

# SEFTON GOSPEL HALL TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 519464

## Details

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**Other names** SEFTON TRUST

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Trust

**Registered** 1988-01-27

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE CARRYING ON OF THE SERVICE OF GOD INCLUDING THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER GOSPEL PREACHING READINGS ON THE HOLY SCRIPTURE AND ADDRESSES ON THE WORD OF GOD AND OTHER MEETINGS OF A CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS CHARACTER ACCORDING TO THE INJUNCTIONS CONTAINED IN THE HOLY SCRIPTURES AND THE TENETS AND PRACTICES OF THOSE CHRISTIANS FORMING PART OF A WORLD -WIDE FELLOWSHIP SOMTIMES KNOWN AS "THE BRETHREN". FOR FURTHER DETAILS SEE CLAUSE 2 OF DEED.

**Activities:** The objects of the trust are the provision and maintenance of Gospel Halls for Christian worship, reading of the scriptures and preaching of the word of God.

## Classification

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- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Cheshire East
- Cheshire West & Chester
- Shropshire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£159,610	£104,218	-	-
2024-04-05	£262,493	£93,597	-	-
2023-04-05	£60,680	£75,285	-	-
2022-04-05	£60,680	£75,285	-	-
2021-04-05	£173,230	£88,078	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
KEITH ROBERT WELLS		
MARTIN CANE		
SIMON ROGER HARVEY		
STEPHEN JAMES BOYT		2013-11-26
Vernon Bruce Wells		2024-08-07

**SEFTON GOSPEL HALL TRUST**

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# Accounts

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# **Trustees Report & Unaudited Financial Statements**

Sefton Gospel Hall Trust  
For the year ended 5 April 2025

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# Legal and Administrative Information

## Sefton Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2025

**Charity Name:**

Sefton Gospel Hall Trust

**Registered Charity Number:**

519464

**Trustees:**

Mr D Hutchins (Chair until resignation) (resigned 7th August 2024)

Mr K Wells

Mr S Harvey

Mr M Cane

Mr S Boyt

Mr V Wells (Chair since appointment) (appointed 7th August 2024)

**Treasurer:**

Mr K Wells

**Principle Address:**

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Crewe  
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**Independent Examiner:**

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**Accountant:**

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# Report of the Trustees

## Sefton Gospel Hall Trust

### For the year ended 5 April 2025

The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 5 April 2025. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 11-12 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 17 October 1987, most recently amended by Deed of Variation dated 09 January 2015. The trust was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 27 January 1988 under Charity Registration Number: 519464

##### Recruitment and appointment of new Trustees

The Trustees who have served during the year and since the year end are set out on page 3. None of the Trustees, nor any person connected with them, received any remuneration or expenses from the Charity in the year ended 5 April 2025.

The Trust operates 5 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 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.

Details of public benefit activities carried out by Sefton Gospel Hall Trust can be found in the separate appendix to this report.

## **Main activities and achievements**

The Trust provides and maintains 5 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 the website - [www.plymouthbrethrenchristianchurch.org](http://www.plymouthbrethrenchristianchurch.org) and in the schedules to the Trust Deed.

During the year, the trust commenced the refurbishment work to the recently acquired meeting room on Heath Road, Sandbach.

## **Plans for future periods**

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 30 and 400 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 where 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).
- 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

In the year ended 5 April 2025 the Trust had a surplus of incoming resources over resources expended.

Total voluntary income received this year was £154,939 compared to £262,747 in the previous year.

There was a transfer of funds of £55,000 from unrestricted funds to designated funds in view of saving funds for the acquisition of a new gospel hall.

## Reserves Policy

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs, based on its size and the level of its financial commitments. The Trust has no employees and its regular outgoings are minimal. The Trustees have decided to raise a level of reserves suitable to repair and improve a gospel hall that was recently acquired as well as reserves to invest in another gospel hall in the near future. The congregation is kept regularly informed as to particular needs for funds, and other relevant matters and 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 to the congregation.

Free Reserves at the year end were £99,423 ( 2024: £44,239)

### 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 (FRS 102);
- 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;
  
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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:

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Mr K Wells (Trustee)

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Date

# Report of the Independent Examiner

## Sefton Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Sefton Gospel Hall Trust for the year ended 5 April 2025.

### 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 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 of 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 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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Lloyd Tunley  
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17 October 2025

# Statement of Financial Activities

## Sefton Gospel Hall Trust

For the year ended 5 April 2025

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2025	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
<b>Income and endowments:</b>					
<b>Donations and Legacies:</b>					
Contributions from the Congregation	72,320	-	-	72,320	53,386
Gift Aid Donations	66,095	-	-	66,095	143,270
Income Tax refunds	16,524	-	-	16,524	35,818
Congregation Support	-	-	-	-	30,000
<b>Other Income</b>					
Profit on Sale of Assets	4,650	-	-	4,650	-
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>4,650</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,650</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Investments</b>					
Interest Received	21	-	-	21	20
<b>Total Income and endowments:</b>	<b>159,610</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>159,610</b>	<b>262,493</b>
<b>Expenditure:</b>					
Running Meeting Rooms (note 7)	104,218	-	-	104,218	86,117
Congregation Support (note 7)	-	-	-	-	7,479
<b>Total Expenditure:</b>	<b>104,218</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>104,218</b>	<b>93,597</b>
<b>Net Income/(Expenditure)</b>	<b>55,392</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>55,392</b>	<b>168,896</b>
<b>Other Movements</b>					
Transfers between funds	(55,000)	55,000	-	-	-
<b>Net Movement In Funds</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>55,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>55,392</b>	<b>168,896</b>
	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2025	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
<b>Reconciliation of funds (note 9)</b>					
Total Funds brought forward	1,126,944	45,000	-	1,171,944	1,003,048
Net movement in funds	392	55,000	-	55,392	168,896
<b>Total Funds carried forward</b>	<b>1,127,336</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,227,336</b>	<b>1,171,944</b>

The notes on page 11 - 20 form part of these financial statements.

# Balance Sheet

## Sefton Gospel Hall Trust As at 5 April 2025

	2025	2024
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Tangible assets (note 4)	1,127,913	1,127,705
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>1,127,913</b>	<b>1,127,705</b>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Prepayments and accrued income	18,866	37,967
Cash at bank and in hand	83,269	8,941
<b>Total Current assets</b>	<b>102,135</b>	<b>46,908</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>		
Accruals and deferred income	2,712	2,669
<b>Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>2,712</b>	<b>2,669</b>
<b>Net current assets/(liabilities)</b>	<b>99,423</b>	<b>44,239</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>1,227,336</b>	<b>1,171,944</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>1,227,336</b>	<b>1,171,944</b>
<b>Funds (note 8)</b>		
Designated Funds	100,000	45,000
Unrestricted funds	1,127,336	1,126,944
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>1,227,336</b>	<b>1,171,944</b>

The unaudited financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees of Sefton Gospel Hall Trust on .....and were signed on its behalf by:

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Mr K Wells (Trustee)

The notes on pages 11 - 20 form part of these financial statements.

# Notes forming part of the Financial Statements

## Sefton Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2025

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### 1.1 Basis of financial statements

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 incorporating update bulletins 1 and 2, and 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 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).

#### 1.2 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 to Sefton 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.

#### 1.3 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.

#### 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

Tangible fixed assets (costing more than £100) 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	3% straight line
Property improvements	20% reducing balance
Fixtures and Fittings	20% reducing balance
Tools and equipment	20% reducing balance

### **1.6 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.

### **1.7 Funds**

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.

### **1.8 Preparation of consolidated financial statements**

The Charity does not have a trading subsidiary.

### **1.9 Going Concern**

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

### **1.10 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.

## **2. 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 (2024: none)

## **3. WAGES AND SALARIES**

There are no employees (2024: none)

#### 4. Tangible Fixed Assets

<b>Cost</b>	Freehold Property - Sydney Road	Freehold Property - Stock Lane	Freehold Property - Wheelock	Freehold Property - Chorlton	Freehold Property - Heath Road
At 6 April 2024	460,075	264,290	257,902	250,422	308,704
Additions	3,050		564		39,916
Disposals					
At 5 April 2025	463,125	264,290	258,466	250,422	348,620
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At 6 April 2024	234,979	73,967	65,700	47,208	250
Current Year Depreciation	12,885	6,607	6,534	8,567	9,667
Eliminated on disposals					
At 5 April 2025	247,864	80,574	72,234	55,775	9,917
<b>Net Book Value</b>					
At 5 April 2025	215,261	183,715	186,232	194,647	338,703
At 5 April 2024	225,096	190,323	192,202	203,214	308,454

<b>Cost</b>	Fixtures and Fittings	Tools and Equipment	Totals
At 6 April 2024	45,377	1,599	1,588,369
Additions			43,531
Disposals			
At 5 April 2025	45,377	1,599	1,631,899
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 6 April 2024	34,409	874	457,388
Current Year Depreciation	2,194	145	46,598
Eliminated on disposals			
At 5 April 2025	36,603	1,019	503,986
<b>Net Book Value</b>			
At 5 April 2025	8,774	580	1,127,913
At 5 April 2024	10,968	725	1,130,981

Land registry titles of the above property held are CH313986, CH600344, CH599785, CH588330, CH696037 and CH588253.

## **5. TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES**

During the financial year, aggregated donations of £119,385 (2024: £126,310) were received from trustees and related parties.

## **6. VOLUNTEERS**

Sefton 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.

# Resources Expended

## Sefton Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2025

### 7. Resources Expended

	MEETING ROOMS	OTHER CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	TOTAL COSTS 2025	TOTAL COSTS 2024
<b>Direct Costs</b>				
Premises costs - repairs and maintenance	21,686	-	21,686	11,242
Premises costs - heat, light and power	21,951	-	21,951	21,976
Telephone	1,609	-	1,609	1,156
Health and Safety	2,412	-	2,412	3,706
Legal and professional	4,346	-	4,346	5,649
Bank charges	375	-	375	310
Congregation Support	-	-	-	7,479
Depreciation	46,598	-	46,598	37,381
Insurance	3,657	-	3,657	2,029
Governance	1,584	-	1,584	2,669
<b>Total Direct Costs</b>	<b>104,218</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>104,218</b>	<b>93,597</b>

Governance costs include £180 (prior year: £180) in respect of independent examiners fees.

# Analysis of Net Assets - Current year

Sefton Gospel Hall Trust

For the year ended 5 April 2025

## 8. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

### 8.1 Current Year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2025
<b>Funds</b>				
Tangible Fixed Assets	1,127,913	-	-	1,127,913
Current Assets	2,135	100,000	-	102,135
Current Liabilities	(2,712)	-	-	(2,712)
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>1,127,336</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,227,336</b>

# Analysis of Net Assets - Prior Year

Sefton Gospel Hall Trust

For the year ended 5 April 2025

8.2 Prior Year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
<b>Funds</b>				
Tangible Fixed Assets	1,127,705	-	-	1,127,705
Current Assets	1,908	45,000	-	46,908
Current Liabilities	(2,669)	-	-	(2,669)
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>1,126,944</b>	<b>45,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,171,944</b>

# Movement in Funds - Current Year

Sefton Gospel Hall Trust

For the year ended 5 April 2025

## 9. Movement in Funds

### 9.1 Movement in funds - current year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2025
<b>Movement in Funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward	1,126,944	45,000	-	1,171,944
Incoming resources	154,960	-	-	154,960
Resources expended	(99,568)	-	-	(99,568)
Transfers between funds	(55,000)	55,000	-	-
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>1,127,336</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,227,336</b>

# Movement in Funds - Prior Year

## Sefton Gospel Hall Trust

For the year ended 5 April 2025

### 9. Movement in Funds

#### 9.2 Movement in funds - Prior year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
<b>Movement in Funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward	918,048	85,000	-	1,003,048
Incoming resources	262,493	-	-	262,493
Resources expended	(93,597)	-	-	(93,597)
Transfers between Funds	40,000	(40,000)	-	-
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>1,126,944</b>	<b>45,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,171,944</b>

# Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

## Sefton Gospel Hall Trust

For the year ended 5 April 2025

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
<b>Income and endowments:</b>				
<b>Donations and Legacies:</b>				
Contributions from the Congregation	53,386	-	-	53,386
Gift Aid Donations	143,270	-	-	143,270
Income Tax refunds	35,818	-	-	35,818
Congregation Support	30,000	-	-	30,000
<b>Investments</b>				
Interest Received	20	-	-	20
<b>Total Income and endowments:</b>	<b>262,493</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>262,493</b>
<b>Expenditure:</b>				
Running Meeting Rooms (note 7)	86,117	-	-	86,117
Congregation Support (note 7)	7,479	-	-	7,479
<b>Total Expenditure:</b>	<b>93,597</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>93,597</b>
<b>Net Income/(Expenditure)</b>	<b>168,896</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>168,896</b>
<b>Other Movements</b>				
<b>Transfers between funds</b>				
Unrestricted cash asset	40,000	(40,000)	-	-
<b>Net Movement In Funds</b>	<b>208,896</b>	<b>(40,000)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>168,896</b>
	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
<b>Reconciliation of funds (note 9)</b>				
Total Funds bought forward	873,048	85,000	-	958,048
Net movement in funds	208,896	5,000	-	213,896
<b>Total Funds carried forward</b>	<b>1,081,944</b>	<b>90,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,171,944</b>

**SEFTON GOSPEL HALL TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 519464

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# **Trustees Report & Unaudited Financial Statements**

Sefton Gospel Hall Trust  
For the year ended 5 April 2024

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# Legal and Administrative Information

## Sefton Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2024

**Charity Name:**

Sefton Gospel Hall Trust

**Registered Charity Number:**

519464

**Trustees:**

Mr D Hutchins (Chair)

Mr K Wells

Mr S Harvey

Mr M Cane

Mr S Boyt

**Treasurer:**

Mr K Wells

**Principle Address:**

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**Independent Examiner:**

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# Report of the Trustees

## Sefton Gospel Hall Trust

### For the year ended 5 April 2024

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 11 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 17 October 1987, most recently amended by Deed of Variation dated 09 January 2015. The trust was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 27 January 1988 under Charity Registration Number: 519464

##### Recruitment and appointment of new Trustees

The Trustees who have served during the year and since the year end are set out on page 3. 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.

The Trust operates 5 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 similar charities with a view to pooling experience considered useful in pursuing the objects of the Trust.

##### Risk Management

The Trustees have identified and reviewed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and confirm that they have established systems 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.

Details of public benefit activities carried out by Sefton Gospel Hall Trust can be found in the separate appendix to this report.

### **Main activities and achievements**

The Trust provides and maintains 5 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 the website - [www.plymouthbrethrenchristianchurch.org](http://www.plymouthbrethrenchristianchurch.org) and in the schedules to the Trust Deed.

During the year, the trust successfully secured a site for a new meeting room (Heath Road).

### **Plans for future periods**

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.

The trust also plans to renovate the Heath Road church purchased this year to make it suitable for use as a meeting room.

### **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 30 and 400 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).
- 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

In the year ended 5 April 2024 the Trust had a surplus of £168,896 of incoming resources over resources expended.

Total voluntary income received this year was £262,473 compared to £53,243 in the previous year.

Restricted Funds are being accumulated due to the ongoing refurbishment works on the halls that the trust possesses.

## Reserves Policy

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs, based on its size and the level of its financial commitments. The Trust has no employees and its regular outgoings are minimal. Accordingly, the Trustees have decided to adopt a policy of maintaining no significant reserves. The congregation is kept regularly informed as to particular needs for funds, and other relevant matters and 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 to the congregation.

Free Reserves at the year end were nil ( 2023: £28,950)

### 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 (FRS 102);
- 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;
  
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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:

.....

Mr K Wells (Trustee)

.....

Date

# Report of the Independent Examiner

## Sefton Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Sefton Gospel Hall Trust for the year ended 5 April 2024.

### 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 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 of 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 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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2 January 2025

# Statement of Financial Activities

## Sefton Gospel Hall Trust

For the year ended 5 April 2024

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2024	TOTAL FUNDS 2023
<b>Income and endowments:</b>					
<b>Donations and Legacies:</b>					
Contributions from the Congregation	6,000	-	47,386	53,386	26,880
Gift Aid Donations	75,000	-	68,270	143,270	12,655
Income Tax refunds	18,750	-	17,067	35,818	3,036
Congregation Support	-	-	30,000	30,000	10,671
<b>Investments</b>					
Interest Received	20	-	-	20	6
<b>Total Income and endowments:</b>	<b>99,770</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>162,723</b>	<b>262,493</b>	<b>53,249</b>
<b>Expenditure:</b>					
Running Meeting Rooms (note 7)	85,590	-	528	86,117	56,577
Congregation Support (note 7)	4,438	3,041	-	7,479	12,532
<b>Total Expenditure:</b>	<b>90,028</b>	<b>3,041</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>93,597</b>	<b>69,109</b>
<b>Net Income/(Expenditure)</b>	<b>9,743</b>	<b>(3,041)</b>	<b>162,195</b>	<b>168,896</b>	<b>(15,860)</b>
<b>Net Movement In Funds</b>	<b>9,743</b>	<b>(3,041)</b>	<b>162,195</b>	<b>168,896</b>	<b>(15,860)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds (note 9)</b>					
Total Funds brought forward	876,656	2,013	124,379	1,003,048	1,018,908
Net movement in funds	9,743	(3,041)	162,195	168,896	(15,860)
<b>Total Funds carried forward</b>	<b>886,398</b>	<b>(1,028)</b>	<b>286,574</b>	<b>1,171,944</b>	<b>1,003,048</b>

The notes on page 11 - 20 form part of these financial statements.

# Balance Sheet

## Sefton Gospel Hall Trust As at 5 April 2024

	2024	2023
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Tangible assets (note 4)	1,127,705	849,719
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>1,127,705</b>	<b>849,719</b>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Prepayments and accrued income	37,967	6,906
Cash at bank and in hand	8,941	149,603
<b>Total Current assets</b>	<b>46,908</b>	<b>156,508</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>		
Accruals and deferred income	2,669	3,180
<b>Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>2,669</b>	<b>3,180</b>
<b>Net current assets/(liabilities)</b>	<b>44,239</b>	<b>153,329</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>1,171,944</b>	<b>1,003,048</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>1,171,944</b>	<b>1,003,048</b>
<b>Funds (note 8)</b>		
Restricted Funds	286,574	124,379
Unrestricted funds	885,370	878,668
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>1,171,944</b>	<b>1,003,048</b>

The unaudited financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees of Sefton Gospel Hall Trust on .....and were signed on its behalf by:

.....

Mr K Wells (Trustee)

The notes on pages 11 - 20 form part of these financial statements.

# Notes forming part of the Financial Statements

## Sefton Gospel Hall Trust

For the year ended 5 April 2024

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### 1.1 Basis of financial statements

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 incorporating update bulletins 1 and 2, and 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 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).

#### 1.2 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 to Sefton 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.

#### 1.3 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.

#### 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

Tangible fixed assets (costing more than £100) 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	3% straight line
Property improvements	20% reducing balance
Tools & Equipment	20% reducing balance
Fixtures and Fittings	20% reducing balance

### **1.6 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.

### **1.7 Funds**

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.

### **1.8 Preparation of consolidated financial statements**

The Charity does not have a trading subsidiary.

### **1.9 Going Concern**

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

### **1.10 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.

## **2. 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)

## **3. WAGES AND SALARIES**

There are no employees (2023: none)

#### 4. Tangible Fixed Assets

<b>Cost</b>	Freehold Property - Sydney Road	Freehold Property - Stock Lane	Freehold Property - Wheelock	Freehold Property - Chorlton	Property Development - Sydney Road
At 6 April 2023	443,726	264,290	257,560	204,286	9,100
Additions					7,249
Disposals					
At 5 April 2024	443,726	264,290	257,560	204,286	16,349
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At 6 April 2023	221,952	67,360	59,237	17,763	1,207
Current Year Depreciation	11,093	6,607	6,439	4,357	727
Eliminated on disposals					
At 5 April 2024	233,045	73,967	65,676	22,120	1,934
<b>Net Book Value</b>					
At 5 April 2024	210,680	190,323	191,884	182,166	14,415
At 5 April 2023	221,773	196,930	198,323	186,523	7,893

<b>Cost</b>	Property Development - Chorlton	Fixtures and Fittings	Tools and Equipment	Freehold Property - Heath Road	Property development - Wheelock	Totals
At 6 April 2023	45,743	43,424	1,599			1,269,726
Additions	393	1,954		305,427	342	315,367
Disposals						
At 5 April 2024	46,136	45,378	1,599	305,427	342	1,585,093
<b>Depreciation</b>						
At 6 April 2023	19,886	31,909	693			420,007
Current Year Depreciation	5,202	2,500	181	250	24	37,381
Eliminated on disposals						
At 5 April 2024	25,088	34,409	874	250	24	457,388
<b>Net Book Value</b>						
At 5 April 2024	21,048	10,968	725	305,178	318	1,127,705
At 5 April 2023	25,857	11,515	906			849,719

Land registry titles of the above property held are CH313986, CH600344, CH599785, CH588330, CH596609 and CH696037.

## **5. TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES**

During the financial year, aggregated donations of £126,310 (2023: £6,565) were received.

## **6. VOLUNTEERS**

Sefton 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.

# Resources Expended

## Sefton Gospel Hall Trust

For the year ended 5 April 2024

### 7. Resources Expended

	MEETING ROOMS	OTHER CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	TOTAL COSTS 2024	TOTAL COSTS 2023
<b>Direct Costs</b>				
Premises costs - repairs and maintenance	11,242	-	11,242	2,602
Premises costs - heat, light and power	21,976	-	21,976	8,619
Telephone	1,156	-	1,156	2,576
Health and Safety	3,706	-	3,706	-
Legal and professional	5,649	-	5,649	2,370
Bank charges	310	-	310	262
Congregation Support	4,438	3,041	7,479	12,532
Depreciation	37,381	-	37,381	37,774
Insurance	2,029	-	2,029	1,329
Governance	2,669	-	2,669	1,046
<b>Total Direct Costs</b>	<b>90,555</b>	<b>3,041</b>	<b>93,597</b>	<b>69,109</b>

Governance costs include £180 (prior year: £180) in respect of independent examiners fees.

# Analysis of Net Assets - Current year

Sefton Gospel Hall Trust

For the year ended 5 April 2024

## 8. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

### 8.1 Current Year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
<b>Funds</b>				
Tangible Fixed Assets	730,886	-	396,819	1,127,705
Current Assets	80,484	(1,028)	(32,548)	46,908
Current Liabilities	75,028	-	(77,696)	(2,669)
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>886,398</b>	<b>(1,028)</b>	<b>286,574</b>	<b>1,171,944</b>

# Analysis of Net Assets - Prior Year

Sefton Gospel Hall Trust

For the year ended 5 April 2024

8.2 Prior Year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2023
<b>Funds</b>				
Tangible Fixed Assets	765,972	-	83,747	849,719
Current Assets	19,100	2,013	135,396	156,508
Current Liabilities	91,584	-	(94,764)	(3,180)
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>876,656</b>	<b>2,013</b>	<b>124,379</b>	<b>1,003,048</b>

# Movement in Funds - Current Year

Sefton Gospel Hall Trust

For the year ended 5 April 2024

## 9. Movement in Funds

### 9.1 Movement in funds - current year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
<b>Movement in Funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward	876,656	2,013	124,379	1,003,048
Incoming resources	99,770	-	162,723	262,493
Resources expended	(90,028)	(3,041)	(528)	(93,597)
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>886,398</b>	<b>(1,028)</b>	<b>286,574</b>	<b>1,171,944</b>

# Movement in Funds - Prior Year

Sefton Gospel Hall Trust

For the year ended 5 April 2024

## 9. Movement in Funds

### 9.2 Movement in funds - Prior year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2023
<b>Movement in Funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward	913,042	-	105,866	1,018,908
Incoming resources	32,439	2,238	18,571	53,249
Resources expended	(68,826)	(225)	(58)	(69,109)
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>876,656</b>	<b>2,013</b>	<b>124,379</b>	<b>1,003,048</b>

# Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

Sefton Gospel Hall Trust

For the year ended 5 April 2024

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2023
<b>Income and endowments:</b>				
<b>Donations and Legacies:</b>				
Contributions from the Congregation	24,000	-	2,880	26,880
Gift Aid Donations	-	-	12,655	12,655
Income Tax refunds	-	-	3,036	3,036
Congregation Support	8,433	2,238	-	10,671
<b>Investments</b>				
Interest Received	6	-	-	6
<b>Total Income and endowments:</b>	<b>32,439</b>	<b>2,238</b>	<b>18,571</b>	<b>53,249</b>
<b>Expenditure:</b>				
Running Meeting Rooms (note 9)	56,519	-	58	56,577
Congregation Support (note 9)	12,307	225	-	12,532
<b>Total Expenditure:</b>	<b>68,826</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>69,109</b>
<b>Net Income/(Expenditure)</b>	<b>(36,387)</b>	<b>2,013</b>	<b>18,513</b>	<b>(15,860)</b>
<b>Net Movement In Funds</b>	<b>(36,387)</b>	<b>2,013</b>	<b>18,513</b>	<b>(15,860)</b>
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**SEFTON GOSPEL HALL TRUST**

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**Registered Charity Number:**

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**Trustees:**

Mr D Hutchins (Chair)

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**Treasurer:**

Mr K Wells

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# Report of the Trustees

## Sefton Gospel Hall Trust

### For the year ended 5 April 2023

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#### Structure, Governance and Management

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##### Wider Network

The Trustees maintain informal links with similar charities with a view to pooling experience considered useful in pursuing the objects of the Trust.

##### Risk Management

The Trustees have identified and reviewed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and confirm that they have established systems 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.

Details of public benefit activities carried out by Sefton Gospel Hall Trust can be found in the separate appendix to this report.

## **Main activities and achievements**

The Trust provides and maintains 4 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 the website - [www.plymouthbrethrenchristianchurch.org](http://www.plymouthbrethrenchristianchurch.org) and in the schedules to the Trust Deed.

The trustees have also operated an Emergency Needs fund for the duration of the coronavirus pandemic and any resultant economic downturn. This is providing limited financial assistance by the way of grocery vouchers to households, who have experienced a recent and significant decrease in income due to the pandemic, such that it is likely to impact on the health and/or welfare of members of the household. The trust has appointed a Local Welfare Panel to manage the application process and to administer the vouchers to qualifying applicants.

## **Plans for future periods**

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 30 and 400 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).
- 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

In the year ended 5 April 2023 the Trust had a deficit of incoming resources over resources expended. This is mostly due to non-monetary items such as depreciation.

Total voluntary income received this year was £53,243 compared to £60,680 in the previous year.

Restricted Funds are being accumulated as the trust are planning on purchasing a site for a local hall in the foreseeable future, with there also being ongoing refurbishment works on the current halls planned.

## Reserves Policy

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs, based on its size and the level of its financial commitments. The Trust has no employees and its regular outgoings are minimal. Accordingly, the Trustees have decided to adopt a policy of maintaining no significant reserves. The trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily. Free reserves accumulated will be used at the discretion of the Trustees for the strategic development of Sefton Gospel Hall Trust. 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 £28,950 ( 2022: £30,925)

### 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 (FRS 102);
- 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;
  
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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:

.....

Mr K Wells (Trustee)

.....

Date

# Report of the Independent Examiner

## Sefton Gospel Hall Trust

### For the year ended 5 April 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Sefton Gospel Hall Trust for the year ended 5 April 2023.

#### 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 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 of 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 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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20 September 2023

# Statement of Financial Activities

## Sefton Gospel Hall Trust

For the year ended 5 April 2023

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2023	TOTAL FUNDS 2022
<b>Income and endowments:</b>					
<b>Donations and Legacies:</b>					
Contributions from the Congregation	24,000	-	2,880	26,880	28,880
Gift Aid Donations	-	-	12,655	12,655	12,920
Income Tax refunds	-	-	3,036	3,036	3,230
Congregation Support	8,433	2,238	-	10,671	15,650
<b>Investments</b>					
Interest Received	6	-	-	6	-
<b>Total Income and endowments:</b>	<b>32,439</b>	<b>2,238</b>	<b>18,571</b>	<b>53,249</b>	<b>60,680</b>
<b>Expenditure:</b>					
Running Meeting Rooms (note 7)	56,519	-	58	56,577	58,927
Congregation Support (note 7)	12,307	225	-	12,532	16,200
<b>Loss on sale of assets</b>					
Profit/Loss on sale of assets	-	-	-	-	158
<b>Total Loss on sale of assets</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>158</b>
<b>Total Expenditure:</b>	<b>68,826</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>69,109</b>	<b>75,285</b>
<b>Net Income/(Expenditure)</b>	<b>(36,387)</b>	<b>2,013</b>	<b>18,513</b>	<b>(15,860)</b>	<b>(14,605)</b>
<b>Net Movement In Funds</b>	<b>(36,387)</b>	<b>2,013</b>	<b>18,513</b>	<b>(15,860)</b>	<b>(14,605)</b>
	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2023	TOTAL FUNDS 2022
<b>Reconciliation of funds (note 9)</b>					
Total Funds brought forward	913,042	-	105,866	1,018,908	1,033,513
Net movement in funds	(36,387)	2,013	18,513	(15,860)	(14,605)
<b>Total Funds carried forward</b>	<b>876,656</b>	<b>2,013</b>	<b>124,379</b>	<b>1,003,048</b>	<b>1,018,908</b>

The notes on page 11 - 20 form part of these financial statements.

# Balance Sheet

## Sefton Gospel Hall Trust As at 5 April 2023

	2023	2022
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Tangible assets (note 4)	849,719	882,117
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>849,719</b>	<b>882,117</b>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Prepayments and accrued income	6,906	4,239
Cash at bank and in hand	149,603	133,497
<b>Total Current assets</b>	<b>156,508</b>	<b>137,736</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>		
Accruals and deferred income	3,180	945
<b>Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>3,180</b>	<b>945</b>
<b>Net current assets/(liabilities)</b>	<b>153,329</b>	<b>136,791</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>1,003,048</b>	<b>1,018,908</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>1,003,048</b>	<b>1,018,908</b>
<b>Funds (note 8)</b>		
Restricted Funds	124,379	105,866
Unrestricted funds	878,668	913,042
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>1,003,048</b>	<b>1,018,908</b>

The unaudited financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees of Sefton Gospel Hall Trust on .....and were signed on its behalf by:

.....

Mr K Wells (Trustee)

The notes on pages 11 - 20 form part of these financial statements.

# Notes forming part of the Financial Statements

## Sefton Gospel Hall Trust

For the year ended 5 April 2023

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### 1.1 Basis of financial statements

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 incorporating update bulletins 1 and 2, and 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 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).

#### 1.2 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 to Sefton 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.

#### 1.3 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.

#### 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

Tangible fixed assets (costing more than £100) 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	3% straight line
Property improvements	20% reducing balance
Tools & Equipment	20% reducing balance
Fixtures and Fittings	20% reducing balance

### **1.6 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.

### **1.7 Funds**

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.

### **1.8 Preparation of consolidated financial statements**

The Charity does not have a trading subsidiary.

### **1.9 Going Concern**

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

### **1.10 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.

## **2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES**

No Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits from an employment with the charity. Expenses totalling £174 were reimbursed to Mr S Harvey, a trustee during the financial year (2022: £nil)

## **3. WAGES AND SALARIES**

There are no employees (2022: none)

#### 4. Tangible Fixed Assets

<b>Cost</b>	Freehold Property - Sydney Road	Freehold Property - Stock Lane	Freehold Property - Wheelock	Freehold Property - Chorlton	Property Development - Sydney Road
At 6 April 2022	443,726	264,290	257,560	204,286	9,100
Additions	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 5 April 2023	443,726	264,290	257,560	204,286	9,100
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At 6 April 2022	210,859	60,752	52,798	13,406	980
Current Year Depreciation	11,093	6,607	6,439	4,357	228
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 5 April 2023	221,952	67,360	59,237	17,763	1,207
<b>Net Book Value</b>					
At 5 April 2023	221,773	196,930	198,323	186,523	7,893
At 5 April 2022	232,866	203,537	204,762	190,880	8,120

<b>Cost</b>	Property Development - Chorlton	Fixtures and Fittings	Tools and Equipment	Totals
At 6 April 2022	45,743	38,048	1,599	1,264,350
Additions	-	5,376	-	5,376
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 5 April 2023	45,743	43,424	1,599	1,269,726
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 6 April 2022	13,422	29,549	466	382,233
Current Year Depreciation	6,464	2,360	226	37,774
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	-	-
At 5 April 2023	19,886	31,909	693	420,007
<b>Net Book Value</b>				
At 5 April 2023	25,857	11,515	906	849,719
At 5 April 2022	32,321	8,498	1,132	882,117

Land registry titles of the above property held are CH313986, CH600344, CH599785, CH588330, and CH696037.

## **5. TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES**

During the financial year, aggregated donations of £6,565 (2022: £6,460) were received. The trust made reimbursements to trustees and related parties totalling £179 for expenses incurred on behalf of the trust. No material reimbursements were made in the prior year.

## **6. VOLUNTEERS**

Sefton 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.

# Resources Expended

## Sefton Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2023

### 7. Resources Expended

	MEETING ROOMS	OTHER CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	TOTAL COSTS 2023	TOTAL COSTS 2022
<b>Direct Costs</b>				
Premises costs - repairs and maintenance	2,602	-	2,602	2,496
Premises costs - heat, light and power	8,619	-	8,619	10,499
Telephone	2,576	-	2,576	715
Legal and professional	2,370	-	2,370	4,407
Bank charges	262	-	262	23
Congregation Support	12,307	225	12,532	16,200
Depreciation	37,774	-	37,774	37,956
Insurance	1,329	-	1,329	1,239
Governance	1,046	-	1,046	1,594
<b>Total Direct Costs</b>	<b>68,884</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>69,109</b>	<b>75,127</b>

Governance costs include £180 (prior year: £180) in respect of independent examiners fees.

# Analysis of Net Assets - Current year

Sefton Gospel Hall Trust

For the year ended 5 April 2023

## 8. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

### 8.1 Current Year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2023
<b>Funds</b>				
Tangible Fixed Assets	765,972	-	83,747	849,719
Current Assets	19,100	2,013	135,396	156,508
Current Liabilities	91,584	-	(94,764)	(3,180)
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>876,656</b>	<b>2,013</b>	<b>124,379</b>	<b>1,003,048</b>

# Analysis of Net Assets - Prior Year

## Sefton Gospel Hall Trust

For the year ended 5 April 2023

### 8.2 Prior Year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2022
<b>Funds</b>				
Tangible Fixed Assets	803,746	-	78,371	882,117
Current Assets	15,478	-	122,258	137,736
Current Liabilities	93,819	-	(94,764)	(945)
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>913,042</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>105,866</b>	<b>1,018,908</b>

# Movement in Funds - Current Year

Sefton Gospel Hall Trust

For the year ended 5 April 2023

## 9. Movement in Funds

### 9.1 Movement in funds - current year

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Sefton Gospel Hall Trust

For the year ended 5 April 2023

## 9. Movement in Funds

### 9.2 Movement in funds - Prior year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2022
<b>Movement in Funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward	946,128	550	86,836	1,033,513
Incoming resources	26,000	15,650	19,030	60,680
Resources expended	(59,085)	(16,200)	-	(75,285)
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# Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

## Sefton Gospel Hall Trust

For the year ended 5 April 2023

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<b>Donations and Legacies:</b>				
Contributions from the Congregation	26,000	-	2,880	28,880
Gift Aid Donations	-	-	12,920	12,920
Income Tax refunds	-	-	3,230	3,230
Congregation Support	-	15,650	-	15,650
<b>Investments</b>				
Interest Received	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Income and endowments:</b>	<b>26,000</b>	<b>15,650</b>	<b>19,030</b>	<b>60,680</b>
<b>Expenditure:</b>				
Running Meeting Rooms (note 7)	58,927	-	-	58,927
Congregation Support (note 7)	-	16,200	-	16,200
<b>Loss on sale of assets</b>				
Profit/Loss on sale of assets	158	-	-	158
<b>Total Loss on sale of assets</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>158</b>
<b>Total Expenditure:</b>	<b>59,085</b>	<b>16,200</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>75,285</b>
<b>Net Income/(Expenditure)</b>	<b>(33,085)</b>	<b>(550)</b>	<b>19,030</b>	<b>(14,605)</b>
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**SEFTON GOSPEL HALL TRUST**

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# Accounts

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# **Trustees Report & Unaudited Financial Statements**

Sefton Gospel Hall Trust  
For the year ended 5 April 2022

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# Legal and Administrative Information

## Sefton Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2022

**Charity Name:**

Sefton Gospel Hall Trust

**Registered Charity Number:**

519464

**Trustees:**

Mr D Hutchins (Chair)

Mr K Wells

Mr S Harvey

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# Report of the Trustees

## Sefton Gospel Hall Trust

### For the year ended 5 April 2022

The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 5 April 2022. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 10 and comply with the Trust Deed and applicable law.

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##### Wider Network

The Trustees maintain informal links with Trustees of similar Trusts with a view to pooling experience considered useful in pursuing the objects of the Trust. The Trust also maintains particular links with Wistaston 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 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.

Details of public benefit activities carried out by Sefton Gospel Hall Trust can be found in the separate appendix to this report.

## **Main activities and achievements**

The Trust provides and maintains 4 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 the website - [www.plymouthbrethrenchristianchurch.org](http://www.plymouthbrethrenchristianchurch.org) and in the schedules to the Trust Deed.

The trustees have also operated an Emergency Needs fund for the duration of the coronavirus pandemic and any resultant economic downturn. This is providing limited financial assistance by the way of grocery vouchers to households, who have experienced a recent and significant decrease in income due to the pandemic, such that it is likely to impact on the health and/or welfare of members of the household. The trust has appointed a Local Welfare Panel to manage the application process and to administer the vouchers to qualifying applicants.

## **Plans for future periods**

With the commencement of lockdown restrictions in the UK the trust ceased using the gospel halls it operates. During the financial year, restrictions were eased sufficiently to allow the congregation to use the gospel halls for the Lord's Supper (Communion). The use of the rooms was conducted in a manner which always complied with the government guidance, and the trust intends to continue using the rooms when it is safe to do so. The trustees do not consider that the Covid-19 pandemic will have any effect on the ability of the trust 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 30 and 400 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 would usually participate in a programme of street preaching where Gospel tracts are provided free of charge by the Charity to such preachers to be handed out to interested members of the public. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic this has not been possible during the financial year, but the congregation aim to continue this once it is safe to do so.

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).
- 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

In the year ended 5 April 2022 the Trust had a deficit of incoming resources over resources expended. This is mostly due to non-monetary items such as depreciation.

Total voluntary income received this year was £60,680 compared to £173,229 in the previous year.

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 trust has no employees and regular outgoings are minimal, therefore the trustees have decided to adopt a policy of maintaining no significant reserves. The Trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

Free reserves accumulated will be used at the discretion of the Trustees for the strategic development of Sefton Gospel Hall Trust. 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 £30,925 (2021: £Nil)

### 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 (FRS 102);
- 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;
  
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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:

.....

Mr K Wells (Trustee)

.....

Date

# Report of the Independent Examiner

## Sefton Gospel Hall Trust

### For the year ended 5 April 2022

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Sefton Gospel Hall Trust for the year ended 5 April 2022.

#### 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 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 of 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 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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10 November 2022

# Statement of Financial Activities

## Sefton Gospel Hall Trust

For the year ended 5 April 2022

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2022	TOTAL FUNDS 2021
<b>Income and endowments:</b>					
<b>Donations and Legacies:</b>					
Contributions from the Congregation	26,000	-	2,880	28,880	28,929
Gift Aid Donations	-	-	12,920	12,920	13,270
Income Tax refunds	-	-	3,230	3,230	3,430
Congregation Support	-	15,650	-	15,650	31,600
<b>Investments</b>					
Interest Received	-	-	-	-	1
<b>Other Income</b>					
Property Donations	-	-	-	-	96,000
<b>Total Other Income</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>96,000</b>
<b>Total Income and endowments:</b>	<b>26,000</b>	<b>15,650</b>	<b>19,030</b>	<b>60,680</b>	<b>173,230</b>
<b>Expenditure:</b>					
Running Meeting Rooms (note 9)	58,927	-	-	58,927	54,580
Congregation Support (note 9)	-	16,200	-	16,200	31,050
Cost of donated services (note 4)	-	-	-	-	2,448
<b>Loss on sale of assets</b>					
Profit/Loss on sale of assets	158	-	-	158	-
<b>Total Loss on sale of assets</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Expenditure:</b>	<b>59,085</b>	<b>16,200</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>75,285</b>	<b>88,078</b>
<b>Net Income/(Expenditure)</b>	<b>(33,085)</b>	<b>(550)</b>	<b>19,030</b>	<b>(14,605)</b>	<b>85,152</b>
<b>Net Movement In Funds</b>	<b>(33,085)</b>	<b>(550)</b>	<b>19,030</b>	<b>(14,605)</b>	<b>85,152</b>
	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2022	TOTAL FUNDS 2021
<b>Reconciliation of funds (note 11)</b>					
Total Funds brought forward	946,128	550	86,836	1,033,513	948,361
Net movement in funds	(33,085)	(550)	19,030	(14,605)	85,152
<b>Total Funds carried forward</b>	<b>913,042</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>105,866</b>	<b>1,018,908</b>	<b>1,033,513</b>

The notes on page 11 - 18 form part of these financial statements.

# Balance Sheet

## Sefton Gospel Hall Trust As at 5 April 2022

	2022	2021
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Tangible assets (note 6)	882,117	1,000,020
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>882,117</b>	<b>1,000,020</b>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Prepayments and accrued income	4,239	4,210
Cash at bank and in hand	133,497	30,229
<b>Total Current assets</b>	<b>137,736</b>	<b>34,439</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>		
Accruals and deferred income	945	945
<b>Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>945</b>	<b>945</b>
<b>Net current assets/(liabilities)</b>	<b>136,791</b>	<b>33,494</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>1,018,908</b>	<b>1,033,513</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>1,018,908</b>	<b>1,033,513</b>
<b>Funds (note 10)</b>		
Restricted Funds	105,866	86,836
Unrestricted funds	913,042	946,677
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>1,018,908</b>	<b>1,033,513</b>

The unaudited financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees of Sefton Gospel Hall Trust on .....and were signed on its behalf by:

.....  
Mr K Wells (Trustee)

# Notes forming part of the Financial Statements

## Sefton Gospel Hall Trust

For the year ended 5 April 2022

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### 1.1 Basis of financial statements

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 incorporating update bulletins 1 and 2, and 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 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).

#### 1.2 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 to Sefton 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.

#### 1.3 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.

#### 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

Tangible fixed assets (costing more than £100) 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	3% straight line
Property improvements	20% reducing balance
Fixtures and Fittings	20% reducing balance

**1.6 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.

**1.7 Funds**

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.

**1.8 Preparation of consolidated financial statements**

The Charity does not have a trading subsidiary.

**1.9 Going Concern**

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

**1.10 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.

The trustees do not consider that the Covid-19 pandemic will have any effect on the ability of the trust to continue as a going concern.

**2. 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 (2021: none)

**3. WAGES AND SALARIES**

There are no employees (2021: none)

**4. Donated Services**

	2022	2021
<b>Donated Services</b>		
<b>Donated To:</b>		
Donated Services to Wistaston GHT	-	2,448
<b>Total Donated Services:</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,448</b>

## 5. Grants

2022

2021

**Grants:****6. Tangible Fixed Assets**

<b>Cost</b>	Freehold Property - Sydney Road	Freehold Property - Stock Lane	Freehold Property - Wheelock	Freehold Property - Chorlton	Property Development - Sydney Road
At 6 April 2021	443,726	264,290	257,560	204,286	9,100
Additions					
Disposals					
At 5 April 2022	443,726	264,290	257,560	204,286	9,100
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At 6 April 2021	199,766	54,145	46,359	9,049	752
Current Year Depreciation	11,093	6,607	6,439	4,357	228
Eliminated on disposals					
At 5 April 2022	210,859	60,752	52,798	13,406	980
<b>Net Book Value</b>					
At 5 April 2022	232,866	203,537	204,762	190,880	8,120
At 5 April 2021	243,960	210,145	211,201	195,238	8,347

<b>Cost</b>	Property Development - Chorlton	Fixtures and Fittings	Tools and Equipment	Freehold Property - Queen Street	Totals
At 6 April 2021	30,768	38,048	1,599	96,000	1,345,750
Additions	14,975				14,600
Disposals				(96,000)	(96,000)
At 5 April 2022	45,743	38,048	1,599	0	1,264,350
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At 6 April 2021	7,499	27,425	183	178	345,356
Current Year Depreciation	5,923	2,125	283	907	37,962
Eliminated on disposals				(1,085)	(1,085)
At 5 April 2022	13,422	29,549	466	0	382,233

<b>Net Book Value</b>					
At 5 April 2022	32,321	8,498	1,132	0	882,117
At 5 April 2021	23,269	10,623	1,416	95,822	1,000,021

Land registry titles of the above property held are CH313986, CH600344, CH599785, CH588330, CH596609 and CH696037.

#### **7. TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES**

During the financial year, aggregated donations of £6,460 (2021: £6,380) were received. No material reimbursements were made.

#### **8. VOLUNTEERS**

Sefton 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.

# Resources Expended

## Sefton Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2022

### 9. Resources Expended

	MEETING ROOMS	OTHER CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	TOTAL COSTS 2022	TOTAL COSTS 2021
<b>Direct Costs</b>				
Premises costs - repairs and maintenance	2,496	-	2,496	2,595
Premises costs - heat, light and power	10,499	-	10,499	11,225
Telephone	715	-	715	714
Legal and professional	4,407	-	4,407	1,185
Bank charges	23	-	23	-
Congregation Support	-	16,200	16,200	31,050
Depreciation	37,956	-	37,956	36,829
Insurance	1,239	-	1,239	1,041
Governance	1,594	-	1,594	991
<b>Total Direct Costs</b>	<b>58,927</b>	<b>16,200</b>	<b>75,127</b>	<b>85,630</b>

Governance costs include £180 (prior year: £180) in respect of independent examiners fees.

# Analysis of Net Assets - Current year

Sefton Gospel Hall Trust

For the year ended 5 April 2022

## 10. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

### 10.1 Current Year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2022
<b>Funds</b>				
Tangible Fixed Assets	803,746	-	78,371	882,117
Current Assets	15,478	-	122,258	137,736
Current Liabilities	93,819	-	(94,764)	(945)
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>913,042</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>105,866</b>	<b>1,018,908</b>

# Analysis of Net Assets - Prior Year

Sefton Gospel Hall Trust

For the year ended 5 April 2022

10.2 Prior Year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2021
<b>Funds</b>				
Tangible Fixed Assets	936,023	-	63,997	1,000,020
Current Assets	11,049	550	22,839	34,439
Current Liabilities	(945)	-	-	(945)
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>946,128</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>86,836</b>	<b>1,033,513</b>

# Movement in Funds - Current Year

Sefton Gospel Hall Trust

For the year ended 5 April 2022

## 11. Movement in Funds

11.1 Movement in funds - current year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2022
<b>Movement in Funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward	946,128	550	86,836	1,033,513
Incoming resources	26,000	15,650	19,030	60,680
Resources expended	(59,085)	(16,200)	-	(75,285)
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>913,042</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>105,866</b>	<b>1,018,908</b>

# Movement in Funds - Prior Year

## Sefton Gospel Hall Trust

For the year ended 5 April 2022

### 11. Movement in Funds

#### 11.2 Movement in funds - Prior year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2021
<b>Movement in Funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward	881,105	-	67,256	948,361
Incoming resources	122,050	31,600	19,580	173,230
Resources expended	(57,028)	(31,050)	-	(88,078)
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>946,128</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>86,836</b>	<b>1,033,513</b>

# Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

## Sefton Gospel Hall Trust

For the year ended 5 April 2022

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2021
<b>Income and endowments:</b>				
<b>Donations and Legacies:</b>				
Contributions from the Congregation	26,049	-	2,880	28,929
Gift Aid Donations	-	-	13,270	13,270
Income Tax refunds	-	-	3,430	3,430
Congregation Support	-	31,600	-	31,600
<b>Investments</b>				
Interest Received	1	-	-	1
<b>Other Income</b>				
Property Donations	96,000	-	-	96,000
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>96,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>96,000</b>
<b>Total Income and endowments:</b>	<b>122,050</b>	<b>31,600</b>	<b>19,580</b>	<b>173,230</b>
<b>Expenditure:</b>				
Running Meeting Rooms (note 9)	54,580	-	-	54,580
Congregation Support (note 9)	-	31,050	-	31,050
Cost of donated services (note 4)	2,448	-	-	2,448
<b>Total Expenditure:</b>	<b>57,028</b>	<b>31,050</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>88,078</b>
<b>Net Income/(Expenditure)</b>	<b>65,022</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>19,580</b>	<b>85,152</b>
<b>Net Movement In Funds</b>	<b>65,022</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>19,580</b>	<b>85,152</b>
	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2021
<b>Reconciliation of funds (note 11)</b>				
Total Funds bought forward	881,105	-	67,256	948,361
Net movement in funds	65,022	550	19,580	85,152
<b>Total Funds carried forward</b>	<b>946,128</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>86,836</b>	<b>1,033,513</b>

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**SEFTON GOSPEL HALL TRUST**

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# Accounts

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**SEFTON GOSPEL HALL TRUST**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2021**

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**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**SEFTON GOSPEL HALL TRUST**  
**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**  
**YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2021**

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**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER:** 519464

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**SEFTON GOSPEL HALL TRUST**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

**YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2021**

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The Trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 05 April 2021. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page eleven 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 17 October 1987, most recently amended by Deed of Variation dated 09 January 2015. The Trust was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 27 January 1988 under Charity Registration Number: 519464

**Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

The Trustees who have served during the year and since the year end are set out on page 2. None of the Trustees, nor any person connected with them, received any remuneration or expenses from the Charity in the year ended 05 April 2021 (2020: £nil).

The Trust operates five Gospel halls 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 Trustees of similar Trusts with a view to pooling experience considered useful in pursuing the objects of the Trust. The Charity also maintains particular links with Wistaston 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 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.

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**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 the website - [www.plymouthbrethrenchristianchurch.org](http://www.plymouthbrethrenchristianchurch.org) and in the schedules to the Trust Deed.

The Trust's main achievements this year have been the receipt of the Queen Street property from Wistaston Gospel Hall Trust with a view to selling this property. Also the trust purchased land adjacent to the Chorlton gospel hall to improve carparking facilities for the congregation.

The trustees have also established an Emergency Needs fund for the duration of the current pandemic and any resultant economic downturn. This is providing limited financial assistance by the way of grocery vouchers to households, who have experienced a recent and significant decrease in income due to the pandemic, such that it is likely to impact on the health and/or welfare of members of the household. The trust has appointed a Local Welfare Panel to manage the application process and to administer the vouchers to qualifying applicants.

**Plans for Future Periods**

From 18th March 2020, Sefton Gospel Hall Trust ceased using the five gospel halls, which it operates. This was as a result of the global COVID-19 pandemic and the general lockdown imposed by the government on 23rd March 2020.

The Trust aims to use these Gospel Halls again once the general lockdown is lifted and it is deemed safe to do so. The trustees do not consider that the Covid-19 pandemic will have any effect on the ability of the trust 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 30 and 400 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.

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In addition to street preaching, members of the congregation carried out other outreach work and supported the work of a separate charity, the Rapid Relief Team, as detailed in the appendix to this report.

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).
- 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.

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**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Financial position**

In the year ended 05 April 2021 the Trust had a surplus of incoming resources over resources expended.

Total voluntary income received this year was £173,229 compared to £93,527 in the previous year.

The Trust is committed to ensuring that rooms are safe for the congregation to use again once the Coronavirus restrictions are lifted. The Trust also aim to sell the Queen Street property in the near future.

**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 trust has no employees and regular outgoings are minimal, therefore the trustees have decided to adopt a policy of maintaining no significant reserves. The Trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

Free reserves accumulated will be used at the discretion of the Trustees for the strategic development of Sefton Gospel Hall Trust. 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

**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.

**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES - continued**

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:

.....  
Mr K Wells

.....  
Date

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**  
**TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SEFTON GOSPEL HALL TRUST**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2021**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Sefton Gospel Hall Trust for the year ended 05 April 2021.

**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 of 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 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.

*Amanda Groombridge*.....

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15 November 2021

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**SEFTON GOSPEL HALL TRUST**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>						
<b><i>Donations and legacies:</i></b>						
		26,049	-	2,880	28,929	34,021
		-	-	-	-	47,605
		-	-	13,270	13,270	11,901
	4	-	-	3,430	3,430	-
		-	31,600	-	31,600	-
<b><i>Investments:</i></b>						
		1	-	-	1	3
<b><i>Other</i></b>						
	7.2	96,000	-	-	96,000	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>122,050</b>	<b>31,600</b>	<b>19,580</b>	<b>173,230</b>	<b>93,530</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
<b><i>Charitable activities</i></b>						
	6	54,580	-	-	54,580	62,646
	4	2,448	-	-	2,448	2,835
	6	-	31,050	-	31,050	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>57,028</b>	<b>31,050</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>88,078</b>	<b>65,481</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>65,022</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>19,580</b>	<b>85,152</b>	<b>28,049</b>
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>65,022</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>19,580</b>	<b>85,152</b>	<b>28,049</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>						
Total funds brought forward	9	881,105	-	67,256	948,361	920,312
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>946,127</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>86,836</b>	<b>1,033,513</b>	<b>948,361</b>

The notes on pages 10 - 13 form part of these financial statements. All of the above activities are classed as continuing and there are no gains and losses other than those included above.

**SEFTON GOSPEL HALL TRUST**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**AS AT 05 APRIL 2021**

	Notes	2021		2020	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Tangible assets	6		1,000,020		902,031
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Debtors		-		-	
Prepayments and accrued income		4,210		12,926	
Cash at bank and in hand		30,229		34,304	
		<u>34,439</u>		<u>47,230</u>	
<b>Current liabilities</b>					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year:					
Other creditors		-		-	
Accruals and deferred income		946		900	
		<u>946</u>		<u>900</u>	
Net current assets			33,493		46,330
			<u>1,033,513</u>		<u>948,361</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>					
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year:					
Loan			-		-
			<u>1,033,513</u>		<u>948,361</u>
<b>Net assets</b>					
<b>Funds</b>					
Restricted funds			86,836		67,256
Unrestricted income fund			946,677		881,105
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	8		<u>1,033,513</u>		<u>948,361</u>

The unaudited financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees of Sefton Gospel Hall Trust on .....and were signed on its behalf by

.....  
Mr K Wells

The notes on pages 10 to 13 form part of these financial statements

**SEFTON GOSPEL HALL TRUST**  
**NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2021**

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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**1.1 Basis of financial statements**

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 incorporating update bulletins 1 and 2, and 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 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).

**1.2 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 to Sefton 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.

**1.3 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.

**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**

Tangible fixed assets (costing more than £100) 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	3% Straight Line
Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment	20% Reducing Balance
Property Development	20% Reducing Balance

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**1.6 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.

**1.7 Funds**

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.

A restricted fund was initiated during the last financial year for the purpose of purchasing and refurbishing the Chorlton gospel hall. The refurbishment has been ongoing during the current financial year.

**1.8 Preparation of consolidated financial statements**

The Charity does not have a trading subsidiary and there is no requirement to prepare consolidated accounts

**1.9 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.

From 18th March 2020, Sefton Gospel Hall Trust ceased using the gospel hall which it operates, due to the global COVID-19 pandemic and the general lockdown imposed by the government.

The trustees do not consider that the Covid-19 pandemic will have any effect on the ability of the trust to continue as a going concern.

**2. 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 (2020: None).

**3. WAGES AND SALARIES**

There are no employees (2020: none).

**4. DONATED SERVICES**

**Donated to:**

	<b>Year ended 05 April 2021</b>	<b>Year ended 05 April 2020</b>
	£	£
Wistaston Gospel Hall Trust	2,448	2,835
	2,448	2,835

**5. Grants to Affiliated Trusts**

	<b>Year ended 05 April 2021</b>	<b>Year ended 05 April 2020</b>
	£	£
	-	-
	-	-

**6. RESOURCES EXPENDED**

	<b>Meeting rooms</b>	<b>Other charitable activities</b>	<b>Year ended 05 April 2021</b>	<b>Year ended 05 April 2020</b>
	£	£	£	£
<b>Direct costs</b>				
Premises costs Heat, light and power	11,225	-	11,225	12,191
Premises costs Repairs and Maintenance	2,595	-	2,595	12,272
Insurance	1,041	-	1,041	734
Telephone and broadband costs	714	-	714	777
Legal and professional	1,185	-	1,185	1,272
Congregation support	-	31,050	31,050	-
Depreciation	36,829	-	36,829	34,455
<b>Governance</b>	991	-	991	946
	54,580	31,050	85,630	62,647

Governance costs include £180 (2020: £180) in respect of independent examiners fees

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**7.1 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Freehold Property - Sydney Road	Freehold Property - Stock Lane	Freehold Property - Wheelock	Freehold Property - Chorlton	Property Development - Sydney Road
			£	£	£
<b>Cost</b>					
At 06 April 2020	443,726	264,290	257,560	174,286	9,100
Additions	-	-	-	30,000	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 05 April 2021	<u>443,726</u>	<u>264,290</u>	<u>257,560</u>	<u>204,286</u>	<u>9,100</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At 06 April 2020	188,673	47,538	39,920	4,691	525
Charge for the year	11,093	6,607	6,439	4,357	228
Depreciation on disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 05 April 2021	<u>199,766</u>	<u>54,145</u>	<u>46,359</u>	<u>9,048</u>	<u>753</u>
<b>Net book value</b>					
At 05 April 2021	<u>243,960</u>	<u>210,145</u>	<u>211,201</u>	<u>195,238</u>	<u>8,347</u>
At 05 April 2020	<u>255,053</u>	<u>216,752</u>	<u>217,640</u>	<u>169,595</u>	<u>8,575</u>

	Property Development - Chorlton	Fixtures and Fittings	Tools and Equipment	Freehold Property - Queen Street	Totals
			£	£	£
<b>Cost</b>					
At 06 April 2020	23,549	38,048	-	-	1,210,559
Additions	7,219	-	1,599	96,000	134,818
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 05 April 2021	<u>30,768</u>	<u>38,048</u>	<u>1,599</u>	<u>96,000</u>	<u>1,345,377</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At 06 April 2020	2,411	24,769	-	-	308,527
Charge for the year	5,088	2,656	183	178	36,829
Depreciation on disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 05 April 2021	<u>7,499</u>	<u>27,425</u>	<u>183</u>	<u>178</u>	<u>345,356</u>
<b>Net book value</b>					
At 05 April 2021	<u>23,269</u>	<u>10,623</u>	<u>1,416</u>	<u>95,822</u>	<u>1,000,021</u>
At 05 April 2020	<u>21,138</u>	<u>13,279</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>902,032</u>

**Property Details:**

Land registry titles of the above property held are CH313986, CH600344, CH599785, CH588330, CH596609 and CH696037

**7.2**

**Donation of rooms**

During the financial year, Wistaston Gospel Hall Trust donated the following rooms for Nil consideration:  
Queen Street (Title no. CH596609): £96,000

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**8. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSET BETWEEN FUNDS**

8.1 Current year	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	936,023	63,997	1,000,020
Current assets	11,599	22,839	34,438
Current liabilities	(945)	-	(945)
Non-current liabilities	-	-	-
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>946,677</b>	<b>86,836</b>	<b>1,033,513</b>

8.2 Prior year	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	875,994	26,037	902,031
Current assets	6,012	41,219	47,231
Current liabilities	(900)	-	(900)
Non-current liabilities	-	-	-
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>881,106</b>	<b>67,256</b>	<b>948,362</b>

**9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

9.1 Current year	Fund balance At 06 April 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Realised/ unrealised gains and losses £	Fund balance At 05 April 2021 £
Restricted funds	67,256	19,580	-	-	86,836
Designated Funds		31,600	(31,050)		550
Unrestricted funds	881,105	122,050	(57,028)	-	946,127
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>948,361</b>	<b>173,230</b>	<b>(88,078)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,033,513</b>

9.2 Prior year	Fund balance At 06 April 2019 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Realised/ unrealised gains and losses £	Fund balance At 05 April 2020 £
Restricted funds	-	67,256	-	-	67,256
Unrestricted funds	920,312	26,274	(65,481)	-	881,105
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>920,312</b>	<b>93,530</b>	<b>(65,481)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>948,361</b>

Restricted funds are held for the purpose of refurbishing the Chorlton Property

**10. TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES**

Donations totalling £6,380 have been received from related parties of the trustees. No material reimbursements were made.

**10. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS**

Following the financial year end the trust sold the Queen Street property, realising £96,000 proceeds from disposal.

**11. VOLUNTEERS**

Sefton 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.

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