

**DOWNALL GREEN INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**  
**31 DECEMBER 2021**

# **DOWNALL GREEN INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH**

## **LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

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<b>Trustees</b>	<b>Mr M Riding</b> <b>Mrs M Riding</b> <b>Mrs D Roberts</b> <b>Mrs M Hopkinson</b>
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<b>Charity Number</b>	<b>1172461</b>
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# **DOWNALL GREEN INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH**

## **TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

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The trustees present their annual report for the year ended 31 December 2021.

### **Objectives & activities**

The Charity's objects are the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Faith and Practice of the Independent Methodist Connexion of Churches. Policies have been adopted to enable the furtherance of these objects and there has been no change in these during the year.

The aim of the charity is to promote the Christian ethos for the benefit of the inhabitants of Seneley Green and surrounding areas, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions. To work together with the said inhabitants, local authority, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance the Christian faith and community activities with the objective of improving the condition and leisure of life for the said inhabitants.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

The charity offers people a safe place to meet. Activities that are run on a weekly basis are: church services, prayer and cake meetings, community café, toddler group, Knit & Knatter, craft groups, reading group, coffee mornings, art group, card group and crochet group. An art exhibition is held annually, and various social evenings are held throughout the year. They are involved in Operation Christmas Child, Macmillan coffee mornings and supporting refugees. The charity offers the use of its I.T., photocopier and computer facilities to those who are without these facilities. The charity also rents out its premises for Billinge Craft Group and Art Classes. The trustees offer the building to any, and all bona fide groups and it is open to all community individuals. The charity is reliant on the support of its members and volunteers to achieve its objectives. The work of the volunteers is invaluable.

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### **TRUSTEES REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

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#### **Achievements and performance**

Due to covid restrictions, activities were disrupted for part of the year, but footfall quickly increased again.

#### **Financial review**

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year. The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

#### **Plans for the Future**

To continue as we have been doing and to encourage more volunteers to join us.

#### **Structure, governance and management**

The charity is an unincorporated charity governed by the terms of its constitution which was adopted on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2017. The charity is managed by the trustees who meet regularly to consider the progress of the charity and to consider its future direction and activities.

The trustees who served during the year and up to date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr M Riding

Mrs M Riding

Mrs D Roberts

Mrs M Hopkinson

Trustees are appointed annually at the Annual General Meeting from members present and eligible to vote. The trustees report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

**Mr M Riding**

Dated: 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022

**Statement of Accounts for Year End 31st December 2021**

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**Downall Green Independent Methodist Church**  
**Statement of Accounts for Year Ended 31st December 2021**

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