

Charity Registration No: 1197711

Walden Road Gospel Hall Trust

**Report of the trustees and
unaudited financial statements
for the year ended 5th April 2024**

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Walden Road Gospel Hall Trust
Reference and administrative details
for the year ended 5th April 2024

Charity name: Walden Road Gospel Hall Trust

Registered charity number: 1197711

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Report of the trustees for the year ended 5th April 2024

The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 5th April 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 9 and 10 and comply with the Trust Deed and applicable law.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

Walden Road Gospel Hall Trust is an unincorporated trust constituted by Deed of Trust dated 15th August 2014. The Trust was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 28th January 2022 under Charity Registration Number: 1197711.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The names of the Trustees who have served during the year and since the year end are set out on page 1. None of the Trustees, nor any person connected with them, received any remuneration or expenses from the Charity in the year ended 5 April 2024 (2023: £nil).

The Trust operates three Gospel halls and Trustees are chosen from among the regular congregation of the halls. New Trustees are nominated by the existing Trustees or by the congregation and must be appointed by unanimous resolution of the congregation. They are selected according to their skills and experience and are expected to use both in furthering the objects of the Charity. Checks are made to ensure the Trustees' eligibility to act and incoming Trustees are made aware of their responsibilities by the existing Trustees, who ensure that new Trustees read the Trust Deed and relevant Charity Commission guidance.

Wider network

The Trustees maintain informal links with similar charities with a view to pooling experience considered useful in pursuing the objects of the charity. The charity also maintains particular links with the Bridgefoot Gospel Hall Trust with which it shares members of its congregation.

Risk management

The Trustees have identified and reviewed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and confirm that they have established systems or procedures to manage and mitigate those risks.

Objectives and activities

Objectives and aims

The trust has the following charitable purposes:

The charitable purposes of the Charity are the advancement of the Christian religion for the public benefit, including by the carrying on of the service of God in accordance with the Old and New Testaments of the Holy Bible as followed by those Christians forming part of the world-wide fellowship known as the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church (the "Brethren") and any other charitable purposes connected with Brethren. The core doctrine of the Brethren and proper practices in furtherance of certain aspects of doctrine are summarised in two schedules to the Trust Deed.

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Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty under section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance to charities on public benefit.

Main activities and achievements

The Trust provides and maintains three Gospel halls where religious meetings are held by the local Brethren community. Details of the origins, teachings and way of life of the Brethren can be found on the website - www.plymouthbrethrenchristianchurch.org and in the schedules to the Trust Deed.

During the financial year, the Trust was given two gospel halls by an affiliated trust which have been included in the Trust accounts at market value. It was impractical for the trust to get formal valuations so the Trustees have opted to use informal valuations, which in the opinion of the trustees represent realistic values.

Plans for future periods

The Trust plans to continue all the current activities.

Despite the increased cost of energy, the trustees feel that these increased costs are not significantly impacting on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern.

Meetings

Meetings held at the gospel hall include the Lord's Supper (Communion) and Gospel preachings. There is a structured weekly schedule of meetings and, depending on the particular meeting, between 40 and 50 people normally attend these occasions.

The meetings are attended by the regular congregation and most are open to other properly disposed visitors. The notice board outside the Hall welcomes visitors and displays the times of Gospel preachings, along with a telephone number for those seeking further information or help. Gospel tracts, which are distributed by street preachers, also display this information.

Bibles and an extensive range of other Christian reading material are on display at the halls and visitors are free to help themselves.

Spreading the Gospel message and the life of a Christian

The Gospel halls are a base from which the regular congregation and others who attend the meetings are encouraged to spread the Christian Gospel, in word and deed.

Members of the congregation participate in a programme of street preaching and Gospel tracts are provided free of charge by the Charity to such preachers to be handed out to interested members of the public.

In carrying out this work, the congregation considers itself to be living out its faith in practice, as particularly exemplified in the following extract from the schedule to the Trust Deed on living a Christian life:

1. We seek and are encouraged to live exemplary lives in all our relationships with others in the wider community (including former Brethren), in accordance with the teachings of Holy Scripture (1 Tim 2:2)

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Objectives and activities

Spreading the Gospel message and the life of a Christian contd.

2. We regularly go out from our homes to preach on the streets, to distribute Christian literature and engage with the wider community (including former Brethren) in order to present eternal salvation, available to all men by faith in Jesus Christ. (2 Tim 4:2).
3. We seek as members of the public to lead Christian lives as husbands and wives, parents, children, employers, employees and neighbours. (Col 3:22-25, Col 4:1).
4. The preservation and protection of the family unit is fundamental and children are prized as a blessing from God. (Psalm 127:3-5). The elderly are valued members of the community, for whom both their family and the wider community are expected to care.
5. Holy Scripture commands us to be good neighbours to others, and deal with all other people (including former Brethren) openly, honestly and fairly and consistent with these principles, we should give our time, talents and money to assist those in need in the wider community, in so far as reasonable given our abilities and our available resources. (Matt 7:12, Matt 22:39, Eph 4:28).

Funding

Funding is sought through gifts and donations from the congregation. Grants are sometimes received from other charitable trusts with congruent objectives. Gift aid is also claimed on relevant gifts.

Financial review

Financial position

In the year ended 5th April 2024 the Trust had a surplus of incoming resources over resources expended. The increased income this year was due to the grant of halls from an affiliated trust. Total voluntary income received this year was £ 870,375 and £ 5,066 in the previous year.

All funds held were unrestricted funds.

Forthcoming commitments; The trust is committed to providing and maintaining the additional gospel halls donated from affiliated trusts during the financial year.

Reserves policy

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs, based on its size and the level of its financial commitments. The Trust has no employees and its regular outgoings are minimal. Accordingly, the Trustees have decided to adopt a policy of maintaining no significant reserves. The congregation is kept regularly informed as to particular needs for funds, and other relevant matters and the Trustees aim to ensure that the Charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure, by raising a funds appeal to the congregation.

Free reserves at the year end were £ 3,013 (2023; £3,247). Any shortfall is met by Bridgefoot Gospel Hall Trust.

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Report of the trustees for the year ended 5th April 2024

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

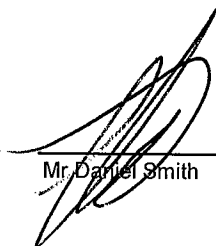
The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- a) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- b) observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP (FRS 102);
- c) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- d) state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- e) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. All transactions have been reviewed and approved by two trustees.

On behalf of the board:



Mr. Daniel Smith

24 Dec 2024

Date

Walden Road Gospel Hall Trust

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Report to the trustees of Walden Road Gospel Hall Trust on the financial statements for the year ended 5th April 2024 set out on pages 7 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking of explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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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Statement of financial activities
(including income and expenditure account)
for the year ended 5th April 2024

	NOTES	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Incoming and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies:					
Collections		-	-	-	-
Contributions from the congregation		-	-	-	-
Gift Aid donations		-	-	-	-
Other donations		-	-	-	-
Income tax refunds		-	-	-	-
Donated services	4.	11,375	-	11,375	5,066
Payroll giving		-	-	-	-
Grants received	5.	859,000	-	859,000	-
Legacies received		-	-	-	-
Investment income and interest					
Bank interest		-	-	-	-
Other income					
Sundry		-	-	-	-
Total		870,375	-	870,375	5,066
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities					
Running of meeting halls	6.	10,649	-	10,649	5,066
Wider community outreach		-	-	-	-
Cost of donated services	4.	-	-	-	-
Transfers to trusts with congruent objectives		-	-	-	-
Other costs		-	-	-	-
Governance					
Computer costs		-	-	-	-
Legal & professional costs		-	-	-	-
Independent Examiner's fee		960	-	960	-
Bank charges		-	-	-	-
Other					
Profit/Loss on sale of assets		-	-	-	-
Total		11,609	-	11,609	5,066
Net income/(expenditure)		858,766	-	858,766	-
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		858,766	-	858,766	-
Reconciliation of funds					
Funds at 6th April 2023		60,447	-	60,447	60,447
Total funds at 5th April 2024	8.	919,213	-	919,213	60,447

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these financial statements. All of the above activities are classed as continuing and there are no gains and losses other than those included above.

Walden Road Gospel Hall Trust
Balance sheet
As at 5th April 2024

	NOTES	£	2024	£	£	2023	£
Fixed assets							
Tangible fixed assets	7.			916,200			57,200
				<u>916,200</u>			<u>57,200</u>
Current assets							
Debtors:							
Prepayments & accrued income			869	-			
Cash at bank and in hand			<u>3,247</u>		<u>3,247</u>		
			4,116		3,247		
Current liabilities							
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year:							
Other creditors			-	-			
Accruals and deferred income			<u>1,103</u>		<u>-</u>		
			1,103		-		
Net current assets				3,013			3,247
Total assets less current liabilities				<u>919,213</u>			<u>60,447</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year				-			-
Net assets				<u>£ 919,213</u>			<u>£ 60,447</u>
Funds							
Unrestricted funds				919,213			60,447
Restricted funds				-			-
Total Funds	9.			<u>£ 919,213</u>			<u>£ 60,447</u>

The unaudited financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees of Walden Road Gospel Hall Trust or RL/RG and signed on their behalf by

Mr Daniel Smith
Trustee

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these financial statements

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014, and incorporating update bulletins 1 and 2, and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The functional currency of the charity is sterling (£).

The Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

1.2 Income

Donations are recognised in the year in which there is entitlement and probability of receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future year. Gift aid is added to the value of the donation to which it relates.

Donated services are recognised as income and expenditure in the financial statements when organisations or individuals offer their services and support pro bono. The value of these donated services to Inglemire Gospel Hall Trust is considered to be equal to market value which would be paid were the service formally procured. This includes services paid for by other trusts.

Investment income is accounted for on a receivable basis.

1.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis. Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Charitable activities comprise those costs directly attributable to the fulfilment of the charitable objects.

1.4 Governance and support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and costs related to statutory requirements. As there are no staff or offices the Trustees have agreed to allocate all such costs to Governance costs.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets (costing more than £150) are stated at cost less depreciation. Freehold land is not depreciated. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Building refurbishments	2% - Straight line method
Fixtures and Equipment	10%- Straight line method

1.6 Taxation

The Trust is a registered charity and is not liable to United Kingdom income or corporation tax on charitable activities, provided income falls within the charitable exemptions and is spent on charitable purposes.

1.7 Funds

The general unrestricted fund is free for the Trustees to use for any purposes in furtherance of the trust's charitable objects.

Restricted funds arise from donations to the trust which are made for a specific purpose. Restricted funds can only be used for the purpose for which funds were given.

1.8 Preparation of consolidated financial statements

The Charity does not have a trading subsidiary and there is no requirement to prepare consolidated accounts.

1.9 Going concern

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

1. Accounting policies contd.

1.10 Significant estimates and judgements

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

2. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

No Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits from an employment with the charity and no Trustees were reimbursed for expenses (2023: None).

3. Wages and salaries

There are no employees (2023: none).

4. Donated services

Income	2024 £	2023 £
Bridgefoot Gospel Hall Trust	11,375	5,066
	<u>11,375</u>	<u>5,066</u>

Expenditure	2024 £	2023 £
	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

5. Grants received

	2024 £	2023 £
Bridgefoot Gospel Hall Trust	859,000	-
	<u>859,000</u>	<u>-</u>

6. Resources expended	Meeting rooms £	Other charitable activities £	2024 £	2023 £
Running of meeting halls				
Repairs and maintenance of plant and buildings	4,882	-	4,882	195
Grounds maintenance	-	-	-	-
Maintenance- Recording equipment	-	-	-	-
Light and heat	4,339	-	4,339	1,194
Water rates	477	-	477	-
Telephone & broadband at hall(s)	493	-	493	-
Insurance- Public liability	458	-	458	398
Cleaning	-	-	-	-
Legal and professional	-	-	-	3,279
Sundry	-	-	-	-
Depreciation- Freehold property	-	-	-	-
Depreciation- Equipment	-	-	-	-
	<u>10,649</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,649</u>	<u>5,066</u>

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Detailed statement of financial activities
Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 5th April 2024

7. Tangible fixed assets

7.1 Tangible fixed assets	Freehold Property* and Refurbishment £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 6th April 2023	57,200	-	57,200
Disposals	-	-	-
Additions	859,000	-	859,000
At 5th April 2024	916,200	-	916,200
Depreciation			
At 6th April 2023	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
Charge for the year	-	-	-
At 5th April 2024	-	-	-
Net Book Value			
At 5th April 2024	916,200	-	916,200
At 6th April 2023	57,200	-	57,200

* Land Registry title numbers are; EX431094, EX895436, EX934109 and EX836399

7.2 Tangible fixed assets additions

During the year the trust received the following properties donated from affiliated trusts for nil consideration:

	2024 £	2023 £
Copthall Lane, Thaxted, EX934109	549,000	-
London Road, Newport, Saffron Walden, EX836399	310,000	-
	859,000	-

8. Analysis of net assets between funds

8.1 Current year	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	916,200	-	916,200
Current assets	4,116	-	4,116
Current liabilities	1,103	-	1,103
Long term liabilities	-	-	-
Total funds	919,213	-	919,213
8.2 Prior year	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	57,200	-	57,200
Currents assets	3,247	-	3,247
Current liabilities	-	-	-
Long term liabilities	-	-	-
Total funds	60,447	-	60,447

9. Movement in funds

9.1 Current year

	Balance at 6 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Realised/ unrealised gain and losses £	Balance at 5 April 2024 £
Restricted funds					
Fund	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted funds	60,447	870,375	11,609	-	919,213
Total funds	<u>60,447</u>	<u>870,375</u>	<u>11,609</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>919,213</u>

9.2 Prior year

	Balance at 6 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Realised/ unrealised gain and losses £	Balance at 5 April 2023 £
Restricted funds					
Fund	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted funds	60,447	5,066	5,066	-	60,447
Total funds	<u>60,447</u>	<u>5,066</u>	<u>5,066</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>60,447</u>

10. Transactions with related parties

There were no related party transactions in the year (2023 £0).

11. Volunteers

Walden Road Gospel Hall Trust relies entirely on volunteers to carry out the management, administration and general maintenance work. The Trust has no paid staff or paid Trustees.

12. Full comparison of Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Incoming resources			
Collections	-	-	-
Contributions from the congregation	-	-	-
Gift Aid donations	-	-	-
Other donations	-	-	-
Income tax refunds	-	-	-
Donated services	5,066	-	5,066
Payroll giving	-	-	-
Grants received	-	-	-
Legacies received	-	-	-
Investment income and interest			
Bank interest	-	-	-
Other income			
Sundry	-	-	-
Total	5,066	-	5,066
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities			
Running of meeting halls	5,066	-	5,066
Wider community outreach	-	-	-
Cost of donated services	-	-	-
Transfers to trusts with congruent objectives	-	-	-
Other costs	-	-	-
Governance			
Computer costs	-	-	-
Legal & professional costs	-	-	-
Independent Examiner's fee	-	-	-
Bank charges	-	-	-
Other			
Profit/Loss on sale of assets	-	-	-
Total	5,066	-	5,066
Net income/(expenditure)	-	-	-
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	-	-	-
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward	60,447	-	60,447
Total funds carried forward	60,447	-	60,447