

Charity Registration No: 1161970

Chesterfield Gospel Hall Trust

**Report of the trustees and
unaudited financial statements
Year ended 5 April 2023**

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Reference and administrative details For the year ended 5 April 2023

Charity name	Chesterfield Gospel Hall Trust
Registered charity number	1161970
Trustees	Jonathan Brown James Davies Chris Cuckson Rolf Ingram (Chair) Ed Smith
Treasurer	James Davies
Principal address	2 Westbrook Drive Brookside Chesterfield S40 3PQ
Independent examiner	Clare Farmer ACCA Hadfields Accountants Commerce House 658B Chatsworth Road Chesterfield S40 3PQ
Bankers	Royal Bank of Scotland 5 Church Street Sheffield S1 1HF Lloyds Bank PO Box 1000 Andover BX1 1LT

The Trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 5 April 2023. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 10-11 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 23 January 2004, most recently amended by Deed of Variation dated 19 August 2014. The Trust was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 3rd June 2015 under Charity Registration Number: 1161970

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 2. None of the Trustees, nor any person connected with them, received any remuneration or expenses from the Charity in the year ended 5 April 2023 (2021: £nil).

The Trust operates four 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.

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 four 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 open the halls to the congregation and visitors and encouraged good works by the congregation 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 hall[s] 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 20 and 500 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[s] 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.

In addition to street preaching, members of the congregation undertook the following (where Covid 19 restrictions permitted):

- Gospel Tracts & Literature Available from the Gospel Hall - The Trust maintains a display of gospel tracts, literature and Bibles and this fact is advertised on the Sign Board at the street entrance.
- Street Preachings & Tract Distribution - 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. We have maintained our longstanding committal to the open-air preachings in the town centre of Chesterfield. We have 6 preaching sessions per week and have handed out many gospel tracts and a number of bibles in this accounts period. Each tract has contact details and times of our afternoon preaching. This has continued to spread the availability of attending our meetings.
- Private distribution of Tracts and Bibles - Some members hold tracts and bibles available for distribution within their work environment. Community members have donated bibles to neighbours, contacts and persons in need and we have a good response to the tract distribution with members of the public reporting they enjoy reading them. The Trust has covered the cost of the tracts.

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- In particular, members of the congregation have supported the activities of the registered Charity RRT, this has included many hours spent filling food boxes for the people of Ukraine. Further examples of the kind of work undertaken may be seen on their website - <https://rrtglobal.org/gb/>
- In the accounting period:
 - Tracts distributed = 3922no.
 - Bibles distributed = 3no.
 - Man hours donated to RRT = 883

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 2023, the Trust had a modest surplus of incoming resources over resources expended. Total voluntary income received this year was £269,085 compared to £248,472 in the previous year.

All funds held were unrestricted funds.

The Trust borrowed £500,000 interest free from CGHT on a 5-year repayment to enable the purchase of the St Hugh's Church (now known as the Littlemoor Hall). At 5 April 2023 there remained £98,500 to repay and we plan to repay this by the end of 2024.

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Since the year end we have purchased a plot of land in Holmewood, Chesterfield with a view to building a larger Gospel Hall, as our numbers are still increasing. We have borrowed a further £250,000 as in interest free loan from within the community on a two-year term. This project is a long-term project and may not be started for at least three years.

Reserves policy

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs, based on its size and the level of its financial commitments. The Trust has no employees, and its regular outgoings are minimal. The 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 £48,260 (2022 : Nil).

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:

James Davies
Trustee

Date: 28 November 2023

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees
For the year ended 5 April 2023**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Chesterfield Gospel Hall Trust for the year ended 05 April 2023.

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 EXAMINER'S 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 of 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 statements below.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ACCA, which is one of the listed bodies.

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.

C Farmer ACCA
November 2023

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Statement of financial activities For the year ended 5 April 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies:						
Collections		127,260	-	-	127,260	119,949
Contributions from the congregation		43,000	-	-	43,000	29,500
Gift Aid donations		78,110	-	-	78,110	76,390
Income tax refunds		19,528	-	-	19,528	19,098
Donated services	4	-	-	-	-	-
Payroll giving		1,182	-	-	1,182	3,534
Legacies		-	-	-	-	-
Grants		-	-	-	-	-
Investments						
Bank interest		5	-	-	5	1
Total		269,085	-	-	269,085	248,472
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities						
Donations		4,593	3,236	-	7,829	-
Support costs		3,025	-	-	3,025	3,871
Direct Costs		28,243	-	-	28,243	8,159
Governance costs	4	515	-	-	515	480
Total	5	36,376	3,236	-	39,612	12,510
Net income/(expenditure)		232,709	(3,236)	-	229,473	235,962
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		232,709	(3,236)	-	229,473	235,962
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		1,935,188	3,236	-	1,938,424	1,702,462
Total funds carried forward		2,167,897	-	-	2,167,897	1,938,424

The notes on pages 10 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.

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Balance sheet As at 5 April 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	6	2,134,137	2,131,276
Current assets			
Debtors:			
Prepayments and accrued income		19,528	19,098
Cash at bank and in hand		128,247	41,032
		147,775	60,130
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year:		(84,000)	(149,000)
Other creditors		(515)	(482)
Accruals and deferred income			
Net current assets		48,260	(89,352)
		2,197,397	2,041,924
Total assets less current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year:		(29,500)	(103,500)
Loan			
Net assets		2,167,897	1,938,424
Funds			
Unrestricted income fund		2,167,897	1,938,424
Restricted funds		-	-
Total funds	7	2,167,897	1,938,424

The unaudited financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustee of Chesterfield Gospel Hall Trust on 28 November 2023 and signed on their behalf by

J Davies
Trustee

The notes on pages 10 to 16 form part of these financial statements

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Second edition of the 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) issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and UK Generally Accepted 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 ABC 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 £xxx) 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:

Freehold buildings	Not depreciated
Property improvements	Not depreciated
Fixtures and Fittings	20% straight line

1.6 Taxation

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

1.7 Funds

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

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

1.8 Preparation of consolidated financial statements

The Charity does not have a trading 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 (2022: None).

3. Wages and salaries

There are no employees (2022: none).

4. Donated services

There were no donated services during the year (2022: none)

5. Resources expended

	Meeting rooms	Other charitable activities	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Direct costs				
- Running meetings rooms	18,484	-	18,484	6,839
- Project Costs	8,256	-	8,256	1,320
- Public outreach	-	380	380	-
- Health and safety	773	-	773	995
- Congregation Support	85	-	85	525
- Other Maintenance	230	-	230	486
- Legal and professional costs	35	-	35	-
Support Costs	3,025	-	3,025	1,865
Governance	515	-	515	480
	31,403	380	31,783	12,510

Governance costs include £515 (2022: £480) in respect of independent examiner's fees.

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6. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Property and Refurbishment £	Improvements to property £	Furniture, fixtures & fittings £	Total £
Cost				
Brought forward at 6 April 2022	1,574,915	556,144	18,358	2,149,417
Additions	234	2,756	102	3,092
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 5 April 2023	1,575,149	558,900	18,460	2,152,509
Depreciation				
Brought forward at 6 April 2021	-	-	18,141	18,141
Charge for the year	-	-	230	230
Impairment	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 5 April 2023	-	-	18,371	18,371
Net book value At 5 April 2023	1,575,149	558,900	89	2,134,138
At 5 April 2022	1,574,915	556,144	217	2,131,276

Property Details:

Land registry titles of the above property held are:

Birkin Lane: DY141974 - £708,679
 Broombank Road: DY124348, DY232710, DY205074, DY218564, DY490215 - £226,246
 Littlemoor: DY440293 - £816,935

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7. Analysis of net assets between funds

7.1 Current year

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Tangible fixed assets	2,134,138	-	-	2,134,138
Current assets	147,775	-	-	147,775
Current liabilities	(84,515)	-	-	(84,515)
Non-current liabilities	(29,500)	-	-	(29,500)
Total funds	2,167,898	-	-	2,167,898

7.2 Prior year

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted funds £	Total Funds £
Tangible fixed assets	2,131,276	-	-	2,131,276
Current assets	56,894	3,236	-	60,130
Current liabilities	(149,482)	-	-	(149,482)
Non-current liabilities	(103,500)	-	-	(103,500)
Total funds	1,935,188	3,236	-	1,938,424

8. Movement in funds

8.1 Current year

	Balance at 6 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Realised/ unrealised gains and losses £	Balance at 5 April 2023 £
Restricted funds					
Fund A	-	-	-	-	-
Fund B	-	-	-	-	-
Designated Funds	3,236	-	(3,236)	-	-
Unrestricted funds	1,935,188	269,085	(36,376)	-	2,167,897
Total funds	1,938,424	269,085	(39,612)	-	2,167,897

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8.2 Prior year

	Balance at 6 April 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Realised/ unrealised gains and losses	Balance at 5 April 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
Fund A	-	-	-	-	-
Fund B	-	-	-	-	-
Designated Funds	3,761	-	(525)	-	3,236
Unrestricted funds	1,698,701	248,472	(11985)	-	1,935,188
Total funds	1,702,462	248,472	(12,510)	-	1,938,424

[Please include a description of each restricted fund]

9. Transactions with related parties

The total aggregate amount of donations made by related parties is £24,980 (2022 : £23,700)

10. Post balance sheet events

In September 2023 we purchased a further site for £1m with a view to building a larger Gospel Hall in the future. This was purchased with gifts from the congregation along with a £250,000 interest free loan from a member of the congregation.

11. Volunteers

Chesterfield 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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12. Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies:					
Collections		119,949	-	-	119,949
Contributions from the congregation		29,500	-	-	29,500
Gift Aid donations		76,390	-	-	76,390
Income tax refunds		19,098	-	-	19,098
Donated services	4	-	-	-	-
Payroll giving		3,534	-	-	3,534
Legacies		-	-	-	-
Grants		-	-	-	-
Investments					
Bank interest		1	-	-	1
Other					
Profit on sale of assets		-	-	-	-
Total		248,472	-	-	248,472
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities					
Support costs		3,346	525	-	3,871
Direct costs		8,159	-	-	8,159
Governance costs	4	480	-	-	480
Total	5	11,985	525	-	12,510
Net income/(expenditure)		236,487	(525)	-	235,962
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		236,487	(525)	-	235,962
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		1,698,701	3,761	-	1,702,462
Total funds carried forward		1,935,188	3,236	-	1,938,424