

North Devon House of Prayer
Registered Charity Number: 1170454

Trustees Annual Report and Accounts
For the year ended 31st August 2023

North Devon House of Prayer

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for the year ended 31st August 2023

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31st August 2023

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31st August 2023. The trustees have opted, under section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Charities Act'), to prepare receipts and payments accounts

Objectives and Aims

- 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 by
 - 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.

Public benefit

The Trustees have considered the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and consider that the activities of the charity meet its charitable objectives and provide a benefit to the public.

Achievement and Performance

Charitable activities

We have continued as a ministry under the same objects since our last reporting.

The prayer room is open around thirty 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. We undertake 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 worked with local churches and for school groups we have assisted with 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 and our Director has been out on the road undertaking a cycling mission across the UK, connecting churches and ministries We have sent teams to Amsterdam and in two weeks France to assist in the creating of further Houses of Prayer for the nations.

The Building - We have continued to work with local architects. Since our last reporting we established that we are getting best value from our architects, by undertaking a short tender process. We are now pursuing fundraising options to make these renovations a reality.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31st August 2023

Financial review

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document

North Devon House of Prayer is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, Constitution dated 22nd July 2016 and registered with the Charity Commission on 29th November 2016; subsequently amended on 23 July 2021.

The board of trustees meet regularly to discuss the work of the North Devon House of Prayer. New trustees are elected by the existing trustees to the board after nomination and interview.

Financial reports are presented to the board at each meeting. Minutes of each meeting are taken and subsequently distributed.

Reference and Administration Details

Registered name

North Devon House of Prayer

Registered Charity number

1170454

Principal address

Church Lane
Barnstaple
Devon
EX31 1BH

Trustees

Name	Position	Appointments/Resignations
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Andrew Lynch	Chair	
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James Ware		
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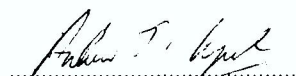
Jonathan Moles		
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Mary Ware		
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Independent Examiner

Magnus Proctor FFA
Lindisfarne
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Approved by the board of trustees on 19th June 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Andrew Lynch, Chair

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF North Devon House of Prayer

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

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the North Devon House of Prayer for the year ended 31st August 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

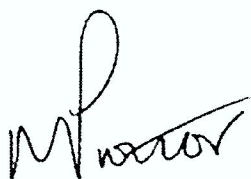
Independent examiner's statement

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 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 confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Magnus Proctor FFA
Fellow of the Institute of Financial Accountants
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Date: 19th June 2024

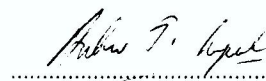
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
for the Year ended 31st August 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Gifts and donations	13,089	0	13,089	15,148
Gift aid received	0	0	0	10,382
Sales of merchandise	123		123	
Missions income	9,583	0	9,583	0
Interest receivable	145	0	145	0
Total receipts	22,940	0	22,940	25,530
Payments				
Staff costs	5,253	0	5,253	1,304
Light and heat	3,174	0	3,174	3,448
Meetings	571	0	571	448
Establishment costs	5,650	0	5,650	15,051
Missions	5,878	0	5,878	582
Merchandise	794	0	794	0
Legal and professional	2,236	0	2,236	401
Telephone	1,383	0	1,383	871
Bank charges	60	0	60	90
Mission gifts	94	0	94	383
Teaching aids, art materials and stationery	953	0	953	507
Tithe donations	1,135	0	1,135	500
Prayer assignments	227	0	227	2,948
Gatherings	403	0	403	579
Travel costs	2,398	0	2,398	3,607
Small capital equipment	1,385	0	1,385	0
Property expenditure	17,624	0	17,624	0
Total payments	49,218	0	49,218	30,719
Net receipts / (payments)	(26,288)	0	(26,288)	(5,189)
Reconciliation of funds				
Transfer between funds	0	0	0	0
Total Funds brought forward	28,514	0	28,514	33,703
Total Funds carried forward	2,226	0	2,226	28,514

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
At 31st August 2023

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Fixed Assets				
Tangible fixed assets	126,670	0	126,670	107,651
Current Assets				
Debtors	0	0	0	0
Cash at bank	2,226	0	2,226	28,514
Current Liabilities				
Creditors	0	0	0	(0)
Total Assets less Liabilities	128,896	0	128,896	136,165
Funds				
Unrestricted income funds	128,896	0	128,896	136,165
Total funds	128,896	0	128,896	136,165

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 19th June 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:


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Andrew Lynch, Chair

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of preparing the financial statements and assessment of going concern

These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis as permitted by law for smaller charities.

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

2. Movement in Funds

	Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance
	1 st Sept 2022				31 st Aug 2023
Unrestricted funds	28,514	22,940	(49,218)	0	2,226

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

3. Trustee remuneration and benefits

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity.