

DOWNALL GREEN INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH
ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2023

DOWNALL GREEN INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr M Riding Mrs M Riding Mrs D Roberts Mrs M Hopkinson
Charity Number	1172461

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TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The trustees present their annual report for the year ended 31 December 2023.

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 & Gift Shop, 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 2023

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 12th 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 trustee's report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Mr M Riding

Dated: 11th April 2024

Downall Green & Garswood Independent Methodist Church					
Statement of Accounts for Year End 31st December 2023					
2022	Income	2023	2022	Expenditure	2023
£ 11,004.75	Balance B/Forward	£ 12,867.21	£ 32.79	Resource Centre	£ 36.53
£ 306.40	Collections	£ 125.53	£ 40.00	Ministers Expenses	£ 110.00
£ 4,345.10	Gift Aid	£ 4,052.61	£ 1.49	Y.People/S.School/Sundessential/Puppet Group	
£ 965.00	Art Class Rent	£ 850.00	£ 540.94	Orangery goods/expenses	
£ 394.51	Donations	£ 125.00	£ 1,283.38	Insurance Ansvar	£ 1,499.21
£ 3,912.36	Sum Up Takings	£ 3,498.66	£ 1,807.72	Gas	£ 2,485.12
£ 69.00	Membership Fees	£ 103.00	£ 1,116.36	Electric British Gas	£ 1,190.25
£ 1,100.00	Tea Dance (Mrs P Chisnall)	£ 1,000.00	£ 592.00	Telephone and Internet	£ 612.00
£ 6,568.73	Café Income	£ 4,199.98	£ 33.00	Living Word calendars	£ 33.00
£ 32.00	Flower Fund	£ 24.00	£ 560.00	I.M.Church Membership Fees	£ 343.00
	Shoe Box appeal		£ 240.00	OMS International	£ 240.00
	Ladies Evening	£ 142.25		Fire Extinguishers etc (Stuart Fire)	£ 360.90
£ 1,000.00	Arnold Clarke Donation			Mothers day flowers	£ 11.73
	Spring Fayre	£ 123.50	£ 191.05	CCL Music Licence	£ 217.44
	IM Grant/donation	£ 4,000.00	£ 1,155.17	Waterplus	£ 332.90
	Murder, mystery night		£ 277.94	Various items for Church	£ 54.00
£ 23.00	Afternoon Tea donation		£ 1,332.00	K A Cleaning	£ 1,407.00
£ 265.10	Film Nights	£ 8.56		Andy Green	£ 812.14
	Christmas Tombola		£ 340.16	Alma receipts for craft workshop	£ 74.16
	Father Christmas	£ 63.25		Reins Gallagher re insurance	£ 60.00
£ 84.00	Knit & Knatter donation		£ 126.00	Eric Southwick - payroll fees	£ 290.00
£ 1,536.83	HMRC Gift Aid Received	£ 1,580.85	£ 3.27	Bidwells ground rent	£ 4.91
	HMRC JRS GRANT (furlough)			R Wilkinson Roofer	£ 1,070.00
£ 28.79	Amazon Donation	£ 40.44	£ 1,167.00	Atmospherm boiler service	
	Sewing Workshop	£ 66.00	£ 340.00	Various printing - copy cats playscheme	
£ 1,157.00	Other contributions - Art Group	£ 1,360.20	£ 160.00	Sharon Pennington soap making kit	
£ 949.00	Other contributions - Teeny Tinys	£ 1,395.40	£ 100.00	James Hooton Video	
£ 467.00	Other contributions - Cards	£ 365.00	£ 1,100.00	Transfer to No2 account	£ 1,000.00
£ 1,243.80	Other contributions Knit & Knatter	£ 1,628.90	£ 66.00	Currys lap top	£ 60.50
£ 691.40	Other contributions - Crochet	£ 1,246.00	£ 8,742.77	L Green wages.	£ 8,512.63
£ 100.00	Other contributions - Pats dancing	£ 100.00	£ 1,200.00	Church Draw payout	£ 1,200.00
£ 258.00	Other Income - Reading Group	£ 287.00		Knit & Knatter	£ 186.00
£ 2,044.00	Church Draw	£ 1,984.00		J G Eckersall - Locksmith	£ 16.50
£ 926.00	Orangery Gift Shop rent	£ 1,078.20	£ 40.00	ICO data protection fee-cctv	£ 40.00
£ 562.00	Christmas Fayre	£ 112.17		Grenkeleasing	£ 1,778.37
£ 50.00	Christmas card donations	£ 125.00	£ 150.00	L Green Expenses	
£ 428.00	Billinge Craft Rent	£ 287.20	£ 868.00	Matthew Calderbank - wages	
£ 122.00	Craft Fayre Tables		£ 10.00	Art Group Expenses	£ 50.00
	H Leach - Room Hire	£ 738.25	£ 5,344.67	Café Expenses/receipts	£ 4,561.21
	Church pre-loved/church stall	£ 237.50	£ 94.80	Sum Up Machine	
	Craft Workshop Takings	£ 616.95	£ 230.43	Receipts for afternoon tea & Xmas Fayre	
£ 10,000.00	FOREVER MANCHESTER GRANT		£ 3,264.00	Alma Cooper Wages	£ 3,398.80
£ 895.60	Duncan Mckenzie Night			Flowers	£ 36.82
£ 50.00	Rent of Orangery St Helens Council	£ 300.00		Sharon Pennington - wages	£ 1,560.00
£ 21.00	Raffle	£ 20.00	£ 300.00	Heathfield Construction - Roof repairs	
£ 90.07	Decoration Workshop		£ 15.00	Gideon Good news	
£ 367.25	Wreath making workshop		£ 273.40	CVS ART WORK	
£ 53.50	Cake Sale		£ 215.46	Duncan Mckenzie receipts	
£ 125.00	Spectrum Choir donation		£ 21.00	hHMRC PAYE	£ 50.50
£ 72.65	Miscellaneous		£ 261.00	Expenditure for Artisan Fayre	
			£ 400.00	Kevin Hayden photography	
	Summer Craft Club	£ 57.00	£ 114.25		
	Games Night	£ 183.30	£ 4,155.38	Artist for Jubilee celebrations	
	plant sale	£ 18.40	£ 99.60	FILM BANK MEDIA	
	Birthday party donation	£ 50.00	£ 400.00	St Helens College Banners	
	Hire of Room	£ 48.00	100	Nancy Lee Author	
			£ 25.00	Flowers for Lisa	
			£ 850.00	Tyrone Loughran - gutter man	
			£ 45.00	Christmas Tree	
				Rijo Ingrelient	£ 203.28
				Nest Pension	£ 162.96
				Andrew Boyle	£ 40.00
£ 41,688.09					
			£ 39,826.03	Sub Total	£ 34,101.86
	Sub Total	£ 32,242.10		Bank Balance	£ 11,007.45
	Total	£ 45,109.31		Total	£ 45,109.31

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