

**NORTH DEVON HOUSE OF  
PRAYER**

**UNAUDITED**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT**

**AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 AUGUST 2022**

**CHARITY NUMBER  
1170454**

**North Devon House of Prayer**  
**Charity Number 1170454**

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**North Devon House of Prayer**  
**Charity Number 1170454**

**Legal and administrative information**

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**Status**

North Devon House of Prayer is a charitable incorporated organisation governed by a formal constitution adopted July 2021.

**Charity number** 1170454

**Business address** North Devon House of Prayer  
Church Lane  
Barnstaple  
Devon  
EX31 1BH

**Trustees** J Ware  
A Lynch  
P Hopkinson (Resigned 24 February 2022)  
S Bones (Resigned 22 February 2022)  
M Ware (Appointed 21 March 2022)  
J Moles

**Accountants** Westcotts (SW) LLP  
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**Bankers** CAF Bank Ltd  
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**Solicitors** Brewer Harding & Rowe  
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Barnstaple  
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**North Devon House of Prayer**  
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**Report of the trustees**  
**for the year ended 31 August 2022**

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The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2022. The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

**Structure, governance and management**

*Organisational Structure*

The legal and administrative details are listed on page 1. The trustees who served during the year are listed on page 1. North Devon House of Prayer trustees are nominated by any existing trustee and then formally appointed by all trustees at the next meeting.

**Governance, Internal Control and Risk Management**

The trustees have reviewed the major risks of the charity and have taken action and established systems which will mitigate any known risks. All policies and procedures are updated regularly.

**Objectives and activities**

*Charitable Objects*

To advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public in North Devon and throughout the world in accordance with the evangelical alliance statement of faith.

*Charitable Activities*

- (1) Developing and making available a Christian prayer resource centre in North Devon, helping people to explore prayer and the spiritual dimension of life with multiple prayer rooms available for prayer and staffed by a team of volunteers;
- (2) organising activities and special worship services that explore Christian prayer in various dimensions;
- (3) being a resource hub of information about prayer and education about Christian spirituality for local congregations and individuals;
- (4) offering Christian outreach and services for community groups based around exploring spirituality;
- (5) providing a drop-in service for people seeking support or a chat;
- (6) running training courses about prayer and aspects of the Christian faith;
- (7) coordinating conferences for Christians in the wider area;
- (8) offering help in local schools through R.E. classes, assemblies and school visits to our premises;
- (9) running a confidential listening and healing prayer service in a local community building. Our facilities are open on most days and evenings;
- (10) undertaking missions in the UK and overseas;
- (11) to make grants to individuals and organisations in line with the above objective;
- (12) The prevention or relief of poverty or financial hardship in North Devon and Torridge by providing grants, items or services to individuals in need.

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**Achievements and performance**

*Review of Activities and Achievements*

We have continued as a ministry under the same objects since our last reporting. The prayer room is still open around forty hours a week and we continue offering support and a space where people can pray and explore their faith. We have arranged worship services locally and nationally as well as continuing to train people through our internship courses. Due to the lockdown restrictions falling away we have largely reverted to in person meetings although do use zoom a couple of times during the week to enable those either working away or those less able to access our services.

We are continuing to be an access hub enabling local groups to explore their spirituality and the drop in service is still going well. We have run a number of prayer courses in our building and also in local churches and to for school groups as part of their PSHE curriculum. Street Pastors continue to operate from our building weekly and other ministries such as Try Praying and the local evangelists group use The House of Prayer as a base. We have undertaken several UK based missions helping other Houses of Prayer.

*The Building*

We have continued to work with local architects and the local conservation officer and after this reporting period have gained planning consent to move the building project forward. We are just meeting other architects to establish if we are getting best value for money regarding the next elements of the project.

**Financial review**

During the year ended 31 August 2022 the charity had net payments of £5,189 (2021: Net receipts of £33,002). At the year end they had unrestricted funds carried forward of £28,514 (2021 £33,703).

*Reserves*

The trustees determined in the year that a general reserves balance of 3 months of general expenditure is appropriate.

**Plans for future periods**

As we move towards 2024, we are looking towards training more people in person with schools and increased internships. We will also be visiting other Houses of Prayer across the British Isles, Europe, Africa and The United States.

We have started fundraising for the building project and are looking towards building relationships to enable the project to move forward.

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**Statement of trustees' responsibilities**

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

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year. 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 UK 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 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 enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. 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

*Andrew Lynch*

**A Lynch  
Trustee**

**Dated:** 27/06/2023

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees on the unaudited financial statements of North Devon House of Prayer.**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of North Devon House of Prayer.**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of North Devon House of Prayer for the year ended 31 August 2022.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of North Devon House of Prayer 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 North Devon House of Prayer 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.

**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 North Devon House of Prayer 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 examinations to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



**Catherine Williams FCA DChA**

**Independent Examiner**

**Westcotts (SW) LLP**

**47 Boutport Street**

**Barnstaple**

**Devon**

**EX31 1SQ**

**Date:** 28 June 2023

**North Devon House of Prayer**  
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**Receipts and Payments Account**

**For the year ended 31 August 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
<b>Receipts</b>				
Incoming resources from generating funds:				
Donations	2	25,530	25,530	53,458
Incoming resources from charitable activities	3	-	-	33
<b>Total receipts</b>		<u>25,530</u>	<u>25,530</u>	<u>53,491</u>
<b>Payments</b>				
Purchases		-	-	69
Staff costs	4	1,304	1,304	1,249
Light and Heat		3,448	3,448	2,748
Meetings		448	448	270
Establishment costs		15,051	15,051	13,802
Missions		582	582	12
Legal and Professional		401	401	355
Telephone		871	871	1,122
Bank charges		90	90	48
Mission gifts		383	383	500
Teaching aids, art materials and stationery		507	507	165
Tithe donations		500	500	-
Prayer assignments		2,948	2,948	-
Gatherings		579	579	-
Travel costs		3,607	3,607	149
<b>Total payments</b>		<u>30,719</u>	<u>30,719</u>	<u>20,489</u>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>		(5,189)	(5,189)	33,002
Cash funds brought forward		<u>33,703</u>	<u>33,703</u>	<u>701</u>
<b>Cash funds carried forward</b>		<u>28,514</u>	<u>28,514</u>	<u>33,703</u>

All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

**The notes on pages 8 to 10 form an integral part of these financial statements.**

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**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**

**As At 31 August 2022**

	Notes	2022	2021
		£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible fixed assets		107,651	97,346
<b>Cash funds</b>			
Bank and cash		28,514	33,703
		<u>28,514</u>	<u>33,703</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>28,514</u>	<u>33,703</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>136,165</u>	<u>131,049</u>
<b>Assets and liabilities</b>		<u><u>136,165</u></u>	<u><u>131,049</u></u>
<b>Funds</b>			
Unrestricted income funds		136,165	131,049
<b>Total funds</b>		<u><u>136,165</u></u>	<u><u>131,049</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on.....<sup>27/06/2023</sup> and signed on its behalf by

*Andrew Lynch*

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**A Lynch**  
**Trustee**

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**Notes to the financial statements**  
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**1. Accounting policies**

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding year.

**1.1. Basis of accounting**

The financial statements are prepared under the receipts and payments basis and in accordance with FRS102, the Charities SORP (FRS102) and the requirement of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

**1.2. Cashflow**

The charity has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS102 from the requirement to produce a cashflow statement as it is classed as a small charity.

**1.3. Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the charity without further specific purpose and which the charity may use for its purpose at its discretion.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

**1.4. Incoming resources**

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity receives the income. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Donations are received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when received.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified.

The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

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**1.5. Resources expended**

Expenditure is recognised on a payments basis. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management.

**2. Donations**

	<b>Unrestricted funds £</b>	<b>2022 Total £</b>	<b>2021 Total £</b>
Donations - building	30	30	517
Donations - offering box	374	374	-
Donations - stewardship (unrestricted)	7,051	7,051	2,050
Donations and legacies	7,693	7,693	50,891
Gift Aid Tax Rebate	10,382	10,382	-
	<u>25,530</u>	<u>25,530</u>	<u>53,458</u>

**3. Incoming resources from charitable activities**

	<b>2022 Total £</b>	<b>2021 Total £</b>
Sale of goods/services	-	33
	<u>-</u>	<u>33</u>

**4. Employees**

No salaries or wages have been paid to employees, including the trustees; during the year.

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5. Unrestricted funds	At			At
	1 September	Incoming	Outgoing	31 August
	2021	resources	resources	2022
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	<u>33,703</u>	<u>25,530</u>	<u>(30,719)</u>	<u>28,514</u>

**Purposes of unrestricted funds**

Unrestricted funds are used to further the objects of the charity, but are subject to no restrictions on their use within those objects.

**6. Related party transactions**

During the year, 2 Trustees were reimbursed travelling costs totalling £156.