

THE DOWN GOSPEL TRUST
Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 5th April 2024

THE DOWN GOSPEL TRUST
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2024

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THE DOWN GOSPEL TRUST
REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2024

<u>CHARITY NAME</u>	The Down Gospel Trust
<u>REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER</u>	247217
<u>TRUSTEES</u>	Mr. A. Lamming Mr. J.A. Nunn Mr. L. Pocock Mr. G.A. Turner (Chair) resigned 01.04.2024 Mr. H.R. Turner (Chair) appointed 10.04.2024 Mr. T. Van As
<u>TREASURER</u>	Mr. J.A. Nunn
<u>PRINCIPAL ADDRESS</u>	C/O Mr. J.A. Nunn, 150 London Road, Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN15 3BB
<u>INDEPENDENT EXAMINER AND ACCOUNTANT</u>	Keith F. Pavey, Broadoak Accounting Services, 6 The Oaks, Wembdon Rise, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 7QL.
<u>BANKERS</u>	HSBC, 2 Market Place, Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN15 3HE.

THE DOWN GOSPEL TRUST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2024

The Trustees present their Report along with the Financial Statements of the Charity for the Year Ended 5TH April 2024. The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 9 and comply with the Trust Deed and applicable law.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The Charity is controlled by a Deed of Trust, and constitutes an Unincorporated Charity.

The Down Gospel Trust is constituted by a Deed of Trust dated 24th May 1965, subsequent amending Deeds, and most recently by a Deed of Variation dated 9th January 2015. The Trust was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 19th April 1966 under Charity Registration Number: 247217.

Recruitment and Appointment of New Trustees

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, nor in the preceding financial year.

The Trust operates four Gospel Halls and Trustees are chosen from among the regular congregation of the halls. 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 Trustees of similar Charities with a view to pooling experience considered useful in pursuing the objects of the Charity.

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

Objectives 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, and in accord with the further detail on Page 3 under "Spreading the Gospel message".

THE DOWN GOSPEL TRUST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2024 (CONTINUED)

Main Activities and achievements

The Trust provides and maintains five Gospel Halls 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 their website - www.plymouthbrethrenchristianchurch.org and in the schedules to the Trust Deed.

The Trust's main achievements this year have been to complete the Property at Woodbarn Farm, Stanton St. Quintin in order to provide a further Gospel Hall, and to maintain the Gospel Halls held, for the continuing use of the congregation and visitors. It has also encouraged works by the congregation, as described below.

Meetings

Meetings normally 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 20 and 800 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 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 and to be handed out to interested members of the public. Such preachings took place regularly twice a week throughout the year from two locations in Chippenham and with over ten congregation members regularly preaching.

In addition, members of the congregation have undertaken public benefit and outreach work in accord with the Public Benefit Report attached. This included keeping verges cut and areas tidy and litter free including some byways in the vicinity of the principal Gospel Hall, with free labour and, where appropriate machinery. Refreshments were also provided for a charitable Scarecrow Festival in Kington Langley.

Members of the congregation have also supported a separate charity, the Rapid Relief Team, in its activities in the local area. This included providing hot catering and refreshments for a Bath Royal United Hospital fundraising walk; the Heals of Malmesbury Activity Day; two Dorset and Wilts Fire and Rescue incidents; Wiltshire Search and Rescue occasions for search and training respectively; an Air Ambulance fundraising day, and a meal for the homeless. Food boxes were also donated to local charities and Spring Water to Dorset and Wilts Fire and Rescue.

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:-

1. 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).

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2024 (CONTINUED)

Spreading the Gospel message and the life of a Christian (Continued)

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).
3. 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).
4. 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.
5. 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).

Volunteers

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

Funding

Funding is sought through gifts and donations from the congregation. Grants are sometimes received from other charitable trusts with complementary objectives. Gift aid is also claimed on relevant gifts.

Financial review

Financial position

In the Year ended 5th April 2024 the Trust had a deficit amounting to £30,214 of Incoming Resources against Resources Expended (after Depreciation charged of £96,449).

Total voluntary Income received this Year was £122,805 compared to £199,241 in the Year to 5th April 2023. Monies held on Bank Accounts at the year end totalled £80,243.

All Funds held were Unrestricted Funds.

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 have a programme of raising further funds by way of donations and collections, and if necessary loans, in order to fund intended projects, and to facilitate repayment of existing lending. The congregation is kept regularly informed of needs accordingly, including matters referred to in the paragraphs below.

Free reserves at the year end were £85,038, which will assist the further intentions referred to below.

Activity since the Year End and Plans for Future Periods

The Trust plans to continue all the current activities. The Trust is continuing to look for a site for a further Gospel Hall. It is also pursuing options in relation to The Plough Inn adjoining the principal Gospel Hall site.

Despite the increased cost of energy and other overheads, the Trustees feel that such increased costs will not sufficiently impact on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern.

THE DOWN GOSPEL TRUST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2024 (CONTINUED)

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the Trust Deed require 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, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those Financial Statements, the Trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 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 which 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 Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They 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:

All transactions have been reviewed and approved by two Trustees.

On behalf of the board:

Trustee

Date:

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE DOWN GOSPEL TRUST
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2024

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Down Gospel Trust for the year ended 5th April 2024, which are set out on pages 7 to 12.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

BASIS OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

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 at 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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Date: 26TH SEPTEMBER 2024.

THE DOWN GOSPEL TRUST
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2024

<u>ALL ITEMS RELATE TO UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</u>	<u>Year to</u> <u>05.04.2024</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Year to</u> <u>05.04.2023</u> <u>£</u>
<u>INCOME FROM</u>		
Contributions from the Congregation	37,200	31,400
Gift-Aid Donations	24,095	39,045
Tax Refunds on Gift-Aid	6,024	9,761
Other Donations – Individuals	3,795	9,344
Company Donations	51,100	109,100
Payroll Giving	591	591
Interest Received	1,765	1,096
<u>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</u>	<u>124,570</u>	<u>200,337</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE ON</u>		
<u>PROPERTY RUNNING COSTS</u>		
Council Tax, Water & Sewerage	3,613	4,156
Light and Heat	16,161	12,422
Repairs, Maintenance & Security	11,087	10,660
Grounds Maintenance	2,640	4,934
Cleaning and Consumables	937	759
Waste Disposal	397	404
Telephone and Broadband	920	927
Insurance	8,533	7,152
Professional Expenses	3,558	192
Sundry	923	160
Training	450	0
Depreciation	96,449	91,892
	<u>145,668</u>	<u>133,658</u>
<u>OTHER CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</u>		
Congregation – Covid Test Kits	2,534	9,715
Conference Travel & other costs	1,263	161
<u>GOVERNANCE COSTS</u>		
Accountancy and Independent Examiner	2,565	2,345
Professional Support Costs	2,754	3,918
<u>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</u>	<u>154,784</u>	<u>149,797</u>
<u>NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</u>	<u>(30,214)</u>	<u>50,540</u>
<u>TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD</u>	<u>2,444,964</u>	<u>2,394,424</u>
<u>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</u>	<u>2,414,750</u>	<u>2,444,964</u>

The notes on pages 9 to 12 form a part of these Financial Statements. All of the above activities are classed as continuing and there are no gains or losses other than those included above.

THE DOWN GOSPEL TRUST
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 5TH APRIL 2024

		As at <u>05.04.2024</u> £	As at <u>05.04.2023</u> £
<u>TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS</u>	Note 2		
Freehold Property		2,295,236	2,331,813
Furniture, Fittings and Equipment		34,476	13,180
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<u>TOTAL FIXED ASSETS</u>		2,329,712	2,344,993
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<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>			
Debtors		2,954	3,530
Prepayments		6,432	8,035
Bank Accounts		80,243	164,511
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		89,629	176,076
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<u>LESS: CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			
<u>Amounts Falling Due Within One Year</u>			
Creditors		996	1,612
Accruals		3,595	2,410
Unsecured Loans		0	72,083
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		4,591	76,105
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<u>NET CURRENT ASSETS</u>		85,038	99,971
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<u>NET ASSETS</u>		2,414,750	2,444,964
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Represented by:-			
<u>FUNDS – UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</u>			
General Fund		2,414,750	2,444,964
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<u>Closing Balance</u>		2,414,750	2,444,964
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The Unaudited Financial Statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees of The Down Gospel Trust on the undermentioned date, and were signed on their behalf by

_____ Trustee _____ Date

The Notes on Pages 9 to 12 form part of these Financial Statements.

THE DOWN GOSPEL TRUST
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of Financial Statements

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 Accounting Practice.

The functional currency of the Charity is Sterling (£).

The Charity 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 notes.

1.2 Incoming Resources

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 donations 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 to The Down Gospel Trust is considered to be equal to market value which would be paid were the services formally procured. Investment Income is accounted for on a receivable basis.

1.3 Resources Expended

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.

1.4 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.

1.5 Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Freehold Property

Tangible Fixed Assets 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 Property – Kington Langley and at The Plough Inn - 4% per annum – Straight line basis

Freehold Property – Gospel Hall, Stanton St. Quintin – 4% per annum – Straight line basis from 1.10.2023

Freehold Property – Other Halls - Not charged as overall value exceeds book value

Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment - 25% per annum – Reducing balance basis

1.6 Taxation

The Trust is a registered Charity and is not liable to United Kingdom taxation on charitable activities, provided Income falls within the Charitable exemptions and is spent on charitable purposes.

1.7 Funds

All Funds are General Unrestricted Funds and are free for the Trustees to use for any purpose in furtherance of the Trust's charitable objects.

1.8 Going Concern

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

THE DOWN GOSPEL TRUST
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2024 (CONTINUED)

2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

(a) These Comprise

	<u>Freehold Land and Buildings</u>	<u>Furniture, Fittings and Equipment</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>COST</u>	£	£	£
As at 06.04.2023	3,156,258	165,419	3,321,677
Additions	52,355	28,813	81,168
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As at 05.04.2024	3,208,613	194,232	3,402,845
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<u>DEPRECIATION</u>			
As at 06.04.2023	824,445	152,239	976,684
Charge for Year	88,932	7,517	96,449
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As at 05.04.2024	913,377	159,756	1,073,133
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<u>NET BOOK VALUE</u>			
As at 05.04.2024	2,295,236	34,476	2,329,712
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As at 05.04.2023	2,331,813	13,180	2,344,993
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(b) **TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

FREEHOLD LAND AND BUILDINGS Comprise:-

	<u>As at 06.04.2023</u>	<u>Additions at Cost</u>	<u>Depreciation for Year</u>	<u>As at 05.04.2024</u>
<u>NET BOOK VALUE</u>	£	£	£	£
<u>Meeting Halls</u>				
Goldney Avenue, Chippenham	137,051	0	0	137,051
Hill Corner Road, Chippenham	154,938	0	0	154,938
Cocklebury Road, Chippenham	163,933	0	0	163,933
Kington Langley, Chippenham	1,222,877	0	73,689	1,149,188
At Woodbarn Farm, Stanton St. Quintin	148,964	52,355	1,433	199,886
<u>Property adjoining Kington Langley Hall</u>				
At The Plough Inn, Chippenham	504,050	0	13,810	490,240
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	2,331,813	52,355	88,932	2,295,236
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THE DOWN GOSPEL TRUST
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2024 (CONTINUED)

2. **TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS** (Continued)

(c) **FREEHOLD PROPERTY**

Land Registry Title Numbers of the Freehold Property owned are as follows:-

Goldney Avenue, Chippenham	WT 266821
Hill Corner Road, Chippenham	WT 164617
Cocklebury Road, Chippenham	WT 144165
Kington Langley, Chippenham	WT 242181
At The Plough Inn, Kington Langley, Chippenham	WT113047
Woodbarn Farm, Stanton St. Quintin	WT457251

3. **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S FEES**

	Year to <u>05.04.2024</u>	Year to <u>05.04.2023</u>
	£	£
These were:-	2,565	2,345
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4. **TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES**

No Trustee received any remuneration or other benefits for services rendered in the Year, or the preceding year. Expenses incurred were reimbursed, if applicable, at cost, with no benefit whatsoever arising.

5. **EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS**

The Trust had No employees in this year or the preceding year. The Trust relies on volunteers to carry out Management, Administration and certain Maintenance work.

6. **DONATED SERVICES**

There were no donated services expended in this year or the preceding year.

7. **RESOURCES EXPENDED**

These were:-

	Year to <u>05.04.2024</u>	Year to <u>05.04.2023</u>
	£	£
Direct Costs	149,465	143,534
Support Costs	2,754	3,918
Governance Costs	2,565	2,345
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	154,784	149,797
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THE DOWN GOSPEL TRUST
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2024 (CONTINUED)

8. MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS

	Year to <u>05.04.2024</u>	Year to <u>05.04.2023</u>
<u>General Fund</u>	£	£
<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		
Opening Balance	2,444,964	2,394,424
Incoming Resources	124,570	200,337
Resources Expended	(154,784)	(149,797)
Closing Balance	<u>2,414,750</u>	<u>2,444,964</u>

There were No Restricted Funds at any time in the 2 Years to 5th April 2024.

9. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

- (a) During the year to 5th April 2023 the charity purchased a property at Woodbarn Farm, Stanton, St. Quintin at a price of £122,996 plus legal costs from Mr. Andy Turner, Father of Mr. George Turner, a Trustee. This reflected a price less than the price (including costs) which Mr. Andy Turner had himself acquired in 2021, but in addition the vendor had acquired planning permission for a Gospel Hall, enhancing the value of the property meanwhile. The purchase was considered in the best interest of the charity and no benefit is considered to have arisen to any Trustee or Related Party. A Gospel Hall has since been completed at this location.

- (b) Donations were received from Trustees and parties connected thereto, in the following totals:-

	Year to <u>05.04.2024</u>	Year to <u>05.04.2023</u>
	£	£
	<u>28,435</u>	<u>29,309</u>

10. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS AND CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

No Capital commitments have been entered into to date, since the year end. The Trust is continuing to look for a site for a further Gospel Hall. It is also pursuing options in relation to The Plough Inn adjoining the principal Gospel Hall site.

The Down Gospel Trust

Charity No 247217

Public Benefit & Outreach

For the year to 5th April 2024

One of the Trust's principal activities that furthers its objective's is providing a facility for the coordination of outreach work into the wider community.

This report details some of the work carried out by the Trust and its volunteers during the year to 5th April 2024.

Gospel tracts and literature available from the Gospel Hall

A comprehensive range of gospel tracts, literature and Bibles is made available and maintained in a display located in the foyer of the Trust's principal Gospel Hall. This is advertised on a notice board located at the street entrance.

Street Preaching

The gospel message is preached in the Chippenham town centre twice a week from two strategic locations, we have over ten Preachers from our community who regularly attend these open air preachings.

Support for Local Community

Members of our congregation have been involved in supporting numerous local causes during the year, a few examples are:

- Providing cakes and refreshments in June 23 for the Scarecrow Festival in Kington Langley which raises money for local charities and projects.
- Keeping verges cut and general area neat, tidy, and free from litter in Malmesbury road- the vicinity of our principal Gospel Hall.

Rapid Relief Team 'RRT'

The Trust is an active supporter of the RRT charity with 48 of our congregation being registered volunteers and involved in their regular charitable work and regular monthly monetary donations are made from separate funds contributed to by the Congregation. Some of the RRT work our congregation's volunteers have been involved in during this period are:

Providing hot catering and refreshments for:

- Bath Royal United Hospital's Walk of Life fundraising event on Saturday 20th May 23.
- Dorset & Wilts Fire and Rescue at thatch house fire in Studley, Wilts on Saturday 20th May 23.
- Dorset & Wilts Fire and Rescue at thatch house fire in Urchfont, Wilts on 15th June 23.

- Wiltshire Search & Rescue during missing person search in Chippenham on 1st July 23.
- Heals Charity children's activity day in Malmesbury, Wilts on 1st September 23.
- Wiltshire Air Ambulance fundraising day at the airbase in Semington, Wilts on 23rd September 23.
- WILSAR (Wiltshire Search & Rescue) training exercise on 30th Sep 23.
- Methodist Church meal for the homeless at Sheldon Road Church, Chippenham, Wilts on 25th Nov 23.
- Pallet of Spring Water donated to Dorset & Wilts F&RS in June 23.

Donation of 80 x RRT Food Boxes to the following Charities during July 23:

- Heals in Malmesbury, Wilts.
- The Rise Trust in Chippenham, Wilts.
- Silverwood School in Chippenham, Wilts.







Food Box Donations.