



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date	
From	To		
Day 1	Month Sept	Day 31	Month Aug
Year 2024		Year 2025	

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Castle Eden Methodist Circuit
Other names charity is known by	Previously – United North East Methodist Circuit
Registered charity number (if any)	1189839
Charity's principal address	Circuit Office, 22 Tremaine Close Hartlepool Postcode TS27 3LE

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Beverly Hollings	Superintendent		Methodist Conference
2	Sally Coleman	Presbyter		Methodist Conference
3	Tracey Cammock	Circuit Steward EDMC Horden treasurer		Circuit Meeting EDMC Council
4	Janice Long	Circuit Steward & Circuit meeting secretary		Circuit Meeting
5	Alison Ogle	Circuit Steward Central Estate Rep		Circuit Meeting Central Estate CC
6	Judith Parker	Circuit Steward		Circuit meeting
7	Pauline Caswell	Circuit Steward & LP Secretary & EDMC Rep		Circuit Meeting LP meeting EMDC Council
8	Joan Rennie	Treasurer		Circuit Meeting
9	Ian Henderson	Property steward		Circuit meeting
10	Sue Percival	Safeguarding Officer		Circuit meeting
11	Judith Winn	MWiB Rep		MWiB group
12	Colin Williams	EDMC – Blackhall Treasurer		EDMC Council
13	Joe Weatherspoon	EDMC – Blackhall Steward		EDMC Council
14	Josephine Bonner	Central Estate Treasurer		Central Estate CC
15	Diane Coleman	Central Estate Rep		Central Estate CC
16	Linda Turton	Coxhoe Steward		Coxhoe CC
17	Wendy Carr	Coxhoe Steward		Coxhoe CC

18	Marjorie Talbot	Coxhoe Treasurer		Coxhoe CC
19	Kathleen Murray	EDMC- Easington Rep		EDMC Council
20	Katie Bosworth	Grange Road Steward		Grange Road CC
21	Madeleine Bell	Grange Road Rep		Grange Road CC
22	Brenda Talbot	EDMC – Horden		EDMC Council
23	Craig Long	EDMC - Horden		EDMC Council
24	Elaine Bramfitt	Milbank Treasurer		Milbank CC
25	Janet Lyons	Milbank Steward		Milbank CC
26	Peter Massey	EDMC Peterlee Treasurer		EDMC Council
27	Jillian Harris	EDMC Peterlee Rep		EDMC Council
28	Geoff Massey	EDMC Peterlee Rep		EDMC Council

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	Deed of Union (1932) & Methodist Church Act (1976)
How the charity is constituted	Act of Parliament
Trustee selection methods	Appointment by local churches and existing trustees. Ministers stationed in the Circuit are automatically trustees.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Induction/training

- Range of guidance by Methodist Connexion via their website
- Leaflet 'The role of Trustees in the Methodist Church structure'.
- Part of the Darlington District who provide training.
- Accountable to the Methodist Conference

Risks

- Considered by the Circuit leadership team and Circuit Meeting
- Take professional advice as required
- Regular review process
- Adopted Safeguarding Policy, reviewed at least annually and ensure it is rolled out to the churches
- Adopted GDPR Policy which is rolled out to churches.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The purpose of the Methodist church are and shall be deemed to have been since the Date of Union for the advancement of:-

- a. The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of the Methodist Church;
- b. Any charitable purpose 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;

Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary of the Methodist Church.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The Circuit produces a quarterly preaching plan to ensure regular acts of worship take place at each of the Methodist churches in its geographical area.

Individual Churches provide additional opportunities for worship including alternate Thursday mornings at EDMC Peterlee, monthly Saturday shoppers services at Coxhoe.

These are open to all people, without charge.

We confirm the Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance to public benefit.

The Circuit advise local church trustees of their responsibilities and provide training and guidance through Circuit officers especially with regard to Finance, Property, Safeguarding and GDPR.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The Circuit Model Trust fund had a balance at the end of the year of £399,076

This fund derives from sales of chapels and manses and is restricted by the Conference. This restriction is an internal regulation though the fund can be used for a variety of purposes.

Three sites, Easington Colliery, Seaton Carew, and Horden have been leased and Peter Lee Memorial let by licence to be used for community activities in keeping with the aims of the Methodist Church whilst remaining registered for and available for worship.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

- a) The circuit churches have continued to offer regular public worship throughout the area. Through children's activities, coffee mornings and other community activities service is being offered to a wider public.
- b) Weekly 'worship at home' printed materials which were started during covid restrictions, have continued. Support has been given as requested to members of the community.
- c) Environmental considerations –The carbon footprint of the circuit is regularly reviewed and care for the environment encouraged. A number of the circuit churches are working towards eco-church awards. At least one has been awarded the Bronze award.
- d) Mindful of the need to make efficient use of human, property and financial resources each local church is regularly reviewed and where they are no longer providing for the needs of the local community permission is sought for them to cease worship.
- e) Fixed Assets. We aim to dispose of buildings and land no longer needed for the mission of the circuit or, where appropriate partners can be found, to lease the properties to community groups whose aims are in keeping with the Methodist Church
- f) As part of the aim to be more inclusive the majority of churches in the circuit have been registered for same sex marriage.
- g) Members of the circuit leadership are encouraged to participate in training events to further develop their skills.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Reserves Policy of the Castle Eden Circuit is:-
 1. To secure and sustain the Circuit's viability and future.
 2. To give reassurance to the general public that the Circuit, which is a charity, intends to use all the money coming into its care for the purpose of the charity.
 The Circuit fund (unrestricted general fund). Under Standing orders the Circuit must meet its financial obligations in relation to the support of its ministers and the maintenance of the manses.
 Our Reserves Policy is to hold at least six months expenditure in hand in addition to funding required to pay ministers to the end of their current appointments and lay workers for at least 6 months.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

A significant grant of £39,500 has been received from the Methodist Connexion via the Darlington District to enable a community missionary to be employed by the circuit for work at six8nine.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

B Hollings

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Full name(s)

Beverly Hollings

ALISON OGILE

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Superintendent Minister (Chair)

CIRCUIT STEWARD

Date

3/1/2026

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

CASTLE EDEN	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2025**

DARLINGTON	District	Circuit no	1304
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1189839

If not a registered charity **His Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number**

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Ministers:

Reverend Beverly Hollings
Reverend Sally Coleman

Circuit Stewards:

Miss Tracey Cammock
Mrs Pauline Caswell

Mrs Janice Long

Mrs Alison Olge
Mrs Judith Parker

Treasurer:

Mrs Joan Rennie

SECTION A			Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share		76,050			76,050	82,620
a3	Capital receipts						
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		1,970	19,685		21,655	25,458
a5	Grants				39,500	39,500	38,081
a6	Other receipts	1	13,048			13,048	39,423
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		91,068	19,685	39,500	150,253 (a8)	185,582

SECTION B							
b1	PAYMENTS						
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs	5	88,357		6,526	94,883	85,925
b3	Manse Costs		12,211			12,211	8,903
b4	Administration etc	2	8,476	26,705		35,181	35,302
b5	District Assessment		28,276			28,276	28,276
b6	Grants & donations						10,645
b7	Six8nine Refurbishment	4			7,000	7,000	
b8	Other payments	3	5,564		588	6,152	33,982
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		142,884	26,705	14,114	183,703 (b9)	203,033

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	(51,816)	(7,020)	25,386	(33,450)	(17,451)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		26,659	453,096	63,330	543,085 (c6)	560,536
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	(25,157)	446,076	88,716	509,635	543,085
c4	Transfers and adjustments		40,000	(47,000)	7,000	(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	14,843	399,076	95,716	509,635 (c8)	543,085 (c6)

SECTION D						
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)					
d1	Balance brought forward from last year					
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations				15,563	
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations				15,563	
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)					

SUMMARY OF CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORTING TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING**SECTION E****Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page**

Summary of the Circuit accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Circuit Meeting. **Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose.** This section must be completed to arrive at the gross receipts and payments totals of the Circuit. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold of £250,000, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the Circuit and connected Circuit Organisations.

	INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1							
e2							
e3							
e4							
e5							
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
e9	Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	150,253 (a8)	183,703 (b9)	(33,450)	(c7)	543,085 (c6)	509,635 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	150,253	183,703	(33,450)		543,085 (x)	509,635 (y)
	Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2025**

		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand		
f2	Bank Current Account	25,597	50,523
f3	Bank Deposit Account		
f4	Central Finance Board	64,392	60,036
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	453,096	399,076
f6	Other funds		
f7	SUB TOTAL	543,085 (c6)	509,635 (c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	543,085 (x)	509,635 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
g1	Investments (include Endowments)	
g2	Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	
g3	Other Assets	
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end	
g5	Other Liabilities	

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only CFB Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trust accounts this is inserted in line f5)

Notes to SFoA

1 Other Receipts

Horden Lease	12,125
Seaton Carew	757
Donations	166
Total	<u>13048</u>

2 Administration

Rachel	6577
Postage	166
Stationery	85
Telephone	1,059
The Vine	152
Ministers. Books etc	437
Total	<u>8,476</u>

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CMT Fund	
Levy charge	25,232
Admin charge	<u>1,473</u>
Total	<u>26,705</u>

3 Other Payments

Quinquennials	2,340
Land Reg	630
Bank Charges	78
Church Exps	1336
Computer & Web	217
Preaching Appt	300
CCLI	663
Total	<u>5,564</u>

4 Six8nine

This is for the renovation work at 689
which will be claimed from the proceeds
of Grange Rd Church, held by TMCP

5 Resticted Funds 6,526

This relates to salary and expenses paid
to the Communiy Mission Worker.

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2025 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer *J M Rennie* Date *26-9-25*

Name and address of treasurer Mrs Joan Rennie

15 Nookston Close, Hartlepool. TS26 0PG

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 will be* presented to the Circuit meeting held on 25th November 2025

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *B Hollings*

Name of the Chair of the meeting .. Rev Beverly Hollings

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Castle Eden Circuit

Charity Number 1189839

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the *Castle Eden* Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2025 set out on pages *1* to *3*. As the Circuit's trustees, 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 Circuit's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

* delete or circle as appropriate

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 (~~other than that disclosed below~~*) which give 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 do 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.

I have/have not* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner R. D. Kirk.

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FCA, CTA

Name of firm (where appropriate) DRAYCOTT & KIRK LLP.

Address 92 WILTON ST.

..... GUISBOROUGH Post Code TS14 6AP

Date 10/10/25

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