

DOWNALL GREEN INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH
ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2024

DOWNALL GREEN INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr M Riding Mrs M Riding Mrs D Roberts Mrs M Hopkinson
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Charity Number	1172461
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TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees present their annual report for the year ended 31 December 2024.

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, Brew & Browse 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 2024

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: 27th January 2025

Downall Green & Garswood Independent Methodist Church					
Statement of Accounts for Year End 31st December 2024					
2023	Income	2024	2023	Expenditure	2024
£ 12,867.21	Balance B/Forward	£ 11,007.45	£ 36.53	Resource Centre	£ 18.64
£ 125.53	Collections	£ 118.29	£ 110.00	Ministers Expenses	£ 126.00
£ 4,052.61	Gift Aid	£ 4,725.10		Orangery goods/expenses	
£ 850.00	Art Class Rent		£ 1,499.21	Insurance Ansvr	£ 1,526.46
£ 125.00	Donations	£ 878.58	£ 2,485.12	Gas	£ 4,234.57
£ 3,498.66	Sum Up Takings	£ 2,808.49	£ 1,190.25	Electric British Gas	£ 1,854.87
£ 103.00	Membership Fees	£ 243.00	£ 612.00	Telephone and Internet	£ 624.00
£ 1,000.00	Tea Dance (Mrs P Chisnall)	£ 800.00	£ 33.00	Living Word calendars	£ 38.00
£ 4,199.98	Café Income	£ 4,037.48	£ 343.00	I.M.Church Membership Fees	£ 49.00
£ 24.00	Flower Fund	£ 12.00	£ 240.00	OMS International	£ 240.00
	Cards bought	£ 16.00	£ 360.90	Fire Extinguishers etc (Stuart Fire)	£ 177.60
£ 142.25	Ladies Evening		£ 11.73	Mothers day flowers	
£ 123.50	Spring Fayre		£ 217.44	CCL Music Licence	£ 228.24
£ 4,000.00	IM Grant/donation	£ 500.00	£ 332.90	Waterplus	£ 313.20
	Afternoon Tea	£180.50	£ 54.00	Various items for Church inc ikea	£ 884.31
£ 8.56	Film Nights		£ 1,407.00	K A Cleaning	£ 1,564.00
	Christmas Hamper	£61.00	£ 812.14	Andy Green	
£ 63.25	Father Christmas		£ 74.16	Alma receipts for craft workshop	
	Knit & Knatter donation		£ 60.00	Reins Gallagher re insurance	
£ 1,580.85	HMRC Gift Aid Received		£ 290.00	Eric Southwick - payroll fees	£ 374.70
	Mens Night	£35.75	£ 4.91	Bidwells ground rent	£ 1.64
£ 40.44	Amazon Donation		£ 1,070.00	R Wilkinson Roofer	
£66.00	Sewing Workshop		£ -	Atmospherm boiler service	
£ 1,360.20	Other contributions - Art Group	£1,676.05	£ -	Ross Pilkington	£ 420.00
£ 1,395.40	Other contributions - Teeny Tinys	£1,375.10	£ -	Miscellaneous	£6.00
£ 365.00	Other contributions - Cards	£588.60	£ 1,000.00	Transfer to No2 account	£1,462.00
£ 1,628.90	Other contributions Knit & Knatter	£1,772.20	£ 60.50	Currys lap top	£71.50
£ 1,246.00	Other contributions - Crochet	£1,412.20	£ 8,512.63	L Green wages.	£10,327.79
£ 100.00	Other contributions- Pats dancing		£ 1,200.00	Church Draw payout	£1,000.00
£ 287.00	Other Income - Reading Group	£367.00	£186.00	Knit & Knatter	£312.00
£ 1,984.00	Church Draw	£1,944.00	£16.50	J G Eckersall - Locksmith	
£ 1,078.20	Orangery Gift Shop rent	£551.70	£40.00	ICO data protection fee-cctv	£40.00
£ 112.17	Christmas Fayre	£1,043.55	£1,778.37	Grenkeleasing	£2,169.65
£125.00	Christmas card donations	£30.00	£0.00	L Green Expenses	£424.74
£287.20	Community Craft Rent	£459.85	£0.00	Matthew Calderbank - wages	
	Transfer of funds from no 2 account	£3,000.00	£50.00	Art Group Expenses	£30.00
£738.25	H Leach - Room Hire	£1,059.75	£4,561.21	Café Expenses/receipts	£3,070.56
£237.50	Church pre-loved/church stall	£120.30	£0.00	Sum Up Machine	
£616.95	Craft Workshop Takings		£0.00	Receipts for Xmas Fayre	£131.55
	Halton & St Helens Grant	£1,000.00	£3,398.80	Alma Cooper Wages	
	Vola Consortium Grant	£9,989.00	£36.82	Flowers	£71.47
£300.00	Rent of Orangery St Helens Council	£300.00	£1,560.00	Sharon Pennington	£331.00
£20.00	Raffle	£43.00	£0.00	Halton & St Helens Membership Fee	£10.00
	St Helens Council grant - Brew & Browse	£300.00	£0.00	Reigns Gallagher Re insurance	£65.00
	Wreath making workshop	£200.00	£50.50	hHMRC PAYE	£67.37
	Laura Casserley - Sound Bar	£90.00	£0.00	Rita Williams - shop	£44.05
	Brew & Browse	£111.50	£0.00	L Boyle - Shop	£151.50
	Brew & Browse raffle	£63.50	£0.00	Trinity Girls Band	£50.00
	Emergency Fund	£10.50	£203.28	Rijo Ingrelent	£394.79
£57.00	Summer Craft Club		£162.96	Nest Pension	£244.44
£183.30	Games Night		£40.00	Andrew Boyle	£879.50
£18.40	plant sale			Pat Testing - How Testing	£163.00
£50.00	Birthday party donation	£50.00			
£48.00	Hire of Room	£125.00			
	Craft Stall Hire	£165.00			
	Card Group Donation	£20.00			
£ 32,242.10			£ 34,101.86	Sub Total	£ 34,193.14
	Sub Total	£ 42,283.99		Bank Balance	£ 19,098.30
	Total	£ 53,291.44		Total	£ 53,291.44

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Statement of Accounts for Year Ended 31st December 2024

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<u>Assets</u>			<u>Liabilities</u>				
<u>2023</u>	<u>Liquid Assets</u>	<u>2024</u>			<u>2023</u>	<u>Loan Account</u>	<u>2024</u>
£ 11,007.45	Main account	£ 19,098.30				I.M.Connexion	
£ 9,411.56	No 2 Account	£ 7,873.56			£ 5,611.73	Interest	
£ 20,419.01		£ 26,971.86			£ 5,611.73	Mr & Mrs Riding	£ 5,611.73
<u>2023</u>	<u>Capital Assets</u>	<u>2024</u>					
£ 215,000.00	Building	£ 215,000.00					
£ 22,000.00	Fixed Contents	£ 22,000.00					
£ 48,000.00	Moveable Contents	£ 48,000.00					
£ 285,000.00		£ 285,000.00					