

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

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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.

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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.