

NORTH ROAD MEETING ROOM TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1161975

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Trust

Registered 2015-06-03

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: (A) 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 A WORLDWIDE FELLOWSHIP KNOWN AS THE "PLYMOUTH BRETHREN CHRISTIAN CHURCH" (THE "BRETHREN") WHOSE CORE DOCTRINE IS SUMMARISED IN SCHEDULE 1 TO THIS DEED AND WHOSE PROPER PRACTICES IN FURTHERANCE OF SOME ASPECTS OF THAT CORE DOCTRINE ARE SUMMARISED IN SCHEDULE 2 TO THIS DEED(?FAITH IN PRACTICE?); AND (B) ANY OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES CONNECTED WITH BRETHREN.

Activities: Religious Activities

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Plymouth City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£67,221	£60,348	-	-
2024-04-05	£59,557	£79,654	-	-
2023-04-05	£51,248	£53,588	-	-
2022-04-05	£45,448	£42,198	-	-
2021-04-05	£57,587	£67,907	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Harvey Dale Melvin	Chair	2023-12-05
NIGEL MARK KEAM		2012-03-31
Nathan Paul Burtenshaw		2023-04-01
Neil Julian Burtenshaw		2024-01-06
Ross Darren Melvin		2016-07-02

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Accounts

Trustees Report & Unaudited Financial Statements

North Road Meeting Room Trust
For the year ended 5 April 2025

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Legal and Administrative Information

North Road Meeting Room Trust For the year ended 5 April 2025

Charity Name:

North Road Meeting Room Trust

Registered Charity Number:

1161975

Trustees:

Mr H Melvin (Chair)

Mr N P Burtenshaw

Mr R Melvin

Mr N Keam

Mr N J Burtenshaw

Treasurer:

Mr N P Burtenshaw

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Report of the Trustees

North Road Meeting Room Trust For the year ended 5 April 2025

The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 5 April 2025. 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 an unincorporated trust constituted by a Deed of Trust dated 28th June 1982, most recently amended by Deed of Variation dated 12th August 2014. The trust was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 3rd June 2015 under Charity Registration Number: 1161975

Recruitment and appointment of new Trustees

The Trustees who have 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 from the Charity in the year ended 5 April 2025. Trustees were reimbursed for expenses during the year totalling £311 (2024: £Nil).

The Trust operates one 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 Compton Meeting Rooms Trust 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 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.

During the year 2024-2025, North Road Meeting Room Trust has continued its support of local foodbanks with ambient food items.

Donations have been made to 4 charities in the financial year – these are to:

- Jeremiah’s Journey – a Plymouth-based charity providing compassionate bereavement support for children and families.
- Hugs Children’s Cancer Charity – a local charity which provides physical and emotional support to families in Devon and Cornwall who have a child with rare childhood cancers.
- Great Ormond Street Hospital Charity – a national charity that supports the hospital and stops at nothing to help give seriously ill children childhoods that are fuller, funner and longer.
- Dame Hannah Rogers Trust - a Devon charity that has been providing services to enrich and empower the lives of disadvantaged and disabled children and adults for nearly 260 years.

Main activities and achievements

The Trust provides and maintains one 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.

During the year, the Trust continued to invest in the upkeep and improvement of the City Gospel Hall and its grounds. In addition, during 2025 the Trustees undertook preparatory work for a major refurbishment project, as detailed below, including securing funding and obtaining the necessary approvals.

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

The Trust plans to carry out a comprehensive refurbishment of the City Gospel Hall, focused primarily on internal improvements, such as upgraded audio systems. The Trustees anticipate that the refurbishment will commence in the first quarter of 2026.

Meetings

Meetings held at the Gospel halls include the Lord's Supper (Communion), Gospel preachings, Bible readings and Bible addresses. There is a structured weekly schedule of meetings and, depending on the particular meeting, between 100 and 250 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 where 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:

- 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

In the year ended 5 April 2025 the Trust had a surplus of incoming resources over resources expended.

Total voluntary income received this year was £66,234 compared to £58,635 in the previous year.

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, based on its size and the level of its financial commitments. The Trust has no employees and its regular outgoings are minimal. The Charity is holding a suitable level of free reserves to fund the refurbishment of one of the Gospel Halls, as mentioned in the Plans for Future Periods section of the Report of the Trustees. The Trustees have also decided to maintain a minimum balance of £50,000 in a current account to ensure the Charity has sufficient flexibility to meet any future needs it may face. The congregation is kept regularly informed of particular funding needs and other relevant matters, and the Trustees aim to ensure that the Charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives, even in the event of a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure, by raising a fundraising appeal to the congregation.

Free Reserves at the year end were £117,046 (2024: £101,879)

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 (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 which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to 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:


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Mr N Burtenshaw (Trustee)

22/01/2026
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Date

Report of the Independent Examiner

North Road Meeting Room Trust For the year ended 5 April 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the North Road Meeting Room Trust for the year ended 5 April 2025.

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 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 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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22 January 2026

Statement of Financial Activities

North Road Meeting Room Trust For the year ended 5 April 2025

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2025	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
Income and endowments:					
Donations and Legacies:					
Contributions from the Congregation	41,078	-	-	41,078	29,535
Gift Aid Donations	18,725	-	-	18,725	22,320
Income Tax refunds	4,681	-	-	4,681	5,580
Other Donations	1,750	-	-	1,750	1,200
Investments					
Interest Received	987	-	-	987	922
Total Income and endowments:	67,221	-	-	67,221	59,557
Expenditure:					
Running Meeting Rooms (note 8)	44,234	-	-	44,234	46,461
Cost of donated services (note 4)	16,114	-	-	16,114	33,193
Total Expenditure:	60,348	-	-	60,348	79,654
Net Income/(Expenditure)	6,874	-	-	6,874	(20,096)
Net Movement In Funds	6,874	-	-	6,874	(20,096)
	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2025	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
Reconciliation of funds (note 10)					
Total Funds brought forward	747,858	-	-	747,858	767,955
Net movement in funds	6,874	-	-	6,874	(20,096)
Total Funds carried forward	754,732	-	-	754,732	747,858

The notes on page 11 - 19 form part of these financial statements.

Balance Sheet

North Road Meeting Room Trust As at 5 April 2025

	2025	2024
Fixed Assets		
Tangible assets (note 5)	637,686	645,979
Total Fixed Assets	637,686	645,979
Current assets		
Prepayments and accrued income	2,860	4,043
Cash at bank and in hand	116,471	101,227
Total Current assets	119,331	105,271
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Accruals and deferred income	2,284	3,392
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2,284	3,392
Net current assets/(liabilities)	117,046	101,879
Total assets less current liabilities	754,732	747,858
Net Assets	754,732	747,858
Funds (note 9)		
Unrestricted funds	754,732	747,858
Total Funds	754,732	747,858

The unaudited financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees of North Road Meeting Room Trust onand were signed on its behalf by:


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Mr N Burtenshaw (Trustee)

The notes on pages 11 - 19 form part of these financial statements.

Notes forming part of the Financial Statements

North Road Meeting Room Trust For the year ended 5 April 2025

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 North Road Meeting Room 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 Property	3% straight line
Fixtures & Fittings	25% 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.

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

None of the Trustees, nor any person connected with them, received any remuneration from the Charity in the year ended 5 April 2025. Trustees were reimbursed for expenses during the year totalling £311 (2024: £Nil).

3. WAGES AND SALARIES

There are no employees (2024: none)

4. Donated Services

	2025	2024
Donated Services		
Donated To:		
Donated Services to Compton Meeting Rooms Trust	16,114	33,193
Total Donated Services:	16,114	33,193

5. Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost	Freehold Property - Brest Road	Fixtures & Fittings	Totals
At 6 April 2024	763,528	90,243	853,771
Additions	10,843	1,087	11,930
Disposals	-	-	-
At 5 April 2025	774,371	91,330	865,701
Depreciation			
At 6 April 2024	135,174	72,617	207,792
Current Year Depreciation	15,617	4,607	20,224
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	-
At 5 April 2025	150,791	77,225	228,016
Net Book Value			
At 5 April 2025	623,580	14,106	637,686
At 5 April 2024	628,354	17,626	645,979

Land registry titles of the above property held are DN226860.

6. TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

During the financial year, aggregated donations of £3,240 (2024: £11,160) were received. The trust made reimbursements to trustees, totalling £311 (2024: £Nil). The trust also incurred expenses totalling £397 (2024: £3,177) from Protective Wear Supplies Ltd, of which Neil Burtenshaw (a trustee) is a director of, relating to general expenses for the Trust such as washroom supplies.

7. VOLUNTEERS

North Road Meeting Room Trust relies entirely on volunteers to carry out the management, administration and general maintenance work. The Trust has no paid staff or paid Trustees.

Resources Expended

North Road Meeting Room Trust For the year ended 5 April 2025

8. Resources Expended

	RUNNING MEETING ROOMS	OTHER CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	TOTAL COSTS 2025	TOTAL COSTS 2024
Direct Costs				
Premises costs - repairs and maintenance	7,762	-	7,762	8,336
Premises costs - heat, light and power	6,014	-	6,014	8,177
Telephone	1,178	-	1,178	1,218
Health and Safety	82	-	82	400
Legal and professional	2,232	-	2,232	788
Public outreach expenses	-	620	620	557
Special meeting costs	2,024	-	2,024	85
Depreciation	20,224	-	20,224	18,400
Insurance	1,955	-	1,955	1,893
Other Expenses	991	-	991	5,510
Governance	1,152	-	1,152	1,098
Total Direct Costs	43,613	620	44,234	46,461

Governance costs include £180 (prior year: £180) in respect of independent examiners fees.

Analysis of Net Assets - Current year

North Road Meeting Room Trust For the year ended 5 April 2025

9. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

9.1 Current Year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2025
Funds				
Tangible Fixed Assets	637,686	-	-	637,686
Current Assets	119,331	-	-	119,331
Current Liabilities	(2,284)	-	-	(2,284)
Total Funds	754,732	-	-	754,732

Analysis of Net Assets - Prior Year

North Road Meeting Room Trust For the year ended 5 April 2025

9.2 Prior Year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
Funds				
Tangible Fixed Assets	645,979	-	-	645,979
Current Assets	105,271	-	-	105,271
Current Liabilities	(3,392)	-	-	(3,392)
Total Funds	747,858	-	-	747,858

Movement in Funds - Current Year

North Road Meeting Room Trust For the year ended 5 April 2025

10. Movement in Funds

10.1 Movement in funds - current year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2025
Movement in Funds				
Total funds brought forward	747,858	-	-	747,858
Incoming resources	67,221	-	-	67,221
Resources expended	(60,348)	-	-	(60,348)
Total funds carried forward	754,732	-	-	754,732

Movement in Funds - Prior Year

North Road Meeting Room Trust For the year ended 5 April 2025

10. Movement in Funds

10.2 Movement in funds - Prior year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
Movement in Funds				
Total funds brought forward	767,955	-	-	767,955
Incoming resources	59,557	-	-	59,557
Resources expended	(79,654)	-	-	(79,654)
Total funds carried forward	747,858	-	-	747,858

Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

North Road Meeting Room Trust For the year ended 5 April 2025

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
Income and endowments:				
Donations and Legacies:				
Contributions from the Congregation	29,535	-	-	29,535
Gift Aid Donations	22,320	-	-	22,320
Income Tax refunds	5,580	-	-	5,580
Other Donations	1,200	-	-	1,200
Investments				
Interest Received	922	-	-	922
Total Income and endowments:	59,557	-	-	59,557
Expenditure:				
Running Meeting Rooms (note 8)	46,461	-	-	46,461
Cost of donated services (note 4)	33,193	-	-	33,193
Total Expenditure:	79,654	-	-	79,654
Net Income/(Expenditure)	(20,096)	-	-	(20,096)
Net Movement In Funds	(20,096)	-	-	(20,096)
	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
Reconciliation of funds (note 10)				
Total Funds brought forward	767,955	-	-	767,955
Net movement in funds	(20,096)	-	-	(20,096)
Total Funds carried forward	747,858	-	-	747,858

North Road Meeting Room Trust - Public Benefit

This report showcases the ways in which the North Road Meeting Room Trust and its congregation participate and engage in work of public benefit, connecting with the wider community in various ways.

The Plymouth Brethren Christian Church was established around 200 years ago and was founded by John Nelson Darby, one of the most influential Protestant thinkers of the 19th century.

Mr Darby broke with the established church in Ireland in 1827 and broke bread with those close to him following deep spiritual exercise. This was the start of the Plymouth Brethren movement and today we are a community of over 55,000 members who live, work and worship around the world.

Around 1830 Mr Darby came to Plymouth where the congregation grew rapidly. Early publications were produced in Plymouth and distributed to other congregations of followers throughout the globe.



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Introduction

Over 18,000 members of the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church reside in the UK and gather in 86 congregations spread across the country. The PBCC UK website displays these locations: [PBCC UK Locations](#)



Ever since the establishment of the Church there have been Brethren gospel halls or meeting halls in the city of Plymouth – this is for approximately 190 years.

The North Road Meeting Trust was created in Plymouth for the purpose of acquisition and construction of gospel halls for 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.

This includes 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 teachings of the Holy Bible and the practices of those Christians forming a global fellowship known as the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church.

The North Road congregation currently has 119 members, living in the Plymouth and Yelverton areas in Devon. With members from the neighbouring congregation in St Austell, attending services up to twice a week along with other visitors, numbers can reach 280 persons, ranging from young to old.

The PBCC website gives more details on our way of life – follow <https://www.plymouthbrethrenchristianchurch.org/>

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Street Preaching and Tract Distribution

In cities and towns where there are Brethren congregations, public gospel preaching takes place on many weekdays in the middle of the day.

The aim is not to recruit more members for the Brethren but to present eternal salvation, available to all men and women by faith in Jesus Christ, through His blood and His work of atonement.

‘God our Saviour, who will have all men to be saved and come unto the knowledge of the truth’

1 Timothy 2: 3-4

In Plymouth the street preachings are currently held at midday on weekdays at the top of New George Street in the city centre.

Gospel tracts are handed out to passers-by – and these include phone numbers so that a contact is available for anyone seeking help, guidance, reassurance or solace.

Bibles and gospel tracts/booklets are available on the below website:

<https://christiandocctrineandgospelpublishing.org/publications/outreach>

Outreach and Public Benefit

There is a strong and generous charitable spirit amongst the Brethren community with many actively devoting time to volunteer and contribute financially to causes close to home and right across the globe.

Members of the Plymouth congregation volunteer with the Plymouth branch of the Rapid Relief Team (RRT) (a separate charity to North Road Meeting Room Trust) which is the global church's charitable arm.

As well as this financial donations are made to a range of charitable causes. During the year 2024-2025 these included:

- ❖ 4 charities supported with financial donations
- ❖ 15 active volunteers with Rapid Relief Team
- ❖ 4 donations to foodbanks of ambient food and household items

Donations were made to:

- **Jeremiah's Journey** – a Plymouth-based charity providing compassionate bereavement support for children and families.



- **Hugs Children’s Cancer Charity** – a local charity which provides physical and emotional support to families in Devon and Cornwall who have a child with rare childhood cancers.



- **Great Ormond Street Hospital Charity** – a national charity that supports the hospital and stops at nothing to help give seriously ill children childhoods that are fuller, ‘funner’ and longer.



- **Dame Hannah Rogers Trust** - a Devon charity that has been providing services to enrich and empower the lives of disadvantaged and disabled children and adults for nearly 260 years.



The trust continued its support of local foodbanks in the city of Plymouth with ambient food and household items, regularly throughout the year.

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Rapid Relief Team



There is a strong and generous charitable spirit among the Brethren, with many of us actively devoting our time to volunteer and contribute financially to causes close to home and right across the globe.

In 2013, the [Rapid Relief Team \(RRT\)](#) was established to help put our care and compassion into action for the benefit of people in need. Fast forward to today, and RRT is active in 14 countries and is operated by 14,500 volunteers from our Community.

RRT volunteers lend a helping hand to first responders and those impacted by disaster as well as providing specific support for young people, people facing health and disability challenges and the homeless or people impacted by poverty and hardship.

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

- ❖ 4 events supported by Plymouth RRT
- ❖ 27 RRT Snack Packs donated to Devon & Cornwall Police
- ❖ 1500 bottles of water donated

Throughout the year, RRT in Plymouth supported St Luke's Hospice, a local charity delivering palliative care and support by donating a pallet of bottled water to contribute fundraising events such as the Midnight Walk and Men's Day Out sponsored walks, and the Tour de Moor cycle ride

The volunteer work of the members of the congregation is of great importance to the community in which we serve.

The trust is pleased for its external facilities at the local gospel halls to be used as a meeting/gathering point for RRT volunteers to start from prior to deployment. Equipment and trailers are stored in the secure grounds and a dedicated storage facility at one of the halls for the volunteers to access 24/7 whenever called upon.



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Case Studies

May 2024

A quiet Cornish village was rocked by an explosion on 12th May with the bomb squad called to the scene of what was suspected to be a gas explosion. A 46-year-old man who sustained life-changing injuries in the explosion was pulled from the wreckage of a caravan

In the days following the incident, police remained in attendance at the property near Gunnislake while investigations continued. A 100-metre police cordon was established and maintained after officers discovered a quantity of suspected explosive materials and chemicals at the property.

Explosives experts from the Royal Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team worked alongside the fire service and the police to make the substances safe.

During the extended emergency response congregation members volunteered with the RRT to support the emergency services working at the scene. They prepared and served breakfast and lunch to the responders in attendance. This support was provided over several hours with approximately 70 meals being served.



RRT serve hot food to police teams at the Gunnislake incident

Below are links to local news reports of the explosion:

[Plymouth Herald: Suspect materials found and injured man arrested as bomb squad investigate caravan explosion](#)

[Cornwall Live: Cornwall caravan explosion leaves man with life-changing injuries](#)

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August 2024

In August 2024, Plymouth experienced significant civil unrest as part of a wider series of riots across the United Kingdom. These disturbances were sparked by the tragic murders of young children in Southport which led to heightened tensions and outbreaks of disorder in several cities.

The city centre in Plymouth was among the locations affected requiring a substantial police presence to maintain public safety and restore order during the period of unrest.

On the evening of 6th August 2024 members of the congregation volunteered with Plymouth RRT to provide support to police personnel responding to the riots. The team served snacks and hot drinks throughout the evening and into the night helping to sustain officers during their physically and mentally demanding shifts.

This support was delivered within a secure compound where police responders were able to take short breaks from active duty. The initiative was warmly received and demonstrated a strong spirit of community cooperation and solidarity with emergency services during a challenging time.





RRT serve the riot response teams during the night

Below is a link to a LinkedIn post from the Rapid Relief Team showing a video of the RRT at the event. It also included a heartfelt response from Temporary Inspector Mark Ruston, MBE of Devon & Cornwall Police.

https://www.linkedin.com/posts/rapid-relief-team-rrt-uk-kingdom_rrtcares-ugcPost-7226673827018104833-OzOE

RRT recognition in Plymouth

Devon and Cornwall Force Awards

The Rapid Relief Team (RRT) was awarded the Superintendent Certificate at the annual Devon and Cornwall Force Awards in recognition of the charity's 'unwavering support' for the local police force.

The awards ceremony was held on November 13th 2024, honouring volunteers and community members for their bravery and selflessness demonstrated in their support for the police.

Chief Superintendent Scott Bradley expressed his gratitude about RRT saying, *"We want to thank the RRT for their invaluable support to our forces throughout the year. The provision of hot food and refreshments during spontaneous operations is an especially welcome sight to those who have been working long and challenging hours."*

"As a volunteer charity, we appreciate their hard work organising and offering catering support at such a short notice. This award especially commends the RRT and its volunteers for their selflessness and dedication in times of need."

[Celebrating Service: RRT Awarded at Plymouth Police Ceremony](#)

The awards ceremony was captured in local and national news reports:

[BBC: Police and public awarded for Plymouth safety](#)

[Plymouth Herald: Little known Plymouth response team giving vital support to police in major incidents](#)

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Operation Foster awards ceremony

Further to this, a few weeks later on 17th December 2024, the RRT in Plymouth were again honoured at an awards ceremony at the Life Centre. This was a 'thank you' event to recognise all the agencies that supported the emergency services in Operation Foster in February 2024.

Operation Foster was a major emergency response to safely remove a 500kg World War II bomb discovered in a residential garden in Keyham, Plymouth. It involved evacuating over 10,000 residents, coordinated by local emergency services, the Armed Forces, and REACT Disaster Response.

Plymouth RRT supported personnel working at the scene and at numerous cordons over the course of several days. They provided food and hot drinks to bomb disposal teams and to some of the thousands of residents who had to be evacuated.

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Huge appreciation was expressed by all the emergency services for RRT's support and contribution to this extended deployment.



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NORTH ROAD MEETING ROOM TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1161975

Accounts

Trustees Report & Unaudited Financial Statements

North Road Meeting Room Trust
For the year ended 5 April 2024

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Legal and Administrative Information

North Road Meeting Room Trust For the year ended 5 April 2024

Charity Name:

North Road Meeting Room Trust

Registered Charity Number:

1161975

Trustees:

Mr N Keam

Mr NP Burtenshaw

Mr R Melvin

Mr T Hill - resigned 6th January 2024

Mr M Hannaford - resigned 5th December 2023

Mr H Melvin (Chair) - reappointed 5th December 2023

Mr NJ Burtenshaw - appointed 6th January 2024

Treasurer:

Mr NP Burtenshaw

Principle Address:

124 Looseleigh Lane, Derriford, Plymouth, United Kingdom, PL6 5JD

Independent Examiner:

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Derry Cross
Plymouth

Report of the Trustees

North Road Meeting Room Trust 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 an unincorporated trust constituted by a Deed of Trust dated 28th June 1982, most recently amended by Deed of Variation dated 12th August 2014. The trust was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 3rd June 2015 under Charity Registration Number: 1161975

Recruitment and appointment of new Trustees

The Trustees who have 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.

The Trust operates one 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 the Compton Meeting Rooms Trust, 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 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.

Main activities and achievements

The Trust provides and maintains one 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.

During the financial year the trust has invested in a full rehaul and upgrade of the air conditioning and heating controls at the city gospel hall. This was to modernise and bring the systems up to date since the previous controls were original to the construction of the hall. The installations were made after conducting considerable thorough research and planning for the equipment and contractor. Further to this, an intruder alarm system has been installed along with improved CCTV installation.

Also during the 2023-24 financial year, the Charity continued its support of local foodbanks with ambient food items. Donations were made to 4 charities during the financial year. These charities were:

- Childrens Hospice South West - a regional organisation with 3 childrens hospices between Cornwall, Devon and Somerset
- Shekinah Mission - a Devon charity for homelessness, with operations in Plymouth and Torbay
- St Lukes Hospice - a local charity providing palliative care and support within the Plymouth area.
- Help for Heroes - a national charity providing lifelong support to injured and wounded military veterans across the UK.

A separate report details further activities carried out by members of the local congregation, including support for a separate charity, the Rapid Relief Team, in Plymouth that regularly supports the local community.

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.

The trustees have conducted research and carried out financial costing for the full refurbishment of the city gospel hall. This includes mainly internal works, including an airlock, audio, seating and carpets as well some external works such as painting the roof cladding. Other parts of the hall and grounds have already received extensive modernisations such as toilets, car park resurfacing, CCTV and alarm systems. The trustees anticipate for this to take place during 2025.

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, between 100 and 250 people normally attend these occasions.

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

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

Spreading the Gospel message and the life of a Christian

The Gospel 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 where 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:

- 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

In the year ended 5 April 2024 the Trust had a modest deficit of incoming resources over resources expended. This is mostly due to non-monetary items such as depreciation.

Total voluntary income received this year was £58,635 compared to £51,091 in the previous year.

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, based on its size and the level of its financial commitments. The Trust has no employees and its regular outgoings are minimal. Accordingly, the Trustees have decided to adopt a policy of maintaining no significant reserves apart from a minimum of £50,000 to enable the Charity to have sufficient flexibility to handle any future needs that the Charity may have to face. 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. The Charity is also holding free reserves in anticipation of additional costs in 2025 if the charity progresses with the refurbishment of the gospel hall.

Free Reserves at the year end were £101,879 (2023: £131,950)

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:

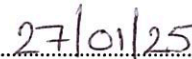
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures 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 which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to 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:


.....

Mr N Burtenshaw (Trustee)


.....

Date

Report of the Independent Examiner

North Road Meeting Room Trust For the year ended 5 April 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the North Road Meeting Room Trust for the year ended 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').

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 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 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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16 January 2025

Statement of Financial Activities

North Road Meeting Room Trust For the year ended 5 April 2024

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2024	TOTAL FUNDS 2023
Income and endowments:					
Donations and Legacies:					
Contributions from the Congregation	29,535	-	-	29,535	27,066
Gift Aid Donations	22,320	-	-	22,320	17,680
Income Tax refunds	5,580	-	-	5,580	4,420
Other donations	1,200	-	-	1,200	1,925
Investments					
Interest Received	922	-	-	922	157
Total Income and endowments:	59,557	-	-	59,557	51,248
Expenditure:					
Running Meeting Rooms (note 8)	46,461	-	-	46,461	44,386
Cost of donated services (note 4)	33,193	-	-	33,193	9,202
Total Expenditure:	79,654	-	-	79,654	53,588
Net Income/(Expenditure)	(20,096)	-	-	(20,096)	(2,340)
Net Movement In Funds	(20,096)	-	-	(20,096)	(2,340)
	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2024	TOTAL FUNDS 2023
Reconciliation of funds (note 10)					
Total Funds brought forward	767,955	-	-	767,955	770,295
Net movement in funds	(20,096)	-	-	(20,096)	(2,340)
Total Funds carried forward	747,858	-	-	747,858	767,955

The notes on page 11 - 19 form part of these financial statements.

Balance Sheet

North Road Meeting Room Trust As at 5 April 2024

	2024	2023
Fixed Assets		
Tangible assets (note 5)	645,979	636,005
Total Fixed Assets	645,979	636,005
Current assets		
Prepayments and accrued income	4,043	5,240
Cash at bank and in hand	101,227	131,302
Total Current assets	105,271	136,541
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Accruals and deferred income	3,392	4,591
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	3,392	4,591
Net current assets/(liabilities)	101,879	131,950
Total assets less current liabilities	747,858	767,955
Net Assets	747,858	767,955
Funds (note 9)		
Unrestricted funds	747,858	767,955
Total Funds	747,858	767,955

The unaudited financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees of North Road Meeting Room Trust onand were signed on its behalf by:

.....
Mr N Burtenshaw (Trustee)

The notes on pages 11 - 19 form part of these financial statements.

Notes forming part of the Financial Statements

North Road Meeting Room Trust 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 North Road Meeting Room 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	3% straight line
Fixtures & Fittings	25% 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.

1.9 Going Concern

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

1.10 Significant estimates and judgements

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

No Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits from an employment with the charity and no Trustees were reimbursed for expenses (2023: none)

3. WAGES AND SALARIES

There are no employees (2023: none)

4. Donated Services

	2024	2023
Donated Services		
Donated To:		
Donated Services to Compton Meeting Rooms Trust	33,193	9,202
Total Donated Services:	33,193	9,202

5. Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost	Freehold Property - Brest Road	Fixtures & Fittings	Totals
At 6 April 2023	750,000	75,396	825,396
Additions	13,528	14,847	28,375
Disposals	-	-	-
At 5 April 2024	763,528	90,243	853,771
Depreciation			
At 6 April 2023	120,000	69,391	189,391
Current Year Depreciation	15,174	3,226	18,400
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	-
At 5 April 2024	135,174	72,617	207,792
Net Book Value			
At 5 April 2024	628,354	17,626	645,979
At 5 April 2023	630,000	6,005	636,005

Land registry titles of the above property held are DN226860.

6. TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

During the financial year, aggregated donations of £11,160 (2023: £7,935) were received. The trust also incurred expenses totaling £3,177 from Protective Wear Supplies Ltd, of which Neil Burtenshaw (a trustee) is a director of, relating to general expenses for the Trust such as washroom supplies and cleaning materials

7. VOLUNTEERS

North Road Meeting Room Trust relies entirely on volunteers to carry out the management, administration and general maintenance work. The Trust has no paid staff or paid Trustees.

Resources Expended

North Road Meeting Room Trust For the year ended 5 April 2024

8. Resources Expended

	RUNNING MEETING ROOMS	OTHER CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	TOTAL COSTS 2024	TOTAL COSTS 2023
Direct Costs				
Premises costs - repairs and maintenance	8,336	-	8,336	7,477
Premises costs - heat, light and power	8,177	-	8,177	7,747
Telephone	1,218	-	1,218	1,505
Health and Safety	400	-	400	370
Legal and professional	788	-	788	1,856
Public outreach expenses	-	557	557	70
Special meeting costs	85	-	85	384
Depreciation	18,400	-	18,400	16,592
Insurance	1,893	-	1,893	1,801
Other Expenses	5,510	-	5,510	5,538
Governance	1,098	-	1,098	1,045
Total Direct Costs	45,904	557	46,461	44,386

Governance costs include £180 (prior year: £180) in respect of independent examiners fees.

Analysis of Net Assets - Current year

North Road Meeting Room Trust
For the year ended 5 April 2024

9. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

9.1 Current Year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
Funds				
Tangible Fixed Assets	645,979	-	-	645,979
Current Assets	105,271	-	-	105,271
Current Liabilities	(3,392)	-	-	(3,392)
Total Funds	747,858	-	-	747,858

Analysis of Net Assets - Prior Year

North Road Meeting Room Trust
 For the year ended 5 April 2024

9.2 Prior Year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2023
Funds				
Tangible Fixed Assets	636,005	-	-	636,005
Current Assets	136,541	-	-	136,541
Current Liabilities	(4,591)	-	-	(4,591)
Total Funds	767,955	-	-	767,955

Movement in Funds - Current Year

North Road Meeting Room Trust For the year ended 5 April 2024

10. Movement in Funds

10.1 Movement in funds - current year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
Movement in Funds				
Total funds brought forward	767,955	-	-	767,955
Incoming resources	59,557	-	-	59,557
Resources expended	(79,654)	-	-	(79,654)
Total funds carried forward	747,858	-	-	747,858

Movement in Funds - Prior Year

North Road Meeting Room Trust For the year ended 5 April 2024

10. Movement in Funds

10.2 Movement in funds - Prior year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2023
Movement in Funds				
Total funds brought forward	770,295	-	-	770,295
Incoming resources	51,248	-	-	51,248
Resources expended	(53,588)	-	-	(53,588)
Total funds carried forward	767,955	-	-	767,955

Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

North Road Meeting Room Trust For the year ended 5 April 2024

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2023
Income and endowments:				
Donations and Legacies:				
Contributions from the Congregation	27,066	-	-	27,066
Gift Aid Donations	17,680	-	-	17,680
Income Tax refunds	4,420	-	-	4,420
Other donations	1,925	-	-	1,925
Investments				
Interest Received	157	-	-	157
Total Income and endowments:	51,248	-	-	51,248
Expenditure:				
Running Meeting Rooms (note 8)	44,386	-	-	44,386
Cost of donated services (note 4)	9,202	-	-	9,202
Total Expenditure:	53,588	-	-	53,588
Net Income/(Expenditure)	(2,340)	-	-	(2,340)
Net Movement In Funds	(2,340)	-	-	(2,340)
	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2023
Reconciliation of funds (note 10)				
Total Funds brought forward	770,295	-	-	770,295
Net movement in funds	(2,340)	-	-	(2,340)
Total Funds carried forward	767,955	-	-	767,955

North Road Meeting Room Trust - Public Benefit

This report showcases the ways in which the North Road Meeting Room Trust and its congregation participate and engage in work of public benefit, connecting with the wider community in various ways.

The Plymouth Brethren Christian Church was established around 200 years ago and was founded by John Nelson Darby, one of the most influential Protestant thinkers of the 19th century.

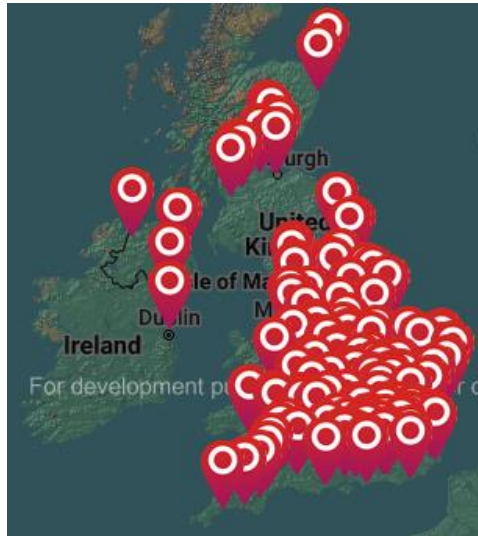
Mr Darby broke with the established church in Ireland in 1827 and broke bread with those close to him, following deep spiritual exercise. This was the start of the Plymouth Brethren movement, and today, we are a community of over 55,000 members who live, work and worship around the world.

Around 1830 Mr Darby came to Plymouth where the congregation grew rapidly. Early publications were produced in Plymouth and distributed to other congregations of followers throughout the globe.



Introduction

Over 18,000 members of the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church reside in the UK, and gather in 86 congregations spread across the country. The PBCC UK website displays these locations: [PBCC UK Locations](#)



Ever since the establishment of the Church, there have been Brethren gospel halls or meeting halls in the city of Plymouth – this is for approximately 190 years.

The North Road Meeting Trust was created in for the purpose of acquisition and construction of gospel halls for 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. This includes 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 teachings of the Holy Bible and the practices of those Christians forming a global fellowship known as the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church.

The North Road congregation currently has 119 members, living in the Plymouth and Yelverton areas in Devon. With members from the neighbouring congregation in St Austell, attending services up to twice a week along with other visitors, numbers can reach 280 persons, ranging from young to old.

The PBCC website gives more details on our way of life – follow <https://www.plymouthbrethrenchristianchurch.org/>

Street Preaching and Tract Distribution

In cities and towns where there are Brethren congregations, public gospel preaching takes place on many weekdays, in the middle of the day.

The aim is not to recruit more members for the Brethren but to present eternal salvation, available to all men and women by faith in Jesus Christ, through His blood and His work of atonement.

‘God our Saviour, who will have all men to be saved and come unto the knowledge of the truth’

1 Timothy 2: 3-4

In Plymouth the street preachings are currently held at midday on weekdays, at the top of New George Street in the city centre.

Gospel tracts are handed out to passers-by – and these include phone numbers, so that a contact is available for anyone seeking help, guidance, reassurance or solace.

Bibles and gospel tracts/booklets are available on the below website:
<https://christiandocctrineandgospelpublishing.org/publications/outreach>

Outreach and Public Benefit

There is a strong and generous charitable spirit amongst the Brethren community, with many actively devoting time to volunteer and contribute financially to causes close to home and right across the globe.

Members of the Plymouth congregation volunteer with the Plymouth branch of the Rapid Relief Team (RRT) (a separate charity to North Road Meeting Room Trust) which is the global church's charitable arm. As well as this, financial donations are made to a range of charitable causes. During the year 2023-2024 this included:

- ❖ 4 charities supported with financial donations
- ❖ 15 active volunteers with Rapid Relief Team
- ❖ 6 donations to foodbanks of ambient food and household items

Donations were made to:

- Childrens Hospice South West - a regional organisation with 3 hospices for children, between Cornwall, Devon and Somerset.
- Shekinah Mission - a Devon charity for homelessness, with operations in Plymouth and Torbay.
- St Lukes Hospice - a local charity providing palliative care and support within the Plymouth area.
- Help for Heroes - a national charity providing lifelong support to injured and wounded military veterans across the UK.

The trust continued its support of local foodbanks in the city of Plymouth with ambient food and household items, regularly throughout the year.

Rapid Relief Team



There is a strong and generous charitable spirit among the Brethren, with many of us actively devoting our time to volunteer and contribute financially to causes close to home and right across the globe.

In 2013, the [Rapid Relief Team \(RRT\)](#) was established to help put our care and compassion into action for the benefit of people in need. Fast forward to today, and RRT is active in 14 countries and is operated by 14,500 volunteers from our Community.

RRT volunteers lend a helping hand to first responders and those impacted by disaster, as well as providing specific support for young people, people facing health and disability challenges and the homeless or people impacted by poverty and hardship.

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

- ❖ 5 events supported by RRT
- ❖ 30 RRT Food Boxes donated to schools
- ❖ 120 RRT Smarrt Cookie cereal bars donated to schools
- ❖ 3000 bottles of water donated

In the spring of 2023, a range of products were donated to Widey Court Primary School, Plymouth. This included RRT Food Boxes for the school to distribute to student families that were struggling with the cost of living. The Food Box was designed to provide emergency food supplies for people and families in need, and now supports people from low socio-economic backgrounds and those in crisis.

Also donated were RRT Smarrt Cookie cereal bars. The Smarrt Cookie initiative aims to assist in the fight against hunger in primary school aged children and break down the barrier hunger has in distracting children from their education, ensuring they reach their full potential.

Throughout the year, RRT in Plymouth supported St Lukes Hospice, a local charity providing palliative care and support, with a donation of 2 pallets of bottled water to support their fundraising events, including sponsored walks and bicycle rides.

The volunteer work of the members of the congregation is of great importance to the community in which we serve. The trust is pleased for its external facilities at the local gospel halls to be used as a meeting/gathering point for RRT volunteers to start from prior to deployment. Equipment and trailers are stored in the secure grounds and a dedicated storage facility at one of the halls for the volunteers to access 24/7 whenever called upon.

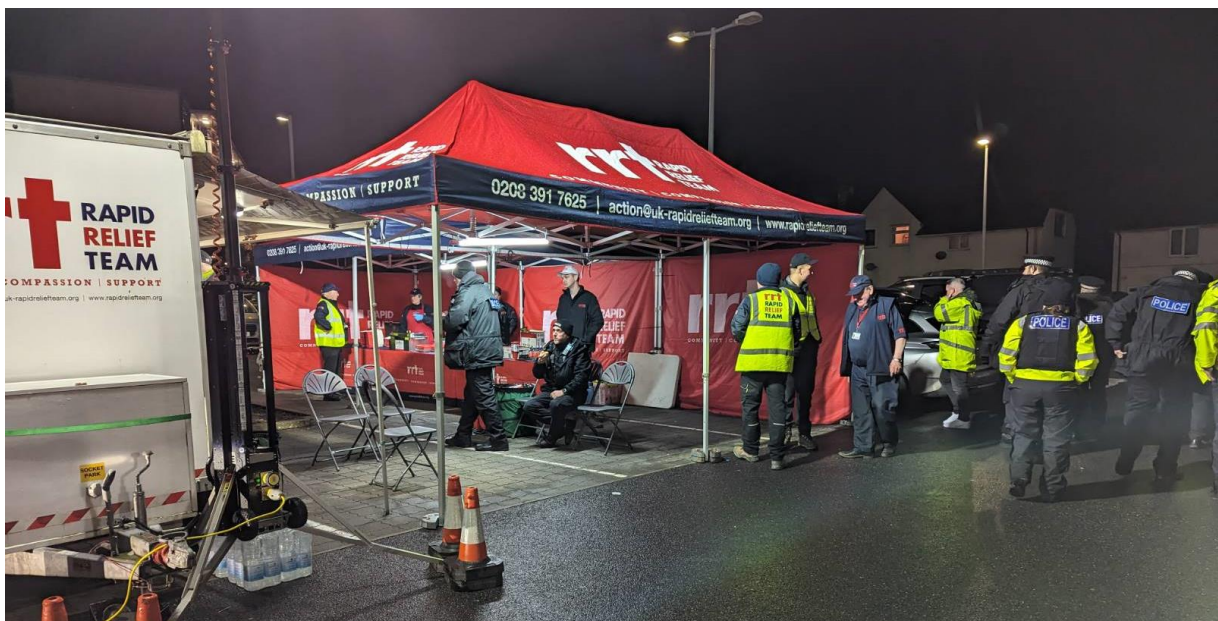
Case Studies

February 2024

Thousands of people were evacuated from their homes in the Keyham area of Plymouth on Tuesday 20th February after the discovery of a WWII Unexploded Bomb (UXB) in a residential garden.

Congregation members volunteered with RRT to support emergency services working at the scene and at numerous cordons over the course of . They provided food and hot drinks to bomb disposal teams and to some of the thousands of residents who had to be evacuated.

The first deployment was at midday on Tuesday 20th February, with a tent being set up a Lidl supermarket car park in the Keyham area to provide quality food and refreshments around the clock for emergency responders. This support continued on Thursday and Friday, serving over 200 meals and drinks to officers working within the cordon.



The charity also set up a secondary support point and served meals and drinks at Plymouth Life Centre which was used as an emergency rest centre for people who had been evacuated from the exclusion zone.



This news article and video shows the RRT set up in the supermarket car park location: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/uk-68388709>

March 2024

Members of the congregation volunteered with RRT to support a search on Dartmoor for a missing person. A police helicopter was involved in the search in Brentor and the surrounding areas, for the missing local man who was reported missing from his home.

The RRT team was deployed to the search base at a local village hall in Mary Tavy, Devon, where they served drinks and snacks to the Mountain Rescue teams involved.



<https://www.plymouthherald.co.uk/news/local-news/live-police-helicopter-searches-dartmoor-9193038>

Registered address:

5 Brest Road, Derriford, Plymouth, Devon, PL6 5XN

Contact:

Email: enquiries@nrmt-uk.org

Phone: 07585 965968

NORTH ROAD MEETING ROOM TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1161975

Accounts

Trustees Report & Unaudited Financial Statements

North Road Meeting Room Trust
For the year ended 5 April 2023

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Legal and Administrative Information

North Road Meeting Room Trust For the year ended 5 April 2023

Charity Name:

North Road Meeting Room Trust

Registered Charity Number:

1161975

Trustees:

Mr N Keam (Chair)

Mr N Burtenshaw - appointed 1st April 2023

Mr R Melvin

Mr T Hill

Mr M Hannaford - resigned 5th December 2023

Mr H Melvin - resigned 1st April 2023, reappointed 5th December 2023

Treasurer:

Mr N Burtenshaw

Principal Address:

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Bankers:

Lloyds Bank Plc
Derry Cross
Plymouth

Report of the Trustees

North Road Meeting Room Trust For the year ended 5 April 2023

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 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 28th June 1982, most recently amended by Deed of Variation dated 12th August 2014. The trust was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 3rd June 2015 under Charity Registration Number: 1161975

Recruitment and appointment of new Trustees

The Trustees who have 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 2023.

The Trust operates one 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 the Compton Meeting Rooms Trust, 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 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.

Main activities and achievements

The Trust provides and maintains one 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.

During the financial year the Charity continued its support of local food banks through donations of ambient food items. The Charity also support the Rapid Relief Team (RRT), a separate charity, and members of the congregation volunteered to support at various events throughout the year. Details of these events can be seen below:

- June 2022 - Members of the congregation volunteered for the RRT to serve meals to dive teams in a police search & rescue mission in the Roadford Reservoir, Devon

- March 2023 - Members of the congregation volunteered for the RRT to serve breakfast and lunch to approximately 150 members of the emergency services at a Lost Person training exercise held near Mothecombe beach in Devon.

- The RRT also donated RRT Snack Packs to the South Western Ambulance NHS Foundation Trust to help with those working extended shifts, particularly at the time of recent A&E backlogs and delays for urgent care at the end of 2022. Members of congregation volunteered for the RRT to assist with the donating of these packs.

Plans for future periods

Despite the increased cost of energy, the trustees feel that these increased costs are not significantly impacting on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern.

Meetings

Meetings held at the Gospel halls include the Lord's Supper (Communion), Gospel preachings, Bible readings and Bible addresses. There is a structured weekly schedule of meetings and, depending on the particular meeting, between 100 and 250 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 where 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:

- 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

In the year ended 5 April 2023 the Trust had a modest deficit of incoming resources over resources expended. This is mostly due to non-monetary items such as depreciation.

Total voluntary income received this year was £51,091 compared to £45,439 in the previous year.

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, based on its size and the level of its financial commitments. The Trust has no employees and its regular outgoings are minimal. Accordingly, the Trustees have decided to adopt a policy of maintaining no significant reserves apart from a minimum of £50,000 to enable the Charity to have sufficient flexibility to handle any future needs that the Charity may have to face. 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 £131,950 (2022: £120,745)

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 (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 which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to 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:

.....

Mr N Burtenshaw (Trustee)

.....

Date

Report of the Independent Examiner

North Road Meeting Room Trust For the year ended 5 April 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the North Road Meeting Room Trust for the year ended 5 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 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 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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Leon Taylor
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CV4 8AW

18 December 2023

Statement of Financial Activities

North Road Meeting Room Trust For the year ended 5 April 2023

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2023	TOTAL FUNDS 2022
Income and endowments:					
Donations and Legacies:					
Contributions from the Congregation	27,066	-	-	27,066	22,541
Gift Aid Donations	17,680	-	-	17,680	17,195
Income Tax refunds	4,420	-	-	4,420	4,299
Other donations	1,925	-	-	1,925	1,405
Investments					
Interest Received	157	-	-	157	7
Total Income and endowments:	51,248	-	-	51,248	45,446
Expenditure:					
Running Meeting Rooms (note 8)	44,386	-	-	44,386	34,306
Cost of donated services (note 4)	9,202	-	-	9,202	7,890
Total Expenditure:	53,588	-	-	53,588	42,195
Net Income/(Expenditure)	(2,340)	-	-	(2,340)	3,251
Net Movement In Funds	(2,340)	-	-	(2,340)	3,251
	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2023	TOTAL FUNDS 2022
Reconciliation of funds (note 10)					
Total Funds brought forward	770,295	-	-	770,295	767,044
Net movement in funds	(2,340)	-	-	(2,340)	3,251
Total Funds carried forward	767,955	-	-	767,955	770,295

The notes on page 11 - 19 form part of these financial statements.

Balance Sheet

North Road Meeting Room Trust As at 5 April 2023

	2023	2022
Fixed Assets		
Tangible assets (note 5)	636,005	649,550
Total Fixed Assets	636,005	649,550
Current assets		
Prepayments and accrued income	5,240	5,801
Cash at bank and in hand	131,302	118,378
Total Current assets	136,541	124,179
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Accruals and deferred income	4,591	3,433
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	4,591	3,433
Net current assets/(liabilities)	131,950	120,745
Total assets less current liabilities	767,955	770,295
Net Assets	767,955	770,295
Funds (note 9)		
Unrestricted funds	767,955	770,295
Total Funds	767,955	770,295

The unaudited financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees of North Road Meeting Room Trust onand were signed on its behalf by:

.....
Mr N Burtenshaw (Trustee)

The notes on pages 11 - 19 form part of these financial statements.

Notes forming part of the Financial Statements

North Road Meeting Room Trust For the year ended 5 April 2023

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 North Road Meeting Room 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	3% straight line
Fixtures & Fittings	25% 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.

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

	2023	2022
Donated Services		
Donated To:		
Donated Services to Compton Meeting Rooms Trust	9,202	7,890
Total Donated Services:	9,202	7,890

5. Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost	Freehold Property - Brest Road	Fixtures & Fittings	Totals
At 6 April 2022	750,000	72,349	822,349
Additions	-	3,047	3,047
Disposals	-	-	-
At 5 April 2023	750,000	75,396	825,396
Depreciation			
At 6 April 2022	105,000	67,800	172,800
Current Year Depreciation	15,000	1,592	16,592
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	-
At 5 April 2023	120,000	69,391	189,391
Net Book Value			
At 5 April 2023	630,000	6,005	636,005
At 5 April 2022	645,000	4,550	649,550

Land registry titles of the above property held are DN226860.

6. TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

During the financial year, aggregated donations of £7,935 (2022: £1,320) were received.

7. VOLUNTEERS

North Road Meeting Room Trust relies entirely on volunteers to carry out the management, administration and general maintenance work. The Trust has no paid staff or paid Trustees.

Resources Expended

North Road Meeting Room Trust For the year ended 5 April 2023

8. Resources Expended

	RUNNING MEETING ROOMS	OTHER CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	TOTAL COSTS 2023	TOTAL COSTS 2022
Direct Costs				
Premises costs - repairs and maintenance	7,477	-	7,477	5,887
Premises costs - heat, light and power	7,747	-	7,747	2,942
Telephone	1,505	-	1,505	1,226
Health and Safety	370	-	370	400
Legal and professional	1,856	-	1,856	1,050
Bank charges	-	-	-	784
Public outreach expenses	-	70	70	1,550
Special meeting costs	384	-	384	-
Depreciation	16,592	-	16,592	16,517
Insurance	1,801	-	1,801	1,497
Other Expenses	5,538	-	5,538	-
Governance	1,045	-	1,045	2,454
Total Direct Costs	44,316	70	44,386	34,306

Governance costs include £180 (prior year: £1,326) in respect of independent examiners fees.

Analysis of Net Assets - Current year

North Road Meeting Room Trust For the year ended 5 April 2023

9. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

9.1 Current Year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2023
Funds				
Tangible Fixed Assets	636,005	-	-	636,005
Current Assets	136,541	-	-	136,541
Current Liabilities	(4,591)	-	-	(4,591)
Total Funds	767,955	-	-	767,955

Analysis of Net Assets - Prior Year

North Road Meeting Room Trust For the year ended 5 April 2023

9.2 Prior Year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2022
Funds				
Tangible Fixed Assets	649,550	-	-	649,550
Current Assets	124,179	-	-	124,179
Current Liabilities	(3,433)	-	-	(3,433)
Total Funds	770,295	-	-	770,295

Movement in Funds - Current Year

North Road Meeting Room Trust For the year ended 5 April 2023

10. Movement in Funds

10.1 Movement in funds - current year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2023
Movement in Funds				
Total funds brought forward	770,295	-	-	770,295
Incoming resources	51,248	-	-	51,248
Resources expended	(53,588)	-	-	(53,588)
Total funds carried forward	767,955	-	-	767,955

Movement in Funds - Prior Year

North Road Meeting Room Trust For the year ended 5 April 2023

10. Movement in Funds

10.2 Movement in funds - Prior year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2022
Movement in Funds				
Total funds brought forward	767,044	-	-	767,044
Incoming resources	45,446	-	-	45,446
Resources expended	(42,195)	-	-	(42,195)
Total funds carried forward	770,295	-	-	770,295

Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

North Road Meeting Room Trust For the year ended 5 April 2023

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2022
Income and endowments:				
Donations and Legacies:				
Contributions from the Congregation	22,541	-	-	22,541
Gift Aid Donations	17,195	-	-	17,195
Income Tax refunds	4,299	-	-	4,299
Other donations	1,405	-	-	1,405
Investments				
Interest Received	7	-	-	7
Total Income and endowments:	45,446	-	-	45,446
Expenditure:				
Running Meeting Rooms (note 8)	34,306	-	-	34,306
Cost of donated services (note 4)	7,890	-	-	7,890
Total Expenditure:	42,195	-	-	42,195
Net Income/(Expenditure)	3,251	-	-	3,251
Net Movement In Funds	3,251	-	-	3,251
	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2022
Reconciliation of funds (note 10)				
Total Funds brought forward	767,044	-	-	767,044
Net movement in funds	3,251	-	-	3,251
Total Funds carried forward	770,295	-	-	770,295

NORTH ROAD MEETING ROOM TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1161975

Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1161975

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Report of the Trustees For The Year Ended 5 April 2022

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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's main achievement this year has been continuing to improve the existing main city hall with a refurbishment of the foyer area to improve the facilities including the addition of a water drinking station for the congregation and visitors. In addition the Trust has given to various charities and worked with the congregation to ensure they are sustained through the pandemic including outreach to the wider community. We also offered the use of the car park to the local NHS Derriford hospital through the pandemic although this has not been utilised to date.

The trustees have also established an Emergency Needs fund, reflected as designated funds in these accounts, for the duration of the current pandemic and any resultant economic downturn. This is providing limited financial assistance by the way of grocery vouchers to households, who have experienced a recent and significant decrease in income due to the pandemic, such that it is likely to impact on the health and/or welfare of members of the household. The trust has appointed a Local Welfare Panel to manage the application process and to administer the vouchers to qualifying applicants.

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.

North Road Meeting Room Trust

Report of the Trustees
For The Year Ended 5 April 2022

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

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.

The Gospel Hall, and the Christian meetings that are held there, provide much spiritual sustenance to those that attend in helping sustain a Christian way of life and provides the wider community a public benefit in the fulfilling of that Christian lifestyle in showing kindness and love to those we have to do with.

In addition to street preaching, members of the congregation support local charities including the good work of the RRT (Rapid Relief Team), a separate charity organisation, which has included soup runs for the homeless, supporting other charities and supporting the emergency services with the provision of refreshments during longer assignments such as the recent incidents in Leigham and Keyham in addition to others. We have also provided various charitable donations to other charities, particularly those offering support to the wider community needs.

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).

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, between 100 and 250 people normally attend these occasions although the congregation has not been meeting physically through the pandemic. These meetings have been able to continue via zoom.

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.

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.

North Road Meeting Room Trust

Report of the Trustees For The Year Ended 5 April 2022

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

In the year ended 5 April 2022, the Trust had a surplus of incoming resources over resources expended. Total voluntary income received this year was £45,441 compared to £56,369 in the previous year.

All funds held were unrestricted funds.

There are no significant plans for use of funds within the next year apart from investment in the maintenance of the buildings. Any surplus funds will be used to reinvest in the ongoing refurbishment of the meeting halls (current Brest Road site was built in 80s with some original fixtures still in place), to ensure a good experience for the congregation and visitors, and the investment in other charities and the wider community outreach.

Reserves policy

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs, based on its size and the level of its financial commitments. The Trust has no employees and its regular outgoings are minimal. Accordingly, the Trustees have decided to adopt a policy of maintaining no significant reserves apart from a minimum of £50,000 to enable us to have sufficient flexibility to handle any future needs that we may have to face. 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 £120,745.

FUTURE PLANS

NRMRT began using the Gospel Hall again, following the lifting of COVID 19 restrictions, in 2022 and the congregation now regularly meets at the hall usually 3x per week. We are looking forward to continuing to maintain the existing property going forward.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Charity is an unincorporated trust constituted by a Deed of Trust dated 28th June 1982, most recently amended by Deed of Variation dated 12th August 2014. The Trust was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 3rd June 2015 under Charity Registration Number: 1161975.

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 2022 (2021: £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 trustees of similar trusts with a view to pooling experience considered useful in pursuing the objects of the Trust. The Trust has donated monies towards the revenue costs of Compton Meeting Rooms Trust during the year.

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.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1161975

North Road Meeting Room Trust

Report of the Trustees
For The Year Ended 5 April 2022

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 21 February 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

H D Melvin - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
North Road Meeting Room Trust**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of North Road Meeting Room Trust

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of North Road Meeting Room Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 5 April 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you 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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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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Date: 23.02.23

North Road Meeting Room Trust

Statement of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 5 April 2022

	Notes	5.4.22 Unrestricted funds £	5.4.21 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	2	45,441	56,369
Investment income	3	7	1,218
Total		45,448	57,587
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities	4		
Meeting hall running costs		34,308	58,451
Donations to other Meeting Room Trusts		7,890	9,456
Total		42,198	67,907
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		3,250	(10,320)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		767,044	777,364
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		770,294	767,044

North Road Meeting Room Trust

Balance Sheet
5 April 2022

	Notes	5.4.22 Unrestricted funds £	5.4.21 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	11	649,549	666,066
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	12	5,801	5,989
Cash at bank		118,378	98,114
		<u>124,179</u>	<u>104,103</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(3,434)	(3,125)
		<u>120,745</u>	<u>100,978</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>120,745</u>	<u>100,978</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>770,294</u>	<u>767,044</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>770,294</u>	<u>767,044</u>
FUNDS	14		
Unrestricted funds		<u>770,294</u>	<u>767,044</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>770,294</u>	<u>767,044</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 21 February 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

H D Melvin - Trustee

North Road Meeting Room Trust

Notes to the Financial Statements **For The Year Ended 5 April 2022**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The trustees consider there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue. These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the Trust and rounded to the nearest £1.

Income

Donations are recognised in the year in which the Charity is entitled to and certain 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 donations 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 is considered to be equal to market value which would be paid were the services formally procured. This includes services paid to or by other trusts.

Legacy income is recognised at fair value when it is probable that it will be received and it is able to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. This is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the Charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate.

Investment income is accounted for on a receivable basis.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Charitable activities comprise those costs directly attributable to the fulfilment of the Charitable objects.

Governance and support costs

These 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 are related to statutory requirements. Governance and support costs are allocated to charitable activities as stated in notes 3 and 4 to these financial statements.

Tangible fixed assets

Freehold Property

The freehold property, being the Meeting Hall at 5 Brest Road, Derriford, Plymouth is included in these accounts at deemed cost based upon a professional valuation. Such valuation was dated 4th December 2014. Depreciation has been charged since 6th April 2015, at 3% per annum on the straight line basis, on the value excluding land.

Furniture, Fittings and Equipment

These are stated in these accounts at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is charged at 25% per annum on the reducing balance basis. However, such assets acquired before 31st July 2009 are deemed to have been fully depreciated and are not included in these accounts.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

North Road Meeting Room Trust

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
For The Year Ended 5 April 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Fund accounting

General unrestricted funds are free for the trustees to use for any purpose in furtherance of the trust's charitable objects.

The charity has designated certain funds for a specific purpose although there is no legal force for the designations. This fund relates to an Emergency Needs Fund to support members of the congregation to provided limited financial assistance to those suffering with the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. Assistance is via the provision of food vouchers.

Financial instruments

The Trust only has financial assets liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Going concern

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. 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.

From 18th March 2020, North Road Meeting Room Trust ceased using the gospel hall, which it operates, due to the global COVID-19 pandemic and the general lockdown imposed by the government. The Trustees do not consider that the Covid-19 pandemic will have any effect on the ability of the trust to continue as a going concern.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	5.4.22	5.4.21
	£	£
Contributions from the congregation	22,542	33,885
Gift Aid donations	17,195	13,635
Income tax repayable on Gift Aid	4,299	7,905
Payroll giving	-	59
Other donations	1,405	885
	<u>45,441</u>	<u>56,369</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	5.4.22	5.4.21
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>7</u>	<u>1,218</u>

4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 5) £	Totals £
Meeting hall running costs	1,550	32,758	34,308
Donations to other Meeting Room Trusts	7,890	-	7,890
	<u>9,440</u>	<u>32,758</u>	<u>42,198</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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5. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Meeting hall running costs	<u>28,689</u>	<u>4,069</u>	<u>32,758</u>
 <u>Analysis of meeting hall running costs</u>			
		5.4.22	5.4.21
Management			
Rates and water		172	172
Insurance		1,497	1,246
Light and heat		2,942	1,627
Telephone		661	571
Repairs, maintenance and cleaning		5,715	30,753
Professional costs incl. health and safety		401	541
Freehold property depreciation		15,000	15,000
Fixtures and fitting depreciation		1,517	2,002
Bank charges		784	–
		<u>28,689</u>	<u>51,932</u>
 Governance costs			
Independent examination		1,326	1,224
Computer running costs		565	459
Professional support costs		1,050	1,019
Accountancy fees		1,128	990
		<u>4,069</u>	<u>3,692</u>
 Total support costs		<u>32,758</u>	<u>55,624</u>

6. INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION

	5.4.22	5.4.21
	£	£
Independent examination	<u>1,326</u>	<u>1,224</u>

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 5 April 2022 nor for the year ended 5 April 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 5 April 2022 nor for the year ended 5 April 2021.

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8. DONATED SERVICES

	5.4.22	5.4.21
	£	£
To Compton Meeting Rooms Trust - For meeting hall running expenses	7,890	9,456
	7,890	9,456

9. VOLUNTEERS

The Trust relies on volunteers to carry out management, administration and certain maintenance work.

10. EMPLOYEES

The Trust has no employees in this year or the preceding year.

11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST			
At 6 April 2021 and 5 April 2022	750,000	72,349	822,349
DEPRECIATION			
At 6 April 2021	90,000	66,283	156,283
Charge for year	15,000	1,517	16,517
At 5 April 2022	105,000	67,800	172,800
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 5 April 2022	645,000	4,549	649,549
At 5 April 2021	660,000	6,066	666,066

The freehold property owned is designated by Land Registry Numbers DN226860 and DN239494, and is at 5 Brest Road, Derriford, Plymouth.

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	5.4.22	5.4.21
	£	£
Other debtors	4,299	4,678
Prepayments	1,502	1,311
	5,801	5,989

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	5.4.22	5.4.21
	£	£
Other creditors	<u>3,434</u>	<u>3,125</u>

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 6.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 5.4.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	757,931	4,750	762,681
Designated fund	9,113	(1,500)	7,613
	<u>767,044</u>	<u>3,250</u>	<u>770,294</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>767,044</u>	<u>3,250</u>	<u>770,294</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	45,448	(40,698)	4,750
Designated fund	-	(1,500)	(1,500)
	<u>45,448</u>	<u>(42,198)</u>	<u>3,250</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>45,448</u>	<u>(42,198)</u>	<u>3,250</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 6.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 5.4.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	777,364	(19,433)	757,931
Designated fund	-	9,113	9,113
	<u>777,364</u>	<u>(10,320)</u>	<u>767,044</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>777,364</u>	<u>(10,320)</u>	<u>767,044</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	45,647	(65,080)	(19,433)
Designated fund	11,940	(2,827)	9,113
	<u>57,587</u>	<u>(67,907)</u>	<u>(10,320)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>57,587</u></u>	<u><u>(67,907)</u></u>	<u><u>(10,320)</u></u>

Designated fund - relates to an Emergency Needs Fund set up for the duration of the current covid-19 pandemic and any resultant economic downturn. The purpose is to provide financial assistance to qualifying persons including members of the congregation who need assistance, via the provision of food vouchers at approved stores.

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the year the Trust received a total of £1,320 (2021; £520) unconditional donations from trustees.

NORTH ROAD MEETING ROOM TRUST

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Main activities

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's main achievement this year has been continuing to improve the existing main city hall with a refurbishment of the foyer area to improve the facilities including the addition of a water drinking station for the congregation and visitors. In addition the Trust has given to various charities and worked with the congregation to ensure they are sustained through the pandemic including outreach to the wider community. We also offered the use of the car park to the local NHS Derriford hospital through the pandemic although this has not been utilised to date.

The trustees have also established an Emergency Needs fund, reflected as designated funds in these accounts, for the duration of the current pandemic and any resultant economic downturn. This is providing limited financial assistance by the way of grocery vouchers to households, who have experienced a recent and significant decrease in income due to the pandemic, such that it is likely to impact on the health and/or welfare of members of the household. The trust has appointed a Local Welfare Panel to manage the application process and to administer the vouchers to qualifying applicants.

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.

North Road Meeting Room Trust

Report of the Trustees
For The Year Ended 5 April 2021

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

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.

The Gospel Hall, and the Christian meetings that are held there, provide much spiritual sustenance to those that attend in helping sustain a Christian way of life and provides the wider community a public benefit in the fulfilling of that Christian lifestyle in showing kindness and love to those we have to do with.

In addition to street preaching, members of the congregation support local charities including the good work of the RRT (Rapid Relief Team), a separate charity organisation, which has included soup runs for the homeless, supporting other charities and supporting the emergency services with the provision of refreshments during longer assignments such as the recent incidents in Leigham and Keyham in addition to others. We have also provided various charitable donations to other charities, particularly those offering support to the wider community needs.

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).

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, between 100 and 250 people normally attend these occasions although the congregation has not been meeting physically through the pandemic. These meetings have been able to continue via zoom.

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.

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.

North Road Meeting Room Trust

Report of the Trustees For The Year Ended 5 April 2021

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

In the year ended 5 April 2021, the Trust had a deficit of incoming resources over resources expended. However, expenditure includes a large depreciation charge and there would be a surplus if this was not included. Total voluntary income received this year was £56,369 compared to £39,149 in the previous year.

All funds held were unrestricted funds.

There are no significant plans for use of funds within the next year apart from investment in the maintenance of the buildings. Any surplus funds will be used to reinvest in the ongoing refurbishment of the meeting halls (current Brest Road site was built in 80s with some original fixtures still in place), to ensure a good experience for the congregation and visitors, and the investment in other charities and the wider community outreach.

Reserves policy

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs, based on its size and the level of its financial commitments. The Trust has no employees and its regular outgoings are minimal. Accordingly, the Trustees have decided to adopt a policy of maintaining no significant reserves apart from a minimum of £50,000 to enable us to have sufficient flexibility to handle any future needs that we may have to face. 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 £100,978.

FUTURE PLANS

From 18th March 2020, NRMRT ceased using the gospel hall, which it operates. This was as a result of the global COVID-19 pandemic and the general lockdown imposed by the government on 23rd March 2020. The Trust aims to use these Gospel Halls again once the general lockdown is lifted and it is deemed safe to do so. The trustees do not consider that the Covid-19 pandemic will have any effect on the ability of the trust to continue as a going concern.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Charity is an unincorporated trust constituted by a Deed of Trust dated 28th June 1982, most recently amended by Deed of Variation dated 12th August 2014. The Trust was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 3rd June 2015 under Charity Registration Number: 1161975.

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 2021 (2020: £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 trustees of similar trusts with a view to pooling experience considered useful in pursuing the objects of the Trust. The Trust has donated monies towards the revenue costs of Compton Meeting Rooms Trust during the year.

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.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1161975

Principal address

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PL6 5JD

North Road Meeting Room Trust

Report of the Trustees
For The Year Ended 5 April 2021

Trustees

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

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

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

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

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

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 27/01/2022..... and signed on its behalf by:



.....
N M Keam (Chair) - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
North Road Meeting Room Trust**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of North Road Meeting Room Trust

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of North Road Meeting Room Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 5 April 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you 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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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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Date: 04.02.22

North Road Meeting Room Trust

Statement of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 5 April 2021

	Notes	5.4.21 Unrestricted funds £	5.4.20 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	2	56,369	39,149
Investment income	3	1,218	1,276
Total		57,587	40,425
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities	4		
Meeting hall running costs		58,451	116,074
Donations to other Meeting Room Trusts		9,456	95,188
Total		67,907	211,262
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(10,320)	(170,837)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		777,364	948,201
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		767,044	777,364

The notes form part of these financial statements

North Road Meeting Room Trust

Balance Sheet
5 April 2021

	Notes	5.4.21 Unrestricted funds £	5.4.20 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	11	666,066	683,088
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	12	5,989	1,229
Cash at bank		98,114	96,137
		<u>104,103</u>	<u>97,366</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(3,125)	(3,090)
		<u>100,978</u>	<u>94,276</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>100,978</u>	<u>94,276</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>767,044</u>	<u>777,364</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>767,044</u>	<u>777,364</u>
FUNDS	14		
Unrestricted funds		767,044	777,364
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>767,044</u>	<u>777,364</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 27/01/2022 and were signed on its behalf by:



N M Keam (Chair) - Trustee

North Road Meeting Room Trust

Notes to the Financial Statements For The Year Ended 5 April 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The trustees consider there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue. These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the Trust and rounded to the nearest £1.

Income

Donations are recognised in the year in which the Charity is entitled to and certain 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 donations 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 is considered to be equal to market value which would be paid were the services formally procured. This includes services paid to or by other trusts.

Legacy income is recognised at fair value when it is probable that it will be received and it is able to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. This is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the Charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate.

Investment income is accounted for on a receivable basis.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Charitable activities comprise those costs directly attributable to the fulfilment of the Charitable objects.

Governance and support costs

These 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 are related to statutory requirements. Governance and support costs are allocated to charitable activities as stated in notes 3 and 4 to these financial statements.

Tangible fixed assets

Freehold Property

The freehold property, being the Meeting Hall at 5 Brest Road, Derriford, Plymouth is included in these accounts at deemed cost based upon a professional valuation. Such valuation was dated 4th December 2014. Depreciation has been charged since 6th April 2015, at 3% per annum on the straight line basis, on the value excluding land.

Furniture, Fittings and Equipment

These are stated in these accounts at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is charged at 25% per annum on the reducing balance basis. However, such assets acquired before 31st July 2009 are deemed to have been fully depreciated and are not included in these accounts.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

General unrestricted funds are free for the trustees to use for any purpose in furtherance of the trust's charitable objects.

North Road Meeting Room Trust

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
For The Year Ended 5 April 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Fund accounting

The charity has designated certain funds for a specific purpose although there is no legal force for the designations. This fund relates to an Emergency Needs Fund to support members of the congregation to provided limited financial assistance to those suffering with the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. Assistance is via the provision of food vouchers.

Financial instruments

The Trust only has financial assets liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Going concern

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. 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.

From 18th March 2020, North Road Meeting Room Trust ceased using the gospel hall, which it operates, due to the global COVID-19 pandemic and the general lockdown imposed by the government. The Trustees do not consider that the Covid-19 pandemic will have any effect on the ability of the trust to continue as a going concern.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	5.4.21	5.4.20
	£	£
Contributions from the congregation	33,885	24,780
Gift Aid donations	13,635	13,535
Income tax repayable on Gift Aid	7,905	-
Payroll giving	59	89
Other donations	885	745
	<u>56,369</u>	<u>39,149</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	5.4.21	5.4.20
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>1,218</u>	<u>1,276</u>

4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 5) £	Totals £
Meeting hall running costs	2,827	55,624	58,451
Donations to other Meeting Room Trusts	9,456	-	9,456
	<u>12,283</u>	<u>55,624</u>	<u>67,907</u>

North Road Meeting Room Trust

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
For The Year Ended 5 April 2021

5. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Meeting hall running costs	<u>51,932</u>	<u>3,692</u>	<u>55,624</u>
 <u>Analysis of meeting hall running costs</u>			
		5.4.21	5.4.20
Management			
Rates and water		172	1,339
Insurance		1,246	1,206
Light and heat		1,627	3,512
Telephone		571	596
Repairs, maintenance and cleaning		30,753	6,007
Professional costs incl. health and safety		541	435
Sundries		-	499
Refurbishment costs		-	80,830
Freehold property depreciation		15,000	15,000
Fixtures and fitting depreciation		2,022	2,696
		<u>51,932</u>	<u>112,120</u>
 Governance costs			
Independent examination		1,224	1,236
Computer running costs		459	500
Professional support costs		1,019	1,176
Accountancy fees		990	990
		<u>3,692</u>	<u>3,902</u>
 Total support costs		<u>55,624</u>	<u>116,022</u>

6. INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION

	5.4.21 £	5.4.20 £
Independent examination	<u>1,224</u>	<u>1,236</u>

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 5 April 2021 nor for the year ended 5 April 2020.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 5 April 2021 nor for the year ended 5 April 2020.

8. DONATED SERVICES

	5.4.21 £	5.4.20 £
To Compton Meeting Rooms Trust		
- For meeting hall running expenses	9,456	6,226
- Meeting hall development project	-	89,962
To St. Austell Gospel Trust	-	2,000
To The Preston Down Trust	-	-
To The Quarry Gospel Hall Trust	-	-
	<u>9,456</u>	<u>101,853</u>

North Road Meeting Room Trust

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
For The Year Ended 5 April 2021

9. VOLUNTEERS

The Trust relies on volunteers to carry out management, administration and certain maintenance work.

10. EMPLOYEES

The Trust has no employees in this year or the preceding year.

11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST			
At 6 April 2020 and 5 April 2021	<u>750,000</u>	<u>72,349</u>	<u>822,349</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 6 April 2020	75,000	64,261	139,261
Charge for year	<u>15,000</u>	<u>2,022</u>	<u>17,022</u>
At 5 April 2021	<u>90,000</u>	<u>66,283</u>	<u>156,283</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 5 April 2021	<u>660,000</u>	<u>6,066</u>	<u>666,066</u>
At 5 April 2020	<u>675,000</u>	<u>8,088</u>	<u>683,088</u>

The freehold property owned is designated by Land Registry Numbers DN226860 and DN239494, and is at 5 Brest Road, Derriford, Plymouth.

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	5.4.21 £	5.4.20 £
Other debtors	4,678	-
Prepayments	<u>1,311</u>	<u>1,229</u>
	<u>5,989</u>	<u>1,229</u>

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	5.4.21 £	5.4.20 £
Other creditors	<u>3,125</u>	<u>3,090</u>

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 6.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 5.4.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	777,364	(19,433)	757,931
Designated fund	-	9,113	9,113
	<u>777,364</u>	<u>(10,320)</u>	<u>767,044</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>777,364</u>	<u>(10,320)</u>	<u>767,044</u>

North Road Meeting Room Trust

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
For The Year Ended 5 April 2021

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	45,647	(65,080)	(19,433)
Designated fund	11,940	(2,827)	9,113
	<u>57,587</u>	<u>(67,907)</u>	<u>(10,320)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>57,587</u></u>	<u><u>(67,907)</u></u>	<u><u>(10,320)</u></u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 6.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 5.4.20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	948,201	(170,837)	777,364
	<u>948,201</u>	<u>(170,837)</u>	<u>777,364</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>948,201</u></u>	<u><u>(170,837)</u></u>	<u><u>777,364</u></u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	40,425	(211,262)	(170,837)
	<u>40,425</u>	<u>(211,262)</u>	<u>(170,837)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>40,425</u></u>	<u><u>(211,262)</u></u>	<u><u>(170,837)</u></u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 6.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 5.4.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	948,201	(190,270)	757,931
Designated fund	-	9,113	9,113
	<u>948,201</u>	<u>(181,157)</u>	<u>767,044</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>948,201</u></u>	<u><u>(181,157)</u></u>	<u><u>767,044</u></u>

North Road Meeting Room Trust

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
For The Year Ended 5 April 2021

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	86,072	(276,342)	(190,270)
Designated fund	11,940	(2,827)	9,113
	<u>98,012</u>	<u>(279,169)</u>	<u>(181,157)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>98,012</u>	<u>(279,169)</u>	<u>(181,157)</u>

Designated fund - relates to an Emergency Needs Fund set up for the duration of the current covid-19 pandemic and any resultant economic downturn. The purpose is to provide financial assistance to qualifying persons including members of the congregation who need assistance, via the provision of food vouchers at approved stores.

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the year the Trust received a total of £520 (2020; £360) unconditional donations from trustees.