

Loughbrickland Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 105067

Details

Status Received

Registered 2016-08-08

Register [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

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Activities

Purposes: THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND, as a Reformed Church within the wider body of Christ is grounded in the Scriptures, and exists to love and honour God through faith in His Son and by the power of His Spirit, and to enable her members to play their part in fulfilling God's mission to our world

What the charity does: The advancement of religion

How the charity works: Religious activities

Who the charity helps: General public

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£151,255	£113,043	£0	2

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Alan Rogers		
Mr Allison Moorhead		
Mr Edgar Patterson		
Mr Frank Boggs		
Mr Fred Cairns		
Mr James Small		
Mr John Cowan		
Mr Robert Baird		
Mr Robert Cupples B.Se, B.Agr		
Mr Ronnie Mayne B.E.M		
Mr Trevor Martin B.Agr		
Mrs Caroline Ledlie		
Mrs Olive Hutchinson		

Loughbrickland Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105067

Accounts

**LOUGHBRICKLAND CONGREGATION
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**



**Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105067)

LOUGHRICKLAND CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts and Payments Account)
for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
		£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	2	34,260	19,878	0	54,138	43,240
Charitable activities	3	47,085	38,010	0	85,095	100,673
Other trading activities	4	0	6,089	0	6,089	7,306
Investment Income	5	0	0	0	0	0
Other	6	0	0	0	0	0
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		81,345	63,977	0	145,322	151,219
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Investment Gain		0	0	5,933	5,933	10,414
Sale of fixed assets		0	0	0	0	0
Loans Received		0	0	0	0	0
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Total Receipts		81,345	63,977	5,933	151,255	161,633
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Payments						
Raising funds	7	653	0	0	653	0
Charitable activities	8	27,952	74,489	0	102,441	119,027
Investment costs		0	0	0	0	0
Other	9	0	0	0	0	0
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		28,605	74,489	0	103,094	119,027
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Purchase of Investments		0	0	0	0	0
Purchase of fixed assets		0	0	0	0	0
Loan Repayments		0	9,949	0	9,949	9,788
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Total Payments		28,605	84,438	0	113,043	128,815
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Net receipts / (payments)		52,740	(20,461)	5,933	38,212	32,818
Transfers between funds		(1,564)	1,564	0	0	0
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Net movement in funds		51,176	(18,897)	5,933	38,212	32,818
Funds brought forward		51,091	92,186	125,486	268,763	235,946
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Funds carried forward	12	102,267	73,289	131,419	306,975	268,764
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**LOUGHBRICKLAND CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Funds Reconciliation					
Bank and Cash at start of year	51,091	92,186	125,486	268,763	235,946
Net movement in funds	51,176	(18,897)	5,933	38,212	32,818
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Bank and Cash at end of year	102,267	73,289	131,419	306,975	268,764
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Other Assets/Liabilities					
Fixed Assets – Note 10					
- Church Premises & Contents				1,787,322	1,235,422
- Church Halls Premises & Contents				1,660,538	1,461,935
- Manse Premises				463,237	435,672
- Caretakers Premises				390,334	230,808
Investments – Note 11				0	0
Loan Balance				(38,669)	(44,348)
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Approved by the Kirk Session on

and signed on its behalf by



Fred Cairns



Trevor Martin

LOUGHBRICKLAND CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
31 December 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

As the total income of the congregation is less than £250,000 the congregation have elected in accordance with the provisions in The Charities Accounts and Reports Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 to prepare its accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

FUND ACCOUNTING

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be retained either permanently or at the congregation’s discretion; the income derived from the endowment is to be used either as restricted or unrestricted income funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first place.

Restricted funds comprise (a) income from endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific congregational activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investment is apportioned to the individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on the congregation’s general purposes. Designated funds are general funds set aside by the congregation for use in the future.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Loose collections	701	2,262	0	2,963	2,409
Donations and gifts	21,778	13,174	0	34,952	23,160
Gift Aid	9,363	3,767	0	13,130	15,242
Legacies and bequest	2,418	675	0	3,093	2,429
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	34,260	19,878	0	54,138	43,240
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LOUGHBRICKLAND CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

31 December 2024

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities	46,445	18,490	0	64,935	72,549
Weddings and funerals	0	900	0	900	1,094
Fundraising events	0	6,842	0	6,842	9,008
Membership fees	0	4,338	0	4,338	6,071
Graveyard	0	616	0	616	2,196
Grants	0	3,200	0	3,200	3,600
Church Magazines	640	0	0	640	648
Events & Outings	0	3,624	0	3,624	5,507
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	47,085	38,010	0	85,095	100,673
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4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Letting of premises	0	6,089	0	6,089	7,306
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	0	6,089	0	6,089	7,306
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5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	0	0	0	0	0
General Investment Fund	0	0	0	0	0
Other investment income	0	0	0	0	0
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**LOUGHBRICKLAND CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

31 December 2024

6. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Other income	0	0	0	0	0
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	0	0	0	0	0
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7. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Freewill Envelopes	653	0	0	0	0
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	653	0	0	0	0
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8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	4,107	0	0	4,107	7,891
Presbytery fees	448	0	0	448	501
Ministry and support staff costs	16,909	3,496	0	20,405	33,874
Congregational running expenses	6,488	42,363	0	48,851	55,957
Donations to Missions and charities	0	13,486	0	13,486	12,034
Building Repairs	0	15,144	0	15,144	8,770
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	27,952	74,489	0	102,441	119,027
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9. OTHER EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Investment properties expenses	0	0	0	0	0
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	0	0	0	0	0
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10. FIXED ASSETS

The congregation owns the Church, two Halls, Manse & Caretakers Home and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery. These are stated at insurance value at renewal dates.

11. INVESTMENTS

The congregation has the following investments. Amounts are shown at market valuation.

	2024 £	2023 £
General Investment Fund	131,419	125,486
Property	0	0
Other investments	0	0
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	131,419	125,486
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12. FUND BALANCES

Fund	Balance at start £	Receipts/ Gain £	Payment £	Surplus / (Deficit) £	Transfer £	Balance at end £
Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	51,091	71,345	28,605	42,740	(1,564)	92,267
Ledlie Legacy A/c	0	10,000	0	10,000	0	10,000
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	51,091	81,345	28,605	52,740	(1,564)	102,267
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Restricted Funds

Property Fund	22,925	28,491	37,241	(8,750)		14,175
Manse Fund	17,131	1,710	11,675	(9,965)	1,800	8,966
Hall Fund	19,852	1,048	3,809	(2,761)		17,091
Necessitous Members	2,294	177	45	132		2,426
United Appeal	0	4,307	4,307	0		0
Mission & Charities	0	5,903	5,903	0		0
Badminton Club	2,791	1,075	654	421		3,212
Bowling Club	1,934	914	1,032	(118)		1,816
Boys Brigade	5,133	3,968	3,567	401	(1,200)	4,334
Catering	6,058	934	0	934		6,992
Fundraising	5,093	2,633	420	2,213		7,306
Girls Brigade	6,886	9,831	11,858	(2,027)		4,859
Presbyterian Women	913	2,986	3,131	(145)		768
Sunday School	513	0	726	(726)	964	751
Youth Fellowship	663	0	70	(70)		593
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	92,186	63,977	84,438	(20,461)	1,564	73,289
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Endowment Funds	125,486	0	0	5,933	0	131,419
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13. LOAN BALANCE

	Balance at start	Interest	Payment	Balance at end
	£	£	£	£
Bank Loan	(44,348)	(4,270)	9,949	(38,669)
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Northern Ireland - Charity number 105067

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LOUGHBRICKLAND CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts and Payments Account)
for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
		£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	2	25,208	18,032	0	43,240	39,657
Charitable activities	3	47,830	52,843	0	100,673	106,262
Other trading activities	4	26	7,280	0	7,306	6,924
Investment Income	5	0	0	0	0	0
Other	6	0	0	0	0	0
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		73,064	78,155	0	151,219	152,843
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Investment Gain		0	0	10,414	10,414	(10,306)
Sale of fixed assets		0	0	0	0	0
Loans Received		0	0	0	0	50,000
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Total Receipts		73,064	78,155	10,414	161,633	192,537
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Payments						
Raising funds	7	0	0	0	0	0
Charitable activities	8	54,213	64,814	0	119,027	156,860
Investment costs		0	0	0	0	0
Other	9	0	0	0	0	0
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		54,213	64,814	0	119,027	156,860
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Purchase of Investments		0	0	0	0	0
Purchase of fixed assets		0	0	0	0	0
Loan Repayments		0	9,788	0	9,788	21,891
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Total Payments		54,213	74,602	0	128,815	178,751
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Net receipts / (payments)		18,851	3,553	10,414	32,818	13,786
Transfers between funds		(3,968)	3,968	0	0	0
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Net movement in funds		14,883	7,521	10,414	32,818	13,786
Funds brought forward		36,208	84,666	115,072	235,946	222,160
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Funds carried forward	12	51,091	92,187	125,486	268,764	235,946
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**LOUGHBRICKLAND CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Funds Reconciliation					
Bank and Cash at start of year	36,208	84,666	115,072	235,946	222,160
Net movement in funds	14,883	7,521	10,414	32,818	13,786
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Bank and Cash at end of year	51,091	92,187	125,486	268,764	235,946
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Other Assets/Liabilities					
Fixed Assets – Note 10					
- Church Premises & Contents				1,235,422	1,149,277
- Church Halls Premises & Contents				1,461,935	1,359,940
- Manse Premises				435,672	405,277
- Caretakers Premises				230,808	214,705
Investments – Note 11				0	0
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Approved by the Kirk Session on 26th March 2024 and signed on its behalf by



Fred Cairns

26th March 2024



Trevor Martin

26th March 2024

LOUGHBRICKLAND CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

31 December 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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Designated funds are general funds set aside by the congregation for use in the future.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Loose collections	1,481	928	0	2,409	939
Donations and gifts	12,170	10,990	0	23,160	18,232
Gift Aid	9,661	5,581	0	15,242	17,944
Legacies and bequest	1,896	533	0	2,429	2,542
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	25,208	18,032	0	43,240	39,657
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LOUGHBRICKLAND CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

31 December 2023

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities	47,182	25,367	0	72,549	82,085
Weddings and funerals	0	1,094	0	1,094	1,650
Fundraising events	0	9,008	0	9,008	300
Membership fees	0	6,071	0	6,071	4,746
Graveyard Registration	0	2,196	0	2,196	12,756
Grants	0	3,600	0	3,600	4,200
Church Magazines	648	0	0	648	525
Events & Outings	0	5,507	0	5,507	0
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	47,830	52,843	0	100,673	106,262
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4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Letting of premises	26	7,280	0	7,306	24
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	26	7,280	0	7,306	24
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5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	0	0	0	0	0
General Investment Fund	0	0	0	0	0
Other investment income	0	0	0	0	0
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	0	0	0	0	0
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**LOUGHBRICKLAND CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

31 December 2023

6. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Loan – Ulster Bank	0	0	0	0	0
Other income – Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	0
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	0	0	0	0	0
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7. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Fundraising events	0	0	0	0	0
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	0	0	0	0	0
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8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	7,891	0	0	7,891	9,241
Presbytery fees	501	0	0	501	358
Ministry and support staff costs	30,676	3,198	0	33,874	35,181
Congregational running expenses	14,460	41,497	0	55,957	38,386
Donations to Missions and charities	685	11,349	0	12,034	13,307
Building Repairs	0	8,770	0	8,770	60,387
Bequest Interest	0	0	0	0	0
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	54,213	64,814	0	119,027	156,860
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9. OTHER EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Investment properties expenses	0	0	0	0	0
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	0	0	0	0	0
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10. FIXED ASSETS

The congregation owns the Church, two Halls and Caretakers Home premises situated at Ballynanny Road, Loughbrickland, the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery. These are stated at insurance value at renewal dates.

11. INVESTMENTS

The congregation has the following investments. Amounts are shown at market valuation.

	2023 £	2022 £
General Investment Fund	125,486	115,072
Property	0	0
Other investments	0	0
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	125,486	115,072
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12. FUND BALANCES

Fund	Balance at start	Receipts/ Gain	Payment	Surplus / (Deficit)	Transfer	Balance at end
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	36,208	73,064	54,213	18,851	(3,968)	51,091
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	36,208	73,064	54,213	18,851	(3,968)	51,091
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Restricted Funds

Property Fund	17,906	40,297	35,277	5,020		22,926
Manse Fund	14,275	1,356	0	1,356	1,500	17,131
Hall Fund	25,235	1,057	6,440	(5,383)		19,852
Necessitous Members	2,154	140	0	140		2,294
United Appeal	0	4,335	5,300	(965)	965	0
Mission & Charities	0	5,356	6,050	(694)	694	0
Badminton Club	2,301	1,360	870	490		2,791
Bowling Club	1,825	858	749	109		1,934
Boys Brigade	4,329	5,069	4,265	804		5,133
Catering	5,732	1,094	768	326		6,058
Fundraising	4,931	2,725	2,563	162		5,093
Girls Brigade	3,904	14,053	11,071	2,982		6,886
Presbyterian Women	900	455	442	13		913
Sunday School	511	0	807	(807)	809	513
Youth Club	663	0	0	0		663
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	84,666	78,155	74,602	3,553	3,968	92,187
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Endowment Funds	115,072			10,414	0	125,486
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13. LOAN BALANCE

	Balance at start	Interest	Payment	Balance at end
	£	£	£	£
Bank Loan	(50,000)	(4,136)	9,788	(44,348)
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	(50,000)	(4,136)	9,788	(44,348)
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Annual report

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LOUGHBRICKLAND CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 including a Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at that date.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Loughbrickland Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
80 Ballynanny Road, Loughbrickland, Banbridge, Co. Down, BT32 4LQ

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105067)

CHARITY TRUSTEES

The Charity Trustees who served during the year or who were trustees at the date of this report were

Frank Boggs	Fred Cairns
John Cowan	Robert Cupples
Trevor Martin	Olive Hutchinson
Alison Moorhead	Ronnie Mayne
Alan Rogers	James Small
Robert Baird	Caroline Ledlie
Edgar Patterson	Rev. Patricia McBride (retired 30 th September 2023)

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister	Rev. Patricia McBride (retired 30 th September 2023)
Clerk of Session	Mr. Fred Cairns
Treasurer	Mrs. Caroline Ledlie

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Mr. Colin Adamson – 26 Birch Grove, Gilford, Co. Armagh, BT63 6HW

BANKERS

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LOUGHBRICKLAND CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

The Kirk Session

The charity trustees of the congregation are the members of its Kirk Session. Under the congregation's governing document, The Code, the book of the constitution and government of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, the Kirk Session seeks to watch over and promote the spiritual interest of the congregation and of persons not connected with any congregation who are within its bounds. It ensures pastoral care is in place in the congregation and seeks to further the contribution of the Church to Christian witness and service in the local community. The Kirk Sessions has delegated to its Congregational Committee the temporal affairs of the congregation including administering all funds and property belonging to the congregation. Members of the Kirk Session are ex-officio members of the Congregational Committee.

The Kirk Session consists of the ordained minister and the ruling elders of the congregations. All members are entitled to propose, speak and exercise equal votes at meetings, except that the Moderator, the ministers in active duty in the congregation, has no deliberative but only a casting vote.

Stated meetings of the Kirk session are held at least four times in each year or as appropriate.

To be chosen for the office of the eldership in the congregation a person must be a voting member and a regular attendant on its ordinances. The selection of those proposed to be called to the office can be either by the congregation or by the Kirk Session. Members are elected if they obtain two-thirds of those who vote.

Presbytery

Under the Presbyterian Church in Ireland form of governance the corporate oversight of a congregation is the responsibility of a Presbytery which superintends generally the spiritual and temporal affairs of the congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. Loughbrickland congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Iveagh Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The membership of the Presbytery consists mainly of the active ministers of congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly, ministers who have retired from active duty and an elder appointed by the Kirk Session of the congregation.

The General Assembly

The General Assembly is the supreme court of the Church, representing in one body the whole Church and acting as its supreme legislative, administration and judicial authority, in dealing with all matters brought before it. The General Assembly is normally constituted during the first week in June for worship and to conduct its business. At the end of business, it is dissolved. The membership of the General Assembly consists mainly of the active ministers of each congregation, retired ministers and a representative elder appointed by the Kirk Session of each congregation.

LOUGHBRICKLAND CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

The charitable purpose of the congregation is the advancement of religion.

Loughbrickland Congregation of the Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The Presbyterian Church in Ireland, as a Reformed Church within the wider body of Christ is grounded in the Scriptures, and exists to love and honour God through faith in His Son and by the power of His Spirit, and to enable her members to play their part in fulfilling God's mission to our world.

The congregations mission purpose is

- *To worship God, Father and Holy Spirit*
- *To build an open and caring Christian community, growing in knowledge and love of God.*
- *To equip our congregation to witness in word and deed to God's love in our daily lives, home and abroad.*

The congregation aims to live out its Mission and Vision as a family of God's people by being:

- A Covenant Community: where our relationships are rooted in the promises of God by living faithfully towards him and towards one another.
- An Intergenerational Community: where adults intentionally take the lead to engage with, encourage and nurture younger members to maturity in Christ.
- An Outward looking Community: where we want the blessings of God that belong to us in the gospel to become blessings for other beyond the bounds of our community.
- As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, we believe that the Bible is the supreme authority over all we do, and that the Westminster Confession of Faith, along with the Larger and Shorter Catechisms set out what we understand the Bible teaches on key matters of Christian faith and practice

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper is observed on several occasions during the year and all those who have been baptised and who have made a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are admitted to the Lord's Supper. The congregation holds bible study meetings and has a wide range of organisations including

- Sunday School
- Boys' Brigade
- Girls' Brigade
- Youth Fellowship
- Badminton Club
- Bowling Club
- Parent & Toddlers

LOUGHBRICKLAND CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 12.00 noon.

As well as our regular services during we conducted 1 marriage service and gave thanks for faithful services and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.

At 31 December 2023 there were 212 communicant members and 123 families connected with the congregations. The average weekly attendance at morning worship is 75

Pastoral care

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age are visited on a regular basis by the minister, elders or by one of the congregation's pastoral visitors.

Mission and outreach

At a local level the congregation plays an integral part in the community, through visitations as noted above, together with the organisation of social events and holding a Friendship Dinner in December for elder members of the community. The Church Hall is used for local events – 60+ Luncheon Club and British Legion Association.

As a key element in outreach activities, the Church is committed to raising money and providing donations to external missions and agencies.

During the year, donations were made to the following missions and agencies:

- The Presbyterian United Appeal
- The Presbyterian World Development Appeal
- Christian Aid
- Moderators Appeal
- The Presbyterian Children Society

The congregation supports the United Appeal for Mission which is a central fund of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. This fund enables congregations to support the wider mission of the denomination and to do mission and outreach on a denominational basis beyond what the congregation could do on its own. The United Appeal Fund provides financial support for mission personnel at home and overseas, assists congregations with the deployment of locally based staff, enables church planting, provides grant support for the upkeep of church premises, assist with the running costs of Union Theological College, the Church's training college for ministry students, and financially supports congregation in the areas of worship, discipleship, global mission, outreach, leadership and pastoral care.

The congregation also contributes to the denominations annual World Development Appeal, Sunday School project and any other special appeals. Our Presbyterian Women Group is also very supportive of charitable missions and during the year contributed to both PW Missions and Tear Fund.

LOUGHBRICKLAND CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

Presbytery

The congregation was represented at the regular meetings of Presbytery by our minister and / or one of the elders. This provides an important link between the congregations and the wider structures of the church.

General Assembly

The minister and one of our elders were nominated to attend the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland held in Assembly Buildings, Belfast, in June.

Organisations

Monday night – All sections of our Boys Brigade meet from September until May with 50+ members enrolled in 2023. The boys follow a bagdework programme throughout the year which includes sport, bible study various competitions which other Boys Brigade companies in the Down Battalion. The year concludes with an Annual Display and Presentation of Awards.

Tuesday morning - during school term time, our hall is used by our parent and toddlers' group. On average 15-20 children along with carers were regular attenders.

Wednesday night - All sections of our Girls Brigade meet from September until May with 140 members enrolled in 2023. The girls follow a bagdework programme throughout the year which includes sport, bible study, crafts and various competitions which other Girls' Brigade companies in the Bann District and GBNI. The year concludes with an Annual Display and Presentation of Awards.

Thursday night - The Bowling Club meets from September until April in our Hall, with average attendance of twenty members. As well as practice nights, the club has had a few matches against other local churches.

Friday night – The Badminton Club meet from September until April in our Hall with good attendance of both Junior and Senior members.

Sunday morning – Sunday school and Bible Class meet each Sunday during Sunday Worship and have 40 children and young adults normally in attendance.

Our Presbyterian Women Group meet monthly during the winter months and is comprised of both our own members and those from Scarva Presbyterian Church. The Group is heavily involved in charitable work, and as noted above, during the year contributed to PW Missions.

Volunteers

The Trustees wish to acknowledge their deep appreciation of those who give freely of their time by serving on committees and helping with organisations and other church activities.

LOUGHBRICKLAND CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

The Presbyterian Church in Ireland meets the public benefit requirement by providing benefit to its members and the general public by making known the Christian Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ through the advancement of religion.

The direct benefits which flow from the purposes of the Church include the gaining of an understanding in Christian beliefs as set out in the Bible and in the Church's subordinate standards (the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Shorter and Larger Catechisms) leading to spiritual and moral development and opportunities for response to Bible teaching. In turn, this framework leads to practical expressions of Christian beliefs and standards in the local community such as through the care of those in need (including the sick, disabled and bereaved).

Generally, the above benefits are delivered locally by congregations and their members, or are facilitated through presbyteries or are organised and delivered centrally. Local delivery is facilitated by central resources in almost all cases. Public access is made known through the use of noticeboards, printed material, press advertisement, websites, and social media or in other ways.

The benefits are demonstrated through regular evaluation of the services and informal and ad-hoc feedback from members, their families, and members of the public.

The purpose does not lead to harm. The only private benefit flowing from our purpose is related to Ministers, Missionaries, Deaconesses, Irish Mission workers and Lay Agents who receive benefits as a result of their holding office or employment. However, this is incidental and necessary in order to further our charitable purpose. There are no other private benefits. The beneficiaries of this purpose are members, their families, other individuals that the Presbyterian Church in Ireland is in direct and indirect contact with, the community in which pastoral services are provided and other communities throughout Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, and worldwide which benefit from our engagement with and support for both Christian and other secular organisations, charities and individual members of the public. The Kirk Session has had regard to the Charity Commissions Public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 134 contributors during the year donating a total of £ 47,185 (£36,577 in previous year, 2022)

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £151,219 with total expenditure £128,815.

**LOUGHBRICKLAND CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements of the congregation in accordance with applicable law and generally accepted accounting practice.

As the congregation's total income does not exceed £250,000, the Trustees have elected under Section 64(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 to prepare a receipts and payment account and a statement of assets and liabilities.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the congregation's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time its financial position. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the congregation and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Kirk Session on 26th March 2024 and signed on its behalf by



Fred Cairns

24th March 2024



Trevor Martin

24th March 2024

Loughbrickland Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105067

Annual return

**LOUGHBRICKLAND CONGREGATION
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**



**Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105067)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF LOUGHBRICKLAND CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are set out on pages 10 to 16.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the Charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with these accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Adamson', with a long, sweeping tail stroke.

Name: Colin Adamson

Address: 26 Birch Grove, Gilford, Co. Armagh, BT63 6HW

Date: 13th March 2024

Loughbrickland Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105067

Accounts

**LOUGHBRICKLAND CONGREGATION
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**



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for the year ended 31 December 2022**

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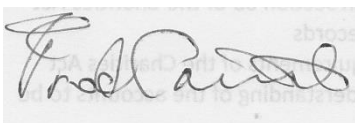
LOUGHRICKLAND CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts and Payments Account)
for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
		£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	2	14,004	25,653	0	39,657	29,716
Charitable activities	3	37,102	69,160	0	106,262	72,491
Other trading activities	4	24	6,900	0	6,924	23
Investment Income	5	0	0	0	0	549
Other	6	0	0	0	0	0
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		51,130	101,713	0	152,843	102,779
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Investment Gain		0	0	(10,306)	(10,306)	14,296
Sale of fixed assets		0	0	0	0	0
Loans Received		0	50,000	0	50,000	0
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Total Receipts		51,130	151,713	(10,306)	192,537	117,075
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Payments						
Raising funds	7	0	0	0	0	200
Charitable activities	8	48,480	108,371	0	156,860	73,547
Investment costs		0	0	0	0	0
Other	9	0	0	0	0	0
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		48,489	108,371	0	156,860	73,747
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Purchase of Investments		0	0	0	0	0
Purchase of fixed assets		0	0	0	0	0
Loan Repayments		0	21,891	0	21,891	10,179
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Total Payments		48,489	130,262	0	178,751	86,831
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Net receipts / (payments)		2,641	21,451	(10,306)	13,786	33,150
Transfers between funds		(2,795)	2,795	0	0	0
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Net movement in funds		(154)	24,246	(10,306)	13,786	33,150
Funds brought forward		36,362	60,420	125,378	222,160	189,011
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Funds carried forward	12	36,208	84,666	115,072	235,946	222,160
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**LOUGHBRICKLAND CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

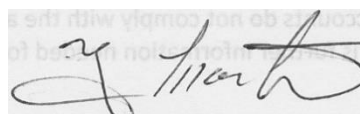
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Funds Reconciliation					
Bank and Cash at start of year	36,362	60,420	125,378	222,160	189,011
Net movement in funds	(154)	24,246	(10,306)	13,786	33,149
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Bank and Cash at end of year	36,208	84,666	115,072	235,946	222,160
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Other Assets/Liabilities					
Fixed Assets – Note 10					
- Church Premises & Contents				1,149,277	1,069,051
- Church Halls Premises & Contents				1,359,940	1,265,060
- Manse Premises				405,277	377,000
- Caretakers Premises				214,705	199,725
Investments – Note 11				0	0
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Approved by the Kirk Session on 12th April 2023 and signed on its behalf by



Fred Cairns

12th April 2023



Trevor Martin

12th April 2023

LOUGHBRICKLAND CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

31 December 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

As the total income of the congregation is less than £250,000 the congregation have elected in accordance with the provisions in The Charities Accounts and Reports Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 to prepare its accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

FUND ACCOUNTING

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be retained either permanently or at the congregation's discretion; the income derived from the endowment is to be used either as restricted or unrestricted income funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first place.

Restricted funds comprise (a) income from endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific congregational activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investment is apportioned to the individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on the congregation's general purposes.

Designated funds are general funds set aside by the congregation for use in the future.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Loose collections	591	348	0	939	126
Donations and gifts	2,971	15,261	0	18,232	13,444
Gift Aid	8,454	9,490	0	17,944	14,540
Legacies and bequest	1,988	554	0	2,542	1,606
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	14,004	25,653	0	39,657	29,716
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LOUGHBRICKLAND CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
31 December 2021

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities	36,577	45,508	0	82,085	70,502
Weddings and funerals	0	1,650	0	1,650	650
Fundraising events	0	300	0	300	200
Membership fees	0	4,746	0	4,746	0
Graveyard Registration	0	12,756	0	12,756	611
Grants	0	4,200	0	4,200	0
Church Magazines	525	0	0	525	0
HMRC Furlough Scheme	0	0	0		528
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	37,102	69,160	0	106,262	72,491
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4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Letting of premises	24	6,900	0	6,924	23
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	24	0	0	6,924	23
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5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	0	0	0	0	0
General Investment Fund	0	0	0	0	549
Other investment income	0	0	0	0	0
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	0	0	0	0	549
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**LOUGHBRICKLAND CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

31 December 2021

6. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Loan – Ulster Bank	0	0	0	0	0
Other income – Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	0
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7. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Fundraising events	0	0	0	0	200
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	0	0	0	0	200
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8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	9,241	0	0	9,241	9,044
Presbytery fees	358	0	0	358	231
Ministry and support staff costs	31,873	3,308	0	35,181	32,111
Congregational running expenses	6,767	31,619	0	38,386	21,096
Donations to Missions and charities	250	13,057	0	13,307	8,771
Building Repairs	0	60,387	0	60,387	2,294
Bequest Interest	0	0	0	0	0
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	48,489	108,371	0	156,860	73,547
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**LOUGHBRICKLAND CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

31 December 2021

9. OTHER EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Investment properties expenses	0	0	0	0	0
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	0	0	0	0	0
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10. FIXED ASSETS

The congregation owns the Church, two Halls and Caretakers Home premises situated at Ballynanny Road, Loughbrickland, the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery. These are stated at insurance value at renewal dates.

11. INVESTMENTS

The congregation has the following investments. Amounts are shown at market valuation.

	2022	2021
	£	£
General Investment Fund	115,072	125,378
Property	0	0
Other investments	0	0
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	115,072	125,378
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LOUGHBRICKLAND CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)

31 December 2021

12. FUND BALANCES

Fund	Balance at start	Receipts/ Gain	Payment	Surplus / (Deficit)	Transfer	Balance at end
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	36,362	51,130	48,489	2,641	(2,795)	36,208
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	36,362	51,130	48,489	2,641	(2,795)	36,208
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Restricted Funds						
Property Fund	(6,257)	125,645	101,482	24,163		17,906
Manse Fund	11,488	1,287	0	1,287	1,500	14,275
Hall Fund	26,524	1,128	2,417	(1,289)		25,235
Necessitous Members	2,078	146	70	76		2,154
United Appeal	0	3,903	3,903	0		0
Mission & Charities	0	8,180	9,154	(974)	974	0
Badminton Club	2,301	0	0	0		2,301
Bowling Club	2,244	629	1,048	(419)		1,825
Boys Brigade	5,799	721	2,191	(1,470)		4,329
Catering	5,838	0	106	(106)		5,732
Fundraising	4,931	0	0	0		4,931
Girls Brigade	3,136	9,904	9,136	768		3,904
Presbyterian Women	750	150	0	150		900
Sunday School	925	20	755	(735)	321	511
Youth Club	663	0	0	0		663
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	60,420	151,413	129,953	21,460	2,786	60,420
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Endowment Funds	125,378			(10,306)	0	115,072
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13. LOAN BALANCE

	Balance at start	Loan Drawdown	Interest	Payment	Balance at end
	£	£	£	£	£
Bank Loan1	(20,797)	0	(1,094)	21,891	0
Bank Loan 2	0	(50,000)	0	0	(50,000)
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	(20,797)	(50,000)	(1,094)	21,891	(50,000)
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Loughbrickland Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105067

Annual report

**LOUGHBRICKLAND CONGREGATION
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**



**Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105067)

LOUGHBRICKLAND CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 including a Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at that date.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Loughbrickland Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
80 Ballynanny Road, Loughbrickland, Banbridge, Co. Down, BT32 4LQ

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105067)

CHARITY TRUSTEES

The Charity Trustees who served during the year or who were trustees at the date of this report were

Frank Boggs	Fred Cairns
John Cowan	Robert Cupples
Trevor Martin	Olive Hutchinson
Alison Moorhead	Ronnie Mayne
Alan Rogers	James Small
Robert Baird	Caroline Ledlie
Edgar Patterson	

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister	Rev. Patricia McBride
Clerk of Session	Mr. Fred Cairns
Treasurer	Mrs. Caroline Ledlie

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Mr. Colin Adamson – 26 Birch Grove, Gilford, Co. Armagh, BT63 6HW

BANKERS

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LOUGHBRICKLAND CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

The Kirk Session

The charity trustees of the congregation are the members of its Kirk Session. Under the congregation's governing document, The Code, the book of the constitution and government of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, the Kirk Session seeks to watch over and promote the spiritual interest of the congregation and of persons not connected with any congregation who are within its bounds. It ensures pastoral care is in place in the congregation and seeks to further the contribution of the Church to Christian witness and service in the local community. The Kirk Sessions has delegated to its Congregational Committee the temporal affairs of the congregation including administering all funds and property belonging to the congregation. Members of the Kirk Session are ex-officio members of the Congregational Committee.

The Kirk Session consists of the ordained minister and the ruling elders of the congregations. All members are entitled to propose, speak and exercise equal votes at meetings, except that the Moderator, the ministers in active duty in the congregation, has no deliberative but only a casting vote.

Stated meetings of the Kirk session are held at least four times in each year or as appropriate.

To be chosen for the office of the eldership in the congregation a person must be a voting member and a regular attendant on its ordinances. The selection of those proposed to be called to the office can be either by the congregation or by the Kirk Session. Members are elected if they obtain two-thirds of those who vote.

Presbytery

Under the Presbyterian Church in Ireland form of governance the corporate oversight of a congregation is the responsibility of a Presbytery which superintends generally the spiritual and temporal affairs of the congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. Loughbrickland congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Iveagh Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The membership of the Presbytery consists mainly of the active ministers of congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly, ministers who have retired from active duty and an elder appointed by the Kirk Session of the congregation.

The General Assembly

The General Assembly is the supreme court of the Church, representing in one body the whole Church and acting as its supreme legislative, administration and judicial authority, in dealing with all matters brought before it. The General Assembly is normally constituted during the first week in June for worship and to conduct its business. At the end of business, it is dissolved. The membership of the General Assembly consists mainly of the active ministers of each congregation, retired ministers and a representative elder appointed by the Kirk Session of each congregation.

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DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

The charitable purpose of the congregation is the advancement of religion.

Loughbrickland Congregation of the Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The Presbyterian Church in Ireland, as a Reformed Church within the wider body of Christ is grounded in the Scriptures, and exists to love and honour God through faith in His Son and by the power of His Spirit, and to enable her members to play their part in fulfilling God's mission to our world.

The congregations mission purpose is

- *To worship God, Father and Holy Spirit*
- *To build an open and caring Christian community, growing in knowledge and love of God.*
- *To equip our congregation to witness in word and deed to God's love in our daily lives, home and abroad.*

The congregation aims to live out its Mission and Vision as a family of God's people by being:

- A Covenant Community: where our relationships are rooted in the promises of God by living faithfully towards him and towards one another.
- An Intergenerational Community: where adults intentionally take the lead to engage with, encourage and nurture younger members to maturity in Christ.
- An Outward looking Community: where we want the blessings of God that belong to us in the gospel to become blessings for other beyond the bounds of our community.
- As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, we believe that the Bible is the supreme authority over all we do, and that the Westminster Confession of Faith, along with the Larger and Shorter Catechisms set out what we understand the Bible teaches on key matters of Christian faith and practice

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper is observed on several occasions during the year and all those who have been baptised and who have made a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are admitted to the Lord's Supper. The congregation holds bible study meetings and has a wide range of organisations including

- Sunday School
- Boys' Brigade
- Girls' Brigade
- Youth Club
- Badminton Club
- Bowling Club
- Parent & Toddlers

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 12.00 noon.

As well as our regular services during we conducted 1 marriage service and gave thanks for faithful services and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.

At 31 December 2022 there were 206 communicant members and 125 families connected with the congregations. The average weekly attendance at morning worship is 70

Pastoral care

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age are visited on a regular basis by the minister, elders or by one of the congregation's pastoral visitors.

Mission and outreach

At a local level the congregation plays an integral part in the community, through visitations as noted above, together with the organisation of social events and holding a Friendship Dinner in December for elder members of the community. The Church Hall is used for local events – 60+ Luncheon Club and British Legion Association.

As a key element in outreach activities, the Church is committed to raising money and providing donations to external missions and agencies.

During the year, donations were made to the following missions and agencies:

- The Presbyterian United Appeal
- The Presbyterian World Development Appeal
- Christian Aid
- Moderators Appeal
- The Presbyterian Children Society

The congregation supports the United Appeal for Mission which is a central fund of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. This fund enables congregations to support the wider mission of the denomination and to do mission and outreach on a denominational basis beyond what the congregation could do on its own. The United Appeal Fund provides financial support for mission personnel at home and overseas, assists congregations with the deployment of locally based staff, enables church planting, provides grant support for the upkeep of church premises, assist with the running costs of Union Theological College, the Church's training college for ministry students, and financially supports congregation in the areas of worship, discipleship, global mission, outreach, leadership and pastoral care.

The congregation also contributes to the denominations annual World Development Appeal, Sunday School project and any other special appeals. Our Presbyterian Women Group is also very supportive of charitable missions and during the year contributed to both PW Missions and Tear Fund.

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Presbytery

The congregation was represented at the regular meetings of Presbytery by our minister and / or one of the elders. This provides an important link between the congregations and the wider structures of the church.

General Assembly

The minister and one of our elders were nominated to attend the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland held in Assembly Buildings, Belfast, in June.

Organisations

Monday night – All sections of our Boys Brigade meet from September until May with 50+ members enrolled in 2022. The boys follow a bagdework programme throughout the year which includes sport, bible study various competitions which other Boys Brigade companies in the Down Battalion. The year concludes with an Annual Display and Presentation of Awards.

Tuesday morning - during school term time, our hall is used by our parent and toddlers' group. On average 15-20 children along with carers were regular attenders.

Wednesday night - All sections of our Girls Brigade meet from September until May with 140 members enrolled in 2022. The girls follow a bagdework programme throughout the year which includes sport, bible study, crafts and various competitions which other Girls' Brigade companies in the Bann District and GBNI. The year concludes with an Annual Display and Presentation of Awards.

Thursday night - The Bowling Club meets from September until April in our Hall, with average attendance of twenty members. As well as practice nights, the club has had a few matches against other local churches.

Friday night – The Badminton Club meet from September until April in our Hall with good attendance of both Junior and Senior members.

Sunday morning – Sunday school and Bible Class meet each Sunday prior to Sunday Worship and have 40 children and young adults normally in attendance.

Our Presbyterian Women Group meet monthly during the winter months and is comprised of both our own members and those from Scarva Presbyterian Church. The Group is heavily involved in charitable work, and as noted above, during the year contributed to PW Missions.

Volunteers

The Trustees wish to acknowledge their deep appreciation of those who give freely of their time by serving on committees and helping with organisations and other church activities.

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PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

The Presbyterian Church in Ireland meets the public benefit requirement by providing benefit to its members and the general public by making known the Christian Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ through the advancement of religion.

The direct benefits which flow from the purposes of the Church include the gaining of an understanding in Christian beliefs as set out in the Bible and in the Church's subordinate standards (the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Shorter and Larger Catechisms) leading to spiritual and moral development and opportunities for response to Bible teaching. In turn, this framework leads to practical expressions of Christian beliefs and standards in the local community such as through the care of those in need (including the sick, disabled and bereaved).

Generally, the above benefits are delivered locally by congregations and their members, or are facilitated through presbyteries or are organised and delivered centrally. Local delivery is facilitated by central resources in almost all cases. Public access is made known through the use of noticeboards, printed material, press advertisement, websites, and social media or in other ways.

The benefits are demonstrated through regular evaluation of the services and informal and ad-hoc feedback from members, their families, and members of the public.

The purpose does not lead to harm. The only private benefit flowing from our purpose is related to Ministers, Missionaries, Deaconesses, Irish Mission workers and Lay Agents who receive benefits as a result of their holding office or employment. However, this is incidental and necessary in order to further our charitable purpose. There are no other private benefits. The beneficiaries of this purpose are members, their families, other individuals that the Presbyterian Church in Ireland is in direct and indirect contact with, the community in which pastoral services are provided and other communities throughout Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, and worldwide which benefit from our engagement with and support for both Christian and other secular organisations, charities and individual members of the public. The Kirk Session has had regard to the Charity Commissions Public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 133 contributors during the year donating a total of £ 36,577 (£36,660 in previous year, 2021)

Total Income of the congregation during the year before investment gain was £151,713 compared to £102,779 in the previous year. Total expenditure increased from £84,185 to £130,262 as a result of replacing the church windows.

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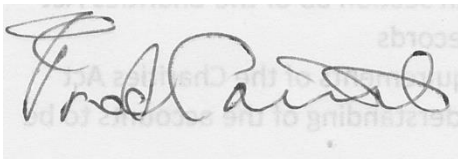
STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements of the congregation in accordance with applicable law and generally accepted accounting practice.

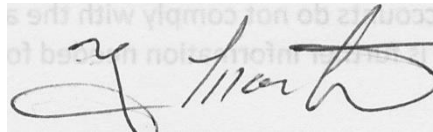
As the congregation's total income does not exceed £250,000, the Trustees have elected under Section 64(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 to prepare a receipts and payment account and a statement of assets and liabilities.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the congregation's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time its financial position. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the congregation and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Kirk Session on 12th April and signed on its behalf by



Fred Cairns



Trevor Martin

Loughbrickland Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105067

Annual return

**LOUGHBRICKLAND CONGREGATION
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**



**Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105067)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF LOUGHBRICKLAND CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2022, which are set out on pages 11 to 18.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the Charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

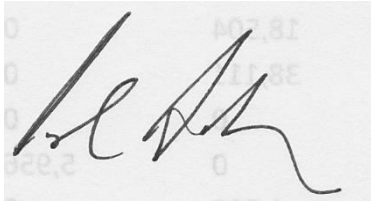
My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with these accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Adamson', is written over a faint, mirrored watermark of the same signature. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Name: Colin Adamson

Address: 26 Birch Grove, Gilford, Co. Armagh, BT63 6HW

Date: 4th April 2023