

# EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH ABERTILLERY

England & Wales · Charity number 1198946

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2022-05-12

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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**Address** Ebenezer Baptist Church  
Park Place  
Abertillery  
NP13 1ED

**Phone** 01495212704

**Email** [hello@ebchurch.co.uk](mailto:hello@ebchurch.co.uk)

**Website** <https://ebchurch.co.uk/>

## Activities

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**Objects:** THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSES OF THE CHURCH ARE:- 3.1.1 THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE BAPTIST DENOMINATION. 3.1.2 THE CHURCH MAY ALSO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND CARRY OUT OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND/OR OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD. 3.2 [NOTHING IN THIS CONSTITUTION SHALL AUTHORISE AN APPLICATION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE CHURCH FOR PURPOSES WHICH ARE NOT CHARITABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 7 OF THE CHARITIES AND TRUSTEE INVESTMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 OR SECTION 2 OF THE CHARITIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2008.]

**Activities:** Ebenezer is a town centre church in the heart of the community. Our aim is to help people find and follow Jesus through our Sunday services, in the building and online and as well as through regular weekly meetings. We provide services to the wider community through our food bank, pre loved uniform, coffee bar and toddler group.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Blaenau Gwent

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£82,661	£81,576	-	-
2024-03-31	£83,251	£89,569	-	-
2023-03-31	£119,805	£67,876	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
ADRIAN Barrett		2025-10-23
Eryl Dykes		2021-10-26
Glen Bridge		2025-10-23
Joanne Marie Beynon		2021-10-26
Keith Gerald Chaplin		2021-10-26
Marc Vacara		2024-10-18
Rev Jason Paul Wilkins		2021-10-26
Richard Stanley Angwin		2021-10-26
Ruth Elsey		2024-10-18

**EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH ABERTILLERY**

England & Wales - Charity number 1198946

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# Accounts

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**Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From 31 March 2024**

**Period start date To 31 March 2025**

**Period end date**

**Charity name:**

**Ebenezer Baptist Church CIO Abertillery**

**Charity registration number:1198946**

**Objectives and Activities**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The principal purposes of the church are the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination; to achieve its principal objectives the church will engage in a range of activities in which the church and the wider community may be involved which aims to show the love of Jesus and to bring them closer to Him.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The Church will engage in a range of activities either on its own or with others, that will vary from time to time with activities being initiated, expanded, or closed, as appropriate. In addition to the main church activity of worship and bringing people closer to Jesus through services and small groups, the Church also runs a Foodcupboard, and a Warm & Well hub helping to support and feed the local community.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefits and have taken it into account in their decision making.

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	<b>No grants made</b>
	Para 1.38	<b>We are not involved in social investment</b>

Policy on social investment including program related investment		
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The Church is heavily dependent on the contribution made by both its membership working as volunteers, and by those volunteers in the community who help us to fulfil our charitable objectives. This includes those who carry out roles which enable Church services to function smoothly, provide administrative and financial support, as well as volunteers in the, Foodcupboard, Warm Hub and children's work.
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The church seeks in all its activities to lead people closer to the Lord Jesus Christ. We do this through opportunities for praise and worship and through the many activities both, which lead people to ask questions of faith.</p> <p>We actively promote opportunities for fellowship through Sunday services, bible studies and prayer meetings throughout the year.</p> <p>We take the opportunity to foster a sense of belonging through weekday activities and services, in the activities we host and the use of our building.</p> <p>Ebenezer has become a hub for many activities within the community including the Foodcupboard, warm hub, toddler group and Dads and Tots. The church is used extensively by the community</p> <p>During the year opportunities are created for reach into the community.</p> <p>We held an outdoor Family event in Jubilee Square with music by Drakeford from Nashville Tennessee.</p> <p>Our town centre location also provides us with opportunities to take part in the Aberfest and Winterfest activities in which the church plays a crucial part.</p> <p>This year we provided Cash Access UK with temporary accommodation in the Church, whilst it sought a permanent location.</p>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:



## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	£46,696
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Ebenezer Baptist Church seeks to hold in reserves a continuing minimum of six months of staffing costs. At current levels this minimum is £15,000.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<b>£15,000</b>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not /Applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	No identified uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<p>Member Donations</p> <p><u>Grant donations</u></p> <p>Cost of living fund Community Foundation Wales - £5000</p> <p>Loneliness Fund ALCC - £1570</p> <p>Welsh Churches Fund - £750</p> <p>Blaenau Gwent CBC Warm Hub - £1000</p> <p>Direct Food support £131.20 plus additional payment £412.27</p> <p>Arnold Clark Cost of living -£1000</p> <p>ALCC -£1000</p> <p>Margaret and Gwendolyn Davis Charity - £2000</p>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	The church does not invest money
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The principal risks and uncertainties facing the charity would be sudden decline in membership giving and a decline in grant funding obtained. The reserves policy sets a limit whereby, if necessary, Trustees will consider various options ranging from ceasing certain activities such as Foodcupboard etc through to the continued employment of the pastor.
Other		

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	The church makes significant contributions into the life of the community, as it provides a meeting place for groups and organisations in the area. We aim to be of the church in the community with the community in the church.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	The church seeks to obtain and use grant funding for the benefit of the community,
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		

<p>Market and Community Development - £1000</p> <p>ALCC - £1000</p> <p>Amold Clerk Cost of living - £1000</p> <p>payment £12.25</p> <p>Direct Food support £11.25 plus additional</p> <p>Bishop's Grant CDD Warm Hub - £1000</p> <p>Welsh Church Fund - £750</p> <p>Llanmora Fud 5/1 CC - £1500</p> <p>Wales - £1000</p> <p>Cost of living fund Community Foundation</p> <p>Griffiths</p>	Para 1.41	The church does not invest money
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<p>Foodbank etc through to the continued cessation of activities and consider various options ranging from a limit whereby if necessary, trustees will fund obtained. The various policy are membership giving and a decline in grant the only would be sudden decline in the grant take and the way it is being</p>	Para 1.41	A resolution of the proposal held by the church
Other		Other

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Ebenezer Baptist church was constituted as CIO in 2022
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are selected from the membership of the church. They initially served for a period of three years. One third of the trustees will usually stands for re- election in each calendar year

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Upon appointment trustees are acquainted with the procedures of the church and familiarised with the policies of the Baptist Union, and familiarised with matters for the preceding year. As appropriate training is offered online.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The church is an autonomous member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and the Baptist Union of Wales who may offer guidance in the form of policy documents.  Trustees are appointed by the church to manage its affairs to whom they may offer guidance. The church meeting is the ultimate decision body, on matters including the minister's stipend. Each year the Baptist Union give guidance as to the minimum stipend which is considered both by the trustees and the membership.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	Baptist churches are autonomous. Guidance from the Baptist Union is closely adhered to by the trustees
Other		

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Ebenezer Baptist Church, Abertillery
Other name the charity uses	none
Registered charity number	1198946

Charity's principal address	Ebenezer Baptist Church, Park Place Abertillery NP13 1HF

**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	Jason Wilkins	Minister		Church meeting
2	Eryl Dykes	Secretary		Church meeting
3	Joanne Beynon	Treasurer	From 17 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Church meeting
4	Keith Chaplin	Assistant Treasurer		Church meeting
5	Richard Angwin			Church meeting
6	Sandra Smith		Until November 2024	Church meeting
7	Marc Vacara			Church meeting
8	Ruth Elsey			Church meeting
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

Director name		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
Baptist Union Corporation		

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	none
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
none		

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

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### Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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### Other optional information

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# Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	J. Wilkins
Full name(s)	JASON WILKINS
Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc)	PASTOR / CHAIR.
Date	23/10/25.

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
none		

Name of chief executive or names of secretaries (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personal data

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Other optional information

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## Income Statement

	<b>2025</b>	Church	FoodCupboard	Warm & Well
<b><u>Income From:</u></b>				
Donations and Gifts	36560.62	29551.75	4911.29	1550.58
Grants	17224.87	11300.00	1600.00	4324.87
Charitable Rental Income	18272.50	35497.37 18272.50		
Other Income	10602.77	10453.71	105.50	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>82660.76</b>	<b>69577.96</b>	<b>6616.79</b>	<b>5875.45</b>
<b><u>Expenditure On:</u></b>				
Staff Costs	28716.12	28716.12		
Insurance	3624.74	3624.74		
Utilities	10251.02	10251.02		
Rates	2090.61	2090.61		
Repairs & Maintenance	6042.02	5425.02		617.00
Direct Costs	3379.54	2161.80		1217.74
Food Purchases	11330.54	0.00	9409.26	1921.28
Misc	7870.44	6540.34	500.00	830.10
Professional Fees	7800.92	7800.92		
Missionary	470.00			
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>81575.95</b>	<b>66610.57</b>	<b>9909.26</b>	<b>4586.12</b>
Net Income for the year/ Net movement in funds	<b>1084.81</b>	<b>2967.39</b>	<b>-3292.47</b>	<b>1289.33</b>

Fund Balances as at 31 March 2024	45,611
Fund Balances as at 31 March 2025	46,696

**Balance Sheet**

Savings account      Missonary account

**2025**

547.00

**Current Assets**

Cash at bank and in hand

54,880

43.56

Creditors: Amounts Falling Due within one year

-8184

**43.56**

**547.00**

**Net Current Assets**

46,696

470.00

0.00

470.00

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**43.56**

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**77.00**

2024/25

Opening Balance

Balance at EOY

£53,001.47

Church

32,464.78

Savings

2801.35

Warm & Well

4493.25

FoodCupboard

14773.32

Missionary Account

347.38

Balance

£54,880.08

Cash Gain

£1,878.61

Balance Sheet Movement

£0.00

**Total Loss Needed**

**£1,878.61**

Difference to Actual

Church movements excluded

**Difference to Adjust**

**0.00**

4/1/2024 Bank statement Opening Balance		53,001.57	Opening B
Add Deposits relating to previous year			statement
Deposit 100813	233.1		Savings Ac
Deposit 100814	114.05		Missionary
Deposit 100815	88.35		Foodcupbr
Deposit 100816	208.45		Warm & we
Deposit 100817	320.47		Curent Acc
total	<u>964.42</u>	<u>          </u>	
Less cheques relating to previous year presented after 31.3.24			
Cheque 101307 Gwent Baptist Association - annual Fe	-69		
Cheque 101308 - John Lewis TV	-429		
	<u>-498.00</u>		
Overall adjustment		466.42	
Amended Opening Balance		<u>53,467.99</u>	
4/4/2024 Closing Balance		54,880.08	
Add Deposits relating to 24-25 made after 31.3.25			
4/3/2025 curent account Deposit	443		
4/7/2025 curent account Deposit	1100		
	<u>1543</u>		
Less cheques not presented by 31.3.25			
3/24/2025 Warm & well not presented to bank before year end	-500		
3/30/2025 cashed after year end	-1100		
	<u>-1600</u>		
Overall adjustment		<u>-57.00</u>	

Amended Closing ~Balance	<u>54,823.08</u>	
Bank Statement surplus or Loss for year	1,355.09	
Accounts surplus or Loss for year	1,084.81	
Difference	270.28	- Missona

Balance as per bank  
1/4/2024

Account	2757.79
Card	16465.79
Cell	3204.02
Account	30,573.97
	53001.57

Closing Balance as per bank  
statement 30/3/2025

Savings Account	2801.35	43.56	
Missionary Account	347.38	347.38	
Foodcupboard	14773.32	-1692.47	
Warm & well	4493.25	1289.23	
Current Account	32,464.78	1,890.81	
	54880.08	1878.51	

ary incorrectly excluded from last years numbers



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees**

Ebenezer Baptist Church Abertillery

**On accounts for the year ended**

31/05/2025

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1198946

**Set out on pages**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/03/2025**

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity'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 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.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

**Signed:** *Grace Jackson*

**Date:** 24/09/2025

**Name:** Grace Jackson ACMA CGMA

**Relevant professional qualification(s) or body**

CIMA

(if any):

**Address:**

**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**

**EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH ABERTILLERY**

England & Wales - Charity number 1198946

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# Accounts

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## **Annual Report for Ebenezer Baptist Church Abertillery 2023-2024**

### **Registered Address**

#### **Ebenezer Baptist Church CIO**

Park Place Abertillery NP13 1ED

*the church was registered as Charity No 1198946*

#### **Trustees: -**

Rev Jason Wilkins (Minister)

Mrs Eryl Dykes (Secretary)

Mr Richard Angwin

Mrs Joanne Beynon

Mr Keith Chaplin

Mrs Sandra Smith

#### **Property Trustees**

The Baptist Union Corporation, Llwyfan, College Road, Carmarthen

SA31 3EQ

**Bankers** Barclays Bank 10, Bethcar St Ebbw Vale NP23 6HQ

**Independent Examiner The trustees present their Annual Report and financial statements for year ending 31st March 2024**

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

The Charity is governed by a constitution based on the Approved Governing Document for Baptist Churches. Members of the Church are accepted in accordance with the constitution which requires them to be or to have been publicly baptised on the profession of faith in Jesus Christ or following other modes of baptism to renew their public profession of faith in Jesus Christ. The members meeting normally takes place four times per year and has responsibility for the overall policy of the church. In accordance with the Constitution, the members appoint up to a maximum of 12 Trustees. The Constitution permits decisions to be made at Church meetings by appropriate majorities. The Church seeks to work by consensus wherever possible. The Minister, Church Secretary and Treasurer (who are also appointed by the Members), are responsible for the day to day running of the church's work and witness, and the financial and legal aspects of the charity. All members are encouraged to take an appropriate part in the spiritual and practical tasks involved in the furtherance of the charitable objective. Relevant matters may be submitted to the Church meeting by the Trustees for guidance or may be raised

by members in a Church meeting for further consideration. Future meetings may be held by electronic or hybrid means.

The principal purpose of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith in according to the principles of the Baptist denomination to include the advancement of education, community service and such other general charitable purposes in such parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the Church shall determine. To achieve the principal objective, which is set out above, the Church provides a variety of activities both to its membership and to the community generally. The aim is to show the love of Jesus Christ in both word and deed and to bring people into a closer relationship with Him as living Lord. Central to the work and witness of the Church is the provision of regular public services of Christian worship. These services take place each Sunday at 11am. The service is preceded by refreshments which gives an opportunity for fellowship. There are occasional services at other times which are advertised on the church notice board and the website at ebchurch.co.uk. There is a children's programme during the morning services. The church seeks to be a friendly and welcoming community. Weekly groups such as the Bible Studies and prayer evenings focus on the growth of faith and discipleship. Further details of these can be obtained from the Trustees on request, or at the Sunday services. The Church is responsible for a Toddler Group which meets in the Church on Friday mornings. In January 2024 we began a Dad's and Tots group on Saturday mornings. We continue to offer a warm hub enabling us to reach many people in the community affected by the cost-of-living crisis. We have been grateful for the those who have volunteered their services each week. We remain indebted to volunteers from HSBC as well as those we have been able to attract through GAVO Volunteer events. We have been supported by a number grant funders such as the Welsh Churches fund, funds administered by GAVO and Blaenau Gwent Council which are designed to help alleviate the cost of living crisis as well as a fund operated by National Grid.

The Church operates systems to ensure that all people working with children and vulnerable adults are appropriately vetted by the Disclosure and Barring Service. We use the services of the North Wales Interdenominational Panel. In January February the trustees received safeguarding training. The Church has read the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and is satisfied that the activities outlined above clearly demonstrate that the charity is providing a benefit to the public.

### **Achievements and Performance**

The Church does not measure the success of its programmes only in numbers, but also in less tangible areas like fellowship and encouragement. The Trustees recognise that these are difficult to measure but believe that 2023-24 was a positive year in the life of the church, and that it will be able to pursue its mission purposes in 2024 with renewed enthusiasm. Three people professed faith in Jesus Christ for the first time during the year and were baptised and received into church membership. As at the March 2024 the membership stood at 46 compared to 45 a year earlier. Average attendance at worship services has increased during the year, as we have welcomed brothers and sisters from

Nigeria who have come to study locally. We have also welcomed a number of children into the Sunday School. We continue to engage with the needs of the community each week with a food cupboard that operates together with a pre-loved school uniform service. During the last year the church provided a series of outreach events in the locality, whilst a member of the church has also served as a school governor.

### **Financial Review**

The Church raises the funds it needs to carry out its activities within its own membership and congregation and through hiring out rooms. We have been grateful for the regular giving of members and our wider fellowship. Grants have been received from the following funders, Welsh Churches Fund, National Grid, Community Fund For Wales GAVO and Blaenau Gwent Council and Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council

The Church expressed its part in the life of the wider church by making donations to BMS. During the year the church we continued to support our link missionaries Whittaya and Helen Boondeekhun.

The Church is heavily dependent on its membership working as volunteers in all aspects of the church's activities, many of which run with little or no impact on the church's expenditure, but contribute substantially to the achievement of the church's objectives. The financial results for the year, together with a summary of the accounting policies adopted are set out in the accompanying financial statements. As at the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 the balance for year-end for the current account was £30,573.87 whilst the Food Cupboard was £16,465.79 and the Warm Hub Account was £3,204.02. During the last year we have become a charity and we will soon take the final steps to becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation

### **Reserves**

As at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 the church held £2,757.79 in a savings account. There are no other reserves

## **Income Statement**

**2024**

### **Income From:**

Donations and Gifts	57,501
Grants	7,560
Charitable Rental Income	5,785
Other Income	12,405

**Total Income** **83,251**

### **Expenditure On:**

Staff Costs	21,748
Insurance	5,407
Utilities	12,217
Rates	1,968
Repairs & Maintenance	2,650
Direct Costs	2,010
Food Purchases	20,978
Misc	20,065
Professional Fees	2,525

**Total Expenditure** **89,569**

Net Income for the year/ Net movement in funds	<hr/> <b>-6,318</b> <hr/>
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Fund Balances as at 31 March 2023 51,929

Fund Balances as at 31 March 2024 45,611

**Balance Sheet**

**Current Assets**

Cash at bank and in hand

Creditors: Amounts Falling Due v

**Net Current Assets**

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**2024**

53,001

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45,611



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Ebenezer Baptist Church Abertillery

On accounts for the year  
ended

31/03/2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1198946

Set out on pages

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Independent  
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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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.

Signed:

*Grace Bayton*

Date:

09/10/2024

Name:

Grace Bayton ACMA CGMA

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body

CIMA

(if any):

**Address:**

**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**

**EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH ABERTILLERY**

England & Wales - Charity number 1198946

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# Accounts

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Charity registration number 1198946

**EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH ABERTILLERY  
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

# EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH ABERTILLERY

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# EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH ABERTILLERY

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

### *FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023*

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The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "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)" (effective 1 January 2019).

#### **Objectives and activities**

The principal purpose of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination to include the advancement of education, spiritual growth and community service and such other general charitable purposes in such parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the Church shall determine.

In order to achieve the principal objective, which is set out above, the Church provides a variety of activities both to its membership and to the community generally. The aim expressed in our mission statement is "**helping people to find and follow Jesus**" and to show the love of Jesus Christ in both word and deed. Central to the work and witness of the Church is the provision of regular public services of Christian worship. These services take place each Sunday at 11am. We have a website at [ebchurch.co.uk](http://ebchurch.co.uk) and a Facebook page. Provision is made for children's activities during the morning services. The church seeks to be a friendly and welcoming community. A series of small groups are provided whose aim it is to encourage faith and discipleship. We would like to encourage all members to become part of a small group in order to grow in the faith. Further details of these can be obtained from the Trustees or at the Sunday or online services. The Church is responsible for the UCB prayer line, food larder, coffee bar, Toddler Group.

The Church operates systems to ensure that all people working with children and vulnerable adults are appropriately vetted with regard to the Disclosure and Barring Service. A number of volunteers have updated their DBS statements in consultation with the Interdenominational Protection Panel.

During the year we lost one Member by death, Eryl Rathbone who had been a long-time member. We received two members who had previously attended Gateway Church, Abergavenny. In April 2022 we baptised two young people. In April 2022 the membership stood at 51.

The average attendance is around 25-30 for morning services and 40-50 for online services.

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

# **EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH ABERTILLERY**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023***

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### **Achievements and performance**

During this period we realised the need for fellowship; we took the opportunity to start services with a time of fellowship and refreshments. We were able to welcome families from Nigeria, many whom were the students' pursuing studies at the University of Wales, Treforest. As a church we were able to offer practical support through the food larder and provision of warm clothing; we have benefited greatly, as the church has become more diverse. We held harvest services in the church, and we were also able to welcome Clych Meithryn Brynithel for a service of harvest thanksgiving.

Christmas and Easter services were special as the church was able to take part in a Good Friday walk of witness through the town and to invite people back to the church for refreshments. We also celebrated the first baptismal service after COVID.

We held a number of play days and Messy church family events during the year ,we also took part in Aberfest in the town. During the summer months we held three open air events at Jubilee Square and were especially pleased to welcome back Drakeford as part of The Atlanta Mission, in which the church has taken part over a number of years. We were also able to celebrate with the ladies of New Hope Atlanta GA. There were meetings for prayer and worship.

The part which volunteers play in the life of the church cannot be underestimated, in worship, and opportunities for service in the wider the community.

### **Financial review**

The Church raises the funds which it needs to carry on its activities within its own membership and congregation and through hiring out rooms, to businesses This income stream largely ceased due to Covid restrictions, and so our income was very much reduced. We have been grateful for the regular giving of members and our wider fellowship. The food cupboard project received funding from the food poverty action fund and the Coronavirus relief fund as well as local businesses and donors.

The Church expressed its part in the life of the wider church by making donations to BMS. During the year the church continued to support our link missionaries Whittaya and Helen Boondeekhun.

The Church is heavily dependent on its membership working as volunteers in all aspects of the church's activities, many of which run with little or no impact on the church's expenditure, but contribute substantially to the achievement of the church's objectives. The financial results for the year, together with a summary of the accounting policies adopted are set out in the accompanying financial statements.

### **Reserves**

As at 31 March 2023, the church held £57,799 in the bank accounts and the free reserves were £51,929.

# EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH ABERTILLERY

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023*

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### **Structure, governance and management**

The church was registered as a CIO on 12 May 2022, Charity No 1198946.

This document was revised in 2022 in accordance with advice from Anthony Collins Solicitors.

The Charity is governed by a constitution based on the Approved Governing Document for Baptist Churches. Members of the Church are accepted in accordance with the constitution which requires them to be or to have been publicly baptised on the profession of faith in Jesus Christ or following other modes of baptism to renew their public profession of faith in Jesus Christ. The members Meeting normally takes place four times per year and has responsibility for the overall policy of the church. In accordance with the Constitution, the members appoint eight Trustees, who together with the by the Trustees. Though the Constitution permits decisions to be made at Church meetings by appropriate majorities, the Church seeks to work by consensus wherever possible. Minister, Church Secretary and Treasurer (who are also appointed by the Members), are responsible for the day-to-day running of the church's work and witness, and the financial and legal aspects of the charity. All members are encouraged to take an appropriate part in the spiritual and practical tasks involved in the furtherance of the charitable objective. Relevant matters may be submitted to the Church meeting by the Trustees for guidance or may be raised by members in Church meeting for further consideration.

- Members of the Church are accepted in accordance with the AGD which requires them to be or to have been publicly baptised on the profession of faith in Jesus Christ or following other modes of baptism to renew their public profession of faith in Jesus Christ. The members General Meeting normally takes place three times per year. In addition, there is an annual meeting. Future meetings may be held by electronic means or by hybrid means.

The Church meeting has responsibility for the overall policy of the church. In accordance with the AGD, the members appoint Trustees every 3 years, who together with the Minister, Church Secretary and Treasurer (who are also appointed by the Members), are responsible for the day to day running of the church's work and witness, and the financial and legal aspects of the charity. Members are encouraged to take an appropriate part in the spiritual and practical tasks involved in the furtherance of the charitable objectives of the church. Relevant matters may be submitted to the Church meeting by the Trustees for guidance, or may be raised by members in the three weeks preceding a Church meeting for inclusion in that meeting or for further consideration by the Trustees. Though the AGD permits decisions to be made at Church meetings by appropriate majorities, the Church seeks to work by consensus wherever possible.

# EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH ABERTILLERY

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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### Reference and administrative details

#### Registered Address

Ebenezer Baptist Church  
Park Place  
Abertillery  
NP13 1ED

#### Charity number

1198946

#### Trustees: -

Rev Jason Wilkins (Minister)  
Mrs Eryl Dykes (Secretary)  
Mr Adrian Barrett (Treasurer)  
Mr Richard Angwin  
Mrs Joanne Beynon  
Mr Keith Chaplin  
Julie Powell  
Mrs Sheila Thomas Merrifield

#### Property Trustees

The Baptist Union Corporation  
Llwyfan, College Road  
Carmarthen  
SA31 3EQ

#### Bankers

Barclays Bank  
10 Bethcar Street  
Ebbw Vale  
NP23 6HQ

#### Independent Examiner

Azets  
Ty Derw  
Lime Tree Court  
Cardiff Gate Business Park  
Pontprennau  
Cardiff  
CF23 8AB

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

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Trustee Eryl Dykes

Dated: *27/9/24* .....

# EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH ABERTILLERY

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH ABERTILLERY

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Ebenezer Baptist Church Abertillery (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2023.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with 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) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.



**Joanne Taylor FCCA DChA**

Azets Audit Services  
Ty Derw, Lime Tree Court  
Cardiff Gate Business Park  
Cardiff  
CF23 8AB  
United Kingdom

30 September 2024

Dated: .....

# EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH ABERTILLERY

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023*

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	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
<b><u>Income from:</u></b>		
Donations and legacies	3	73,063
Charitable activities	4	46,737
Investments	5	5
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<b>Total income</b>		119,805
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<b><u>Expenditure on:</u></b>		
Charitable activities	6	67,876
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<b>Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds</b>		51,929
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Fund balances at 12 May 2022		-
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<b>Fund balances at 31 March 2023</b>		51,929
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The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

# EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH ABERTILLERY

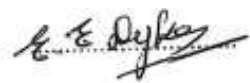
## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

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	Notes	2023 £	£
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		57,799	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	11	(5,870)	
Net current assets			51,929
<b>Income funds</b>			
Unrestricted funds			51,929
			51,929

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 26/9/24



Trustee Eryl Dykes

# EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH ABERTILLERY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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#### 1 Accounting policies

##### Charity information

Ebenezer Baptist Church Abertillery is a charitable incorporated organisation, registered on 12 May 2022.

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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)" (effective 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

#### 1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

# EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH ABERTILLERY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

#### 1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include 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.

##### **Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method 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. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

##### **Basic financial liabilities**

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans 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. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

##### **Derecognition of financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

#### 1.7 Employee benefits

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

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

# EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH ABERTILLERY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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### 2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical 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.

### 3 Donations and legacies

	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>
	<b>2023 £</b>
Donations and gifts	73,063

### 4 Charitable activities

	<b>2023 £</b>
Performance related grants	35,157
Charitable rental income	3,641
Other income	7,939
	<u>46,737</u>

### 5 Investments

	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>
	<b>2023 £</b>
Interest receivable	5

# EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH ABERTILLERY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

### 6 Charitable activities

	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>
Staff costs	27,723
Insurance	2,545
Utilities	4,369
Rates	2,054
Repairs & Maintenance	8,304
Direct costs	450
Food purchases	9,223
Miscellaneous	8,622
Professional fees	686
	<u>63,976</u>
Share of governance costs (see note 7)	3,900
	<u>67,876</u>

### 7 Support costs

	<b>Support costs</b>	<b>Governance costs</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Independent examination fees	-	3,900	3,900
	<u>-</u>	<u>3,900</u>	<u>3,900</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>3,900</u>	<u>3,900</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	-	3,900	3,900
	<u>-</u>	<u>3,900</u>	<u>3,900</u>

Governance costs includes payments to the independent examiners of £3,900.

### 8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

### 9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

<b>2023</b>
<b>Number</b>
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# EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH ABERTILLERY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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### 9 Employees (Continued)

Employment costs	2023 £
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Wages and salaries	27,723
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#### Key management personnel

The key management personnel received benefits (including gross salary, employers national insurance contributions and employers pension contributions) totaling £27,723.

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

### 10 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

### 11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £
Other taxation and social security	1,804
Other creditors	166
Accruals and deferred income	3,900
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	5,870
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### 12 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year.