

THE MEETING PLACE WIRRAL

England & Wales · Charity number 1200773

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2022-10-21

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

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Activities

Objects: THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD, AS THE TRUSTEES THINK FIT, INCLUDING PROVIDING SERVICES FOR PRAYER AND WORSHIP AND PASTORAL CARE AND OUTREACH INTO THE COMMUNITY, INCLUDING EDUCATIONAL CLASSES OF RELATIONSHIP AND LIFE SKILLS, FOCUSING PARTICULARLY ON THE UNDER PRIVILEGED AND DISADVANTAGED

Activities: The Meeting Place Wirral is a Christian outreach charity focussed on spreading the Gospel and working with the local community. The Meeting Place has a community supermarket and provides free breakfasts to those in need for the relief of food poverty

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Disability, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-10-31	£61,815	£78,338	-	-
2024-10-31	£136,833	£118,536	-	-
2023-10-31	£81,157	£81,058	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ALAN EDWIN MAURICE MCGRAA		2024-07-23
Irene Joan Fishleigh		2022-10-21

THE MEETING PLACE WIRRAL

England & Wales - Charity number 1200773

Accounts

The Meeting Place Wirral

Annual Report for the year ended
31 October 2025

Reference and Administrative Details

The legal status of the charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Charity registration number: 1200773

Company Number: CE030477

Date of registration: 21 October 2022

Registered office: 13-15 Oxtan Road, Birkenhead, CH41 2QQ

Phone number: 07836 725 626

Email address: meetingplace1079@icloud.com

Bank: Metro Bank, 15, Paradise Street, Liverpool. L1 3EU

Trustees who served during the year

Mark Anthony Fishleigh - Chair
Irene Joan Fishleigh
Alan Edwin Maurice McGraa

Structure, Governance and Management

New Trustees are recruited by the existing charity trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed to effectively administer the charity.

The charity trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the commission in exercising their duties.

Independent Examiner

Mr M Morris, 12, Brimstage Avenue, Hr. Bebington, Wirral. CH63 5QH

Purpose and Activities of the Charity

Charitable Objects

- The advancement of the Christian faith in such parts of the United Kingdom or the World, as the Trustees think fit.
- Including providing services for prayer and worship and pastoral care and outreach into the community.
- Including educational classes of relationship and life skills, focussing particularly on the under privileged and disadvantage.

Public benefit

The Board of Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and report that the work that has been undertaken in past year continues to provide much benefit to the citizens of Wirral.

Introduction

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 October 2025. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011, and the 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 2015). The board of trustees are satisfied with the performance of the charity during the year and the position at 31 October 2025 and consider that the charity is in a position to continue its activities during the coming year and the charity's assets are adequate to fulfil its obligations.

Directors report 2025

We are in our third year as a registered charity and The Meeting Place Wirral (TMP) has continued to advance its charitable objectives within the Birkenhead community. Bible study and prayer is a regular weekly activity, however we have temporarily suspended our Sunday evening services due to lack of attendance. The 2 year SEAN course was completed in November and six students obtained their diplomas in theological studies. A Men's discipleship course has begun and meets every Monday and Friday, to support and encourage those that are new in the faith.

In January 2025 the community shop moved from 23 Oxton Road into the basement of 13-21 Oxton Road in Cook Street. We have reduced our outgoings and through new connections are developing a second hand furniture sales room- receiving donations, collecting and delivering using our bespoke Mercedes Sprinter van. We have reduced our reliance on foodstuffs with the exception of our daily collections from supermarkets. Community breakfast is held every Wednesday morning at TMP and attracts between 15 and 35 people every week.

We have attracted additional ministries to use TMP;

Messianic Roots and Branches

Way of the Spirit ministry

Women's Recovery group

However we have not been successful in attracting new streams of financial support.

Future plans

We are examining the financial support of TMP through one major donor, which means that the financial sustainability is constantly under review and we are looking to reduce costs and increase our exposure through using social media platforms. A course has been prepared in which a number of us will take part, starting in January. We will inform other Christian leaders about the resources we have; allotments, bookshop, reading room, café and community shop and invite them to visit where they can see the opportunity and resources that we have.

Financial Review Transactions and Financial Position

The charity's income in the year was £61,814 (2024: £136,833) after expenditure of £78,338 (2024: £118,536) a deficit of £16,523 (surplus 2024: £18,926) is reported.

General reserves carried forward amounted to £2,420 (2024: £18,396).

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The law applicable to charities requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable group for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- elect suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

- 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. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and the group and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

This report was approved by the board of Trustees on

Mark Anthony Fishleigh
Chair
March 2026

Report of the Independent Examiners to the Trustees on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 October 2025

I report on the financial statements of the charity on pages 5 to 7 for the year ended 31 October 2025.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of opinion and scope of work undertaken

My examination was carried out in accordance to general directions given by the charity commission. An examination includes a review of accounting records, kept by the charity and a comparison of accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items of disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedure undertaken does not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit. Consequently, no opinion is given to whether the accounts present a true and fair view and report is limited to the matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with examination, no matters have come to my attention;

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements;
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Martin Morris

Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 October 2025

INCOME	2025	Note	2024
	£		£
Donations	40,649	2	114,854
Income from charitable activities	<u>21,166</u>	3	<u>21,979</u>
Total Income	61,815		136,833
EXPENDITURE			
Charitable activities	78,338	4	118,176
Governance costs	<u>0</u>	5	<u>360</u>
Total Expenditure	78,338		118,536
Net movement during the year	-16,523		18,297
Total funds brought forward	<u>18,944</u>		<u>646</u>
Total funds carried forward	<u>2,421</u>		<u>18,944</u>

The net movement in funds to above in the net incoming resources as defined in the statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting issued by the Charity Commission for England and Wales and is reconciled to the total funds as shown in the Balance Sheet as required by the said statement.

All Income and Expenditure derive from continuing activities.

Balance Sheet as at 31 October 2025

CURRENT ASSETS	£	Note	£
Cash at Bank	2,421		18,944
LIABILITIES			
Creditors amounts falling due within one year	<u>150</u>	7	<u>548</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>2,271</u>		<u>18,396</u>

Mark Anthony Fishleigh
Approved by the Board of Trustees on

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 October 2025 and are an integral part of the accounts

1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

a) Basis of preparation

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. 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 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

b) Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern. The Charity is entirely dependent on continuing grant and donation support and as a consequence the going concern basis is also dependent on that continuing financial support.

c) Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably. Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any

performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred. Income received in advance of the provision of specified services is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met.

d) Donated services and facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general volunteer time is not recognised and refer to the trustees' annual report for more information about their contribution. On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

e) Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

f) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity.

g) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Costs of raising funds comprise the consists of commercial trading.
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading. Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

h) Allocation of support costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back-office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the charitable activities. These costs have been allocated between costs of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities. The bases on which support costs have been allocated are set out in note 1.

i) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

j) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

k) Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimating reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

l) Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are recognised at transaction value.

2. Donations and Legacies	2025	2024
	£	£
Gifts and donations	23,302	67,037
Grants	8,840	32,473
HMRC Gift Aid	<u>8,507</u>	<u>15,344</u>
	<u>40,649</u>	<u>114,854</u>

The Trust benefits from the involvement and enthusiastic support of its many volunteers, details of which are given in our annual report. In accordance with FRS 102 and the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the economic contribution of general volunteers is not recognised in the accounts.

3. Income from charitable activities	2025	2024
	£	£
Shop and other activities	<u>21,166</u>	<u>21,679</u>

4. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities	2025	2024
	£	£
Catering and subsistence	8,894	13,885
Repairs	1,539	1,736
Rent	31,100	46,683
Subscriptions	237	218
Utilities	2,118	1,445
Bank charges	8	122
Insurance	1,460	489
Purchases	6,039	12,846
Other IT, office and admin. expenses	1,597	10,797
Salaries	23,919	26,214
Motor Expenses	<u>1,427</u>	<u>3,741</u>
	<u>78,338</u>	<u>118,176</u>

5. Analysis of governance and support costs	2025	2024
	£	£
General Support	0	0
Governance Functions - Independent Examiner	<u>0</u>	<u>360</u>
Basis of apportionment - Governance		

6. Analysis of staff costs, Trustee remuneration and expenses and the cost of key management personnel

	2025	2024
	£	£
Salaries	<u>23,919</u>	<u>26,214</u>

No employee had remuneration benefits in excess of £60,000 (2024 - nil)

The number of employees was 1 (2024 - 2)

The Trustees did not receive any remuneration, nor expenses in the current and previous years.

7. Creditor amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accrued expenses	<u>150</u>	<u>360</u>

8. Analysis of charitable funds

Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds

The charity has only one unrestricted general fund. The movements in that fund are shown in the Statement of Financial Activities.

All of the net assets apply to the one unrestricted general fund.

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England & Wales - Charity number 1200773

Accounts

Registered Charity Number 1200773

Company Number CE030477

THE MEETING PLACE WIRRAL
REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 OCTOBER 2024

THE MEETING PLACE WIRRAL
Report and accounts

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THE MEETING PLACE WIRRAL

The report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 October 2024

Introduction

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 October 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and the 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 2015). The board of trustees are satisfied with the performance of the charity during the year and the

Purpose and Activities of the Charity

Charitable Objects

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Director's Report for 2024

In the second year of operations as a Charity, The Meeting Place Wirral has cemented its place as a place of Worship in the Birkenhead Area. Regular Sunday service, Bible study and prayer were supplemented with a SEAN course for nurturing and discipling new and existing Christians.

Regular outreach has been achieved through a Gospel outreach in conjunction with other churches in Birkenhead Town Centre every Saturday.

In the community, we have continued our work with the homeless and disadvantaged, reaching out through our community breakfasts and Community Shop.

We are continuing to provide activities in the local community. The allotments provide activities which will assist people practically and in terms of confidence and mental health. In terms of finances, the Meeting Place still remains dependent on its primary donor. Winter and Summer support grants were obtained from Wirral Borough Council to assist with our breakfast and food support programs. In line with increased attendance, we have rented additional space adjacent to our main worship rooms.

We have also developed close co-operation with other charities and local Government organisations with regard to those who need specialist support – those who are homeless, suffering or recovering from addiction, with mental health issues, veterans, the elderly, refugees and asylum seekers.

Future Plans

The Meeting Place is looking to continue to expand its Gospel outreach in the coming year and is aiming to open up a Christian Library/ Bookshop which provides an environment for meditation and reflection. We will continue to develop activities based on the feedback and demand from the local community.

A major challenge for 2025 will be, to develop new streams of financial support and we will be actively pursuing funding for our Gospel outreach and our ministry to the community of Birkenhead.

Financial Review Transactions and Financial Position

The charity's income in the year was £136,833 (2023: £81,157) after expenditure of £118,536 (2023: £81,058) a surplus of £18,297 (2023: £99) is reported. General reserves carried forward amounted to £18,396 (2023: £99).

Reference and Administrative Details

The legal status of the charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Date of registration: 21 October 2022
The registered office is: 13-15 Oxton Road, Birkenhead, CH41 2QQ
The phone number is: 07836725626
The email address is: meetingplace1079@icloud.com
Charity registration number 1200773

Reference and administrative details

Trustees and officers serving during the year were as follows:

Mark Anthony Fishleigh	Chair
Irene Joan Fishleigh	
Granville Adrian Phillips	Resigned 11 July 2024
Steven Lawrence Pitts	Resigned 30 April 2024
Alan Edwin Maurice McGraa	Appointed 11 July 2024

THE MEETING PLACE WIRRAL

The report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 October 2024 (Continued)

Structure, Governance and Management

New Trustees are recruited by the existing charity trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed to effectively administer the charity.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the commission in exercising their

Independent Examiner

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The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

This report was approved by the board of Trustees on 24 July 2025.

Mark Anthony Fishleigh

Chair

THE MEETING PLACE WIRRAL

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Charity

Report of the Independent Examiners to the Trustees on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 October 2024.

I report on the financial statements of the charity on pages 4 to 8 for the year ended 31 October 2024.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of opinion and scope of work undertaken

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 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Matthew Brown
Adding Value Consultancy Limited

The date upon which my opinion is expressed is: 24 July 2025

THE MEETING PLACE WIRRAL
Statement Of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 31 October 2024

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	Note	2024	2024	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£
Income:					
Donations and legacies	2	114,854	-	114,854	52,304
Income from charitable activities	3	21,979	-	21,979	27,746
Interest income		-	-	-	1,107
Total Income		136,833	-	136,833	81,157
Expenditure:					
Expenditure on charitable activities	4	118,176	-	118,176	80,698
Governance costs	5	360	-	360	360
Total Expenditure		118,536	-	118,536	81,058
Net income/(expenditure) and net		18,297	-	18,297	99
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		99	-	99	-
Total funds carried forward		18,396	-	18,396	99

The net movement in funds to above in the net incoming resources as defined in the statement of Recommendation Practice for Accounting and reporting issued by the Charity Commission for England and Wales and is reconciled to the total funds as shown in the Balance Sheet on page 5 as required by the said statement.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 6 - 8 form an integral part of these accounts

THE MEETING PLACE WIRRAL
Balance Sheet
As at 31 October 2024

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		18,944		459	
		<u>18,944</u>		<u>459</u>	
Liabilities					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	7	548		360	
		<u> </u>	18,396	<u> </u>	99
Net current assets			18,396		99
Total assets less current liabilities			18,396		99
Net Assets			<u>18,396</u>		<u>99</u>
Funds of the charity					
Unrestricted Funds			18,396		99
Total charity funds			<u>18,396</u>		<u>99</u>

Mark Anthony Fishleigh
Approved by the board of Trustees on 24 July 2025

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1 Accounting policies

1a Basis of preparation

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. 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 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The functional currency used by The Meeting Place Wirral is the £ Sterling.

1b Reconciliation with previous Generally Accepted Accounting Practice

In preparing the accounts, the trustees have considered whether in applying the accounting policies required by FRS 102 and the Charities SORP FRS 102 the restatement of comparative items was required.

There were no items as at the transition date which required restatement under FRS 102.

1c Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern. The Charity is entirely dependent on continuing grant and donation support and as a consequence the going concern basis is also dependent on that continuing financial support.

1d Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

1e Donated services and facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and the economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general volunteer time is not recognised and refer to the trustees' annual report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

1f Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

1g Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity.

1h Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

THE MEETING PLACE WIRRAL**Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 October 2024 (continued)****1i Allocation of support costs**

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back-office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the charitable activities. These costs have been allocated between costs of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities. The bases on which support costs have been allocated are set out in note 4.

1j Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1k Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

2. Donations and legacies

	2024	2023
	£	£
Gifts and donations	67,037	47,999
Grants	32,473	4,305
HMRC Gift aid	15,344	-
	<u>114,854</u>	<u>52,304</u>

The Trust benefits from the involvement and enthusiastic support of its many volunteers, details of which are given in our annual report. In accordance with FRS 102 and the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the economic contribution of general volunteers is not recognised in the accounts.

3. Income from charitable activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Shop and other activities	<u>21,979</u>	<u>23,511</u>

4. Analysis of expenditure on church activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Catering and subsistence	13,885	1,492
Repairs	1,736	5,115
Rent	46,683	17,600
Subscriptions	218	206
Utilities	1,445	3,318
Bank charges	122	259
Professional fees	-	259
Insurance	489	671
Purchases	12,846	13,667
Other IT, office and admin expenses	10,797	4,235
Wages & salaries	26,214	33,876
Motor expenses	3,741	-
	<u>118,176</u>	<u>80,698</u>

THE MEETING PLACE WIRRAL**Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 October 2024 (continued)****5. Analysis of governance and support costs**

	General Support	Governance Function	Total £	Basis of apportionment
Independent examiner	-	360	360	Governance
	<u>-</u>	<u>360</u>	<u>360</u>	<u>-</u>

6. Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses, and the cost of key management personnel.

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages & salaries	26,214	33,876
	<u>26,214</u>	<u>33,876</u>

There were no employees who had total remuneration benefits in excess of £60,000 per annum (2023: nil).

The trustees received no remuneration during the year (2023: £nil).

The trustees did not receive any expenses during the year (2023: £nil).

Huw Willis, a trustee, was remunerated as above for professional services as church pastor.

The average number of employees was 2 staff (2023: 2).

7. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accrued expenses	360	360
Other creditors	188	-
	<u>548</u>	<u>360</u>

**8. Analysis of charitable funds
Analysis of movements in funds**

The charity has only one unrestricted general fund. The movements in that fund are shown in the Statement of Financial Activities. All of the net assets apply to the one unrestricted general fund.

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England & Wales - Charity number 1200773

Accounts

Registered Charity Number 1200773

Company number CE030477

**THE MEETING PLACE WIRRAL
REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 OCTOBER 2023**



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Reports and accounts

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The report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 October 2023

Introduction

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 October 2023. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011, and the 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 2015).

The board of trustees are satisfied with the performance of the charity during the year and the position at 31 October 2023 and consider that the charity is in a strong position to continue its activities during the coming year, and the charity's assets are adequate to fulfil its obligations.

Purpose and Activities of the Charity

Charitable Objects:

- The advancement of the Christian faith in such parts of the United Kingdom or the World, as the Trustees think fit.
- Including the providing services for prayer and worship and pastoral care and outreach into the community.
- Including educational classes of relationship and life skills, focussing particularly on the under privileged and disadvantage

Director's Report for 2023

In the first year of operations as a Charity, the Meeting Place Wirral has cemented its place as a place of Worship in the Birkenhead Area. Regular Sunday service, Bible study and prayer were supplemented with an Alpha course for new Christians and a SEAN course for nurturing and discipling new and existing Christians.

Regular outreach has been achieved through a Gospel event at a local theatre in conjunction with 3 other churches or ministries.

In the community, we have continued our work with the homeless and disadvantaged, reaching out through our community breakfasts and community shop. We are continuing to provide activities in the local community. Alongside the allotments, we are running poetry, cooking and painting classes to provide activities which will assist people practically and in terms of confidence and mental health. In terms of finances, the Meeting Place still remains dependent on its primary donor. A winter support grant was obtained from Wirral Borough Council to assist with our breakfast and food support programs. In line with increase, we have rented additional space adjacent to our main worship rooms.

We have also developed close cooperation with other charities and local Government organisations with regard to those who need specialist support – those who are homeless, suffering or recovering from addiction, with mental health issues, veterans, the elderly and refugees and asylum seekers.

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The report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 October 2023

Future Plans

The Meeting Place is looking to continue to expand its Gospel outreach in the coming year and is aiming to open up a Christian Library/ Bookshop which provides an environment for meditation and reflection. We will continue to develop activities based on the feedback and demand from the local community.

A major challenge for 2024 will be, to develop new streams of financial support and we will be actively pursuing funding for our Gospel outreach and our ministry to the community of Birkenhead.

Financial Review

Transactions and Financial position

The charity's income in the year was £81,157 after expenditure of £81,058 a surplus of £99 is reported. General reserves carried forward amounted to £99.

Reference and administrative details

The legal status of the charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Date of registration 21 October 2022

The Registered office is 13-15 Oxtan Road, Birkenhead CH41 2QQ
Phone no.07836725626

Email: meetingplace1079@icloud.com

Charity Registration Number 1200773

Trustees serving during the year end were as follows:

Mark Anthony Fishleigh – Chair

Irene Joan Fishleigh - Trustee

Granville Adrian Phillips - Trustee

Steven Lawrence Pitts - Trustee

Structure, Governance and Management

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

New Trustees are recruited by the existing charity trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed to effectively administer the charity.

Legal Statements

The charity trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the commission in exercising their powers or duties.

Independent Examiner

Malcolm Wright, Elpizo Limited, Chartered Accountants, 13 Village Road, Higher Bebington, Wirral, CH63 8PP

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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

The law applicable to charities requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and

expenditure, of the charitable group for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- 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 to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable

Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

This report was approved by the board of Trustees on 14 February 2024

Signed:

Mark Fishleigh

Chair

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Charity Report of the Independent Examiners to the Trustees on the account of the Charity for the year ended 31 October 2023

I report on the financial statement of the charitable company on page 7 to 13 for the year ended 31 October 2023.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My examination has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and charity's trustees as a body, for my examination, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of opinion and scope of work undertaken

My examination was carried out in accordance to general directions given by the charity commission. An examination includes a review of accounting records, kept by the charity and a comparison of accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items of disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedure undertaken does not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit. Consequently, no opinion is given to whether the accounts present a true and fair view and report is limited to the matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with examination, no matters have come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Malcolm Wright - Chartered Accountant
Elpizo Limited, 13 Village Road, Higher Bebington, Wirral CH63 8PP

The date upon which my opinion is expressed is: 14 February 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 October 2023

		Unrestricted Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	Total Funds 2023
	Notes	£	£	£
Income				
Donations and legacies	2	53,411	-	53,411
Income from charitable activities	3	<u>27,746</u>	-	<u>27,746</u>
Total Income		<u>81,157</u>	-	<u>81,157</u>
Expenditure				
On charitable activities	4	80,698	-	80,698
Governance	5	<u>360</u>	-	<u>360</u>
Total expenditure		<u>81,058</u>	-	<u>81,058</u>
Net income/(expenditure) for the year		99	-	99
Gross transfer between funds		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		99	-	99
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>99</u>	-	<u>99</u>

The net movement in funds to above in the net incoming resources as defined in the Statement of Recommendation Practice for Accounting and reporting issued by the Charity Commission for England and Wales and is reconciled to the total funds as shown in the Balance Sheet on page 8 as required by the said statement.

All activities derive from continuing operation
The notes on page 9 to 13 form an integral part of these accounts

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Balance Sheet
As at 31 October 2023

	Notes	2023	
		£	£
Current Assets			
Cash at the bank and in hand		<u>459</u>	
Total current assets		459	
Creditors: -			
Amount due within one year	8	<u>(360)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>99</u>
Net assets			<u>99</u>
The funds of the charity			
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted revenue accumulated funds			<u>99</u>
Total charity funds			<u>99</u>

Approved by the board of Trustees on 14 February 2024
and signed on their behalf by:

Mark Fishleigh
Chair

The notes on page 9 to 13 form an integral part of these accounts

1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

a) Basis of preparation

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. 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 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

b) Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern. The Charity is entirely dependent on continuing grant and donation support and as a consequence the going concern basis is also dependent on that continuing financial support.

c) Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Income received in advance of the provision of specified services is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met.

d) Donated services and facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general volunteer time is not recognised and refer to the trustees' annual report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 October 2023

e) Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

f) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity.

g) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Costs of raising funds comprise the consists of commercial trading.
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

h) Allocation of support costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back-office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the charitable activities. These costs have been allocated between costs of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities. The bases on which support costs have been allocated are set out in note1.

i) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

j) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

k) Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimating reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

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l) Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are recognised at transaction value.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	2023
	£
Donations	
Gifts and donations	18,497
Grants	4,305
Funds from previous entity	<u>30,609</u>
	<u>53,411</u>

The Trust benefits from the involvement and enthusiastic support of its many volunteers, details of which are given in our annual report. In accordance with FRS 102 and the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the economic contribution of general volunteers is not recognised in the accounts.

3 Income from charitable activities

	2023
	£
Income	
Shop and other activities	<u>27,746</u>
Total income from charitable activities	<u>27,746</u>

4 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	2023
	£
Catering and subsistence	1,492
Repairs	5,115
Rent	17,600
Subscriptions	206
Utilities	3,318
Bank charges	259
Professional fees	259
Insurance	671
Resources	13,667
Other IT, office and admin expenses	4,235
Wages & salaries	<u>33,876</u>
Total expenditure on charitable activities	<u>80,698</u>

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 October 2023

5 Analysis of governance and support costs

The charity initially identifies the costs of its support functions. It then identifies those costs which relate to the governance function. Having identified its governance cost, the remaining support costs together with the governance costs are allocated to the charitable activities undertaken in the year. Refer to the table below for the basis for apportionment and the analysis of support and governance costs:

Analysis of support and governance costs

	General support	Governance Function	Total	Basis of apportionment
	£	£	£	
Independent Examiner	-	360	360	Governance
Total	-	360	360	

6 Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses, and the cost of key management personnel.

2023

£

Salaries and wages

33,876

No employees had employee benefits in excess of £60,000.

The charity trustees were not paid or received any other benefits from employment with charity as trustees in the year; neither were they reimbursed expenses during the year. Except as disclosed above, no charity trustees received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity.

Staff Numbers

The average monthly head count was 2 staff and the average monthly number of full-time equivalent employees (including casual and part-time staff) during the year were as follows:

2023

Number

Charitable activities

2

7 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.

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8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year.

2023

£

Creditors and accruals

360

9 Contingent assets – legacy income

As at 31 October 2023 the charity had not been notified of any legacy income or prospective legacy income.

10 Analysis of charitable funds

Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds

The charity has only one unrestricted general fund. The movements in that fund are shown in the Statement of Financial Activities.

All of the net assets apply to the one unrestricted general fund.