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CHARITY INFORMATION

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TRUSTEES REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31, AUGUST 2023

The Trustees present their report together with the Audited financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2023.

BASIS OF ACCOUNTS PREPARATION

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Second Edition)" and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

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The financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 2 to these accounts, and in accordance with the governing document of the Circuit

GOVERNING DOCUMENT AND OBJECTIVE

The governing document for the circuit is the Deed of Union (1932) and the Methodist Church Act (1976).

The Purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of the union, the advancement of:

- (a) the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of the Methodist Church;
- (b) any charitable purposes for the time being of any Connexional, district, Circuit, local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;
- (c) any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;
- (d) any purpose for the time being of any charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.

In striving to achieve its objectives, the Trustees give careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

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We confirm that the Circuit is a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

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

Mission Statement

Our mission is to stimulate and support Christian people in their life of faith and to build a lively and friendly Christian community which is committed to working with others in the neighbourhood and in the Boroughs of Wandsworth, Merton and Sutton in response to human needs and the building of a just society.

As we faithfully listen to God in prayer we will seek to achieve the following:

- > To provide the structure for enabling worship, pastoral care and training to take place in and through out our circuit churches.
- > To enable and support work directed outwards into our local communities in service and social action.
- > To provide resources for church development and growth.
- > To recognise and rejoice in the diverse social, ecumenical and inter-faith context which underlies all that we do.
- > To provide the administrative support which will release and enable the members of our churches to live out their calling to worship, learning and caring service and evangelism

God has been, and is, our strength in times of challenges in our mission and in our journey, has and will continue to be our guide. We pray for His continued presence with us in all our endeavours.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISORS

The Circuit is managed on a day to day basis by the Superintendent Minister together with two other Ministers, paid support staff, and volunteers.

The Managing Trustees meet from time to time to oversee the Circuit matters.

Management Structure

Superintendent	Revd Rosamund Hollingsworth (terminated 31/08/2025)
Superintendent	Revd. Jannifer Matthews (joined 01/09/2025)
Ministers	Revd Japhet Kabilu. Revd. Saidu Kanu
Circuit Stewards	Mr Edward Oppong Mr Kojo Amoah-Arko Ms Doreen Daley Mrs Joyce W Campbell
Circuit Treasurer	Mr Stephen Hienno

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The governing document for the circuit is the Deed of Union (1932) and the Methodist Church Act (1976).

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

The Connexional office implements decisions made by conference and is also responsible for the stationing of Presbyters in individual Circuits.

Connexional decisions are passed to the Chair of the District and appropriate officers of the District for Regional implementation.

The District passes control down to Circuit level for local implementation by the superintendent Minister, Ministerial staff and Circuit Stewards via the medium of the Circuit Meetings.

Membership of the Circuit Meeting is laid down in the Constitutional Practices and Discipline of the Methodist Church. The members of the Circuit Meeting are the Trustees of the Circuit.

Ms Doreen Daley has fully taken over as the senior Circuit Steward and we thank Ms Marason Greenidge for her dedicated and hard work during her tenure of office. Mr. Joe Nithianandan has decided to step down as a steward and a member of the Circuit Leadership team due to health reasons.

TRUSTEES

The Trustees of the Circuit are selected from a given office holders of the Methodist Church. The members of the Circuit Meeting are the Managing Trustees of the Circuit.

Due to the number of individual churches in the circuit and the fact that the majority of the Circuit meeting members are those elected by individual churches, it is clear that the make-up of the Meeting is subject to frequent changes. It is therefore impractical to list all the names of those serving, but in summary, there were 33 trustees in the Circuit as at 31, August 2023. A list of trustees is entered and updated on the Charity Commission website on regular basis.

CHURCHES WITHIN THE CIRCUIT

The Circuit is part of the London District, and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference. The following Methodist Churches are linked to the Circuit.

- Battersea Methodist Mission
- Broomwood Methodist Church
- Mitcham Methodist Church
- St Helier Methodist Church
- St John's Methodist Church
- Tooting Methodist Church
- Upper Tooting Methodist Church

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Circuit has Placed emphasis on promoting and equipping Lay preachers through the provision of training and development opportunities, and on identifying and promoting the gifts and skills ' among the people of our churches to meet the challenge of 'our calling'.

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To date, the Circuit has 21 accredited, 1 on note and 3 on trial Local preachers. Also identified are 4 worship leaders in training.

The Circuit agreed to undertake massive refurbishment work at the property situated at 15, Denham Crescent due to the dilapidated state of the Manse.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Circuit made a net Deficit of £15,766 (2022 - income of £12,646) before a £241 deficit (2022 - £381 deficit) on the revaluation of TMCP trusts investments in the year .

The overall result for the year was a deficit of £16,007 (2022 - income - £12,265)

The Circuit assessment is the main backbone of the Circuit's income. The assessment income is supposed to be sufficient to ensure that the Circuit carries out its functional duties of overseeing and supporting the local churches.

Various factors are taken into account in arriving at the individual local churches' assessments, and it is felt that a fairer system of assessment is currently in place.

Rental income of the Circuit plays a significant role in the Circuit's finances

It is the intention of the Circuit to continue to rent out all its current five properties for the foreseeable future.

Re-classification of TMCP Trusts

The TMCP trusts have hitherto been treated as Current Assets investments.

The trustees have reviewed this position and has decided to reclassify such trusts as fixed assets investments because they consider these trusts to be held for long term purposes (rather than short term). These trust remain liquid, but they are held for their investment potential. The trusts are not held specifically for resale or expected to be realised within 12 months from the year-end (31/08//2023) date.

Reserve Policy.

The Trustees endeavour to maintain sufficient Reserves to ensure that the Circuit is on a "going concern" basis at all times.

The balance of the unrestricted funds at 31 August 2023 was £3,764,405 (2022 - £3,480,171) This includes the value of the Fixed Assets of £3,712,345 thereby leaving a net liquid balance of £52,060 for the general running of the Circuit.

Our reserves policy is to hold at least 6 month's expenditure. With the current level of annual expenditure of £324K, the expected level of Reserves should be £162K, compared to the actual readily available reserves (Circuit General Fund balance less properties value) (£3,764K - £3,712 K) of £52K. The reserves are substantially less than the required level and the Trustees intend to take the appropriate measures to bring the actual reserves in line with the expected level.

The Sir Henry Holloway Trust (Endowment fund) balance at the end of the year was £5,440.

This is a fund set up specifically to use part of the income to contribute towards the stipend cost of a Deaconess employed by Upper Tooting Methodist Church and a payment to the Superintendent Minister of the Circuit which the Upper Tooting Methodist Church is part of.

The net income earned in the year under review is £168. An amount £152 was transferred from the Endowment Fund to the main bank current account of the Circuit.

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Risk Analysis

The Trustees continue to examine the principal areas of operations and consider what major risks that could arise in each of these areas. Appropriate resources and review systems are put in place to minimise such risks to an acceptable level wherever risks are identified.

The Circuit Leadership Team has further introduced a risk register which is designed to control and monitor the risk activities of the Circuit.

PLANS AND PAST ACTIVITIES.

All the five investment properties of the Circuit available for renting are now fully rented out.

Going Concern

After reviewing the "going concern" assessment document of the Circuit, we have concluded that the going concern basis remains an appropriate basis of preparing these financial statements.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities.

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each Financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the circuit and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Circuit for that year.

In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- * select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- * observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.
- * make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- * state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- * Prepare the accounts on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the church will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the Church and that enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act of 2011, the appropriate Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

APPROVAL

This Report was approved by the Circuit trustees on 11/12 December 2025 and signed on its behalf by :



Ms Doreen Daley
Senior Circuit Steward

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BATTERSEA AND WANDLE VALLEY CIRCUIT

REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

QUALIFIED OPINION

We have audited the financial statements of Battersea and Wandle Valley Circuit (The Circuit) for the year ended 31, August 2023, which comprise of the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, and the related notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable Law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102, The "Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

In our opinion except for the effects of the matter described in the basis for qualified opinion section, the financial statements:

- > give a true and fair view of the Circuit's state of affairs as at 31, August 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended
- > have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- > have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

BASIS FOR QUALIFIED OPINION

The values of the Circuit properties in these accounts are at Methodist Insurance Company's "insured values". The "insured values" are neither "Original Costs" nor "fair values" arising from proper valuations of the properties. Instead the "insured values" are the "replacement costs" of the properties.

The valuations do not separate the value of the Land from the value of the buildings.

Consequently, the valuations of the properties in these accounts do not conform to the United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (FRS 102) which requires properties to be shown in the accounts at either original costs or "fair values" (FRS 102) and the value of land to be separated from the value of the buildings.

The same valuation basis was applied in the previous year's financial statements.

Consequently the current year's financial statements and the opening balances of the Circuit's financial statements could contain errors and misstatements which materially could affect the current year's financial statements.

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Circuit in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

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We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified opinion.

CONCLUSIONS RELATING TO GOING CONCERN

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Circuit's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going Concern are described in the relevant sections of the report.

OTHER INFORMATION

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION

Except for the matter described in the basis for qualified opinion of our report, we have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Report) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you, if in our opinion :

- > the information given in the trustees' report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- > sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- > the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- > We have not received all the information and explanations we required for our audit.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 6 the Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the Circuit's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the Circuit or as to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BATTERSEA AND WANDLE VALLEY CIRCUIT

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AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

We have been appointed as Auditors under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011, and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatement can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below.

- > As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit.
- > At the commencement of the audit, we obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the Circuit, and how the Circuit is complying with that framework.
- > We assessed the susceptibility of the Circuit's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur
- > Our engagement principal's assessment of whether the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence and capabilities to identify or recognize non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- > all matters about non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud which were detected by the engagement team were to be communicated to the engagement principal.
- > Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at :<https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

USE OF OUR REPORT

This report is made solely to the Circuit trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Circuit's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do

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not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Circuit and the Circuit trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Adomako Basoah & Co.
Statutory Auditor



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ADOMAKO BASOAH & CO is eligible for appointment as Auditor of the Circuit by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	2022
		£	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Charitable Activities	3.1	114,700	0	0	114,700	108,747
Investment income	3.2	194,043	0	168	194,211	184,158
Other Income	3.3	0	0	0	0	6,452
		<u>308,743</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>168</u>	<u>308,911</u>	<u>299,357</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Expenditure on Raising Funds	4.1	18,856	0	16	18,872	36,411
Expenditure on Charitable Activities	4.2.3	267,234	0	0	267,234	258,004
Others	4.3	38,571	0	0	38,571	-7,704
		<u>324,661</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>324,677</u>	<u>286,711</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES USED						
Net income before investment gains in the year		(15,918)	0	152	(15,766)	12,646
Gains on Revaluation of Investments	5	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-241</u>	<u>-241</u>	<u>-381</u>
NET INCOME		(15,918)	0	-89	(16,007)	12,265
Transfer between Funds:	6	152	0	-152	0	0
NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR		(15,766)	0	-241	(16,007)	12,265
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD		<u>3,780,171</u>	<u>2,336</u>	<u>5,681</u>	<u>3,788,188</u>	<u>3,775,923</u>
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD		<u>3,764,405</u>	<u>2,336</u>	<u>5,440</u>	<u>3,772,181</u>	<u>3,788,188</u>

All activities are derived from continuing operations

There are no further recognised gains/ (losses) other than the surplus/(deficit) for the above financial year.

The notes on pages 13 to 24 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 2023

	Note	£	2023 £	£	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS					
		unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total
Tangible Assets	7.1	936,220	0	0	936,220
Investments	7.2	<u>2,776,125</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,440</u>	<u>2,781,565</u>
Total Fixed Assets		<u>3,712,345</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,440</u>	<u>3,717,785</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	10	119,606	0	0	119,606
Bank and cash balances	11	<u>66,771</u>	<u>2,336</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>69,107</u>
		<u>186,377</u>	<u>2,336</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>188,713</u>
CREDITORS : Amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>100,294</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>100,294</u>
TOTAL NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>86,083</u>	<u>2,336</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>88,419</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>3,798,428</u>	<u>2,336</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,806,204</u>
CREDITORS : Amounts falling due after the next 12 months	13	<u>34,023</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>34,023</u>
		<u>3,764,405</u>	<u>2,336</u>	<u>5,440</u>	<u>3,772,181</u>
FUNDS					
		£	£	£	£
Endowment Funds	14.1			5,440	5,681
Restricted Funds	14.2		2,336		2,336
Unrestricted Funds	14.3	<u>3,764,405</u>		<u>3,764,405</u>	<u>3,780,171</u>
		<u>3,764,405</u>	<u>2,336</u>	<u>5,440</u>	<u>3,772,181</u>

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Approved by the Circuit Trustees on December 11th 2025 and signed on their behalf by

STEPHEN HIENNO

Circuit Treasurer
Trustee

REVD. JENNIFER MATTHEWS

Superintendent Minister
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31, AUGUST 2023

1. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

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1.2 The Circuit constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102

1.3 No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period.

1.4 No material prior year error have been identified in the reporting period.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES.

INCOMING RESOURCES

2.1 Recognition of Income

Income are recognised and included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- > The Circuit becomes entitled to the resources;

It is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resource ; and

- > The monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

- > Circuit Assessment income recognition is based on the Circuit's Budgeted assessment on each individual church in the Circuit .

- > Rental income is recognised on the basis of the rent as per the rental agreements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31, AUGUST 2023 (continued)

2.2 Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102

2.3 Grants and Donations

Grants and Donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria as stated above are met.

2.4 Legacies

Legacies are included in the SoFA when receipt is probable, that is, when there has been grant of probate, the Executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy are either within the control of the charity or have been met.

2.5 Tax Reclaim on Donations and Gifts

Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

2.6 Donated Goods

Donated goods are measured at fair value,(the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so.

Goods donated for on-going use by the Circuit are recognised as tangible fixed assets and included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.

Gifts in kind for use by the Circuit are included in the SoFA as income from donations when receivable

2.7 Donated Services and Facilities

Donated services and facilities are included in the SoFA when received at the value of the gift to the Circuit provided the value of the gift can be measured reliably.

2.8 Volunteer Help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts.

2.9 Settlement of Insurance Claims

Insurance claims are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met, and are included as an item of other income in the SoFA

2.10 Income from Interest, Royalties and Dividends

This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

2.11 Investment gains and losses

This includes any realised or unrealised gains or losses on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the financial year.

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APPLICATION OF RESOURCES.

2.12 Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Circuit to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

2.13 Grants.

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid.

2.14 Costs directly related to the work of the circuit.

The district assessment and ministerial stipends are accounted for when due.

FIXED ASSETS.

2.15 Freehold land and buildings

Freehold land and buildings are accounted for at original Cost or subsequent valuation basis.

Tangible Fixed Assets

These are the manses managed by the Circuit. The Circuit manages three Manses

Fixed Asset Investments

These are the properties managed by the Circuit with the view to generate income or for their investment potential plus the TMAP trusts.

In the year under review, there were five such properties, including one closed-to-worship church building, and two TMAP trusts.

The freehold land and buildings mentioned above are shown in these accounts at deemed valuations, being that property's insurance reinstatement value, as notified by Methodist Insurance Company Plc. Changes in the values of the properties as notified by the Methodist Insurance Company Plc are reflected in these accounts on five-year basis

2.16 CAPITALISATION

All Fixed Assets whose costs are in excess of £1,000 in the year concerned are capitalised.

Otherwise such costs are written off in the year of the expenditure.

2.17 DEPRECIATION.

Depreciable tangible freehold building values are depreciated at a rate calculated to write off the cost, less residual value over their expected useful lives.

No Depreciation is provided on freehold land.

No Depreciation is provided on Fixed Assets Investment properties.

Rate of Depreciation on tangible freehold buildings - 2.5% on straight line basis.

OTHER ACCOUNTING POLICIES

2.18 Funds

2.18.1 Unrestricted funds represent funds which are expendable at the discretion of the Circuit in the furtherance of its objects and which have not been designated for other purposes.

2.18.2 Restricted funds can only be used for specified purposes. The purpose of any restricted fund is noted in the financial statements.

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2.18.3 Permanent Endowment Fund represents a gift of endowment where the trustees have no power to convert the capital into income. A permanent endowment fund must normally be indefinitely.

2.18.4 Expendable Endowment Fund represents a gift of endowment where trustees have the power to convert all or part of the endowment fund into income.

2.19 Consolidation

The Circuit oversees the work of ministers and lay workers in churches within the Circuit, but does not have control over those churches, ministers, or the lay workers. For this reason, the financial statements of the churches within the Circuit are not consolidated into these financial statements.

2.20 Going Concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Circuit has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees have therefore continued to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the Circuit's financial statements.

2.21 Employment Benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

2.22 Taxation

In the opinion of the trustees, the Circuit is exempt from the United Kingdom Taxation on its incoming resources for the year.

2.23 Accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Circuit's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates, and assumptions about carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other resources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historic experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

2.24 Apportionment Of Costs Between Activities

Governance and Other Costs are apportioned between Charitable Activities and Expenditure to raise Funds on the basis of each activity's income in the year in relation to each other, excluding any exemptional items

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3. INCOMING RESOURCES

3.1 Charitable Activities income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL Fund 2023	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Endowment Fund	Total Fund 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Circuit assessments	<u>114,700</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>114,700</u>	<u>108,747</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>108,747</u>
3.2 Investment income								
Central Finance Board Interest	2,626	0	0	2626	208	0	0	208
TMCP Interest	1	0	168	169	0	0	147	147
Rental Income	191,416	0	0	191,416	183,803	0	0	183,803
	<u>194,043</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>168</u>	<u>194,211</u>	<u>184,011</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>147</u>	<u>184,158</u>
3.3 Other income								
4,943 Insurance Claim	0	0	0	0	6,452	0	0	6,452

4 RESOURCES EXPENDED

4.1 EXPENDITURE ON RAISING FUNDS

DIRECT SPENDING

TMCP Charges	0	0	16	16	0	0	17	17
Properties Repairs and Maintenance	2,034	0	0	2,034	14,382	0	0	14,382
Property Insurance	3,401	0	0	3,401	2,827	0	0	2,827
Management Charges	<u>4,665</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,665</u>	<u>9,335</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9,335</u>
	<u>10,100</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>10,116</u>	<u>26,544</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>26,561</u>

GOVERNANCE AND OTHER EXPENDITURE

Audit Fees	3,017	0	0	3,017	2,584	0	0	2,584
Accountancy Fees	1,508	0	0	1,508	1,476	0	0	1,476
Other Professional fees	<u>1,407</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,407</u>	<u>308</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>308</u>
	<u>5,932</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,932</u>	<u>4,368</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,368</u>

OTHERS

Bad Debt Provision	0	0	0	0	1,463	0	0	1,463
Bad Debt Provision no longer required	-407	0	0	-407	0	0	0	0
Telephone	1,904	0	0	1,904	2,997	0	0	2,997
Post, Print and Stationery	1,090	0	0	1,090	421	0	0	421
Sundry Expenses	<u>237</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>237</u>	<u>601</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>601</u>
	<u>2,824</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,824</u>	<u>5,482</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,482</u>

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE TO RAISE FUNDS

Direct Spending	10,100	0	16	10,116	26,544	0	17	26,561
Governance	5,932	0	0	5,932	4,368	0	0	4,368
Others	<u>2,824</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,824</u>	<u>5,482</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,482</u>
	<u>18,856</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>18,872</u>	<u>36,394</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>36,411</u>

41.2 EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

4.2.1 DIRECT SPENDING

District Assessment	58,048	0	0	58,048	59,324	0	0	59,324
Stipends, Pension and NIC	110,361	0	0	110,361	107,196	0	0	107,196
Salaries and NIC	5,807	0	0	5,807	15,780	0	0	15,780
Redundancy Payment	0	0	0	0	9,052	0	0	9,052
Pension Levy	-6,000	0	0	-6,000	6,000	0	0	6,000
Training	1,075	0	0	1,075	1,895	0	0	1,895
Treasurer' Expenses	800	0	0	800	4,659	0	0	4,659
Ministers' travelling expenses	<u>8,816</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8,816</u>	<u>3,250</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,250</u>
	<u>178,907</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>178,907</u>	<u>207,156</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>207,156</u>

4.2.2 SUPPORT FOR CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

4.2.2.1 Premises Expenses

Repairs to Manses	72,732	0	0	72,732	25,658	0	0	25,658
Manses Insurance	2,964	0	0	2,964	2,636	0	0	2,636
Manses Council Tax	2,844	0	0	2,844	13,563	0	0	13,563
Manses Utilities	<u>2,828</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,828</u>	<u>1,526</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,526</u>
	<u>81,368</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>81,368</u>	<u>43,383</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>43,383</u>

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	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL Fund	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL Fund
	£	£	£	2023 £	£	£	£	2022 £
4.2.2.2 Governance costs								
Audit Fees	1,783	0	0	1,783	1,616	0	0	1,616
Accountancy Fees	892	0	0	892	924	0	0	924
Other Professional fees	<u>831</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>831</u>	<u>192</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>192</u>
	<u>3,506</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,506</u>	<u>2,732</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,732</u>
4.2.2.3 Others								
DAF Contribution	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
Apprenticeship Levy	481	0	0	481	1,267	0	0	1,267
Telephone	1,126	0	0	1,126	1,875	0	0	1,875
Post, Print and Stationery	645	0	0	645	263	0	0	263
Subscription	<u>1,200</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,327</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,327</u>
	<u>3,453</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,453</u>	<u>4,733</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,733</u>
4.2.3 SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES								
Direct Spending	178,907	0	0	178,907	207,156	0	0	207,156
Support for charitable activities								
Premises Expenses	81,368	0	0	81,368	43,383	0	0	43,383
Governance	3,506	0	0	3,506	2,732	0	0	2,732
Others	<u>3,453</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,453</u>	<u>4,733</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,733</u>
	<u>267,234</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>267,234</u>	<u>258,004</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>258,004</u>
4.3 OTHERS								
Website	1,823	0	0	1,823	829	0	0	829
Sundry Expenses	140	0	0	140	376	0	0	376
Worship	785	0	0	785	0	0	0	0
Bad Debts Provision no longer required	0	0	0	0	-8,909	0	0	-8,909
Bad Debts	34,953	0	0	34,953	0	0	0	0
Youth Expenses	<u>870</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>870</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Other expenditure	<u>38,571</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>38,571</u>	<u>-7,704</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-7,704</u>
5 REVALUATION (DEFICIT) / GAINS								
	2023				2022			
	£				£			
Revaluation of Investments	<u>-241</u>				<u>-381</u>			
Sir Henry Holloway's Gift								
1,082 units @ 560.3 pence per unit (2022)	-5,681				-6,062			
1,082 units @502.8 pence per unit (2023)	<u>5,440</u>				<u>5,681</u>			
	<u>-241</u>				<u>-381</u>			
6 TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS								
	2023				2022			
	£				£			
From Endowment Fund to Unrestricted Fund								
Sir Henry Holloways trust	<u>152</u>				<u>131</u>			

BATTERSEA AND WANDLE VALLEY CIRCUIT**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31, AUGUST 2023 (continued)****7. FIXED ASSETS****7.1 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS****COST OR VALUATION****FREEHOLD LAND AND BUILDINGS**

	Land and Buildings
	Unrestricted
Balance as at 1 September 2022 & 31, August 2023	<u>936,220</u>

DEPRECIATION

As at 1 September 2022 and 31, August 2023	<u>0</u>
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NET BOOK VALUE

As at 31 August 2023	<u>936,220</u>
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As at 31 August 2022	<u>936,220</u>
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7.2 FIXED ASSETS INVESTMENTS**COST OR VALUATION**

	Unrestricted £	Endowment £	TOTAL £
Land and Building			
As at 1 September 2022 and 31, August 2024	<u>2,776,095</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,776,095</u>

INVESTMENT

As at 1 September 2022	30	5,681	5711
Additions	1	168	169
Disposals	<u>-1</u>	<u>-409</u>	<u>-410</u>
Balance as at 31, August 2023	<u>30</u>	<u>5,440</u>	<u>5470</u>

NET BOOK VALUE

As at 31 August 2023	<u>2,776,125</u>	<u>5,440</u>	<u>2,781,565</u>
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As at 31 August 2022	<u>2,776,125</u>	<u>5,681</u>	<u>2,781,806</u>
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BATTERSEA AND WANDLE VALLEY CIRCUIT**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31, AUGUST 2023 (continued)****7.3 FIXED ASSETS (Continued)**

1) The values placed on the above properties are those of the Methodist Insurance "Insured values" as at 16, November 2016. The "insured Values" are the expected insurance cost to replace these properties. The values are neither original Costs nor "fair values".

2) No depreciation has been provided in respect of the tangible fixed asset properties for the year as the trustees consider that the depreciable value is NIL. They are of the opinion that the Maintenance programmes to which these properties are subjected to ensure that the estimated residual values are not less than the stated values.

3) Re-classification of TMCP Trusts

The TMCP trusts have hitherto been treated as Current Assets investments.

The trustees have reviewed this position and has decided to reclassify such trusts as fixed assets investments because they consider these trusts to be held for long term purposes (rather than short term). These trust remain liquid, but they are held for their investment potential. The trusts are not held specifically for resale or expected to be realised within 12 months from the year-end (31/08//2023) date.

4) The Circuit did not have any Heritage Asset

8. INVESTMENTS

	2023	2022
The following funds are held on behalf of the Circuit by TMCP	£	£
Circuit Model Trust Fund	30	30
Sir Henry Holloway Trust	<u>5,440</u>	<u>5,681</u>
	<u>5470</u>	<u>5711</u>

9. INCOME FROM MATERIAL INVESTMENT HOLDINGS

	Value As at at 31/08/2023	Income 2023	Value As at at 31/08/2022	Income 2022
	£	£	£	£
Investment Properties	2,776,095	191,416	2,776,095	183,803
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	<u>5,470</u>	<u>169</u>	<u>5,711</u>	<u>147</u>
TOTAL	<u>2,781,565</u>	<u>191,585</u>	<u>2,781,806</u>	<u>183,950</u>

10. DEBTORS

	£	£
Circuit Assessment Debtor - Due from Local Churches	43,174	48,213
Prepayments	14,280	13,256.00
Rent Debtor	51,960	23,629
Other Debtors	<u>10,192</u>	<u>8,572</u>
	<u>119,606</u>	<u>93,670</u>

Basic financial assets, including other debtors and prepayments are initially recognised at transaction price, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest.

11. BANK AND CASH BALANCES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Lloyds Bank Account	0	2,582
Central Finance Board- Deposit	<u>69,107</u>	<u>92,761</u>
	<u>69,107</u>	<u>95,343</u>

BATTERSEA AND WANDLE VALLEY CIRCUIT**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31, AUGUST 2023 (continued)****11.1 BANK AND CASH BALANCES (Continued)**

Cash and cash equivalent includes cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

12. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank Overdraft	13,013	0
Local Churches Assessments received in advance	71,918	68,840
Rent Received in Advance	1,098	1,014
Other Creditors and Accruals	<u>14,265</u>	<u>16,116</u>
	<u>100,294</u>	<u>85,970</u>

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other creditors, loans from third parties and loans from related parties are initially recognised at transaction price, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Such instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

13. CREDITORS : Amounts falling due after the next twelve months

	2023	2022
	£	£
Rent Deposit	<u>34,023</u>	<u>32,881</u>

The above account is a returnable rent deposit received from a tenant of the Circuit

In accordance with the lease, this deposit is to be put into a designated bank account.

The balance and any interest accrued are to the benefit of the tenant.

14. FUNDS**14.1 ENDOWMENT FUND**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Balance Brought Forward 01/09/2022	5,681	6,063
Incoming Resources	168	147
Recourses Expended	-16	-17
Net (Deficit) /Gain on Investment Revaluation	-241	-381
Transfers between Funds	<u>-152</u>	<u>-131</u>
Balance Carried Forward 31/08/2023	<u>5,440</u>	<u>5,681</u>

BATTERSEA AND WANDLE VALLEY CIRCUIT**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31, AUGUST 2023 (continued)****14.2 RESTRICTED FUNDS**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Balance as at 01/09/2022 and 31/08/2023	<u>2,336</u>	<u>2,336</u>

14.3 UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	£	£
Balance Brought Forward 01/09/2022	3,780,171	3,767,524
Incoming Resources	308,743	299,210
Resources Expended	-324,661	-286,694
Transfers between Funds	<u>152</u>	<u>131</u>
Balance Carried Forward 31/08/2023	<u>3,764,405</u>	<u>3,780,171</u>

15. TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS

	£	£
From Sir Henry Holloways to CFB	<u>152</u>	<u>131</u>

16. DETAILED RESTRICTED FUNDS

COLLECTION TO PASS ON	2023	2022
	£	£
Easter Offering	2,233	2,233
Grenfell Tower	<u>103</u>	<u>103</u>
	<u>2,336</u>	<u>2,336</u>

These are funds collected by the Circuit to be passed on to the third parties as named above.

17 DETAILS OF CERTAIN ITEMS OF EXPENDITURE

	2023	2022
	£	£
Audit Fees	4,800	4,200
Accountancy charges	<u>2,400</u>	<u>2,400</u>
	<u>7,200</u>	<u>6,600</u>

18 PAID EMPLOYEES

	£	£
Salaries and Wages	5,807	9,547
National Insurance and Pension Contributions	<u>0</u>	<u>6,233</u>

	<u>5,807</u>	<u>15,780</u>
Average Number of employees	1	1
No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000 per annum.		

19. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

19.1 The Trustees are not aware of any post balance sheet event which could materially affect these financial statements

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20. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

20.1 All the Ministers serving in the Circuit, and the Circuit Treasurer are members of the Circuit Trustees

20.2 No Trustee received any remuneration nor benefits

20.3 TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

During the year, three Ministers and the Circuit Treasurer who are also Trustees received stipends and expenses as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Ministerial Stipends	110,361	107,196
Reimbursed Expenses- Ministers	8,816	3,250
Reimbursed Expenses- Circuit Treasurer	800	4,659

Although the Circuit pays the ministerial stipends, the Ministers are not employed by the Circuit. Ministers are employed by Conference, but it is the responsibility of the Circuit to pay them.

There were no other related parties transactions for the year ended 31, August 2023.

Connected organisations include the Methodist Connexion, Churches within the Circuit, other Methodist Districts in Great Britain, CFB, and TMCP. All these entities have their own trustees and autonomous administration such that the Circuit has no significant influence over any of them, nor they over the Circuit. They are, therefore not considered related parties.

	2023	2022
20.4 Average Number of Trustees receiving		
Stipends	3	3
Allowances	4	4

There were no other related party transactions during the year.

21. RESERVE POLICY

A balance is retained in the general fund to meet unanticipated expenditure and programmed work that can not be funded from a single year's budget. The policy of the Circuit is to maintain funds equivalent to at least 6 month's expenditure.

22. Volunteers Contribution

Every wing of the Methodist Church (Local Churches, Circuits, Districts, Connexion) in the United Kingdom is heavily reliant on volunteers who contribute their skills, time, money and their resources in the furtherance of the work of the circuit. Principally, this contribution is by serving on committees of the Circuit that deal with mission, manses, finance, policy, grants, training developments, etc .

The contribution of volunteers is not included within the income of the Circuit.

The Trustees are grateful to all of them for their help and commitments

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31, AUGUST 2023 (continued)

23 Ministers' manse costs

The Circuit is required to provide accommodation for each Minister and his/her family. The Circuit bears the costs of repairs, maintenance, building insurance, Council Tax and water charges. These costs are not shown separately as benefit-in-kind for the Ministers as HMRC does not seek to tax these receipts in the hands of the Ministers.

24. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

All the Charity's financial instruments qualify as basic financial instruments in accordance with section 11 of FRS 102 and are recognised on the following basis :

- i) Cash and cash equivalent represent bank balances and deposits held in Sterling
- ii) Investments are measured at market value at the balance sheet date
- iii) Debtors are measured at the transaction price less any provision for doubtful debts
- iv) Creditors are measured at the transaction price.

25. The Wandle Valley Circuit and the Battersea Mission Circuit merged into one circuit on 1, September 2014, to form the Battersea and Wandle valley Circuit.

A property of the Battersea Mission (the west wing) was sold in 2015, and the net sale proceeds of £1,800,000 was paid into Battersea and Wandle Valley Circuit TMCP trust Account (Trust 21905) on 16, February 2015. An amount of £1,430,009 was transferred out of the £1,800,000 on 1, August 2015 to open a new TMCP trust account (trust 21905A) in the name of Battersea and Wandle Valley Circuit.

Although the new TMCP trust account (21905 A) is in the name of the newly formed Circuit, it is holding the funds in the account "on trust" for the Battersea Mission. The Circuit does not have any control over the TMCP trust 21905A account, and any transactions in the trust account are controlled and authorised by the Battersea Mission. The transactions in the TMCP trust account 21905A have not been reflected in these financial statements.

26. APPORTIONMENT OF SUPPORT COSTS AMONGST ACTIVITIES.

	EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE Total costs ACTIVITIES		EXPENDITURE ON RAISING FUNDS
Governance Costs	£	£	£
Audit	4,800	1783	3017
Accountancy Fees	2,400	892	1508
Professional Fees	2,238	831	1407
Others			
Post, Print and Stationery	1,735	645	1090
Telephone	3,030	1126	1904
Sundry Expenses	377	1410	237

Governance and Other Costs are apportioned between Activities (Charitable and Expenditure to raise funds) on the basis of each activity's income in the year in relation to each other.

This policy excludes any exceptional and non-recurring transactions.