

Charity Registration No: 1161974

Springwell Gospel Hall Trust

**Report of the trustees and
unaudited financial statements
Year ended 5 April 2024**

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Reference and Administrative Details For the year ended 5 April 2024

Charity name	Springwell Gospel Hall Trust
Registered charity number	1161974
Trustees	John Thomas Carruth (Chair) Ian Andrew Carruth Edward Garth Carruth Barry Saltmarsh Reuben Mark James
Treasurer	John Thomas Carruth
Principal address	Peareth Hall Road Springwell Gateshead NE9 7NT
Primary Bankers	HSBC Unit 49-51 The Bridges Shopping Centre Sunderland SR1 3LE TSB Bank PLC 162 Northumberland Street Newcastle Upon Tyne NE1 7PR
Independent examiner	Mike Prior FCA Sherlocks Chartered Accountants 13 Plantation Way Whitehill Hants GU35 9HD
Accountant	T B Tax Services Accountants Bridge House Pattenden Lane Marden Kent TN12 9QJ
Solicitor	Watson Watson Solicitor Mercury House Shrewsbury Business Park Shrewsbury SY2 6LG

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Report of the Trustees For the year ended 5 April 2024

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

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The charity is controlled by a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

The Charity is an unincorporated trust constituted by a Deed of Trust dated 26 February 1993, most recently amended by Deed of Variation dated 12 August 2014. The Trust was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 3 June 2015 under Charity Registration Number: 1161974.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The names of the Trustees who served during the year and since the year end are set out on page 3. None of the Trustees, nor any person connected with them, received any remuneration or expenses from the Charity in the year ended 5 April 2024 (2023: £nil).

The Trust operates 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 Longbenton Gospel Hall Trust, with which it shares members of its congregation, and during the year the Charity paid expenses on behalf of that trust, as shown in the donated services note.

Risk management

The Trustees have identified and reviewed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed and confirm that they have established systems or procedures to manage and mitigate those risks.

Objectives and activities

Objectives and aims

The charitable purposes of the Charity are the advancement of the Christian religion for the public benefit, including by the carrying on of the service of God in accordance with the Old and New Testaments of the Holy Bible as followed by those Christians forming part of the world-wide fellowship known as the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church (the "Brethren") and any other charitable purposes connected with Brethren. The core doctrine of the Brethren and proper practices in furtherance of certain aspects of doctrine are summarised in two schedules to the Trust Deed.

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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Report of the Trustees (Cont'd) For the year ended 5 April 2024

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.

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

Members of the congregation volunteered for the Rapid Relief Team, a separate registered charity, in the work that they do. Work done by the RRT includes providing food boxes and essential supplies to the people of Ukraine displaced by the war, and providing support to homeless shelters in the provision of blankets and warm clothing.

During the year donations were made to St Cuthberts Hospice and South Shields & Sunderland Hospital Trust as shown in note 5.

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 includes the Lord's Supper (Communion), Gospel preachings, Bible readings and Bible addresses. There is a structured weekly schedule of meetings and, depending on the particular meeting, between 30 and 300 people normally attend these occasions.

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

Bibles and an extensive range of other Christian reading material are on display at the hall and visitors are free to help themselves.

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Report of the Trustees (Cont'd) For the year ended 5 April 2024

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.

Spreading the Gospel message and the life of a Christian

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. Funding is also secured by rental income from the property at 60 Peareth Hall Road, which is used as a school by Brownberrie Education Trust. This ceased during the year.

Financial review

Financial position

In the year ended 5 April 2024, the Trust had a large surplus of incoming resources over resources expended due to a substantial grant from Longbenton Gospel Hall Trust.

Total voluntary income received this year was £272,324 (2023: £22,600).

All funds held were unrestricted funds.

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Report of the Trustees (Cont'd) For the year ended 5 April 2024

Reserves policy

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs, based on its size and the level of its financial commitments. The Trust has no employees and its regular outgoings are minimal. The Trustees aim to ensure that the charity has sufficient reserves to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives.

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.

There were no free reserves at the year end.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

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

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the Trust Deed require the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. All transactions have been reviewed and approved by two Trustees.

On behalf of the Board:

Signed by:



John Thomas Carruth

Trustee

1/17/2025

Springwell Gospel Hall Trust

Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees For the year ended 5 April 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Springwell Gospel Hall Trust for the year ending 5 April 2024.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

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

BASIS OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act;
Or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 5 April 2024

		Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:						
<i>Donations and legacies:</i>						
Collections		0	0	0	0	0
Contributions from the congregation		8,890	0	0	8,890	22,600
Gift Aid donations		0	0	0	0	0
Income tax refunds		0	0	0	0	0
Donated services		0	0	0	0	0
Payroll giving		0	0	0	0	0
Grants from other Trusts		263,434	0	0	263,434	0
<i>Investments</i>						0
Interest		2,662	0	0	2,662	632
<i>Other - Rent received</i>		4,200	0	0	4,200	12,600
Total		279,186	0	0	279,186	35,832
Expenditure on:						
<i>Charitable activities</i>						
Running meeting rooms	5	30,639	0	0	30,639	24,334
Other charitable activities		2,201	0	0	2,201	4,478
Cost of donated services	4	7,004	0	0	7,004	4,792
Total		39,844	0	0	39,844	33,604
Net income/(expenditure)		239,342	0	0	239,342	2,228
Transfer of funds		0	0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		239,342	0	0	239,342	2,228
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		430,941	0	0	430,941	428,713
Total funds carried forward		670,283	0	0	670,283	430,941

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.

Springwell Gospel Hall Trust**Balance Sheet****For the year ended 5 April 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Intangible assets		0	0
Tangible fixed assets	6	759,972	764,443
		759,972	764,443
Current assets			
Debtors		0	0
Loans	7	0	0
Prepayments and accrued income		0	0
Cash at bank and in hand		414,176	168,923
		414,176	168,923
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year:			
Other creditors		0	0
Accruals and deferred income		(3,865)	(2,425)
Loans	8	(500,000)	(500,000)
Net current assets		(89,689)	(333,502)
Total assets less current liabilities		670,283	430,941
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year:			
Loans		0	0
Net assets	8	670,283	430,941
Funds			
Unrestricted income fund		670,283	430,941
Designated funds		0	0
Restricted funds		0	0
Total charity funds	9	670,283	430,941

The unaudited financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees of Springwell Gospel Hall Trust on 1/17/2025 and signed on their behalf by

Signed by:



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John Thomas Carruth

Trustee

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

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

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014, and incorporating update bulletins 1 and 2, and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The functional currency of the charity is sterling (£).

The Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

1.2 Income

Donations are recognised in the year in which there is entitlement and probability of receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future year. Gift aid is added to the value of the donation to which it relates.

Donated services are recognised as income and expenditure in the financial statements when organisations or individuals offer their services and support pro bono. The value of these donated services to Springwell 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.

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1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets (costing more than £1500) 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	2% straight line
Freehold Land	Not depreciated
Fixtures and fittings	15% reducing balance

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).

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

4. Donated Services

<i>Donated to:</i>	2024	2023
	£	£
Longbenton Gospel Hall Trust	7,004	4,792
	<u>7,004</u>	<u>4,792</u>

5. Resources expended

<i>Current year</i>	Meeting rooms	Other charitable activities	2024
	£	£	£
Direct costs:			
Insurance	3,192	0	3,192
Repairs & Maintenance	9,158	0	9,158
Bank charges	60	0	60
Utilities	7,291	0	7,291
Donations	0	2,201	2,201
Activity costs	3,239	0	3,239
Legal fees	1,218	0	1,218
Depreciation	4,471	0	4,471
Governance costs	2,010	0	2,010
	<u>30,639</u>	<u>2,201</u>	<u>32,840</u>
Cost of donated services (note 4)	<u>7,004</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,004</u>
	<u><u>37,643</u></u>	<u><u>2,201</u></u>	<u><u>39,844</u></u>
 <i>Prior year</i>	 Meeting rooms	 Other charitable activities	 2023
	£	£	£
Direct costs:			
Insurance	1,889	0	1,889
Repairs & Maintenance	7,697	0	7,697
Bank charges	60	0	60
Utilities	5,867	0	5,867
Donations	0	4,478	4,478
Activity costs	596	0	596
Legal fees	1,864	0	1,864
Depreciation	4,471	0	4,471
Governance costs	1,890	0	1,890
	<u>24,334</u>	<u>4,478</u>	<u>28,812</u>
Cost of donated services (note 4)	<u>4,792</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,792</u>
	<u><u>29,126</u></u>	<u><u>4,478</u></u>	<u><u>33,604</u></u>

Governance costs include £2,010 (2023: £1,890) in respect of independent examiner's fees.

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

6. Fixed assets

	Freehold Property See Below	Land See Below	60 Peareth Hall Road See Below	Equipment	Total
Cost					
B/f at 06/04/2023	187,096	93,548	500,000	7,082	787,726
Additions	0	0	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0	0	0
At 5 April 2024	187,096	93,548	500,000	7,082	787,726
Depreciation	2% SL	N/A	N/A	15% RB	
B/f at 06/04/2023	20,329	0	0	2,954	23,283
Charge for the year	3,742	0	0	729	4,471
Impairment	0	0	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0	0	0
At 5 April 2024	24,071	0	0	3,683	27,754
Net book value					
At 5 April 2024	163,025	93,548	500,000	3,399	759,972
At 5 April 2023	166,767	93,548	500,000	4,128	764,443
Property Details	TY36604	TY335039	TY34040		

7. Loans received

	2024 £	2023 £
Loan from Thornfield Gospel Hall Trust	500,000	500,000
TOTAL	500,000	500,000

The loan is interest free and repayable on demand.

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8. Analysis of net assets between funds

8.1 Current year

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds	Restricted funds £	Total £
Fixed assets	759,972	0	0	759,972
Current assets	414,176	0	0	414,176
Current liabilities	(503,865)	0	0	(503,865)
Long term liabilities	0	0	0	0
Total funds	670,283	0	0	670,283

8.2 Prior year

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds	Restricted funds £	Total £
Fixed assets	764,443	0	0	764,443
Current assets	168,923	0	0	168,923
Current liabilities	(502,425)	0	0	(502,425)
Long term liabilities	0	0	0	0
Total funds	430,941	0	0	430,941

9. Movement in funds

9.1 Current year

	Balance at 6 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Realised/ unrealised gains and losses £	Balance at 5 April 2024 £
Restricted funds	0	0	0	0	0
Designated funds	0	0	0	0	0
Unrestricted funds	430,941	279,186	(39,844)	0	670,283
Total funds	430,941	279,186	(39,844)	0	670,283

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

	Balance at 6 April 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Realised/ unrealised gains and losses	Balance at 5 April 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds	0	0	0	0	0
Designated funds	4,889	0	0	(4,889)	0
Unrestricted funds	423,824	35,832	(33,604)	4,889	430,941
Total funds	428,713	35,832	(33,604)	0	430,941

10. Transactions with related parties

There were no related party transactions requiring disclosure in the year.

11. Volunteers

Springwell 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

		Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2023
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:					
<i>Donations and legacies:</i>					
Collections		0	0	0	0
Contributions from the congregation		22600	0	0	22600
Gift Aid donations		0	0	0	0
Income tax refunds		0	0	0	0
Donated services		0	0	0	0
Payroll giving		0	0	0	0
Grants from other Trusts		0	0	0	0
<i>Investments</i>					
Interest		632	0	0	632
<i>Other - Rent received</i>		12600	0	0	12600
Total		35832	0	0	35832
Expenditure on:					
<i>Charitable activities</i>					
Running meeting rooms	5	24334	0	0	24334
Other charitable activities		4478	0	0	4478
Cost of donated services	4	4792	0	0	4792
Total		33604	0	0	33604
Net income/(expenditure)		2228	0	0	2228
Transfer of funds		4889	(4889)	0	0
Net movement in funds		7117	(4889)	0	2228
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		423824	4889	0	428713
Total funds carried forward		430941	0	0	430941