

REGISTERED NUMBER: 1162847

**NORTHRIDGE GOSPEL HALL TRUST**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2021**

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**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**NORTHRIDGE GOSPEL HALL TRUST**  
**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

**YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2021**

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**CHARITY NAME:** Northridge Gospel Hall Trust

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER:** 1162847

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## **NORTHBRIDGE GOSPEL HALL TRUST**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

**YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2021**

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The Trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 05 April 2021. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page ten and comply with the Trust Deed and applicable law.

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Governing document**

The Charity is an unincorporated trust constituted by a Deed of Trust dated 23 July 2002, most recently amended by Deed of Variation dated 18 August 2014. The Trust was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 27 July 2015 under Charity Registration Number: 1162847

### **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 05 April 2021 (2020: £nil).

The Trustees who have served during the year and since the period end are set out on page 2. 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 Charity also maintains particular links with Beauharrow Gospel Hall Trust, with which it shares members of its congregation.

### **Risk management**

Since the Trust was formed, as we had no gospel Hall and therefore no congregation, the risks have been limited. In February 2020, on completion of the Gospel Hall, we held a Trustee meeting and reviewed the Trust policies. The Trustees identified the following risks and adopted policies to protect the congregation as well as ensuring good governance by the Trustees:

- Complaints – mitigated by the implementation of a specific internal policy
- Child protection and vulnerable adults – mitigated by the implementation of a specific internal policy
- Data protection and privacy – mitigated by strong internal financial controls
- Conflict of interest – mitigated by discussion at Trustee meetings
- Trustee recruitment – mitigated by discussion at Trustee meetings
- Reserves and register of systems – mitigated by strong internal financial controls

## **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.

### **Plans for future periods**

From 18th March 2020, Northridge Gospel Hall Trust ceased using the hall which it operates. This was as a result of the global Covid-19 pandemic and the general lockdown imposed by the government on 23rd March 2020. The Trust aims to use the 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.

## **NORTHTRIDGE GOSPEL HALL TRUST**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

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#### **Main activities and achievements**

The Trust provides and maintains 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](http://www.plymouthbrethrenchristianchurch.org) and in the schedules to the Trust Deed.

The Trust's main achievement this year has been continuation of construction of a new Gospel Hall.

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.

#### **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 30 and 120 people normally attend these occasions.

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

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

#### **Spreading the Gospel message and the life of a Christian**

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

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

In addition to street preaching, members of the congregation has contact with prison chaplains to provide gospel tracts and bibles as required. The Trust also operates a programme of providing regular packs of nutritious food and gospel literature to homeless and needy persons through local charities or homeless societies.

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).
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**NORTHBRIDGE GOSPEL HALL TRUST**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

**YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2021**

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**Funding**

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

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Financial position**

In the year ended 5 April 2021, the Trust had a surplus of incoming resources over resources expended. Total voluntary income received this year was £90,148 compared to £1,920,515 in the previous year.

All funds held were unrestricted funds.

Proposed forthcoming commitments are to finish paying for the construction of the new Gospel Hall.

**Reserves policy**

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and the level of financial commitments held. The Trustees aim for the charity to hold approximately an amount equivalent to 12 months operating costs in a current account to meet the day to day expenses, plus an allowance for any urgent repairs and capital expenses. The Trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily. Free reserves accumulated in excess of the minimum will be used at the discretion of the Trustees for the strategic development of Northridge Gospel Hall Trust. 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.

Free reserves at the year end were £1,067,709.

**NORTHBRIDGE GOSPEL HALL TRUST**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

**YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2021**

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**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES**

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

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

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

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

On behalf of the board:

.....  
Mr J Beattie (Trustee)

.....  
Date

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**  
**TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE NORTHRIDGE GOSPEL HALL TRUST**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2021**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Northridge Gospel Hall Trust for the year ended 05 April 2021.

**RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER**

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

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

**BASIS OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

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

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT**

I 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.

*Amanda Groombridge* .....

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02 November 2021



**NORTHBRIDGE GOSPEL HALL TRUST**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>						
<b><i>Donations and legacies:</i></b>						
Contributions from the congregation		50,750		-	50,750	-
Donated services	4	12,718		-	12,718	3,835
Congregation Support		-	27,400	-	27,400	-
Grants received		-		-	-	1,916,680
<b>Total</b>		<b>63,468</b>	<b>27,400</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>90,868</b>	<b>1,920,515</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
<b><i>Charitable activities</i></b>						
Running meeting rooms	5	43,076		-	43,076	14,755
Congregation support	5		24,212		24,212	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>43,076</b>	<b>24,212</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>67,288</b>	<b>14,755</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>20,392</b>	<b>3,188</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,580</b>	<b>1,905,760</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>20,392</b>	<b>3,188</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,580</b>	<b>1,905,760</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>						
Total funds brought forward		3,045,855	-	-	3,045,855	1,140,095
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>3,066,247</b>	<b>3,188</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,069,435</b>	<b>3,045,855</b>

The notes on pages 10 to 12 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.

**NORTHTRIDGE GOSPEL HALL TRUST**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**AS AT 05 APRIL 2021**

	Notes	2021	2020
		£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible assets	6	2,001,726	1,954,144
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors		450,000	-
Prepayments and accrued income		400,000	700,000
Cash at bank and in hand		11,868	94,930
		<b>861,868</b>	<b>794,930</b>
Debtors due after one year		357,501	447,501
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year:			
Accruals and deferred income		(1,660)	(720)
Non-interest bearing loan		<b>(150,000)</b>	
Net current assets		<b>1,067,709</b>	<b>1,241,711</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>3,069,435</b>	<b>3,195,855</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year:			
Non-interest bearing loan		-	150,000
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>3,069,435</b>	<b>3,045,855</b>
<b>Funds</b>			
Restricted funds		-	-
Unrestricted income fund		3,069,435	3,045,855
<b>Total funds</b>	8	<b>3,069,435</b>	<b>3,045,855</b>

The unaudited financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees of Northridge Gospel Hall Trust on .....and were signed on its behalf by

.....  
Mr J Beattie (Trustee)

The notes on pages 10 to 12 form part of these financial statements

**NORTHBRIDGE GOSPEL HALL TRUST**  
**NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2021**

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**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 Northridge 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 Property	2% straight line
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**1.6 Taxation**

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

**1.7 Funds**

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

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

**1.8 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, Northridge Gospel Hall Trust ceased using the gospel hall which it operates, due to the global Covid-19 pandemic and the general lockdown imposed by the government. The trustees do not consider that the Covid-19 pandemic will have any effect on the ability of the trust to continue as a going concern.

**2. 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).

**NORTHBRIDGE GOSPEL HALL TRUST**  
**NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2021**

**4. DONATED SERVICES**

<b>Received from:</b>	<b>Year ended 05 April 2021 £</b>	<b>Year ended 05 April 2020 £</b>
Beauharrow Gospel Hall Trust	12,718	3,835

**5. RESOURCES EXPENDED**

	<b>Meeting rooms £</b>	<b>Other charitable activities £</b>	<b>Year ended 05 April 2021 £</b>	<b>Year ended 05 April 2020 £</b>
<b>Direct costs</b>				
Repairs and maintenance	1,153	-	1,153	1,136
Heat, light and power	6,474	-	6,474	-
Congregation Support	-	24,212	24,212	-
Telephone and broadband costs	796	-	796	-
Legal and professional	1,189	-	1,189	855
Travel costs	-	-	-	800
Depreciation	29,204	-	29,204	10,920
<b>Support costs</b>				
Bank charges	-	-	-	-
<b>Governance</b>	4,260	-	4,260	1,044
	<u>43,076</u>	<u>24,212</u>	<u>67,288</u>	<u>14,755</u>

Governance costs include £180 (2020: £600) in respect of independent examiner's fees.

**6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	<b>Freehold land £</b>	<b>Freehold Property £</b>	<b>Totals £</b>
<b>Cost</b>			
At 06 April 2020	531,339	1,433,725	1,965,064
Additions	-	76,787	76,787
Disposals	-	-	-
At 05 April 2021	<u>531,339</u>	<u>1,510,512</u>	<u>2,041,851</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 06 April 2020	-	10,920	10,920
Charge for the year	-	29,205	29,205
Depreciation on disposals	-	-	-
At 05 April 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>40,125</u>	<u>40,125</u>
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 05 April 2021	<u>531,339</u>	<u>1,470,387</u>	<u>2,001,726</u>
At 05 April 2020	<u>531,339</u>	<u>1,422,805</u>	<u>1,954,144</u>

**Property Details:**

Land registry titles of the above property held are ESX314280.

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**7. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSET BETWEEN FUNDS**

**7.1 Current year**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	2,001,726	-	2,001,726
Current assets	861,868	-	861,868
Non-current assets	357,501	-	357,501
Current liabilities	(151,660)	-	(151,660)
Non-current liabilities	-	-	-
Total funds	3,069,435	-	3,069,435

**7.2 Prior year**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	1,954,144	-	1,954,144
Current assets	794,930	-	794,930
Non-current assets	447,501	-	447,501
Current liabilities	(720)	-	(720)
Non-current liabilities	(150,000)	-	(150,000)
Total funds	3,045,855	-	3,045,855

**8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

**8.1 Current year**

	Fund balance At 06 April 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Realised/ unrealised gains and losses £	Fund balance At 05 April 2021 £
Restricted funds	-	-	-	-	-
Designated Funds		27,400	(24,212)		3,188
Unrestricted funds	3,045,855	63,468	(43,076)	-	3,066,247
<b>Total funds</b>	3,045,855	90,868	(67,288)	-	3,069,435

**8.2 Prior year**

	Fund balance At 06 April 2019 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Realised/ unrealised gains and losses £	Fund balance At 05 April 2020 £
Restricted funds	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted funds	1,140,095	1,920,515	(14,755)	-	3,045,855
<b>Total funds</b>	1,140,095	1,920,515	(14,755)	-	3,045,855

**9. TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES**

During the year, the trust have drawn £300,000 of the grant approved from Beauharrow Gospel Hall Trust during the last financial year. R Mumford, a trustee of Northridge Gospel Hall Trust is brother to J Mumford and C Mumford, trustees of Beauharrow Gospel Hall Trust. There were no donations received from related parties of the trustees that require disclosure. At the year end, Udiam Construction Limited (a company in which the trustees IJ Holding and G Devenish are directors) owed the trust £807,501 (2020: £447,501). During the year, payments totalling £436,787 were made to Udiam Construction Ltd.

**10. VOLUNTEERS**

Northridge 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.