

Castlereagh Gospel Hall

Northern Ireland · Charity number 105708

Details

Known as	Castlereagh Gospel Hall Assembly
Status	Received
Registered	2016-09-12
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

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Activities

Purposes: For Religious purposes at Lower Castlereagh Gospel Hall in connection with the society known as the brethren.

What the charity does: The advancement of religion

How the charity works: Community development,Overseas aid/famine relief,Relief of poverty,Religious activities,Youth development

Who the charity helps: Children (5-13 year olds),General public,Men,Older people,Overseas/developing countries,Parents,Preschool (0-5 year olds),Women,Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£78,921	£76,766	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Hugh Cousins		
Mr John Stevenson		
Mr Saberto Bargewell		
Nelson Logan		

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Statement of Receipts and Payments - Year Ended 31 March 2025

		Total 2025	Total 2024
	Notes	£ Unrestricted Funds	£ Unrestricted Funds
Receipts			
Voluntary Income & Gift Aid		78658	77774
Bank Interest		263	170
Total Income	2	78921	77944
Payments			
Cost of generating funds	3	26854	29790
Charitable Activities		49912	40402
Total Payments		76766	70192
Reconciliation 31/03/2025			
Cash in Bank 31.03.24		25417	17665
Surplus(deficit) thisyear end		2155	7752
Cash in Bank 31.03.25		27572	25417

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		Total 2024	Total 2023
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	£ Unrestricted Funds
Receipts			
Voluntary Income & Gift Aid		77774	82867
Bank Interest		170	7
Total Income	2	77944	82874
Payments			
Cost of generating funds	3	29790	24262
Charitable Activities		40402	55240
Total Payments		70192	79502
Reconciliation 31/03/2024			
Cash in Bank 31.03.23		17665	16928
Surplus(deficit) thisyear end		7752	737
Cash in Bank 31.03.24		25417	17665

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Annual report

The Trustees of Castlereagh Assembly (the Assembly) submit their annual report and unaudited financial statement for the year ending 31st March 2024

Constitution & Governance

Castlereagh Assembly is an independent local church dating back to 1957. The church (Assembly) is currently constituted by a Trust Deed dated 8th June 1957.

The Assembly registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on 12th September 2016 as required by the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (Registration No: NIC 105708).

The Trustees have legal responsibility for the Assembly and meet at least twice a year. Day-to-day oversight of its affairs, with agreed terms of reference, is delegated to three committees, one of elders, one of elders & deacons and one of the property trustees. Each of these committees may delegate responsibilities further in any way that is conducive to the administration of the charity. The trustees have the power to appoint new charity trustees.

The Assembly have appointed Martin Pitt FCA as honorary examiner of the financial statements. The trustees would like to thank Martin for his willingness to fulfil this role and for the time it has taken him to examine the records and produce his report.

Purposes of the Charity

The church was set up to:

- a. Advance the gospel of Jesus Christ among the general public in accordance with biblical principles and practice in the United Kingdom, Republic of Ireland and abroad.
- b. Provide a place to worship where public services for communion, prayer and bible teaching are held and also a range of other activities for children, young people and adults.
- c. Reach out to the local community with Christian love and concern and to help in whatever way we can, including through the use of a rented property in a neighbouring housing estate.
- d. Provide funds by Christian giving through freewill offerings by the church members for local and overseas needs.

Statutory Guidance Statement

The Trustees hereby confirm that this report has been prepared and agreed with full regard to the Commission's Public Benefit Requirement statutory guidance. In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

Activities and Achievements

Purpose a) The gospel of Jesus Christ has been faithfully promoted through the preaching and teaching of our weekly Communion Service, Sunday School (known as Footsteps), Messy Church, prayer and teaching meetings, and also outreach meetings both at the church and at the Unit*. Members and others attending have matured in their faith through the bible teaching.

Purpose b) A communion service is held each Sunday morning followed by bible teaching. An evening service is also held each Sunday for bible teaching or Gospel outreach and a prayer meeting is held on Thursday evenings. The assembly and visitors have benefited from the teaching provided by the elders and various visiting speakers on many varied and helpful subjects.

Purpose c) The Unit* is a rented property in the neighbouring Braniel Estate and provides a comfortable tearoom and meeting place for the local community. In addition to the drop-in coffee mornings, various activities are held including a monthly outreach meeting, a Kid's Club on Thursday nights & a fortnightly youth meeting for teenagers. The Unit is now open on Friday mornings for a breakfast club for school age children.

Purpose d) We have been able to give just over £40400 to prevent or relieve poverty in the United Kingdom, Republic of Ireland and abroad, to support projects or organisations which seek to care for children and disadvantaged adults and to support education in developing countries. £8210 went to overseas needs including gifts to missionaries working in Zambia, & help towards various needs in other parts of Africa, Pakistan & Romania. £32191 went to local Christian work & workers.

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Annual return

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Castlereagh Assembly

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 7 to 9

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 those 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 those 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 following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Martin Pitt FCA
Chartered Accountant
1 Lorne Lane, Hollywood

18 November 2024

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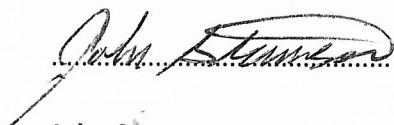
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Statement of assets and Liabilities - Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£
Funds Reconciliation		
Cash in Bank 31.03.22	16828	19273
Surplus(deficit) this year end	737	(2345)
Cash in Bank 31.03.23	<u>17665</u>	<u>16928</u>
Bank & Cash Balances		
No 1 Current Account	4392	5676
No 2 Current Account	1682	835
Investment Account	11591	10417
	<u>17665</u>	<u>16928</u>
Fixed Assets		
Tangible Fixed Assets		
Property (incl car park)	600000	600000
Computer, & Audio Equip	12000	15000
Chairs	6000	7000
Hymn Books	450	500
Vehicles	5500	6000
Security System	3000	3000
Total Fixed Assets	<u>626950</u>	<u>631500</u>
Current Assets		
Cash in bank & in hand	17665	16928
Total Assets	<u>644615</u>	<u>648428</u>
Liabilities		
The Unit (Annual rent)	2000	2000
Total Assets less Liabilities	<u>642615</u>	<u>646428</u>

Approved by the trustees on 8th December 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



John Stevenson
Trustee



Shirley Gilliland
Treasurer

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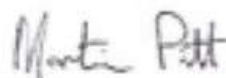
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Martin Pitt FCA
Chartered Accountant
1 Lorne Lane, Holywood

8 December 2023