

SOUTH DOWNS GOSPEL HALL TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1162400

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Trust

Registered 2015-06-25

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. Other charitable purposes.

Classification

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

Geography

- Hampshire
- Surrey
- West Sussex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£420,468	£122,922	-	-
2024-04-05	£189,807	£76,932	-	-
2023-04-05	£96,173	£40,033	-	-
2022-04-05	£101,787	£878,051	-	-
2021-04-05	£115,042	£17,846	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Broderick John Knappett	Chair	2016-03-10
Darrell Anderson		2019-11-30
Mr Patrick Tennent		2016-03-10
Shane Lee White		2019-11-30

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Accounts

Trustees Report & Unaudited Financial Statements

South Downs Gospel Hall Trust
For the year ended 5 April 2025

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Legal and Administrative Information

South Downs Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2025

Charity Name:

South Downs Gospel Hall Trust

Registered Charity Number:

1162400

Trustees:

Broderick Knappett (Chair)

Darrell Anderson

Patrick Tennent

Shane White

Treasurer:

Brian Anderson

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Report of the Trustees

South Downs Gospel Hall 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 12 and comply with the Trust Deed and applicable law.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The Charity is an unincorporated trust constituted by a Deed of Trust dated 9 June 2001, most recently amended by Deed of Variation dated 8 August 2014. The trust was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 25 June 2015 under Charity Registration Number: 1162400

Recruitment and appointment of new Trustees

The Trustees who have served during the year and since the year end are set out on page 2. None of the Trustees, nor any person connected with them, received any remuneration or expenses from the Charity in the year ended 5 April 2025.

The Trust operates one Gospel halls and Trustees are chosen from among the regular congregation of the halls. New Trustees are nominated by the existing Trustees or by the congregation and must be appointed by unanimous resolution of the congregation. They are selected according to their skills and experience and are expected to use both in furthering the objects of the Charity. Checks are made to ensure the Trustees' eligibility to act and incoming Trustees are made aware of their responsibilities by the existing Trustees, who ensure that new Trustees read the Trust Deed and relevant Charity Commission guidance.

Wider Network

The Trustees maintain informal links with Trustees of similar Trusts with a view to pooling experience considered useful in pursuing the objects of the Trust. The Trust also maintains particular links with Parkway Gospel Hall 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.

Details of public benefit activities carried out by South Downs Gospel Hall Trust can be found in the separate appendix to this report.

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.

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

A planning application was submitted during May 2025 for a new gospel hall. If this application is successful, the trust will commence building the new hall during the 2025 - 2026 financial year.

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 20 and 600 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 would usually 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 addition to street preaching, members of the congregation work with Rapid Relief Team providing meals and snacks and help with litter picking and other activities the village of Grayshott. 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:

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. This is mostly due to the trust collecting donations in view of building the new gospel hall in 2026.

Total voluntary income received this year was £405,730 compared to £187,550 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. 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 £553,725 (2024: £293,557)

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:

Shane White
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Shane White (Trustee)

2025-11-05
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Date

Report of the Independent Examiner

South Downs Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the South Downs Gospel Hall 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

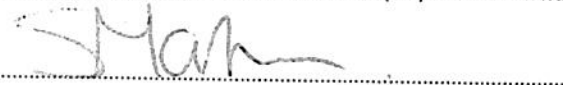
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or 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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31 October 2025

Statement of Financial Activities

South Downs Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2025

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2025	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
Income and endowments:				
Donations and Legacies:				
Contributions from the Congregation	293,430	-	293,430	107,033
Gift Aid Donations	89,840	-	89,840	63,120
Income Tax refunds	22,460	-	22,460	16,703
Congregation Support	-	-	-	694
Investments				
Interest Received	14,738	-	14,738	2,257
Total Income and endowments:	420,468	-	420,468	189,807
Expenditure:				
Running Meeting Rooms (note 9)	100,781	-	100,781	25,280
Cost of donated services (note 4)	22,141	-	22,141	51,652
Total Expenditure:	122,922	-	122,922	76,932
Net Income/(Expenditure)	297,546	-	297,546	112,875
Net Movement In Funds	297,546	-	297,546	112,875
Reconciliation of funds (note 11)				
Total Funds brought forward	1,165,382	-	1,165,382	1,052,508
Net movement in funds	297,546	-	297,546	112,875
Total Funds carried forward	1,462,929	-	1,462,929	1,165,382

The notes on page 12 - 20 form part of these financial statements.

Balance Sheet

South Downs Gospel Hall Trust As at 5 April 2025

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2025	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
Fixed Assets				
Tangible assets (note 6)	909,204	-	909,204	871,826
Total Fixed Assets	909,204	-	909,204	871,826
Current assets				
Other Debtors	35,430	-	35,430	-
Prepayments and accrued income	7,573	-	7,573	11,930
Cash at bank and in hand	515,453	-	515,453	284,844
Total Current assets	558,456	-	558,456	296,774
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year				
Accruals and deferred income	4,731	-	4,731	3,217
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	4,731	-	4,731	3,217
Net current assets/(liabilities)	553,725	-	553,725	293,557
Total assets less current liabilities	1,462,929	-	1,462,929	1,165,382
Net Assets	1,462,929	-	1,462,929	1,165,382
Funds (note 10)				
Unrestricted funds	1,462,929	-	1,462,929	1,165,382
Total Funds	1,462,929	-	1,462,929	1,165,382

The unaudited financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees of South Downs Gospel Hall Trust onand were signed on its behalf by:

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Shane White (Trustee)

The notes on pages 12 - 20 form part of these financial statements.

Notes forming part of the Financial Statements

South Downs Gospel Hall 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 South Downs Gospel Hall Trust is considered to be equal to market value which would be paid were the service formally procured. This includes services paid for by other trusts.

Investment income is accounted for on a receivable basis.

1.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis. Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

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

1.4 Governance and support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and costs related to statutory requirements. Governance and support costs are allocated to charitable activities on the basis of capacity used.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets (costing more than £100) are stated at cost less depreciation. Freehold land is not depreciated. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Freehold buildings	Not depreciated
Fixtures and Fittings	10% straight line
Charitable equipment	10% straight line
Computer equipment	20% 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.

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. 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 (2024: none)

3. WAGES AND SALARIES

There are no employees (2024: none)

4. Donated Services

	2025	2024
Donated Services		
Donated To:		
Donated Services to Parkway Gospel Hall Trust	22,141	51,652
Total Donated Services:	22,141	51,652

5. Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost	Freehold Property	Fixtures and Fittings	Charitable Equipment	Computer Equipment	Totals
At 6 April 2024	866,638	7,431	5,039	4,650	883,758
Additions	35,796	1,607	-	973	38,376
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 5 April 2025	902,434	9,038	5,039	5,623	922,135
Depreciation					
At 6 April 2024	-	5,413	5,038	1,482	11,933
Current Year Depreciation	-	277	-	721	998
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 5 April 2025	-	5,691	5,038	2,202	12,931
Net Book Value					
At 5 April 2025	902,434	3,348	1	3,421	909,204
At 5 April 2024	866,638	2,018	1	3,169	871,826

Land registry titles of the above property held are SH15837.

6. TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

During the financial year, aggregated donations of £141,865 (2024: £60,240) were received.

7. VOLUNTEERS

South Downs Gospel Hall Trust relies entirely on volunteers to carry out the management, administration and general maintenance work. The Trust has no paid staff or paid Trustees.

Resources Expended

South Downs Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2025

9. Resources Expended

	MEETING ROOMS	OTHER CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	TOTAL COSTS 2025	TOTAL COSTS 2024
Direct Costs				
Premises costs - repairs and maintenance	4,856	-	4,856	5,122
Premises costs - heat, light and power	5,146	-	5,146	4,354
Telephone	1,544	-	1,544	1,379
Health and Safety	3,227	-	3,227	4,191
Legal and professional	2,699	-	2,699	1,929
Bank charges	96	-	96	84
Public outreach expenses	2,130	-	2,130	2,528
Special meeting costs	76,016	-	76,016	1,112
Depreciation	998	-	998	1,753
Insurance	1,274	-	1,274	445
Governance	2,796	-	2,796	2,384
Total Direct Costs	100,781	-	100,781	25,280

Governance costs include £300 (prior year: £180) in respect of independent examiners fees.

Analysis of Net Assets - Current year

South Downs Gospel Hall Trust
For the year ended 5 April 2025

10. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

10.1 Current Year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2025
Funds			
Tangible Fixed Assets	909,204	-	909,204
Current Assets	558,456	-	558,456
Current Liabilities	(4,731)	-	(4,731)
Total Funds	1,462,929	-	1,462,929

Analysis of Net Assets - Prior Year

South Downs Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2025

10.2 Prior Year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	2024 RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
Funds			
Tangible Fixed Assets	871,826	-	871,826
Current Assets	296,774	-	296,774
Current Liabilities	(3,217)	-	(3,217)
Total Funds	1,165,382	-	1,165,382

Movement in Funds - Current Year

South Downs Gospel Hall Trust
For the year ended 5 April 2025

11. Movement in Funds

11.1 Movement in funds - current year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2025
Movement in Funds			
Total funds brought forward	1,165,382	-	1,165,382
Incoming resources	420,468	-	420,468
Resources expended	(122,922)	-	(122,922)
Total funds carried forward	1,462,929	-	1,462,929

Movement in Funds - Prior Year

South Downs Gospel Hall Trust
 For the year ended 5 April 2025

11. Movement in Funds

11.2 Movement in funds - Prior year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
Movement in Funds			
Total funds bought forward	1,052,508	-	1,052,508
Incoming resources	189,807	-	189,807
Resources expended	(76,932)	-	(76,932)
Total funds carried forward	1,165,382	-	1,165,382

Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

South Downs Gospel Hall Trust
For the year ended 5 April 2025

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
Income and endowments:			
Donations and Legacies:			
Contributions from the Congregation	107,033	-	107,033
Gift Aid Donations	63,120	-	63,120
Income Tax refunds	16,703	-	16,703
Congregation Support	694	-	694
Investments			
Interest Received	2,257	-	2,257
Total Income and endowments:	189,807	-	189,807
Expenditure:			
Running Meeting Rooms (note 9)	25,280	-	25,280
Cost of donated services (note 4)	51,652	-	51,652
Total Expenditure:	76,932	-	76,932
Net Income/(Expenditure)	112,875	-	112,875
Net Movement In Funds	112,875	-	112,875
	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
Reconciliation of funds (note 11)			
Total Funds brought forward	1,052,508	-	1,052,508
Net movement in funds	112,875	-	112,875
Total Funds carried forward	1,165,382	-	1,165,382

CERTIFICATE *of* SIGNATURE

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South Downs Gospel Hall Trust

Public Benefit Report 2024/2025

The purpose of this report is to show how the South Downs Gospel Hall Trust community engage in acts of public benefit for the wider community. The Plymouth Brethren were established in 1828 when John Nelson Darby broke with the established Church in Dublin. Darby and others formed a fellowship based on the strict observance of Christian teachings as set out in the Holy Scriptures. Darby came to Plymouth in the early 1830s, and the congregation grew rapidly. Early publications were produced in Plymouth and distributed to other congregations of followers throughout the globe.

Introduction

There are over 18,000 Plymouth Brethren members in the UK, spread across 86 locations. There have been Brethren meeting halls in the Haslemere area since 1906.

The South Downs Gospel Hall Trust was formed on 14 October 2005 for the carrying on the service of God, including the celebration of the Lord's Supper, Gospel Preachings, Bible Readings and addresses on the Word of God and other meetings of a Christian religious character according to the injunctions contained in the Holy Scriptures and the tenets and practices of those Christians forming a worldwide fellowship known as Plymouth Brethren.

The South Downs Gospel Hall Trust has 190 members living in the Grayshott and Haslemere districts.

PBCC way of life

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

Street Preaching

Street Preaching has been actively promoted by the Plymouth brethren for many years, at least since the 1920's, and today is supported by members of the South Downs Gospel Hall Trust congregation. We seek to highlight the availability of Jesus to all mankind as having personally proved the tangible benefit and immense improvement believing in Jesus brings.

Currently the main chosen location is on High Street, Haslemere, outside the former HSBC Bank building. Street preachings have been held here for many years.

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

During the street preaching tracts are handed to passers-by. Tracts are available for download on the below website: <https://christiandocctrineandgospelpublishing.org>

Outreach

Our commitment is to care and compassion towards all humanity. Members of the congregation dedicate their time volunteering through our charitable arm, Rapid Relief Team (RRT) and contribute financially to local causes. At South Downs Gospel Hall Trust, we actively seek opportunities to support our local community from litter picking to donating to local charities.

Public Benefit activities during 2024/25

A monthly standing order of £25 to the Headley Food Bank.

£500 donated to new weather vane for a local church.

Members of the congregation provided cheese and wine at the annual Grayshott Parish Assembly.

Litter pick in Grayshott village which community members joined in, and also helped RRT provide drinks and snacks to villagers who participated, see picture below.



Community members helped RRT serve up a thank you meal to the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice, picture above.



Royal Surrey NHS Foundation Tr...



8,711 followers

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Thank you to [Rapid Relief Team \(RRT\) United Kingdom](#) who treated staff at Royal Surrey Hospital to a free meal 🍔

Donovan Rich, RRT Local Team Leader, said: "Our ethos is caring for others and community, compassion and support is what we provide. Coming here today is our way of saying thank you to staff who work so hard day in and day out to care for patients."

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Community members helped RRT serve 2000 meals to staff at Royal Surrey Hospital.

SOUTH DOWNS GOSPEL HALL TRUST

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South Downs Gospel Hall Trust
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Registered Charity Number:

1162400

Trustees:

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Darrell Anderson

Kevin Ryall - Resigned 8th January 2024

Patrick Tennent

Shane White

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Brian Anderson

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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.

Details of public benefit activities carried out by South Downs Gospel Hall Trust can be found in the separate appendix to this report.

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.

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 40 and 350 people normally attend these occasions.

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

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

Spreading the Gospel message and the life of a Christian

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

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

In 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 surplus of incoming resources over resources expended.

Total voluntary income received this year was £186,856 compared to £95,571 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. Funds are currently being built up with the view of new gospel hall. 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 £293,557 (2023: £195,819)

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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Shane White (Trustee)

09/12/24
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Date

Report of the Independent Examiner

South Downs Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the South Downs Gospel Hall 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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10 September 2024

Statement of Financial Activities

South Downs Gospel Hall Trust
For the year ended 5 April 2024

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Income and endowments:					
Donations and Legacies:					
Contributions from the Congregation	107,033	-	-	107,033	61,390
Gift Aid Donations	63,120	-	-	63,120	27,285
Income Tax refunds	16,703	-	-	16,703	6,821
Congregation Support	-	-	-	-	75
Investments					
Interest Received	2,257	-	-	2,257	602
Other Income					
Other Income	694	-	-	694	-
Total Other Income	694	-	-	694	-
Total Income and endowments:	189,807	-	-	189,807	96,173
Expenditure:					
Running Meeting Rooms (note 8)	25,280	-	-	25,280	27,741
Cost of donated services (note 4)	51,652	-	-	51,652	28,399
Total Expenditure:	76,932	-	-	76,932	56,140
Net Income/(Expenditure)	112,875	-	-	112,875	40,033
Net Movement In Funds	112,875	-	-	112,875	40,033
	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2024	TOTAL FUNDS 2023
Reconciliation of funds (note 10)					
Total Funds brought forward	1,052,508	-	-	1,052,508	1,012,475
Net movement in funds	112,875	-	-	112,875	40,033
Total Funds carried forward	1,165,382	-	-	1,165,382	1,052,508

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

Balance Sheet

South Downs Gospel Hall Trust As at 5 April 2024

	2024	2023
Fixed Assets		
Tangible assets (note 5)	871,826	856,689
Total Fixed Assets	871,826	856,689
Current assets		
Prepayments and accrued income	11,930	18,876
Cash at bank and in hand	284,844	178,800
Total Current assets	296,774	197,676
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Accruals and deferred income	3,217	1,857
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	3,217	1,857
Net current assets/(liabilities)	293,557	195,819
Total assets less current liabilities	1,165,382	1,052,508
Net Assets	1,165,382	1,052,508
Funds (note 9)		
Unrestricted funds	1,165,382	1,052,508
Total Funds	1,165,382	1,052,508

The unaudited financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees of South Downs Gospel Hall Trust onand were signed on its behalf by:


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Shane White (Trustee)

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

Notes forming part of the Financial Statements

South Downs Gospel Hall 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 South Downs Gospel Hall Trust is considered to be equal to market value which would be paid were the service formally procured. This includes services paid for by other trusts.

Investment income is accounted for on a receivable basis.

1.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis. Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

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

1.4 Governance and support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and costs related to statutory requirements. Governance and support costs are allocated to charitable activities on the basis of capacity used.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets (costing more than £100) are stated at cost less depreciation. Freehold land is not depreciated. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Freehold buildings	Not depreciated
Fixtures and Fittings	10% straight line
Charitable equipment	10% straight line
Computer equipment	20% 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 Parkway Gospel Hall Trust	51,652	28,399
Total Donated Services:	51,652	28,399

5. Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost	Freehold Property	Fixtures and fittings	Charitable Equipment	Computer Equipment	Totals
At 6 April 2023	849,937	7,431	5,039	4,462	866,869
Additions	16,701	-	-	188	16,889
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 5 April 2024	866,638	7,431	5,039	4,650	883,758
Depreciation					
At 6 April 2023	-	4,670	4,788	722	10,180
Current Year Depreciation	-	743	250	759	1,753
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 5 April 2024	-	5,413	5,039	1,482	11,933
Net Book Value					
At 5 April 2024	866,638	2,018	-	3,169	871,826
At 5 April 2023	849,937	2,761	251	3,740	856,689

Land registry titles of the above property held are SH15837.

6. TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

During the financial year, aggregated donations of £60,240 (2023: £16,949) were received.

7. VOLUNTEERS

South Downs Gospel Hall Trust relies entirely on volunteers to carry out the management, administration and general maintenance work. The Trust has no paid staff or paid Trustees.

Resources Expended

South Downs Gospel Hall Trust
For the year ended 5 April 2024

8. Resources Expended

	MEETING ROOMS	OTHER CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	TOTAL COSTS 2024	TOTAL COSTS 2023
Direct Costs				
Premises costs - repairs and maintenance	5,122	-	5,122	3,865
Premises costs - heat, light and power	4,354	-	4,354	2,077
Telephone	1,379	-	1,379	900
Health and Safety	4,189	-	4,189	12,401
Legal and professional	1,929	-	1,929	2,466
Bank charges	84	-	84	84
Public outreach expenses	2,528	-	2,528	1,110
Special meeting costs	1,112	-	1,112	550
Depreciation	1,753	-	1,753	1,614
Insurance	447	-	447	588
Governance	2,384	-	2,384	2,087
Total Direct Costs	25,280	-	25,280	27,741

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

Analysis of Net Assets - Current year

South Downs Gospel Hall 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	871,826	-	-	871,826
Current Assets	296,774	-	-	296,774
Current Liabilities	(3,217)	-	-	(3,217)
Total Funds	1,165,382	-	-	1,165,382

Analysis of Net Assets - Prior Year

South Downs Gospel Hall Trust
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9.2 Prior Year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2023
Funds				
Tangible Fixed Assets	856,689	-	-	856,689
Current Assets	197,676	-	-	197,676
Current Liabilities	(1,857)	-	-	(1,857)
Total Funds	1,052,508	-	-	1,052,508

Movement in Funds - Current Year

South Downs Gospel Hall Trust
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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	1,052,508	-	-	1,052,508
Incoming resources	189,807	-	-	189,807
Resources expended	(76,932)	-	-	(76,932)
Total funds carried forward	1,165,382	-	-	1,165,382

Movement in Funds - Prior Year

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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	1,012,475	-	-	1,012,475
Incoming resources	96,173	-	-	96,173
Resources expended	(56,140)	-	-	(56,140)
Total funds carried forward	1,052,508	-	-	1,052,508

Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

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	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2023
Income and endowments:				
Donations and Legacies:				
Contributions from the Congregation	61,390	-	-	61,390
Gift Aid Donations	27,285	-	-	27,285
Income Tax refunds	6,821	-	-	6,821
Congregation Support	75	-	-	75
Investments				
Interest Received	602	-	-	602
Total Income and endowments:	96,173	-	-	96,173
Expenditure:				
Running Meeting Rooms (note 8)	27,741	-	-	27,741
Cost of donated services (note 4)	28,399	-	-	28,399
Total Expenditure:	56,140	-	-	56,140
Net Income/(Expenditure)	40,033	-	-	40,033
Net Movement In Funds	40,033	-	-	40,033
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South Downs Gospel Hall Trust

Public Benefit Report 2023/2024

The purpose of this report is to show how the South Downs Gospel Hall Trust community engage in acts of public benefit for the wider community. The Plymouth Brethren were established in 1828 when John Nelson Darby broke with the established Church in Dublin. Darby and others formed a fellowship based on the strict observance of Christian teachings as set out in the Holy Scriptures. Darby came to Plymouth in the early 1830s, and the congregation grew rapidly. Early publications were produced in Plymouth and distributed to other congregations of followers throughout the globe.

Introduction

There are over 18,000 Plymouth Brethren members in the UK, spread across 86 locations. There have been Brethren meeting halls in the Haslemere area since 1906.

The South Downs Gospel Hall Trust was formed on 14 October 2005 for the carrying on the service of God, including the celebration of the Lord's Supper, Gospel Preachings, Bible Readings and addresses on the Word of God and other meetings of a Christian religious character according to the injunctions contained in the Holy Scriptures and the tenets and practices of those Christians forming a worldwide fellowship known as Plymouth Brethren.

The South Downs Gospel Hall Trust has 190 members living in the Grayshott and Haslemere districts.

PBCC way of life

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

Street Preaching

Street Preaching has been actively promoted by the Plymouth brethren for many years, at least since the 1920's, and today is supported by members of the South Downs Gospel Hall Trust congregation. We seek to highlight the availability of Jesus to all mankind as having personally proved the tangible benefit and immense improvement believing in Jesus brings.

Currently the main chosen location is on High Street, Haslemere, outside the former HSBC Bank building. Street preachings have been held here for many years.

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

During the street preaching tracts are handed to passers-by. Tracts are available for download on the below website: <https://christiandctrineandgospelpublishing.org>

Outreach

Our commitment is to care and compassion towards all humanity. Members of the congregation dedicate their time volunteering through our charitable arm, Rapid Relief Team (RRT) and contribute financially to local causes. At South Downs Gospel Hall Trust, we actively seek opportunities to support our local community from litter picking to donating to local charities.

Public Benefit activities during 2023/24

£1,800 of food donations to the Bordon Food Bank.

A monthly standing order of £25 to the Headley Food Bank.

Litter pick in Grayshott village.

Members helped the Rapid Relief Team pack 9,000 care kits for those in need as pictured below.



Members of the congregation provided cheese and wine at the annual Grayshott Parish Assembly.

Members assisted the Rapid Relief Team in providing food and refreshments to Surrey Fire Brigade at a fire in the Longmore Ranges as pictured below.



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Details of public benefit activities carried out by South Downs Gospel Hall Trust can be found in the separate appendix to this report.

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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 40 and 350 people normally attend these occasions.

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

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

Spreading the Gospel message and the life of a Christian

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

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

In 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 surplus of incoming resources over resources expended.

Total voluntary income received this year was £95,571 compared to £101,607 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 Trust aims to maintain sufficient reserves to cover day to day expenditure plus an allowance for urgent repairs or capital expenditure that may arise. 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 £195,819 (2022: £215,310)

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

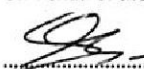
The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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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Shane White (Trustee)

02/08/23
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Date

Report of the Independent Examiner

South Downs Gospel Hall Trust

For the year ended 5 April 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the South Downs Gospel Hall 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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4 July 2023

Statement of Financial Activities

South Downs Gospel Hall 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	61,390	-	-	61,390	65,238
Gift Aid Donations	27,285	-	-	27,285	29,095
Income Tax refunds	6,821	-	-	6,821	7,274
Congregation Support	75	-	-	75	-
Investments					
Interest Received	602	-	-	602	180
Total Income and endowments:	96,173	-	-	96,173	101,787
Expenditure:					
Running Meeting Rooms (note 9)	27,741	-	-	27,741	16,160
Congregation Support (note 9)	-	-	-	-	2,775
Cost of donated services (note 4)	28,399	-	-	28,399	9,776
Grants to affiliated trusts (note 5)	-	-	-	-	852,115
Total Expenditure:	56,140	-	-	56,140	880,826
Net Income/(Expenditure)	40,033	-	-	40,033	(779,039)
Net Movement In Funds	40,033	-	-	40,033	(779,039)
	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2023	TOTAL FUNDS 2022
Reconciliation of funds (note 11)					
Total Funds brought forward	1,012,475	-	-	1,012,475	1,791,514
Net movement in funds	40,033	-	-	40,033	(779,039)
Total Funds carried forward	1,052,508	-	-	1,052,508	1,012,475


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

Balance Sheet

South Downs Gospel Hall Trust As at 5 April 2023

	2023	2022
Fixed Assets		
Tangible assets (note 6)	856,689	797,165
Total Fixed Assets	856,689	797,165
Current assets		
Prepayments and accrued income	18,876	19,329
Cash at bank and in hand	178,800	196,932
Total Current assets	197,676	216,260
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Accruals and deferred income	1,857	950
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	1,857	950
Net current assets/(liabilities)	195,819	215,310
Total assets less current liabilities	1,052,508	1,012,475
Net Assets	1,052,508	1,012,475
Funds (note 10)		
Unrestricted funds	1,052,508	1,012,475
Total Funds	1,052,508	1,012,475

The unaudited financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees of South Downs Gospel Hall Trust on 02/08/23 and were signed on its behalf by:


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Shane White (Trustee)

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

Notes forming part of the Financial Statements

South Downs Gospel Hall 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 South Downs Gospel Hall Trust is considered to be equal to market value which would be paid were the service formally procured. This includes services paid for by other trusts.

Investment income is accounted for on a receivable basis.

1.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis. Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

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

1.4 Governance and support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and costs related to statutory requirements. Governance and support costs are allocated to charitable activities on the basis of capacity used.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets (costing more than £100) are stated at cost less depreciation. Freehold land is not depreciated. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Freehold buildings	Not depreciated
Fixtures and Fittings	10% straight line
Charitable equipment	10% straight line
Computer equipment	20% 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 Parkway Gospel Hall Trust	28,399	9,776
Total Donated Services:	28,399	9,776

5. Grants

	2023	2022
Grants:		
Grants to:		
Grants to Parkway Gospel Hall Trust	-	852,115
Total Grants:	-	852,115

6. Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost	Freehold Property	Fixtures and fittings	Charitable equipment	Computer equipment	Totals
At 6 April 2022	793,543	5,151	5,039	1,998	805,731
Additions	56,394	2,280	-	2,464	61,138
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 5 April 2023	849,937	7,431	5,039	4,462	866,869
Depreciation					
At 6 April 2022	-	4,120	4,284	162	8,566
Current Year Depreciation	-	550	504	560	1,614
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 5 April 2023	-	4,670	4,788	722	10,180
Net Book Value					
At 5 April 2023	849,937	2,761	251	3,740	856,689
At 5 April 2022	793,543	1,031	755	1,836	797,165

Land registry titles of the above property held are SH15837.

7. TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

During the financial year, aggregated donations of £16,949 (2022: £18,360) were received from related parties. The trust made reimbursements to related parties totaling £83.

8. VOLUNTEERS

South Downs Gospel Hall Trust relies entirely on volunteers to carry out the management, administration and general maintenance work. The Trust has no paid staff or paid Trustees.

Resources Expended

South Downs Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2023

9. Resources Expended

	MEETING ROOMS	OTHER CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	TOTAL COSTS 2023	TOTAL COSTS 2022
Direct Costs				
Premises costs - repairs and maintenance	3,865	-	3,865	3,458
Premises costs - heat, light and power	2,077	-	2,077	4,032
Telephone	900	-	900	487
Health and Safety	12,401	-	12,401	2,244
Legal and professional	2,466	-	2,466	1,279
Bank charges	84	-	84	91
Congregation Support	-	-	-	2,775
Public outreach expenses	1,110	-	1,110	2,320
Special meeting costs	550	-	550	-
Depreciation	1,614	-	1,614	1,181
Insurance	588	-	588	338
Interest	-	-	-	80
Governance	2,087	-	2,087	650
Total Direct Costs	27,741	-	27,741	18,935

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

Analysis of Net Assets - Current year

South Downs Gospel Hall Trust
For the year ended 5 April 2023

10. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

10.1 Current Year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2023
Funds			
Tangible Fixed Assets	856,689	-	856,689
Current Assets	197,676	-	197,676
Current Liabilities	(1,857)	-	(1,857)
Total Funds	1,052,508	-	1,052,508

Analysis of Net Assets - Prior Year

South Downs Gospel Hall Trust
For the year ended 5 April 2023

10.2 Prior Year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2022
Funds			
Tangible Fixed Assets	797,165	-	797,165
Current Assets	216,260	-	216,260
Current Liabilities	(950)	-	(950)
Total Funds	1,012,475	-	1,012,475

Movement in Funds - Current Year

South Downs Gospel Hall Trust
For the year ended 5 April 2023

11. Movement in Funds

11.1 Movement in funds - current year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2023
Movement in Funds			
Total funds brought forward	1,012,475	-	1,012,475
Incoming resources	96,173	-	96,173
Resources expended	(56,140)	-	(56,140)
Total funds carried forward	1,052,508	-	1,052,508

Movement in Funds - Prior Year

South Downs Gospel Hall Trust

For the year ended 5 April 2023

11. Movement in Funds

11.2 Movement in funds - Prior year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2022
Movement in Funds			
Total funds brought forward	1,791,514	-	1,791,514
Incoming resources	101,787	-	101,787
Resources expended	(880,826)	-	(880,826)
Total funds carried forward	1,012,475	-	1,012,475

Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

South Downs Gospel Hall 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	65,238	-	-	65,238
Gift Aid Donations	29,095	-	-	29,095
Income Tax refunds	7,274	-	-	7,274
Investments				
Interest Received	180	-	-	180
Total Income and endowments:	101,787	-	-	101,787
Expenditure:				
Running Meeting Rooms (note 9)	16,160	-	-	16,160
Congregation Support (note 9)	-	2,775	-	2,775
Cost of donated services (note 4)	9,776	-	-	9,776
Grants to affiliated trusts (note 5)	852,115	-	-	852,115
Total Expenditure:	878,051	2,775	-	880,826
Net Income/(Expenditure)	(776,264)	(2,775)	-	(779,039)
Net Movement In Funds	(776,264)	(2,775)	-	(779,039)
	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2022
Reconciliation of funds (note 11)				
Total Funds brought forward	1,788,739	2,775	-	1,791,514
Net movement in funds	(776,264)	(2,775)	-	(779,039)
Total Funds carried forward	1,012,475	-	-	1,012,475

Public Benefit Report for South Downs Gospel Hall Trust

A monthly standing order of £25 is given from the Trust to the Headley Food Bank and in addition a total of £596 food was provided through the year.

The congregation assisted the Rapid Relief Team in providing food and refreshments to Surrey Fire Brigade at the Henley Park Ranges in April 2022. They also provided a team for the Rapid Relief Team for a litter pick initiative in Grayshott in November and provided refreshments at a Bordon Fire Station charity event in December 2022.

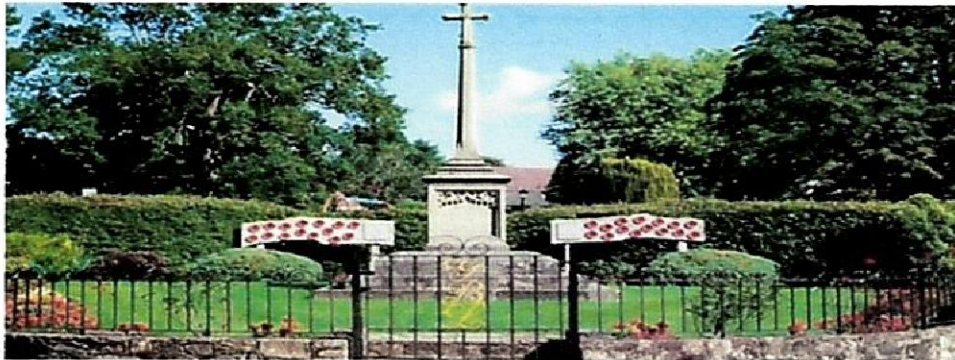
During the year, members of the congregation helped at the annual Grayshott Parish Assembly by providing cheese and wine, this was very much appreciated. A team also repaired the railings around the Grayshott war memorial, which were damaged in an accident, assumed to be caused by a motor vehicle.



Katie Grayshott Parish Council



Grayshott · 3h · 🏠



Generous offer to repair the War Memorial grounds

We are very grateful to the local Plymouth Brethren Christian Church for offering to repair the wall and reinstate the railings at the War Memorial at no cost to the Council and its residents. We have accepted their generous offer.

In the early hours of Sunday 22nd January we believe that a lorry misjudged its turn and caused the damage. As the driver did not come forward we were facing a repair bill. We were delighted to get the swift offer of help from a local resident on behalf of the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church.

Thank you.

SOUTH DOWNS GOSPEL HALL TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1162400

Accounts

Trustees Report & Unaudited Financial Statements

South Downs Gospel Hall Trust
For the year ended 5 April 2022

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Legal and Administrative Information

South Downs Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2022

Charity Name:

South Downs Gospel Hall Trust

Registered Charity Number:

1162400

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Report of the Trustees

South Downs Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2022

The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 5 April 2022. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 10 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 9 June 2001, most recently amended by Deed of Variation dated 8 August 2014. The trust was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 25 June 2015 under Charity Registration Number: 1162400

Recruitment and appointment of new Trustees

The Trustees who have served during the year and since the year end are set out on page 2. None of the Trustees, nor any person connected with them, received any remuneration or expenses from the Charity in the year ended 5 April 2022.

The Trust operates one Gospel hall and Trustees are chosen from among the regular congregation of the halls. New Trustees are nominated by the existing Trustees or by the congregation and must be appointed by unanimous resolution of the congregation. They are selected according to their skills and experience and are expected to use both in furthering the objects of the Charity. Checks are made to ensure the Trustees' eligibility to act and incoming Trustees are made aware of their responsibilities by the existing Trustees, who ensure that new Trustees read the Trust Deed and relevant Charity Commission guidance.

Wider Network

The Trustees maintain informal links with Trustees of similar Trusts with a view to pooling experience considered useful in pursuing the objects of the Trust. The Trust also maintains particular links with Parkway Gospel Hall 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.

A monthly standing order of £25 is given from the Trust to Headley Food Bank.

The congregation also assisted another charity, The Rapid Relief Team in providing food and refreshments to Surrey Fire Brigade at the Thursley Common Fire in April 2021.

In November 2021, members of the congregation were included in a 90 minute litter pick in Grayshott organised by the Grayshott Parish Council. The following is the response from the Parish Council:

"Thank you to everyone that took part in our Village Tidy Up last Sunday. We were extremely pleased with the turnout of over 35 people enabling us to cover most of the village by 11.30am. The focus for the morning was to ensure that the area around the War Memorial was free from weeds and litter, ready for the Remembrance Service this coming Sunday."

Main activities and achievements

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Two of the gospel halls owned by South Downs Gospel Hall Trust, have been donated to Parkway Gospel Hall Trust (an affiliated trust) at net book value. It was impractical for the trust to get formal valuations so have opted to use net book value, which in the opinion of the trustees represent realistic values.

Plans for future periods

With the commencement of lockdown restrictions in the UK the trust ceased using the gospel hall[s] it operates. During the financial year, restrictions were eased sufficiently to allow the congregation to use the gospel hall[s] for the Lord's Supper (Communion). The use of the rooms was conducted in a manner which always complied with the government guidance, and the trust intends to continue using the rooms when it is 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.

The trust is hoping to apply for planning permission for a new 8-row gospel hall.

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 40 and 350 people normally attend these occasions.

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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 would usually 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. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic this has not been possible during the financial year, but the congregation aim to continue this once it is safe to do so.

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 2022 the Trust had a deficit of incoming resources over resources expended. This is due to properties being donated to Parkway Gospel Hall Trust.

Total voluntary income received this year was £101,607 compared to £114,800 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 Trust aims to maintain sufficient reserves to cover day to day expenditure plus an allowance for urgent repairs or capital expenditure that may arise. 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 £215,310 (2021: £312,000)

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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Shane White (Trustee)

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Date

Report of the Independent Examiner

South Downs Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2022

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the South Downs Gospel Hall Trust for the year ended 5 April 2022.

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

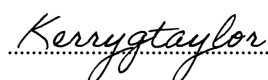
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or 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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Kerry Taylor
Oldfield Advisory LLP
Santis House
Curriers Close
Coventry
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5 October 2022

Statement of Financial Activities

South Downs Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2022

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2022	TOTAL FUNDS 2021
Income and endowments:					
Donations and Legacies:					
Contributions from the Congregation	65,238	-	-	65,238	62,462
Gift Aid Donations	29,095	-	-	29,095	34,210
Income Tax refunds	7,274	-	-	7,274	8,552
Congregation Support	-	-	-	-	9,575
Investments					
Interest Received	180	-	-	180	242
Total Income and endowments:	101,787	-	-	101,787	115,041
Expenditure:					
Running Meeting Rooms (note 9)	16,160	-	-	16,160	6,024
Congregation Support (note 9)	-	2,775	-	2,775	6,875
Cost of donated services (note 4)	9,776	-	-	9,776	4,948
Grants to affiliated trusts (note 5)	852,115	-	-	852,115	-
Total Expenditure:	878,051	2,775	-	880,826	17,846
Net Income/(Expenditure)	(776,264)	(2,775)	-	(779,039)	97,195
Net Movement In Funds	(776,264)	(2,775)	-	(779,039)	97,195
	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2022	TOTAL FUNDS 2021
Reconciliation of funds (note 11)					
Total Funds brought forward	1,788,739	2,775	-	1,791,514	1,694,319
Net movement in funds	(776,264)	(2,775)	-	(779,039)	97,195
Total Funds carried forward	1,012,475	-	-	1,012,475	1,791,514

The notes on page 11 - 18 form part of these financial statements.

Balance Sheet

South Downs Gospel Hall Trust As at 5 April 2022

	2022	2021
Fixed Assets		
Tangible assets (note 6)	797,165	1,479,515
Total Fixed Assets	797,165	1,479,515
Current assets		
Prepayments and accrued income	19,329	32,663
Cash at bank and in hand	196,932	285,073
Total Current assets	216,260	317,736
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Accruals and deferred income	950	780
Other creditors	-	4,957
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	950	5,737
Net current assets/(liabilities)	215,310	311,999
Total assets less current liabilities	1,012,475	1,791,514
Net Assets	1,012,475	1,791,514
Funds (note 10)		
Unrestricted funds	1,012,475	1,791,514
Total Funds	1,012,475	1,791,514

The unaudited financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees of South Downs Gospel Hall Trust onand were signed on its behalf by:

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Shane White (Trustee)

Notes forming part of the Financial Statements

South Downs Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2022

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 South Downs Gospel Hall Trust is considered to be equal to market value which would be paid were the service formally procured. This includes services paid for by other trusts.

Investment income is accounted for on a receivable basis.

1.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis. Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

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

1.4 Governance and support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and costs related to statutory requirements. Governance and support costs are allocated to charitable activities on the basis of capacity used.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets (costing more than £100) are stated at cost less depreciation. Freehold land is not depreciated. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Freehold buildings	Not depreciated
Property improvements	Not depreciated
Fixtures and Fittings	10% straight line
Charitable equipment	10% straight line

Computer equipment	20% reducing balance
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1.6 Taxation

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

1.7 Funds

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

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

1.8 Preparation of consolidated financial statements

The Charity does not have a trading subsidiary.

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.

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. 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 (2021: none)

3. WAGES AND SALARIES

There are no employees (2021: none)

4. Donated Services

	2022	2021
Donated Services		
Donated To:		
Donated Services to Parkway Gospel Hall Trust	9,776	4,948
Total Donated Services:	9,776	4,948

5. Grants

2022

2021

Grants:

Grants to:

Grants to Parkway Gospel Hall Trust	852,115	-
Total Grants:	852,115	-

6. Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost	Freehold Property	Fixtures and fittings	Charitable Equipment	Computer equipment	Totals
At 6 April 2021	1,474,175	5,151	5,039	-	1,484,365
Additions	171,483	-	-	1,998	173,481
Disposals	(852,115)	-	-	-	(852,115)
At 5 April 2022	793,543	5,151	5,039	1,998	805,731
Depreciation					
At 6 April 2021	-	3,605	3,780	-	7,385
Current Year Depreciation	-	515	504	162	1,181
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 5 April 2022	-	4,120	4,284	162	8,566
Net Book Value					
At 5 April 2022	793,543	1,031	755	1,836	797,165
At 5 April 2021	1,474,175	1,546	1,259	-	1,476,980

Land registry titles of the above property held are SH15837, SH8431, SH29882, SH38030, HP582980 and HP582983..

7. TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

During the financial year, aggregated donations of £18,360 were received from related parties.

8. VOLUNTEERS

South Downs Gospel Hall Trust relies entirely on volunteers to carry out the management, administration and general maintenance work. The Trust has no paid staff or paid Trustees.

Resources Expended

South Downs Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2022

9. Resources Expended

	MEETING ROOMS	OTHER CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	TOTAL COSTS 2022	TOTAL COSTS 2021
Direct Costs				
Premises costs - repairs and maintenance	3,458	-	3,458	333
Premises costs - heat, light and power	4,032	-	4,032	1,071
Telephone	487	-	487	-
Health and Safety	2,244	-	2,244	460
Legal and professional	1,279	-	1,279	1,447
Bank charges	91	-	91	81
Congregation Support	-	2,775	2,775	6,875
Public outreach expenses	2,320	-	2,320	300
Depreciation	1,181	-	1,181	1,055
Insurance	338	-	338	851
Interest	80	-	80	-
Governance	650	-	650	426
Total Direct Costs	16,160	2,775	18,935	12,899

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

Analysis of Net Assets - Current year

South Downs Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2022

10. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

10.1 Current Year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2022
Funds			
Tangible Fixed Assets	797,165	-	797,165
Current Assets	216,260	-	216,260
Current Liabilities	(950)	-	(950)
Total Funds	1,012,475	-	1,012,475

Analysis of Net Assets - Prior Year

South Downs Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2022

10.2 Prior Year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2021
Funds			
Tangible Fixed Assets	1,479,515	-	1,479,515
Current Assets	317,736	-	317,736
Current Liabilities	(5,737)	-	(5,737)
Total Funds	1,791,514	-	1,791,514

Movement in Funds - Current Year

South Downs Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2022

11. Movement in Funds

11.1 Movement in funds - current year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2022
Movement in Funds			
Total funds brought forward	1,791,514	-	1,791,514
Incoming resources	101,787	-	101,787
Resources expended	(880,826)	-	(880,826)
Total funds carried forward	1,012,475	-	1,012,475

Movement in Funds - Prior Year

South Downs Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2022

11. Movement in Funds

11.2 Movement in funds - Prior year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2021
Movement in Funds			
Total funds brought forward	1,694,319	-	1,694,319
Incoming resources	115,041	-	115,041
Resources expended	(17,846)	-	(17,846)
Total funds carried forward	1,791,514	-	1,791,514

Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

South Downs Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2022

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2021
Income and endowments:				
Donations and Legacies:				
Contributions from the Congregation	62,462	-	-	62,462
Gift Aid Donations	34,210	-	-	34,210
Income Tax refunds	8,552	-	-	8,552
Congregation Support	-	9,575	-	9,575
Investments				
Interest Received	242	-	-	242
Total Income and endowments:	105,466	9,575	-	115,041
Expenditure:				
Running Meeting Rooms (note 9)	6,024	-	-	6,024
Congregation Support (note 9)	75	6,800	-	6,875
Cost of donated services (note 4)	4,948	-	-	4,948
Total Expenditure:	11,046	6,800	-	17,846
Net Income/(Expenditure)	94,420	2,775	-	97,195
Net Movement In Funds	94,420	2,775	-	97,195
	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2021
Reconciliation of funds (note 11)				
Total Funds brought forward	1,694,319	-	-	1,694,319
Net movement in funds	94,420	2,775	-	97,195
Total Funds carried forward	1,788,739	2,775	-	1,791,514

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Accounts

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South Downs Gospel Hall Trust

Report of the trustees and
Unaudited financial statements
for the year ended
5 April 2021

South Downs Gospel Hall Trust

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South Downs Gospel Hall Trust

Charity Information

for the year ended 5 April 2021

Charity name	South Downs Gospel Hall Trust
Registered charity number	1162400
Trustees	Broderick Knappett (Chair) Darrell Anderson Kevin Ryall Patrick Tennent Shane White
Treasurer	Brian Anderson
Principal address	Somerville 8 Bridle Close Grayshott GU26 6EA
Independent examiner	Adam Hickie ACA CTA ATT
Accountants	Lucraft Hodgson & Dawes LLP 2/4 Ash Lane Rustington West Sussex BN16 3BZ
Bankers	Lloyds Bank 12 High Street Haslemere Surrey GU27 2JG
Solicitors	Watson Watson Solicitors Mercury House Shrewsbury Business Park Shrewsbury SY2 6LG

South Downs Gospel Hall Trust

Report of the trustees

for the year ended 5 April 2021

The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 5 April 2021. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 9 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 9 June 2001, most recently amended by Deed of Variation dated 8 August 2014. The Trust was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 25 June 2015 under Charity Registration Number 1162400.

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 1. None of the Trustees, nor any person connected with them, received any remuneration or expenses from the Charity during the year ended 5 April 2021 (2020: £Nil).

The Trust operates two Gospel halls and Trustees are chosen from among the regular congregation of the halls. New Trustees are nominated by 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 Parkway Gospel Hall 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 or procedures to manage and mitigate those risks.

Objectives and activities

Objectives and aims

The charitable purposes of the Charity are the advancement of the Christian religion for the public benefit, including by the carrying on of the service of God in accordance with the Old and New Testaments of the Holy Bible as followed by those Christians forming part of the worldwide 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.

South Downs Gospel Hall Trust

Report of the trustees

for the year ended 5 April 2021

Objectives and activities (continued)

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.

A monthly standing order of £25 is given from the Trust to the Headley Food Bank.

The congregation supported the Rapid Relief Team charity in distributing food boxes to 7 food banks in the area during August 2020. A total of 200 food boxes were taken to food banks in Liphook, Haslemere, Headley Down, Bordon, Petersfield and Liss. Each food box provided long life and easily served foods that can sustain a family for up to one week.

The congregation also assisted the Rapid Relief Team in providing food and refreshments to Surrey Fire Brigade at the Thursley Common fire in June 2020 involving 40 firefighters and the Chobham Common fire in August 2020 which involved 80 firefighters.

Main activities and achievements

The Trust provides and maintains two Gospel halls where religious meetings are held by the local Brethren community. Details of the origins, teachings and way of life of the Brethren can be found on the website - www.plymouthbrethrenchristianchurch.org and in the schedules to the Trust Deed.

The Trust's main achievements this year have been continuing support for outreach events and working through planning conditions on a new hall in Grayshott. A new entrance for this site was completed in March 2021.

The trustees have also established an Emergency Needs fund 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.

Plans for future periods

From 18th March 2020, South Downs Gospel Hall Trust ceased using the two gospel halls, 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.

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 40 and 350 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 Fernhurst and visitors are free to help themselves.

South Downs Gospel Hall Trust

Report of the trustees

for the year ended 5 April 2021

Objectives and activities (continued)

Spreading the Gospel message and the life of a Christian

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

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

In addition to street preaching, members of the congregation have contributed to outreach work in the local area to provide Christian literature, work with the Rapid Relief Team, provide food packs, etc. More Information can be found in the public benefit section of this report on page 3.

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 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 presentation 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 consistently 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 complimentary objectives.

Financial review

Financial position

In the year ended 5 April 2021 the Trust had a modest surplus of incoming resources over resources expended. Total voluntary income received this year was £114,800 compared to £200,807 in the previous year.

Financial review

Financial position

All funds held were unrestricted funds.

South Downs Gospel Hall Trust

Report of the trustees

for the year ended 5 April 2021

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 Trust aims to maintain sufficient reserves to cover day to day expenditure plus an allowance for urgent repairs or capital expenditure that may arise. 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 £312,000.

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).

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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.

On behalf of the Board:



SL White
Trustee

Date: 24 November 2021

South Downs Gospel Hall Trust

Independent examiner's report to the trustees

for the year ended 5 April 2021

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of South Downs Gospel Hall Trust for the year ended 5 April 2021 which are set out on pages 7 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the trustees of South Downs Gospel Hall Trust you are responsible for the 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 accounts of South Downs Gospel Hall Trust 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.

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:

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- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the accounts do not comply with the accounting 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: 24 November 2021

South Downs Gospel Hall Trust

Statement of financial activities

for the year ended 5 April 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Incoming resources					
<i>Donations and legacies</i>					
Collections		-	-	-	-
Donations		25,811	-	25,811	8,435
Gift aid donations		34,210	-	34,210	46,260
Income tax refunds		8,553	-	8,553	11,565
Contributions to running costs		46,226	-	46,226	34,547
Grants		-	-	-	100,000
<i>Rental income</i>					
Rent		-	-	-	-
<i>Investments</i>					
Bank interest		242	-	242	235
Total incoming resources		115,042	-	115,042	201,042
Resources expended					
<i>Costs of generating funds</i>					
Fundraising		-	-	-	-
<i>Charitable activities</i>					
Running meeting rooms	5	6,943	-	6,943	22,440
Other charitable activities		7,475	-	7,475	2,186
Cost of donated services	4	-	-	-	-
Governance costs		3,428	-	3,428	4,817
Total resources expended		17,846	-	17,846	29,443
Net income/(expenditure)		97,196	-	97,196	171,599
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		97,196	-	97,196	171,599
Funds at 5 April 2020		1,694,319	-	1,694,319	1,522,721
Funds at 5 April 2021		1,791,515	-	1,791,515	1,694,320

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these financial statements. All of the above activities are classed as continuing and there are no gains and losses other than those included above.

South Downs Gospel Hall Trust

Balance sheet

as at 5 April 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	6	1,479,515	1,409,557
Current assets			
Debtors and prepayments		32,663	11,565
Cash at bank and in hand		285,074	291,673
Total current assets		317,737	303,238
Current liabilities			
<i>Creditors</i>			
Trade creditors		(3,162)	(5,840)
Accruals and deferred income		(780)	(780)
Loans		(1,795)	(11,855)
Net current assets		312,000	284,763
Net assets		1,791,515	1,694,320
Funds			
Unrestricted funds		1,791,515	1,694,320
Total funds		1,791,515	1,694,320

The unaudited financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees of South Downs Gospel Hall Trust on 24 November 2021 and signed on their behalf by:



SL White
Trustee

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the financial statements
for the year ended 5 April 2021

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 (FRS102) 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 (FRS102) 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 FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transactional 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 South Downs Gospel Hall Trust is considered to be equal to market value which would be paid were the service formally procured. This includes services paid for by other trusts.

Investment income is accounted for on a receivable basis.

1.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis. Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out reserves.

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 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:

Fixtures and fittings	10% straight line
Charitable equipment	10% straight line

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1 Accounting policies (continued)

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 funds are 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 the funds were given.

1.8 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, The Trust ceased using the two gospel halls, 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 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 (2020: None).

3 Wages and salaries

There are no employees (2020: None).

4 Donated services

Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
<i>Received from</i>				
Other	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<i>Donated to</i>				
Parkway Gospel Hall Trust	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-

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5 Resources expended					
	Note	Meeting rooms £	Other charitable activities £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
<i>Direct costs</i>					
Repairs and maintenance		1,931	-	1,931	16,091
Insurance		1,444	-	1,444	1,227
Rates		-	-	-	-
Light, heat and other utilities		2,513	-	2,513	3,957
Depreciation		1,055	-	1,055	1,055
Grants to other trusts		-	-	-	110
Other charitable costs		-	7,475	7,475	2,186
Governance		3,428	-	3,428	4,817
		10,371	7,475	17,846	29,443

£17,846 (2020: £29,443) of the above expenditure was attributable to unrestricted funds and £Nil (2020: £Nil) to restricted funds.

Governance costs include £930 (2020: £414) in respect of Independent examiner's fees.

6 Tangible fixed assets				
	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Charitable equipment £	Total £
<i>Cost</i>				
Brought forward at 5 April 2020	1,405,697	5,151	5,039	1,415,887
Additions	71,013	-	-	71,013
Cost at 5 April 2021	1,476,710	5,151	5,039	1,486,900
<i>Depreciation</i>				
Brought forward at 5 April 2020	-	3,090	3,240	6,330
Charge for the year	-	515	540	1,055
Depreciation at 5 April 2021	-	3,605	3,780	7,385
Net book value at 5 April 2021	1,476,710	1,546	1,259	1,479,515
Net book value at 5 April 2020	1,405,697	2,061	1,799	1,409,557

Property details:

Land registry titles of the above property held are SH15837, SH8431, SH29882, SH38030, HP582980 and HP582983.

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7 Analysis of net assets between funds

7.1 Current year

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,479,515	-	1,479,515
Current assets	317,737	-	317,737
Current liabilities	(5,737)	-	(5,737)
Total funds	1,791,515	-	1,791,515

7.2 Prior year

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,409,557	-	1,409,557
Current assets	303,238	-	303,238
Current liabilities	(18,475)	-	(18,475)
Total funds	1,694,320	-	1,694,320

8 Movement In funds

8.1 Current year

	Balance at 5 April 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Realised/ unrealised gains and losses £	Balance at 5 April 2021 £
Restricted funds	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted funds	1,694,319	115,042	(17,846)	-	1,791,515
Total funds	1,694,319	115,042	(17,846)	-	1,791,515

8.2 Prior year

	Balance at 5 April 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Realised/ unrealised gains and losses £	Balance at 5 April 2021 £
Restricted funds	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted funds	1,522,721	201,042	(29,443)	-	1,694,320
Total funds	1,522,721	201,042	(29,443)	-	1,694,320

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9 Transactions with related parties

The aggregate total of donations received from the trustees during the year was £240 (2020: £19,267).

There were no other related party transactions during the year.

10 Volunteers

South Downs Gospel Hall Trust relies entirely on volunteers to carry out the management, administration and general maintenance work. The Trust has no paid staff or paid Trustees.