

Charity Registration No: 1161970

Chesterfield Gospel Hall Trust

**Report of the trustees and
unaudited financial statements**

Year ended 5 April 2024

Chesterfield Gospel Hall Trust

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Reference and administrative details For the year ended 5 April 2024

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 Chartered Certified 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

Chesterfield Gospel Hall Trust

Report of the Trustees For the year ended 5 April 2024

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

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The Charity is an unincorporated trust constituted by a Deed of Trust dated 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 2024 (2023: £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 halls would normally include the Lord's Supper (Communion), Gospel preachings, Bible readings and Bible addresses. There is a structured weekly schedule of meetings and, depending on the particular meeting, between 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 halls and visitors are free to help themselves.

Spreading the Gospel message and the life of a Christian

The Gospel Halls are a base from which the regular congregation and others who attend the meetings are encouraged to spread the Christian Gospel, in word and deed.

Members of the congregation participate in a programme of street preaching and Gospel tracts are provided free of charge by the Charity to such preachers to be handed out to interested members of the public.

In addition to street preaching, members of the congregation undertook the following:-

- 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.
- In particular, members of the congregation have supported the activities of the registered Charity RRT, which is a separate charity. Examples of the kind of work undertaken may be seen on their website - <https://rrtglobal.org/gb/>

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- In the accounting period:
 - Tracts distributed = 3079 no.
 - Bibles distributed = 1 no.
 - Man hours donated to RRT = 94
 - Community help hours = 48

In carrying out this work, the congregation considers itself to be living out its faith in practice, as particularly exemplified in the following extract from the schedule to the Trust Deed on living a Christian life:

- We seek and are encouraged to live exemplary lives in all our relationships with others in the wider community (including former Brethren), in accordance with the teachings of Holy Scripture (1 Tim 2:2).
- We regularly go out from our homes to preach on the streets, to distribute Christian literature and engage with the wider community (including former Brethren) in order to present eternal salvation, available to all men by faith in Jesus Christ. (2 Tim 4:2).
- We seek as members of the public to lead Christian lives as husbands and wives, parents, children, employers, employees and neighbours. (Col 3:22-25, Col 4:1).
- The preservation and protection of the family unit is fundamental and children are prized as a blessing from God. (Psalm 127:3-5). The elderly are valued members of the community, for whom both their family and the wider community are expected to care.
- Holy Scripture commands us to be good neighbours to others, and deal with all other people (including former Brethren) openly, honestly and fairly and consistent with these principles, we should give our time, talents and money to assist those in need in the wider community, in so far as reasonable given our abilities and our available resources. (Matt 7:12, Matt 22:39, Eph 4:28).

Funding

Funding is sought through gifts from the congregation and Gift Aid is claimed on eligible donations. Funding is sometimes received from other charitable trusts with complementary objectives.

Financial review

Financial position

In the year ended 5 April 2024, the Trust had a modest surplus of incoming resources over resources expended. Total voluntary income received this year was £955,621 compared to £269,085 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 2024 there remained £14,500 to repay, this has since been repaid.

During the year we 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 two years.

**Report of the Trustees
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. 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 £196,885 (2023 : £48,260).

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: October 2024

**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 the Chesterfield Gospel Hall Trust for the year ended 05 April 2024.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

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

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

BASIS OF THE INDEPENDENT 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.

Clare Farmer

C Farmer ACCA
October 2024

24/10/2024

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Statement of financial activities For the year ended 5 April 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies:						
Collections		841,110	-	-	841,110	127,260
Contributions from the congregation		46,384	-	-	46,384	43,000
Gift Aid donations		53,430	-	-	53,430	78,110
Income tax refunds		13,357	-	-	13,357	19,528
Donated services	4	-	-	-	-	-
Payroll giving		1,340	-	-	1,340	1,182
Legacies		-	-	-	-	-
Grants		-	-	-	-	-
Investments						
Bank interest		-	-	-	-	5
Total		955,621	-	-	955,621	269,085
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities						
Donations		4,499	-	-	4,499	7,829
Support costs		4,931	-	-	4,931	3,025
Direct Costs		35,726	-	-	35,726	28,243
Governance costs	4	553	-	-	553	515
Total	5	45,709	-	-	45,709	39,612
Net income/(expenditure)		909,912	-	-	909,912	229,473
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		909,912	-	-	909,912	229,473
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		2,167,897	-	-	2,167,897	1,938,424
Total funds carried forward		3,077,809	-	-	3,077,809	2,167,897

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 As at 5 April 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	6	3,145,924	2,134,137
Current assets			
Debtors:			
Prepayments and accrued income		13,357	19,528
Cash at bank and in hand		198,580	128,247
		211,937	147,775
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year:		(14,500)	(84,000)
Other creditors		(552)	(515)
Accruals and deferred income			
Net current assets		196,885	48,260
		3,342,809	2,197,397
Total assets less current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year:		(265,000)	(29,500)
Loan			
Net assets		3,077,809	2,167,897
Funds			
Unrestricted income fund		3,077,809	2,167,897
Restricted funds		-	-
Total funds	7	3,077,809	2,167,897

The unaudited financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustee of Chesterfield Gospel Hall Trust on October 2024 and signed on their behalf by

J Davies
Trustee

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

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Cashflow Statement As at 5 April 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	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)		909,912	-	-	909,912	229,473
Adjustments for:						
Depreciation charges		101	-	-	101	230
(Gains)/losses on investments		-	-	-	-	-
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		-	-	-	-	(5)
Loss/(profit) on the sale of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
(Increase)/decrease in stocks		-	-	-	-	-
(Increase)/decrease in debtors		6,170	-	-	6,170	(430)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors		166,037	-	-	166,037	(138,965)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		1,082,220	-	-	1,082,220	90,303
Cash flows from investing activities:						
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		-	-	-	-	5
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment		-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(1,011,888)	-	-	(1,011,888)	(3,092)
Proceeds from sale of investments		-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of investments		-	-	-	-	-
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		70,332	-	-	70,332	87,216
Cash flows from financing activities:						
Repayments of borrowing		(84,000)	-	-	(84,000)	(139,000)
Cash inflows from new borrowing		250,000	-	-	250,000	-
Receipt of endowment		-	-	-	-	-
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities		166,000	-	-	166,000	(139,000)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		70,332	-	-	70,332	87,216
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		128,248	-	-	128,248	41,032
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	9	198,580	-	-	198,580	128,248

**Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 5 April 2024**

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 £100) 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

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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

There were no donated services during the year (2023: none)

5. Resources expended

	Meeting rooms	Other charitable activities	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Direct costs				
- Running meetings rooms	26,917	-	26,917	18,484
- Project Costs	5,195	-	5,195	8,256
- Public outreach	-	2,158	2,158	380
- Health and safety	1,320	-	1,320	773
- Congregation Support	-	-	-	85
- Other Maintenance	101	-	101	230
- Legal and professional costs	35	-	35	35
Support Costs	4,931	-	4,931	3,025
Donations	-	4,499	4,499	7,829
Governance	553	-	553	515
	39,052	6,657	45,709	39,612

Governance costs include £553 (2023: £515) 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 2023	1,575,149	558,900	18,460	2,152,508
Additions	1,010,920	-	968	1,011,888
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 5 April 2024	2,586,069	558,900	19,428	3,164,396
Depreciation				
Brought forward at 6 April 2023	-	-	18,371	18,371
Charge for the year	-	-	101	101
Impairment	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 5 April 2024	-	-	18,472	18,472
Net book value				
At 5 April 2024	2,586,069	558,900	956	3,145,924
At 5 April 2023	1,575,149	558,900	89	2,134,138

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
Holmewood:	DY522318, DY277046 - £1,009,000

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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	3,145,924	-	-	3,145,924
Current assets	211,937	-	-	211,937
Current liabilities	(15,052)	-	-	(15,052)
Non-current liabilities	(265,000)	-	-	(265,000)
Total funds	3,077,809	-	-	3,077,809

7.2 Prior 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

8. Movement in funds

8.1 Current year

	Balance at 6 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Realised/ unrealised gains and losses £	Balance at 5 April 2024 £
Restricted funds					
Fund A	-	-	-	-	-
Fund B	-	-	-	-	-
Designated Funds	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted funds	2,167,897	955,621	(45,709)	-	3,077,809
Total funds	2,167,897	955,621	(45,709)	-	3,077,809

8.2 Prior year

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	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

9. Analysis of Cash and Cash equivalents [can be removed if trust gross income is below £500,000]

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash in hand	198,580	-	-	198,580	128,248
Notice deposits (less than 3 months)	-	-	-	-	-
Overdraft facility repayable on demand	-	-	-	-	-
Other cash equivalents (please specify)	-	-	-	-	-
Total cash and cash equivalents	198,580	-	-	198,580	128,248

10. Transactions with related parties

The total aggregate amount of donations made by related parties is £37,630 (2023 : £24,980)
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11. Post balance sheet events

We are working towards applying for planning permission for a larger Gospel Hall on a piece of land we own in Holmewood, Chesterfield. We have allocated £200,000 towards this to cover professional, PR and legal costs.

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12. 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.

13. Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Income and endowments from:					
<i>Donations and legacies:</i>					
Collections		127,260	-	-	127,260
Contributions from the congregation		43,000	-	-	43,000
Gift Aid donations		78,110	-	-	78,110
Income tax refunds		19,528	-	-	19,528
Donated services	4	-	-	-	-
Payroll giving		1,182	-	-	1,182
Legacies		-	-	-	-
Grants		-	-	-	-
<i>Investments</i>					
Bank interest		5	-	-	5
<i>Other</i>					
Profit on sale of assets		-	-	-	-
Total		269,085	-	-	269,085
Expenditure on:					
<i>Charitable activities</i>					
Donations		4,593	3,236	-	7,829
Support costs		3,025	-	-	3,025
Direct costs		28,243	-	-	28,243
Governance costs	4	515	-	-	515
Total	5	36,376	3,236	-	39,612
Net income/(expenditure)		232,709	(3,236)	-	229,473
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		232,709	(3,236)	-	229,473
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		1,935,188	3,236	-	1,938,424
Total funds carried forward		2,167,897	-	-	2,167,897



CdGHT Public Benefit Report



Chesterfield Trust Public Benefit

The purpose of this factual presentation, is to show how the Chesterfield Gospel Hall Trust community engage in many acts of public benefit and interact with the wider community in so many ways.

The Plymouth Brethren were established in 1828 when John Nelson Darby broke with the established Church in Dublin. Darby and others formed a fellowship based on the strict observance of Christian teachings as set out in the Holy Scriptures. Darby came to Plymouth in the early 1830s and the congregation grew rapidly. Early publications were produced in Plymouth and distributed to other congregations of followers throughout the globe.





Introduction

There are over 18,000 Plymouth Brethren members in the UK, spread across 87 locations. These locations can be found on the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church (PBCC) UK Site.



There have been Brethren Gospel, or meeting halls in the surrounding areas for over 150 years.

The Chesterfield Gospel Hall Trust was formed on 23rd January 2004 to acquire buildings to be used for the advancement of the Christian religion by carrying on the service of God, including the celebration of the Lord's Supper, Gospel Preachings, Bible Readings and addresses on the Word of God and other meetings of a Christian religious character according to the injunctions contained in the Holy Scriptures and the tenets and practices of those Christians forming a worldwide fellowship known as Plymouth Brethren.

The Chesterfield congregation is one of the smaller congregations in the UK, with 175 members living in the Chesterfield districts; however with residents from the Doncaster area attending services up to three times a week, together with other visitors, numbers attending services regularly approach 500 persons, from young babies to nonagenarians.





Our Network



To read more on the PBCC way of life, visit the <https://www.plymouthbrethrenchristianchurch.org> website.





Street Preaching and Tract Distribution

Street Preaching

Street Preaching has been actively promoted by the Plymouth brethren for many years, at least from the 1920's, and today is enthusiastically supported by members of the Chesterfield Gospel Hall Trust congregation, as we seek to follow the example set out by our Lord Jesus Christ (Luke ch4 v17- 20).

The essential activity of publicly preaching the name of Jesus and God's wonderful Gospel indiscriminately, gives joy and encouragement to our daily lives; as having personally proved the tangible benefit and immense improvement believing in Jesus brings, we seek to highlight the availability of Jesus to all mankind.

Currently the main chosen location is in the centre of Chesterfield Town Centre.
Street preachings have been held here since the 1990s.

Romans 10v13; "For everyone whosoever, who shall call on the name of the Lord, shall be saved"

The aim of the street preaching is not to recruit additional members for the Plymouth Brethren but to present eternal salvation as available to all men by faith in Jesus Christ and His blood and His work of atonement.

Tract Distribution

Members of the congregation have continued to hand out tracts to neighbours and people in need when they have met them.

Tracts are available for download on the below website:
<https://christiandocctrineandgospelpublishing.org/>



Outreach

In our outreach program, we have engaged with centres for the homeless, vulnerable and in prison.

At the heart of our Community is the commitment to care and compassion, as we recognise the rights of all humanity within society. Members of the Congregation dedicate their time volunteering through our separate charitable arm, the Rapid Relief Team (RRT) that contributes financially to many causes. At Chesterfield Gospel Hall Trust, we actively seek opportunities to support our local community from cleaning road signs to donating to local charities.

See below statistics from our outreach program, in 2024:

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Charities supported

1

Bibles Donated

3790

Tracts Donated

394

Hours gifted to charitable services

267

Street Preachings



Chesterfield Gospel Hall Trust Public Benefit

- £1000.00 Donated to the Holmewood Parish Council to help towards Dog Foul Waste Bins.
- Assistance with the SetUp and ClearUp of the Wingerworth Festival inc the supply of a Pallet Of Bottle Water. (A Total of 36no. Man Hours & 2304no. Bottles).
- A Local Litterpick: A total of 12no. Man Hours by our community members.



Rapid Relief Team

This is the charity arm for the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church.

Our Mission



To serve people with care & compassion in their time of need.

Our Vision



For the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church to express Christian principles of care and compassion, by way of benevolent relief to people in need.

Our Values



Global Team | Community Care
| Compassion | Consistency

The RRT Food Boxes are designed to feed a family of 4 for up to 4 days and bring some relief and joy to households during their time of pressure and crisis.

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Charities supported.

77

RRT Family Food Boxes donated.

1100

Meals to the vulnerable and needy.



The trust see that the work carried out by its members as Volunteers of the Rapid Relief Team (RRT) is of the utmost importance in the community and has been pleased again to allow its external facilities to be used as a meeting/gathering point for these volunteers prior to deployment or community support. Equipment and trailers are stored in the secure ground of the gospel halls where volunteers can freely access them as much of the work of RRT is done out of normal operating hours.

Please note the following cases studies;



Case Study – Example.1

On Wednesday, October 2nd, the Rapid Relief Team (RRT) Chesterfield volunteers teamed up with the North Wingfield Parish Council for a local litter pick. RRT supported the initiative by providing 40 Krispy Kreme doughnuts for all participants!

The event aimed to keep the village of North Wingfield tidy while fostering teamwork among locals. It also served as a platform to discuss community issues and share ideas for improvement. The council supplied all the necessary equipment, including litter pickers and gloves.

The day kick started at 10 AM, with participants gathering outside the North Wingfield Community Resource Centre. This successful event was organised in partnership with Rykneld Homes and Vistry. In addition to positively impacting the community, attendees were treated to drinks and snacks afterwards as a reward for their hard work and dedication!

Over 15 bags of rubbish were collected in just two hours. Four RRT volunteers joined the litter pick, which the organisers greatly appreciated.

The Rapid Relief Team was proud to participate in this effort to tidy up the streets of North Wingfield. It was a pleasure to collaborate with Rykneld Homes, and we are enthusiastic about continuing work on future community projects in the Chesterfield area.

Did you know that 30 million tonnes of litter are collected yearly from our streets— this is enough to fill four Wembley Stadiums. The Rapid Relief Team (RRT) is committed to contributing to this vital effort and keeping our communities clean.





Case Study – Example.2

RRT Chesterfield partnered with Ashgate Hospice Charity on October 19th to raise crucial funds for patients with life-limiting illnesses. This community event not only featured themed activities and entertainment but also aimed to support hospice care directly. Our volunteers served 1,000 meals to those taking part!

Watch our video here: [RRT Chesterfield partnered with Ashgate Hospice Charity on October 19th to raise crucial funds for patients with life-limiting illnesses. This community... | By Rapid Relief Team UK | Facebook](#)

Case Study – Example.3

30no. RRT Food Boxes + 1no. KS1 Early Bird Learning Kit & 300no. Smart Cookies were donated to Spire Infant School in Chesterfield.



Testimonial:

Here at Spire Nursery & Infant School we are very grateful for the support from Rapid Relief Team RRT .

We regularly have a supply of food boxes available to support our families in times of need.

These boxes have emergency supplies of essentials for a family of four to get them through a few difficult days.

For us as a school having these boxes to hand means we can immediately and discretely support our families when they

need it most.



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