

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

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.

The trustees have also operated an Emergency Needs fund for the duration of the coronavirus 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.

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.

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. 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

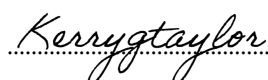
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or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