

Registered Charity Number: 1165429

GOOD NEWS BRIGHTON

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024



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CHURCH INFORMATION 2024

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Church address

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Community Centre

Hillview Centre
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Brighton
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Charity number

1165429

Charity trustees

Mr Neil Hilton
Mr Stuart Murray-Williams (resigned 24 June 2024)
Mrs Emily Kenward (resigned 8 August 2024)
Mr Jon Bebb
Mr Steve Horne

Bankers

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Independent examiner

J R Caladine FCCA CTA FCIE
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Report of the Trustees

The Trustees present their Annual Report and the Financial Statements of the Church for the year ended 31 December 2024.

1 Church history and Constitution

Good News Brighton is a pioneering church that was formally set up as a CIO in February 2016. Since inception we have slowly grown in terms of activities and the people we serve.

2 Objectives and activities

The principal purpose of the Church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist Denomination. The church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes at home and abroad.

3 Organisational structure

The day to day activities of the Church are overseen by Elders and Pastoral staff who report to the trustees.

4 The Trustees

Those who served during the year are as shown on Page 1.

Trustees are appointed by the existing trustees and are provided with appropriate training to undertake the role they will occupy within the church.

5 Review of activities

The church known as Good News Brighton was established by Neil Hilton in May 2015 with a church plant under the auspices of the Baptist Union operating from 15 Appledore Road, Brighton.

Neil Hilton is the Pastor/Minister in charge of the Church. The Church do provide accommodation for Mr Hilton so he can carry out his duties and responsibilities effectively.

Outreach, evangelism, and befriending of the community began and an official Church Trust was established with the formation of the charitable incorporated organisation on the 4th February 2016.

Good News Brighton started to lease a building from Brighton City Council in May 2017 at a peppercorn rate in the centre of Moulsecoomb. This building, Hillview Good News Centre, has been the base for the charity's activities.

Various activities are undertaken as follows:

- Community chaplaincy while church meeting is on pause
- Good News Shed: men's DIY and handy group meets twice a week.
- Enhanced Befriending: visiting isolated and lonely people who are unsuitable for volunteer-led befriending. Neil Hilton visits isolated and lonely people one day a week, who have been referred by Time to Talk Befriending and through local connections. Neil started supporting residents from three locally supported housing units in Moulsecoomb during lockdowns. More recently, the support staff at the supported housing contact him when they require befriending services for their residents.
- Chomp Moulsecoomb in partnership with local charities and organisations

Good News Brighton continues to build stronger links and partnerships with other local churches, community groups and service providers, thereby becoming increasingly integrated into the Moulsecoomb community. A growing cross-over between the various activities is occurring, showing an integration of local community members into the life of Good News Brighton.

Trustees' Report

6 Public benefit

The trustees have complied with the duty in section 17(5) of the 2011 Charities Act to have due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission and believe that the objectives and activities of the church are for the public benefit.

7 Review of financial position

There was a deficit on unrestricted funds of £1,528 in the year (2023: deficit of £5,368). The balance on hand of unrestricted funds at 31 December 2024 was £2,040 (2023: unrestricted funds of £3,568).

8 Risk management

The church has considered the risks it may face and confirms that systems have been established to mitigate them.

9 Reserves

The church endeavours to maintain cash resources to cover at least three months operating expenditure.

10 Independent examination

J R Caladine FCCA CTA FCIE was appointed during the year to undertake the Independent Examination.



Neil Hilton
Trustee

Date:

6 October 2025

Independent Examiner's Report

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Good News Brighton

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Good News Brighton ('the CIO') for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 5 to 7.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the CIO as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records.

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: 6 October 2025

Statement of Receipts and Payments

	2024			2023		
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Donations	-	230	230	350	124	474
Grants	22,340	50,412	72,752	28,351	3,554	31,905
Total receipts	22,340	50,642	72,982	28,701	3,678	32,379
Payments						
Staff Costs						
Salaries	-	7,200	7,200	1,080	6,120	7,200
Administration	3,000	3,000	6,000	4,591	1,621	6,212
Housing - rent	12,000	6,000	18,000	18,000	-	18,000
Housing - utilities, council tax, phone, etc.	1,447	723	2,170	2,689	-	2,689
Pension	-	504	504	76	428	504
Specific Project Costs						
Befriending	-	1,319	1,319	-	1,713	1,713
Chomp costs	-	156	156	-	3,315	3,315
Good News Shed project	-	1,661	1,661	-	583	583
Gatherings, hospitality and entertaining	-	-	-	270	-	270
Community Centre - utilities, rates, phone and repairs.	3,219	1,609	4,828	4,587	2,402	6,989
Accountancy, independent examination and payroll fees	750	750	1,500	720	720	1,440
Conferences	-	140	140	-	60	60
Counselling and mentoring	-	180	180	-	761	761
Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising	1,922	-	1,922	656	-	656
Insurance	561	-	561	550	471	1,021
IT and stationery	475	-	475	456	-	456
Legal and professional fees	-	-	-	336	336	672
Safeguarding	133	133	266	-	195	195
Subscriptions	-	148	148	-	135	135
Telephone and internet	361	362	723	58	-	58
Training and networking	-	10	10	-	17	17
Volunteer costs	-	286	286	-	-	-
Total payments	23,868	24,181	48,049	34,069	18,877	52,946
Net movement in funds	(1,528)	26,461	24,933	(5,368)	(15,199)	(20,567)
Cash funds at 1st January 2024	3,568	1,694	5,262	8,936	16,893	25,829
Cash funds at 31 December 2024	2,040	28,155	30,195	3,568	1,694	5,262

The notes on page 7 form part of these Financial Statements.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
<u>ASSETS</u>				
<u>Monetary Assets</u>				
Cash at Bank and in hand				
Current Account	30,195		5,262	
		<u>30,195</u>		<u>5,262</u>

LIABILITIES

Creditors

Provision for Accountancy Fee/Independent Examination	<u>1,020</u>	<u>960</u>
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Approved by the Trustees on 6 October 2025

Neil Hilton

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Jon Bebb

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared as a Receipts and Payments in accordance with section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.

Funds

General funds represent monies received that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for applications on the general purposes of the church. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the church are also unrestricted.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

2. Restricted funds

The funds of the charity include funds comprising the following restricted funds:

	Movements in funds				
	Balance at 1 January 2024	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Befriending	187	7,000	(6,475)	-	712
Chomp	174	26	(156)	-	44
Core Costs	-	23,101	(8,525)	-	14,576
Counselling & Mentoring Services	348	-	(180)	-	168
Good News Shed	921	14,115	(7,236)	-	7,800
Hillview Good News Centre Fund	64	6,400	(1,609)	-	4,855
	<u>1,694</u>	<u>50,642</u>	<u>(24,181)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,155</u>

Befriending Fund

Befriending represents monies given to enable the charity to visit isolated and lonely people.

Chomp Fund

Chomp represents monies given for free community meals and activities for low income families during school holidays.

Core Costs

This fund represents the contribution made from funding applications towards Restricted core costs.

Good News Shed Project

This fund represents monies given towards the men's DIY and handy group.

Hillview Good News Centre Fund

This fund represents the cost of running the premises used as the base for the charity's activities.

3. Hillview Centre

The charity has a lease for the use of the premises at Hillview Centre, Hodshrove Lane, Brighton, BN2 4SE, until 31 December 2025, at a peppercorn rent. The centre is due to be demolished in 2026 to make way for new council housing and a new community hub. The charity is currently considering options for leasing other properties where activities could take place in 2026.