

Annual Report for 2024 AGM Trustees of Old Chapel (Unitarian) Great Hucklow

We have had a busy and successful year, including becoming registered as a CIO in February 2024 (Registered Charity Number: 1207045).

Trustees: We were greatly saddened by the death of Roger Newton in April 2024. Roger had been our Treasurer since the previous AGM and has left a large hole in our small community. Luke Povey tendered his resignation as a Trustee in September 2024, and we thank him for his hard work over a number of years. We were pleased to welcome Tim Baker to the Trustees and hope to expand the membership further at this AGM. I extend my grateful thanks to Ed for his inspiration and dedication as Lay Leader and to our fellow Trustees for their support in ensuring the Chapel continues to thrive.

Worship: We have held services on the first Sunday of every month, opting to have services at 11am from April to September, and at 2pm from October to March. The congregation is often small, but is frequently expanded by visitors from the Nightingale Centre. We have had large gatherings for the FOY Society 100th Anniversary and the Music Society. The Chapel remains a welcoming and inclusive environment to nurture the spirit.

Chapel Activities: The Armistice Service in November 2023 was a moving experience, attended by the Lord Lieutenant of Derbyshire and several local Councillors, along with members of the congregation, villagers and schoolchildren. The Carol Service in December was led by Ministry Students from Unitarian College, Manchester, as has become tradition. The service was well attended and enjoyed by all. Activities at Easter included distribution of hot cross buns to residents of Hucklow and neighbouring villages, and an Easter Egg hunt and quiz for the FOY Society, who were welcomed for their 100th Anniversary, and local community. The new Chapel banner was completed in time to be included in the parade at the GA Annual Meeting. We received the report of the Quinquennial Survey, carried out in September 2023, just over a year after the inspection, and were reassured that no major structural work is needed to maintain the buildings. We have arranged for internet provision and this will be activated soon. The Chapel continues to collect teddies for children attending Send a Child to Hucklow (SACH) holidays at the Nightingale Centre and they remain a source of joy.

Chapel Grounds: The peace pole continues to demonstrate our pledge to work towards a peaceful future, in the face of ongoing worldwide conflict. The grounds are well maintained by James Warriner and our thanks go to him for the sensitive way in which he tends the grassed areas, but also for repairing the wall and turning the gravestone that had been toppled over during the tornado. Two trees were removed following tornado damage, but left with tall stumps. James has constructed a bench between the stumps, which has been dedicated to Mark Vallance with a small plaque. We held a garden party for members and friends of the Chapel in October, and invited visitors to enjoy the view from the bench.

Community Activities: The Chapel has hosted a number of busy local events, including a Cream Tea event, which was held in glorious sunshine and raised money for SACH. There was also a successful Makers Market, allowing many local craftspeople to display their skills and sell their products. A tea and cakes afternoon brought together many older residents from the village and the Chapel was open during the National Garden event in August, which brought visitors to the Nightingale Centre. The

Chapel also hosted the Children's Well Dressing again, and we were grateful to Rev. Stephanie Bisby for attending to bless the wells on behalf of the Chapel.

Accounts: The Chapel is in a sustainable financial position, but we must remain mindful to explore sources of income, to allow us to pursue the projects that keep the Chapel vibrant and alive.

Judith Short, Chair of Trustees, November 2024

The Old Chapel - Great Hucklow
Receipts and Payments Accounts
Year ended 30 September 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Receipts		
Dividends and Interest (Note 1)	5,198	5,018
Donations (Note 2)	984	399
Offertories	-	120
Grants	5,100	-
	<u>11,282</u>	<u>5,537</u>
Payments		
Repairs and maintenance	8,854	1,873
Fuel and Water	2,730	3,765
Activities	203	645
Insurance	1,349	2,167
Donations and Fees	-	40
Accountancy	-	120
Newsletter	-	-
Pulpit Costs	2,250	2,850
Bank charges	60	60
	<u>15,445</u>	<u>11,520</u>
Excess of Payments over Receipts	<u>- 4,163</u>	<u>- 5,983</u>

The Old Chapel - Great Hucklow
Balance Sheet
Year ended 30 September 2024

		2024	2023
		£	£
Assets			
	COIF Investments (Note 3)	18,400	18,400
	CAF Bank Account	7,187	4,055
	CAF Gold Extra Account	27,081	34,376
		<u>52,668</u>	<u>56,831</u>
Funds			
	Legacies Account (Unrestricted)	22,200	22,200
	Reserve Fund (unrestricted)		
	Brought forward	34,631	
	Current	- 4,163	
		30,468	34,631
		<u>52,668</u>	<u>56,831</u>

The accounts were approved by the congregation on 3.11.24 and were signed on their behalf by:


 Name:


 Name:

The Old Chapel - Great Hucklow
Notes to the Accounts
Year ended 30 September 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
1 Dividends and Interest		
Birtles Trust	2,814	2,559
Charities Official Investment Fund	1,668	1,643
Interest received	716	69
	<u>5,198</u>	<u>4,270</u>
 2 Donations Received		
Ordinary	984	227
	<u>984</u>	<u>227</u>

3 Investments

Investments comprise 3037.90 units in the Charities Official Investment Fund (COIF). At 30 September 2023 the market value of these investments was £61,580 (2023: £56,222).

In addition, The Great Hucklow Old Chapel Trust (The Birtles Bequest) Investments, which are administered by Sheffield and District Association of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches (Incorporated) had a market value of £127,738 at 30 September 2024 (2023: £116,004).

Independent Examiner's Report to the Congregation of The Old Chapel (Unitarian)
Great Hucklow

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I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 30 September 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity Trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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