



TRUSTEES REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS

1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025

Charity Registration: 1173974

Charity Reference and Administration

Registered Number: 1173974

Registered: 27 July 2017

Location: Kirklees, West Yorkshire

Address: 32 Ashbourne Way, Cleckheaton, BD19 5JA
office@spenvalleychurch.org

Trustee Board:

Name	Appointed	Position
Graham Thomson	27-Jul-2017	Chairman and Pastor
Kevin Ball	29-Apr-2020	Elder
David Bowley	27-Oct-2024	Elder
Mark Frost	28-Mar-2021	Acting Trustee

Note of Record: As an external Acting Trustee, Mark Frost was re-elected to this role during this reporting period at an extraordinary members' meetings held on 29-Sep-2024, and finally ceased being an Acting Trustee six months later on 30-Mar-2025.

Bankers: The Co-operative Bank plc, 1 Balloon Street, Manchester, M4 4BE

Note:

public benefit

In compiling this report and in exercising their powers and duties, the Trustees have had due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Commission and, in particular, on charities for the advancement of religion.

Structure, Governance and Management

Purposes of Spen Valley Church

The church Constitution Section 3 has the following:

“The purposes of the Church are:

- the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within Cleckheaton and the surrounding neighbourhood; and*
- such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the charity trustees, put into practice the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith, including but not limited to: the prevention and relief of need, hardship and sickness; the advancement of education; and the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life.”*

Trusteeship of Spen Valley Church

There must be at least three trustees at all times, and non-paid trustees of the charity must be in the majority for Spen Valley Church to function, and appointment and duties must be as per sections 13– 20 of the church Constitution.

The charity trustees are the Officers of the Church, as defined by the Constitution. The criteria and qualification for being elected as a Church Officer are defined in the Church Handbook.

If the number of Church Officers falls below three, the Constitution makes provision for the church members to elect temporary Acting Trustees who are Pastors of like-minded local churches to fulfil the legal required minimum number of trustees.

Governance and Management

The Trustees meet at least four times a year as stated in section 19 of the church Constitution. Extra meetings can be arranged for urgent matters if the chairman or two trustees call a meeting. Ten days’ notice must be given to all trustees unless the trustees all agree on an earlier date. An agenda is sent out for each meeting and proper minutes are taken as per section 19.4 of the Constitution.

Meetings can be held by suitable electronic means as per the guidelines set out in 19.5 of the Constitution.

Activities and Achievements

Trustees Report, 01 April 2024 – 31 March 2025:

After adding quite a few people to our church membership last year, this past year has been more of a consolidation year, with just one new member joining (bringing our membership up to 18). Nevertheless, it has been a good year of growing together, and of continuing to strengthen our community links and relationships.

Regular Church life has continued during this year – Sunday morning public worship services, Sunday evening Discipleship group for members, and monthly teaching and fellowship nights for men, and a similar monthly 'Titus 2' group for women. We again held our Carol Service in December 2024, as well as lots of our members getting involved in various community events and groups.

After just over a year of training and meeting with the current Elders, we were pleased to be able to appoint Dave as a new Elder (and hence also Charity Trustee) in October 2024. This strengthening of the church leadership will help with the ongoing pastoral care of both the members and also any regular attenders, as well as help share out the leadership responsibilities of the church, so this is very welcome.

This year Graham (our employed pastor) and his family attended the Medhurst Ministries family retreat in North Yorkshire, for training, fellowship, and recuperation – this is a very welcome benefit of our membership of Medhurst Ministries. Graham and his wife also attended the FIEC Leadership conference in Blackpool in November 2024.

As last year, much of the church was again able to attend the Medhurst Ministry weekender in June, where friendship, fellowship, and teaching for churches working in deprived areas were all strengthened.

After a few years of exploring partnership options with other churches, we were thrilled this year to begin a partnership with another Medhurst Ministries church, Banstead Community Church. We have started meeting with them (virtually) one evening a month, and we are enjoying the opportunity to get to know them, and mutually support the other church's ministries.

We ran an 'Away weekend' in September 2024 at a nearby church, and the pastor of Banstead Community Church was our guest speaker this time, which further helped to strengthen our new partnership.

After having appointed our very first ministry apprentice last January, we released him back into full-time secular employment in June 2024 – a little earlier than expected, but we were

grateful for the growth we saw and the learning we obtained from having this role within the church for 6 months.

Twice this year we were able to run a Holiday Bible Club during school holidays. Each time we used facilities at the school where we hire the hall for our Sundays, and where our pastor is a school governor. This has continued to strengthen our links with the school community, and is a great opportunity for church members to pitch in and enjoy some time leading the kids in games, songs, and crafts, which others run a café for the parents and guardians. Good community links are being forged, with a number of families now coming to us every time we run a holiday club.

One of our members this year started a Medhurst training course in September 2024, a part-time practical theology course aimed at helping equip ordinary people for wider church ministry. We're excited about this opportunity, and hope that others in the future will take advantage of this opportunity.

Financial Review

Spen Valley Church began the year with cash in the bank of £65,609

During the year, total receipts amounted to a further £90,431

During the year, total expenditure amounted to £75,954

The year closed with a balance of £80,086

Spen Valley Church has two paid employees, and relies on internal and external giving throughout the year. We are pleased to be able to report that our income exceeded our expenditure for this reporting period, thanks to both the good level of giving from members and also some generous external givers. The trustees continue to explore additional avenues of external giving to enable the church to function for the coming years.

Declaration

The Trustees of Spen Valley Church declare that they have approved the above Trustees' Annual Report, and the following has signed on behalf of the Trustees:



Kevin Ball
Trustee (Elder)

12 January 2026

Statement of Financial Activities

Spenn Valley Church Accounts for the Year Ended 31-Mar-2025

2023/2024 Total		2024/2025 Unrestricted	2024/2025 Restricted	2024/2025 Total
	INCOME			
£141	Collections	£240	£0	£240
£26,430	Individuals gifts (Gift Aid)	£25,976	£300	£26,276
£2,760	Individuals gifts (no Gift Aid)	£3,501	£1,370	£4,871
£48,524	External Organisations gifts	£4,053	£46,038	£50,091
£600	Helping Hands Fund	£0	£1,486	£1,486
£5,550	HMRC Gift Aid Tax Reclaim	£6,667	£125	£6,792
£611	Reimbursements	£529	£0	£529
£124	Bank Interest	£145	£0	£145
£84,740	TOTAL INCOME	£41,111	£49,320	£90,431
	EXPENDITURE			
£56,645	Employee Remuneration	£18,476	£41,583	£60,059
£2,637	Admin & IT (inc printing)	£174	£0	£174
£5,370	Building hire	£6,555	£0	£6,555
£46	Catering / Cleaning	£29	£0	£29
£194	Church Away Day	£793	£0	£793
£621	Conferences, special events	£731	£0	£731
£313	Copyright Licence	£326	£0	£326
£912	FIEC Conference	£568	£0	£568
£774	Holiday Bible Club	£379	£0	£379
£232	Insurance	£268	£0	£268
£200	Misc	£734	£0	£734
£600	Mission Giving	£3,000	£0	£3,000
£670	Pastoral Expenses	£803	£0	£803
£112	Payroll software	£134	£0	£134
£196	Safeguarding	£100	£0	£100
£376	Training Expenses	£0	£1,300	£1,300
£636	Visiting Ministry Expenses	£0	£0	£0
£70,534	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£33,071	£42,883	£75,954
£14,206	Excess of Income over Expenditure before transfers	£8,040	£6,436	£14,477
£0	Transfer between funds	£0	£0	£0
£14,206	Net excess of Income over Expenditure	£8,040	£6,436	£14,477
	Funds			
£51,403	Brought Forward	£48,934	£16,675	£65,609
£14,206	Excess of Income over Expenditure	£8,040	£6,436	£14,477
£65,609	Carried Forward	£56,974	£23,112	£80,086
	Assets 31-Mar-2025			
£65,609	Current Account Bank	£56,974	£23,112	£80,086

Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Charity number 1173974

Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31-Mar-2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Current assets		
Cash in Bank	80,086	65,609
Total assets less current liabilities	80,086	65,609
Income funds		
Unrestricted funds	41,111	40,986
Restricted funds	49,320	43,754
Total income	90,431	84,740

Approved by the Trustees on 12-Jan-2026 and signed on their behalf by
Graham Thomson (Chair) and Kevin Ball (Secretary)



Independent Examiner's Report

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SPEN VALLEY CHURCH (CHARITY NUMBER 1173974)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Organisation") for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Organisation, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

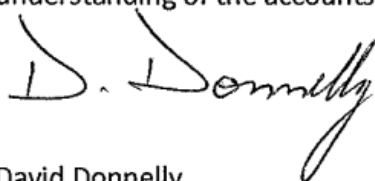
I report in respect of my examination of the Organisation's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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5 November 2025