be able to continue to fulfill its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure.

Free reserves at the year end were £ 0 (2023 £0).

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Report of the trustees for the year ended 5th April 2024

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:

- a) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- b) observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- c) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- d) state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- e) 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:


 Anthony Price

22 January 2025 | 10:04:31 GMT

 Date

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE HERTFORD GOSPEL HALL TRUST

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Hertford Gospel Hall trust (the 'the trust') for the year ended 5 April 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the accounts:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 5th April 2024 and of incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the the trust in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustee's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the the trust's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)
TO THE HERTFORD GOSPEL HALL TRUST**

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustee's report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustee's responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the the trust's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the entity's financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the group or the parent company to cease to continue as
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation (i.e.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud;
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED) **TO THE HERTFORD GOSPEL HALL TRUST**

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias;
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements contd.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Other matter

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

This has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2016.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Dated: 21 January 2025 | 12:45:.....

David Brown, Brown Warner LLP, 38 Northgate, Newark-on-Trent, Nottinghamshire, NG24 1EZ
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor

Brown Warner LLP is eligible for appointment as auditor of the the trust by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

Hertford Gospel Hall Trust
Statement of financial activities
(including income and expenditure account)
for the year ended 5th April 2024

	NOTES	Unrestricted Funds £	Unrestricted Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Incoming and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies:						
Collections		120,000	-	-	120,000	117,000
Contributions from the congregation		-	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid donations		-	-	-	-	-
Other donations		32,600	-	-	32,600	-
Income tax refunds		-	-	-	-	-
Donated services	4.	-	-	-	-	-
Payroll giving		-	-	-	-	-
Grants received affiliated trusts	5.	128,577	-	-	128,577	-
Legacies received		-	-	-	-	-
Investment income and interest						
Rents receivable		-	-	-	-	4,030
Bank interest		5,054	-	-	5,054	-
Other income						
Other		-	-	-	-	-
Total		286,231	-	-	286,231	121,030
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities						
Running of meeting halls	6.	262,170	-	-	262,170	58,520
Wider community outreach		767	-	-	767	-
Congregation support		3,594	-	-	3,594	20,215
Cost of donated services	4.	321,517	-	-	321,517	926,054
Transfers to affiliated trusts	5.	100	-	-	100	-
Other costs		-	-	-	-	-
Governance and support costs						
Computer costs		3,414	-	-	3,414	1,216
Printing, postage and stationery		-	-	-	-	-
Legal & professional costs		7,000	-	-	7,000	11,257
Independent Examiner's fee/Audit fees		4,800	-	-	4,800	1,000
Bank charges		60	-	-	60	60
Depreciation- Office equipment (Admin)		52	-	-	52	67
Profit/Loss on sale of assets (Admin)		-	-	-	-	-
Total		603,474	-	-	603,474	1,018,389
Net income/(expenditure)		- 317,243	-	-	- 317,243	- 897,359
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		- 317,243	-	-	- 317,243	- 897,359
Reconciliation of funds						
Funds at 6th April 2023		7,979,267	-	-	7,979,267	8,876,626
Total funds at 5th April 2024	8.	7,662,024	-	-	7,662,024	7,979,267

The notes on pages 12 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.

Hertford Gospel Hall Trust
Balance sheet
As at 5th April 2024

	NOTES	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible fixed assets	7.		8,463,780		9,129,373
			<u>8,463,780</u>		<u>9,129,373</u>
Current assets					
Debtors:					
Sundry loans		16,820		114,964	
Prepayments & accrued income		6,824		2,732	
Cash at bank and in hand		5,310,102		572,333	
		<u>5,333,746</u>		<u>690,029</u>	
Current liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year:					
Other creditors and loans	10.	6,125,164		1,834,000	
Accruals and deferred income		10,338		6,135	
		<u>6,135,502</u>		<u>1,840,135</u>	
Net current assets		-	801,756	-	1,150,106
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>7,662,024</u>		<u>7,979,267</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year:			-		-
Net assets		£	<u>7,662,024</u>	£	<u>7,979,267</u>
Funds					
Unrestricted income fund			7,662,024		7,979,267
Restricted funds			-		-
Total Funds	9.	£	<u>7,662,024</u>	£	<u>7,979,267</u>

The unaudited financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustee of Hertford Gospel Hall Trust on / / and signed on their behalf by
22 January 2025 | 10:04:31 GMT

Signed by:



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Antony Price
Trustee

Hertford Gospel Hall Trust
Detailed statement of financial activities
Cashflow Statement
for the year ended 5th April 2024

	NOTES	Unrestricted Funds £	Unrestricted Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities:						
Net income/(-) expenditure for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)		- 317,243	-	-	- 317,243	- 897,359
Adjustments for:						
Depreciation charges		145,194	-	-	145,194	140,183
(-) Gains/losses on investments		-	-	-	-	-
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		-	-	-	-	-
Loss/(-) profit on sale of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
(-) Increase/decrease in stocks		-	-	-	-	-
(-) Increase/decrease in debtors		94,052	-	-	94,052	- 5,644
Increase/(-) decrease in creditors		5,195,367	-	-	5,195,367	716,202
Net cash provided by (-) used in operating activities		5,117,370	-	-	5,117,370	- 46,618
Cash flows from investing activities:						
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	-	800,000	-	-	- 800,000	- 1,543,736
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		279,601	-	-	279,601	427,224
Proceeds from sale of investments		-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of investments		-	-	-	-	-
Net cash provided by (-) used in investing activities	-	520,399	-	-	- 520,399	- 1,116,512
Cash flows from financing activities:						
Repayments of borrowing		900,000	-	-	900,000	555,000
Cash inflows from new borrowing		-	-	-	-	-
Receipt of endowment		-	-	-	-	-
Net cash provided by (-) used in financing activities		900,000	-	-	900,000	555,000
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		4,737,769	-	-	4,737,769	514,894
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		572,333	-	-	572,333	57,439
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		5,310,102	-	-	5,310,102	572,333

Hertford Gospel Hall Trust
Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 5th 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 Hertford 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 £150) 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:

New build costs	2%- Straight line method
Building refurbishments	20%- Reducing balance method
Equipment	25%- Reducing balance method

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.

Hertford Gospel Hall Trust
Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 5th April 2024

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

Income	2024 £	2023 £
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
Expenditure	2024 £	2023 £
Barnet Gospel Hall Trust	-	10,830
East Herts Gospel Hall Trust	309,663	908,258
Enfield Gospel Hall Trust	300	288
Goffs Oak Gospel Hall Trust	7,224	1,911
Mays Lane Gospel Hall Trust	3,940	1,010
Molewood Gospel Hall Trust	390	3,757
	321,517	926,054

5. Grants

Grants from affiliated trusts:

	2024 £	2023 £
Goffs Oak Gospel Hall Trust	128,453	-
Molewood Gospel Hall Trust	124	-
	128,577	-

Grants to affiliated trusts:

	2024 £	2023 £
East Herts Gospel Hall Trust	100	-
	100	-

6. Running of meeting halls and trust property	Meeting rooms £	Other charitable activities £	2024 £	2023 £
Repairs and maintenance of buildings	18,233	-	18,233	21,809
Grounds maintenance	11,214	-	11,214	17,697
Maintenance- Recording equipment	-	-	-	314
Light and heat	44,665	-	44,665	30,288
Rates and water rates	582	-	582	35
Telephone & broadband at hall(s)/trust property	739	-	739	774
Conference costs	-	7,206	7,206	-
Insurance- Public liability	4,578	-	4,578	3,831
Legal & professional- specific to halls	17,702	-	17,702	565
Cleaning	12,109	-	12,109	4,907
Sundry	-	-	-	-
Depreciation- Freehold property	143,444	-	143,444	137,852
Depreciation- Equipment	1,698	-	1,698	2,264
Profit(-)/loss on sale of assets	-	-	-	- 161,816
	254,964	7,206	262,170	58,520

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7. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Property* and Refurbishment £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 6th April 2023	9,639,776	21,727	9,661,503
Disposals	800,000	-	800,000
Additions	279,601	-	279,601
At 5th April 2024	9,119,377	21,727	9,141,104
Depreciation			
At 6th April 2023	517,396	14,734	532,130
Disposals	-	-	-
Charge for the year	143,444	1,750	145,194
At 5th April 2024	660,840	16,484	677,324
Net Book Value			
At 5th April 2024	8,458,537	5,243	8,463,780
At 6th April 2023	9,122,380	6,993	9,129,373

* Land Registry title numbers are; HD514681, HD250148, HD134232, HD504513 and HD352472

8. Analysis of net assets between funds

8.1 Current year

	Unrestricted funds £	Unrestricted Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	8,463,780	-	-	8,463,780
Currents assets	5,333,746	-	-	5,333,746
Current liabilities	6,135,502	-	-	6,135,502
Total funds	7,662,024	-	-	7,662,024

8.2 Prior year

	Unrestricted funds £	Unrestricted Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	9,129,373	-	-	9,129,373
Currents assets	690,029	-	-	690,029
Current liabilities	1,840,135	-	-	1,840,135
Total funds	7,979,267	-	-	7,979,267

9. Movement in funds

9.1 Current year

	Balance at 6 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Realised/ unrealised gain and losses £	Balance at 5 April 2024 £
Restricted funds					
Fund	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Designated funds	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted funds	7,979,267	286,231	603,474	-	7,662,024
Total funds	7,979,267	286,231	603,474	-	7,662,024

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9. Movement in funds contd.

9.2 Prior year

	Balance at 6 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Realised/ unrealised gain and losses £	Balance at 5 April 2023 £
Restricted funds					
Fund	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Designated funds	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted funds	8,876,626	121,030	1,018,389	-	7,979,267
Total funds	8,876,626	121,030	1,018,389	-	7,979,267

10. Loans received

The short term loans have no fixed date for repayment. Interest is only payable on the monies held on behalf of Mays Lane Gospel Hall Trust.

11. Transactions with related parties

A donation was received from Enfield Safety Supplies Ltd of which Glen J Stacey, Trustee, is a director for £5,000 (2023- £ Nil). A donation was received from Tilgear which is connected to Glen J Stacey, Trustee, for £1,600 (2023- £ Nil). Clive Roberts is a director of East Herts Developments Limited to which company the Trust has advanced £28,050.13 (2023: £ 430,751.00) during the period to fund the development of new halls/developments, set against construction invoices for work completed during the period amounting to £98,144.48 (2023: £527,772.34) and leaving a balance at the year end of £0.00 (2023: £98,144.48). Rent is owed to the trust from Clive Roberts, trustee for £16,820 (2023 - £16,820). Purchases were made from Bible and Gospel Trust of which Glen J Stacey is a Trustee for £432.00 (2023- £ Nil). Purchases were made from Filtrex Global Ltd of which David Fox, Trustee, is a director for £445.68 (2023 £ Nil).

12. Volunteers

Hertford Gospel Hall Trust relies 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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13 Full comparison of Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Unrestricted Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Incoming and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies:				
Collections	117,000	-	-	117,000
Contributions from the congregation	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid donations	-	-	-	-
Other donations	-	-	-	-
Income tax refunds	-	-	-	-
Donated services	-	-	-	-
Payroll giving	-	-	-	-
Grants received affiliated trusts	-	-	-	-
Legacies received	-	-	-	-
Investment income and interest				
Rents receivable	4,030	-	-	4,030
Bank interest	-	-	-	-
Other income				
Other	-	-	-	-
Total	121,030	-	-	121,030
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities				
Running of meeting halls	58,520	-	-	58,520
Wider community outreach	-	-	-	-
Congregation support	20,215	-	-	20,215
Cost of donated services	926,054	-	-	926,054
Transfers to affiliated trusts	-	-	-	-
Other costs	-	-	-	-
Governance and support costs				
Computer costs	1,216	-	-	1,216
Printing, postage and stationery	-	-	-	-
Legal & professional costs	11,257	-	-	11,257
Independent Examiner's fee/Audit fees	1,000	-	-	1,000
Bank charges	60	-	-	60
Depreciation- Office equipment (Admin)	67	-	-	67
Profit/Loss on sale of assets (Admin)	-	-	-	-
Total	1,018,389	-	-	1,018,389
Net income/(expenditure)	- 897,359	-	-	- 897,359
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	- 897,359	-	-	- 897,359
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward	8,876,626	-	-	8,876,626
Total funds carried forward	7,979,267	-	-	7,979,267