

Charity registration number: 1166827

Clifton Hill Gospel Hall Trust

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 5 April 2024

Clifton Hill Gospel Hall Trust

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Reference and Administrative Details

Chairman	Roger Thomson
Trustees :	Scott Ridewood Murray Hopwood Roger Thomson Toby James Carron Michael Philip Hetherington
Charity Registration Number	1166827
Principal Office	2 Metcalfe Avenue Carshalton Surrey SM5 4AQ
Independent Examiner	Chris Pittock Hinton Abbott Accountants 2 Kingsdown Orchard Hyde Road Swindon SN2 7RR

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Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 11-12 and comply with the Trust Deed and applicable law.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The charity is controlled by a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity. The Clifton Hill Gospel Hall Trust is constituted by a Deed of Trust dated 12th June 1982, amended by various Deeds and most recently by Deed of Variation dated 13th August 2014. The Trust was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 29th April 2016 under Charity Registration Number: 1166827

Recruitment and appointment of 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 in the year ended 5 April 2024 (2023: £nil).

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

Wider network

The Trustees maintain informal links with similar charities with a view to pooling experience considered useful in pursuing the objects of the Charity. The Charity also maintains particular links with Benhill 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.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Objectives and activities

Objects 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

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, the trust also keeps in contact with prison chaplains to provide gospel tract 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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Trustees' Report (continued)

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 published by charities on public benefit.

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 and in the schedules to the Trust Deed.

The Trust's main achievements this year have been to obtain land for 2 new gospel halls needed due to congregation growth and also shifting demographics of where members live. One project is already underway and the other has been granted planning permission and we are finalising the transaction to purchase which was subject to obtaining planning permission.

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. Due to reason noted above some of the property assets of the trust will be sold to fund the new halls and upgrades to existing properties. This will also allow the trust to have a financial back in case of unforeseen expenses.

Meetings

Meetings held at the Gospel halls would normally 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 100 people normally attend these occasions.

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

Bibles and an extensive range of other Christian reading material are on display at the hall[s] 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 the trust actively supports the giving of food and other grocery items to local food banks.

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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 2024, the Trust had a deficit of £178 incoming resources over resources expended. Total voluntary income received this year was £37,346 compared to £32,960 in the previous year.

All funds held were unrestricted funds.

Policy on reserves

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs, based on its size and the level of its financial commitments. The Trust has no employees and its regular outgoings are minimal. The trustees have decided to adopt a policy of maintaining enough reserves to cover running costs plus an allowance in case a need for urgent repairs or capital expenditure should arise. All the expenses of the trust are being paid by Benhill Gospel Hall Trust. 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 £116,091.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires 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 of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- 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; and
- 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 that 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 Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the trust deed. They trustees 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.

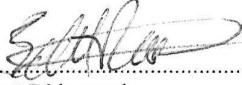
The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 23 January 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Michael Hetherington

Clifton Hill Gospel Hall Trust

Trustees' Report (continued)



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Scott Ridewood
Trustee



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Murray Hopwood
Trustee



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Roger Thomson
Chairman and trustee



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Toby James Carron
Trustee



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Michael Philip Hetherington
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Clifton Hill Gospel Hall Trust

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Clifton Hill Gospel Hall Trust for the year ended 5 April 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of Clifton Hill Gospel Hall Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Clifton Hill Gospel Hall 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 Clifton Hill Gospel Hall 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 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.



Hinton Abbott Accountants
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Hyde Road
Swindon
SN2 7RR

Date: 06/01/25

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 5 April 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	2	37,346	37,346
Investment income	3	1,844	1,844
Total income		<u>39,190</u>	<u>39,190</u>
Expenditure on:			
Other expenditure		<u>(39,368)</u>	<u>(39,368)</u>
Total expenditure	4	<u>(39,368)</u>	<u>(39,368)</u>
Net expenditure		<u>(178)</u>	<u>(178)</u>
Net movement in funds		(178)	(178)
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		<u>2,630,895</u>	<u>2,630,895</u>
Total funds carried forward	7	<u>2,630,717</u>	<u>2,630,717</u>
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	2	32,960	32,960
Investment income	3	1,133	1,133
Total income		<u>34,093</u>	<u>34,093</u>
Expenditure on:			
Other expenditure		<u>(35,553)</u>	<u>(35,553)</u>
Total expenditure	4	<u>(35,553)</u>	<u>(35,553)</u>
Net expenditure		<u>(1,460)</u>	<u>(1,460)</u>
Net movement in funds		(1,460)	(1,460)
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		<u>2,632,355</u>	<u>2,632,355</u>
Total funds carried forward	7	<u>2,630,895</u>	<u>2,630,895</u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2024 is shown in note 7.

The notes on pages 12 to 17 form an integral part of these financial statements.


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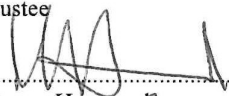
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Balance Sheet as at 5 April 2024

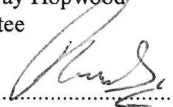
	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	6	2,514,626	2,467,527
Current assets			
Debtors		3,015	2,682
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>114,275</u>	<u>166,686</u>
		117,290	169,368
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		<u>(1,199)</u>	<u>(6,000)</u>
Net current assets		<u>116,091</u>	<u>163,368</u>
Net assets		<u>2,630,717</u>	<u>2,630,895</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>2,630,717</u>	<u>2,630,895</u>
Total funds	7	<u>2,630,717</u>	<u>2,630,895</u>

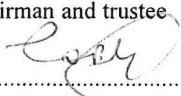
The financial statements on pages 9 to 17 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on

23 January 2025 and signed on their behalf by:


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Scott Ridewood
Trustee


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Murray Hopwood
Trustee


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Roger Thomson
Chairman and trustee


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Toby James Carron
Trustee

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Balance Sheet as at 5 April 2024 (continued)



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Michael Philip Hetherington
Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 5 April 2024

1 Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Second edition of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and UK Generally Accepted 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 from Benhill 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:

Fixtures and Fittings 25% straight line

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 5 April 2024 (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 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. There are no restricted funds this year.

1.8 Going concern

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

1.9 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.

1.10. 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).

1.11. Wages and salaries

There are no employees (2023: none).

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Donations and legacies;		
Donations from individuals	50	50
Donated services and facilities from Benhill GHT	37,296	37,296
Total for 2024	37,346	37,346
Total for 2023	32,960	32,960

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 5 April 2024 (continued)

3 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Interest receivable and similar income;		
Interest receivable on bank deposits	1,844	1,844
Total for 2024	1,844	1,844
Total for 2023	1,133	1,133

4 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net outgoing resources for the year include:

	2024 £	2023 £
Depreciation of fixed assets	1,545	773
Electricity	7,262	4,413
Accountancy	(1,050)	1,680
Telephone	-	77
Insurance	6,073	2,726
Water	692	461
Legal fees	2,122	1,243
Repairs & maintenance	13,096	18,320
Sundry expenses	6,425	430
Rates	2,959	2,865
Cleaning	236	1,272
Computer Software & maintenance	-	1,245
Bank charges	8	48
Total	39,368	35,553

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 5 April 2024 (continued)

5 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

6 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Furniture and equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 6 April 2023	2,462,120	6,180	2,468,300
Additions	48,643	-	48,643
At 5 April 2024	<u>2,510,763</u>	<u>6,180</u>	<u>2,516,943</u>
Depreciation			
At 6 April 2023	-	773	773
Charge for the year	-	1,544	1,544
At 5 April 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>2,317</u>	<u>2,317</u>
Net book value			
At 5 April 2024	<u>2,510,763</u>	<u>3,863</u>	<u>2,514,626</u>
At 5 April 2023	<u>2,462,120</u>	<u>5,407</u>	<u>2,467,527</u>

Land registry titles of the above property held are SY1333215 and SY496407.

7 Funds

	Balance at 6 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 5 April 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	<u>2,630,895</u>	<u>39,190</u>	<u>(39,368)</u>	<u>2,630,717</u>

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	Balance at 6 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 5 April 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	<u>2,632,355</u>	<u>34,093</u>	<u>(35,553)</u>	<u>2,630,895</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 5 April 2024 (continued)

8 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 5 April 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	2,514,626	2,514,626
Current assets	117,290	117,290
Current liabilities	(1,199)	(1,199)
Total net assets	<u>2,630,717</u>	<u>2,630,717</u>
	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 5 April 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	2,467,527	2,467,527
Current assets	169,368	169,368
Current liabilities	(6,000)	(6,000)
Total net assets	<u>2,630,895</u>	<u>2,630,895</u>

9 Analysis of net funds

	At 6 April 2023 £	Financing cash flows £	At 5 April 2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>166,686</u>	<u>(52,411)</u>	<u>114,275</u>
Net debt	<u>166,686</u>	<u>(52,411)</u>	<u>114,275</u>

10 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

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