

Charity registration number: 1201477

# Ashgrove Trust

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 5 April 2024

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## **Ashgrove Trust**

### **Reference and Administrative Details**

<b>Chairman</b>	Peter James
<b>Trustees</b>	Stephen Robins Eddie Swanson Marcus Evans Peter James
<b>Charity Registration Number</b>	1201477
<b>Principal Office</b>	3 Tyn-Y-Coed Road Pentyrch Cardiff CF15 9NP
<b>Accountant</b>	Hinton Abbott Accountants Swindon SN27RR

## **Ashgrove Trust**

### **Trustees' Report**

The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 7-8 and comply with the Trust Deed and applicable law.

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

##### ***Governing document***

The Charity is an unincorporated trust constituted by a Deed of Trust dated 12 May 1982, most recently amended by Deed of Variation dated 15 August 2014. The Trust was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 3rd January 2023 under Charity Registration Number: 1201477

##### ***Recruitment and appointment of trustees***

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

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

##### ***Wider network***

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

##### ***Risk management***

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

#### **Objectives and activities**

##### ***Objects and aims***

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

##### ***Public benefit***

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

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### Trustees' Report (continued)

#### *Main activities and achievements*

The Trust provides and maintains gospel hall where religious meetings are held by the local Brethren community. Details of the origins, teachings and way of life of the Brethren can be found on the website - [www.plymouthbrethrenchristianchurch.org](http://www.plymouthbrethrenchristianchurch.org) and in the schedules to the Trust Deed.

As a charitable Christian organisation, we carry out a number of tasks to assist mankind in various ways. Both time and money are given to provide a benefit to those around us in need.

#### Charitable Benefit Report for Ashgrove Gospel Hall Trust

##### Overview

The Ashgrove Gospel Hall Trust has proudly supported the Rapid Relief Team (RRT) throughout the past year, facilitating numerous charitable activities aimed at uplifting our local communities. This report highlights key initiatives undertaken by the RRT, showcasing our commitment to serving those in need in Cardiff.

##### Key Activities

##### 1. Meal for the Homeless in Cardiff

Date: Saturday 21st January 2023

Location: Huggard Homeless Shelter Cardiff

Details: On a Saturday morning, the RRT hosted another meal for homeless individuals at one of Cardiff's key shelters. This initiative aimed to ensure that vulnerable citizens received a warm meal and compassionate care.

##### 2. Doddie Weir 555 Foundation Sponsored Bike Ride Breakfast

Date: 9th February 2023

Location: Principality Stadium, Cardiff

Details: In a testament to our commitment to health and community spirit, the RRT organized a breakfast event for participants of the Doddie Weir 555 Foundation sponsored bike ride. Serving an impressive 400 breakfasts at the iconic Principality Stadium, this initiative aimed to fuel the riders while raising awareness for the vital work of the Doddie Weir Foundation, which supports research into motor neurone disease. This event not only provided nourishment but also fostered camaraderie among participants, showcasing our dedication to health-related causes.

##### 3. Meal for the Homeless in Newport

Date: Saturday 26th August 2023

Location: High Street, Newport

Details: The RRT organized a community meal for homeless citizens, successfully serving 190 meals. This event not only provided nourishment but also fostered a sense of community and support for those facing challenging circumstances.

##### 4. Support for Emergency Services Training

Date: September and October 2023

Location: Cardiff International White Water Centre

Details: The RRT collaborated with local emergency services to support their two key training exercises. This partnership not only strengthened community relations but also ensured that our emergency responders are well-prepared for real-life scenarios.

##### 5. Support During Live Fire Situations

Date: 13th December 2023

Location: Near Aberdare

Details: The RRT provided vital support to emergency services during live fire situations. This assistance was crucial in managing the safety of the community and ensuring effective responses to emergencies.

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## **Ashgrove Trust**

### **Trustees' Report (continued)**

The activities undertaken by the Ashgrove Gospel Hall Trust have significantly impacted the lives of many individuals within our community. By providing meals and support to the homeless, we have helped alleviate some of the immediate hardships they face. Additionally, our collaboration with emergency services enhances community safety and preparedness, showcasing our dedication to the welfare of all citizens.

#### **Acknowledgments**

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all volunteers, and community members who contributed their time and resources to make these initiatives possible. Your support is invaluable in helping us achieve our mission.

#### **Plans for Future Periods**

The Ashgrove Gospel Hall Trust remains committed to supporting the Rapid Relief Team in its charitable endeavours. Together, we will continue to make a positive impact on our local communities, offering assistance and hope to those who need it most.

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

#### **Meetings**

Meetings held at the Gospel halls include the Lord's Supper (Communion), Gospel preachings, Bible readings and Bible addresses. There is a structured weekly schedule of meetings and, depending on the particular meeting, between 40 and 600 people normally attend these occasions.

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

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

#### ***Spreading the Gospel message and the life of a Christian***

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

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

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

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

We regularly go out from our homes to preach on the streets, to distribute Christian literature and engage with the wider community (including former Brethren) in order to present eternal salvation, available to all men by faith in Jesus Christ. (2 Tim 4:2).

We seek as members of the public to lead Christian lives as husbands and wives, parents, children, employers, employees and neighbours. (Col 3:22-25, Col 4:1).

## Ashgrove Trust

### Trustees' Report (continued)

The preservation and protection of the family unit is fundamental and children are prized as a blessing from God. (Psalm 127:3-5). The elderly are valued members of the community, for whom both their family and the wider community are expected to care.

Holy Scripture commands us to be good neighbours to others, and deal with all other people (including former Brethren) openly, honestly and fairly and consistent with these principles, we should give our time, talents and money to assist those in need in the wider community, in so far as reasonable given our abilities and our available resources. (Matt 7:12, Matt 22:39, Eph 4:28).

#### *Funding*

Funding is sought through gifts from the congregation and Gift Aid is claimed on eligible donations. Funding is sometimes received from other charitable trusts with complementary objectives.

#### *Financial review*

##### *Financial position*

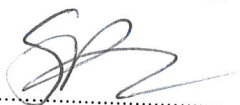
In the year ended 5 April 2024 the Trust has a surplus of £9,170 (2023: £77,440) of incoming resources over resources expended. Total voluntary income received this year was £47,406 compared to £110,520 in the previous year.

##### *Reserves policy*

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and the level of financial commitments. The Trustees consider that no reserves policy is needed as expenditure is very minimal and infrequent. The Trustees aim to ensure that the charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure, by raising a funds appeal.

Free reserves at the year end were £Nil (2023- £Nil)

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 27.01.25 and signed on its behalf by:



Stephen Robins  
Trustee

## Ashgrove Trust

### Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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

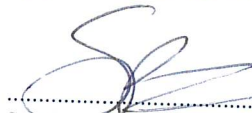
The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial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

- 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 accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

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

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions. All transactions have been reviewed and approved by two trustees.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 27.01.25 and signed on its behalf by:

  
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Stephen Robins  
Trustee



**Accountants' Report to the Trustees on the Preparation of the Unaudited Statutory  
Accounts of  
Ashgrove Trust  
for the Year Ended 5 April 2024**

In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2006, we have prepared for your approval the accounts of Ashgrove Trust for the year ended 5 April 2024 as set out on pages 8 to 14 from the company's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

This report is made solely to the Trustees of Ashgrove Trust, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the accounts of Ashgrove Trust and state those matters that we have agreed to state to the Trustees of Ashgrove Trust, as a body, in this report. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Ashgrove Trust and its Trustees as a body for our work or for this report.

It is your duty to ensure that Ashgrove Trust has kept adequate accounting records and to prepare statutory accounts that give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and of Ashgrove Trust. You consider that Ashgrove Trust is exempt from the statutory audit requirement for the year.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit or a review of the accounts of Ashgrove Trust. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the statutory accounts.



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Hinton Abbott Accountants  
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Date: 14/11/24 .....

# Ashgrove Trust

## Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 5 April 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2024 £
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>			
Donations and legacies		47,406	47,406
Total income	2	47,406	47,406
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Charitable activities		38,236	38,236
Total expenditure	4	38,236	38,236
Net income		9,170	9,170
Net movement in funds		9,170	9,170
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>			
Total funds brought forward		891,862	891,862
Total funds carried forward	6	901,032	901,032
		<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Total</b>
	Note	<b>£</b>	<b>2023</b>
			<b>£</b>
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>			
Donations and legacies		110,520	110,520
Total income	2	110,520	110,520
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Charitable activities		33,080	33,080
Total Expenditure	4	33,080	33,080
Total expenditure		33,080	33,080
Net movement in funds		77,440	77,440
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>			
Total funds brought forward		814,422	814,422
Total funds carried forward	6	891,862	891,862

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.  
The funds breakdown for 2024 and 2023 is shown in note 6.

# Ashgrove Trust

(Registration number: Not registered)  
Balance Sheet as at 5 April 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	5	902,032	923,362
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>		<u>(1,000)</u>	<u>(1,500)</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		901,032	921,862
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>(30,000)</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>901,032</u>	<u>891,862</u>
<b>Funds of the charity:</b>			
<b>Unrestricted income funds</b>			
Unrestricted funds		<u>901,032</u>	<u>891,862</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	6	<u>901,032</u>	<u>891,862</u>

The financial statements on pages 8 to 14 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 27.1.25 and signed on their behalf by:



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Stephen Robins  
Trustee

## Ashgrove Trust

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 5 April 2024

#### 1 Accounting policies

##### **Basis of preparation financial statements**

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The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Second edition of 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) issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

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

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

##### **Income**

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

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

Investment income is accounted for on a receivable basis.

##### **Expenditure**

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

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

##### **Governance and support costs**

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and costs related to statutory requirements. Governance and support costs are allocated to charitable activities on the basis of capacity used.

## **Ashgrove Trust**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 5 April 2024 (continued)**

#### **Taxation**

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

#### **Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets (costing more than £1,000) are stated at cost less depreciation. Freehold land is not depreciated. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Freehold buildings 2% straight line (except where we have been unable to differentiate between land and building cost)

Temporary buildings 20% straight line

Fixtures and Fittings 10% straight line

#### **Fund structure**

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

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

#### **Going Concern**

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

#### **Significant estimates and judgements**

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

#### **Trustees' remuneration and expenses**

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

#### **Wages and salaries**

There are no employees (2023: none).



## Ashgrove Trust

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 5 April 2024 (continued)

#### 2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Donations and legacies;		
Donations from individuals	30,000	30,000
Donated services from Cardiff GHT	17,406	17,406
<b>Total for 2024</b>	<u>47,406</u>	<u>47,406</u>
<b>Total for 2023</b>	<u>110,520</u>	<u>110,520</u>

#### 3 Analysis of governance and support costs

##### Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Accountancy fees			
Fees paid to Accountants	400	400	900
Legal fees	-	-	1,434
	<u>400</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>2,334</u>

#### 4 Resources expended

	2024 £	2023 £
Insurance	1,647	2,654
Water Rates	287	855
Electricity	7,706	3,272
Repairs & Maintenance	6,366	1,750
Legal Fees	-	1,434
Accountancy	400	900
Rent for Car park	500	500
Sundry	-	56
Depreciation	21,330	21,660
<b>Total</b>	<u>38,236</u>	<u>33,080</u>

## Ashgrove Trust

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 5 April 2024 (continued)

#### 5 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Furniture and equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>			
At 6 April 2023	<u>1,066,491</u>	<u>1,650</u>	<u>1,068,141</u>
At 5 April 2024	<u>1,066,491</u>	<u>1,650</u>	<u>1,068,141</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 6 April 2023	143,129	1,650	144,779
Charge for the year	<u>21,330</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,330</u>
At 5 April 2024	<u>164,459</u>	<u>1,650</u>	<u>166,109</u>
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 5 April 2024	<u><u>902,032</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>902,032</u></u>
At 5 April 2023	<u><u>923,362</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>923,362</u></u>

Title Numbers: CYM439440 £345,000, WA513224 £394,964, CYM306297 £326,527

## Ashgrove Trust

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 5 April 2024 (continued)

#### 6 Movement in Funds

	Balance at 6 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 5 April 2024 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General	<u>891,862</u>	<u>47,406</u>	<u>(38,236)</u>	<u>901,032</u>
	Balance at 6 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 5 April 2023 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General	<u>814,422</u>	<u>110,520</u>	<u>(33,080)</u>	<u>891,862</u>

#### 7 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 5 April 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	902,032	902,032
Current liabilities	<u>(1,000)</u>	<u>(1,000)</u>
Total net assets	<u>901,032</u>	<u>901,032</u>
	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 5 April 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	923,362	923,362
Current liabilities	(1,500)	(1,500)
Creditors over 1 year	<u>(30,000)</u>	<u>(30,000)</u>
Total net assets	<u>891,862</u>	<u>891,862</u>

#### 8 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

#### 9. Volunteers

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