

# Back Free Church Of Scotland

Scotland · Charity number SC038164

## Details

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Status	Active
Legal form	Unincorporated association
Part of	Free Church Of Scotland (SC012925)
Registered	2007-05-22
Register	<a href="#">View on the OSCR register</a>

## Contact

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Address	1 Coll Isle Of Lewis HS2 0JR
Website	<a href="http://www.backfreechurch.org">www.backfreechurch.org</a>

## Activities

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**Activities:** 'It makes grants, donations, loans, gifts or pensions to individuals', 'It makes grants, donations or gifts to organisations', 'It carries out activities or services itself'

**Purposes:** 'the advancement of religion'

**What the charity does:** Bring the Gospel to the community of greater Broad Bay in Lewis, carry out youth activities with a Christian theme, carry out wedding, funeral and baptism services. Church services and prayer meetings. Help other charitable organisations with a similar object to our own in prayerful, financial and practical ways. Help individuals financially in times of need.

**Beneficiaries:** 'Children or young people', 'No specific group, or for the benefit of the community', 'Other charities or voluntary bodies'

**Objectives:** The Congregation aims to maintain the public worship of God and to foster Christian fellowship. to evangelise the local area by proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ, to exercise pastoral care and practical compassion for those in need. to uphold and further the interests of the Free Church of Scotland. and to participate in the worldwide promotion of Christian fellowship and the advancement of the Christian faith. All the business and proceedings of the Congregation shall be conducted in accordance with the constitution of the Free Church of Scotland, under the supervision of the Presbytery of the bounds, and in terms of the Acts, deliverances or directions of the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland.

## Geography

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- **Main operating location:** Western Isles
- **Geographical spread:** A specific local point, community or neighbourhood

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£233,531	£247,892	-	0
2023-12-31	£243,759	£257,647	-	1
2022-12-31	£209,339	£228,890	-	1
2021-12-31	£243,382	£211,563	-	0
2020-12-31	£166,234	£150,651	-	0

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# Accounts

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*Scottish Charity No.SC038164*

**BACK Free Church of Scotland**

Trustees' Report and Financial Statements  
*Year Ended 31 December 2024*

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## Report of the Trustees

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

### **Aims and Affiliation**

Back Free Church of Scotland is a congregation of the Free Church of Scotland working towards the common aims set out below. It is a Presbyterian church adhering in its worship and doctrine to the position of the Church of Scotland at the Reformation. The Free Church of Scotland has an explanatory document which explains the origins of the Church and which gives the historical background to the Church coming into being in 1843 and lists documents in which is embodied the constitution of the Church. The document is available on request from the Free Church of Scotland, 15 North Bank St., The Mound, Edinburgh, EH1 2LS.

The Free Church of Scotland currently has over 100 congregations in Scotland, as well as one in London and four in North America, and sister Churches founded by mission work in India, Peru and South Africa. The Church also has a seminary in Edinburgh for the training of ministers and other Christian workers and sustains an extensive missionary programme relative to the size of the church. The principal activity of the Church is the conduct of public worship and associated matters in the context of local congregations.

Dating from 1843 but with its roots in the Reformation, the Free Church of Scotland owes its distinctive title to its historical struggle to remain 'free' from state interference in its internal affairs. It has close and active relations with many other Reformed churches of Jesus Christ throughout the world and stands firmly in the tradition which accepts the Bible in its entirety as the Word of God and, therefore, derives its forms of teaching, worship, ministry and government from it. The main emphasis of our worship is the preaching of the gospel - the good news of a free and sovereign salvation through Jesus Christ alone.

The congregation is authorised by the Church to have a minister paid from central funds of the Church.

The church building and the minister's manse are the property of the congregation and are held under the Church's model trust deed.

The congregation makes grants from its gift income to individuals and organisations whose aims are compatible with the congregation's objectives.

### **Achievements and Performance**

During the year, the church met regularly for worship and carried out various activities in pursuit of the above stated aims. The minister was responsible for arranging weekly services, which normally include at least two services each Sunday and four meetings during the week. The church services are streamed on-line on the congregation's Youtube channel. Membership of the congregation was 207 at 31 December 2024 (2023: 204).

The congregation continued its commitment to support the National Free Church of Scotland both spiritually and financially.

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## Report of the Trustees (continued)

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Significant highlights, events and developments of note in the year include the following: -

In relation to **congregational activities**:

- The continued provision of crèche facilities for parents with young children on Sunday mornings,
- Providing Bible Buddies (Youth club) for the young of the district.
- The provision of a Discipleship Explored course and a Christianity Explored course.
- The provision of a Youth Fellowship in our community.
- Hosting a Western Isles Women's Christian Conference.
- Hosting part of the Lewis Christian Conference.
- Hosting a Confident Christianity conference with Solas, a Dundee based Christian charity.
- Providing a Little Lambs club for toddlers meeting weekly.
- Giving practical and financial support to the ongoing work of God is Good Africa charity.

In relation to **congregational funding**:

- Maintaining a high level of donations from church members via weekly offerings and Gift Aid donations.
- The monthly charitable collection continued to help charities, other organisations and individuals in mission work and other causes worthy of assistance.
- Maintained high participation by church members in the Gift Aid scheme.
- Donations made to Bethesda Nursing Home & Hospice; South Uist & Benbecula Free Church; Oban Free Church, Moldova Support Group; God is Good Africa; Abraham's Oasis, Mission Aviation Fellowship, Back War Memorial, Slavic Gospel Association, Platform 67, Open Doors, WEC International, Hebridean Men's Cancer Support Group, The Samaritans, Scottish charity Air ambulance, Hebrides Alpha, The Salvation Army, Doves Corner, The Christian Institute, SASRA, Hebrides Alpha, Steadfast Global, ENABLE, WICCI, Macmillan Nurses, Safe Families and Eilean Siar Foodbank. In total 36 charities and individuals were assisted from the charitable fund in 2024.

### **Financial review**

#### ***Principal sources of funding***

The congregation receives its funding by way of weekly offerings and Gift Aid donations.

#### ***Results for the year***

The financial statements for the year are set out in pages 6 to 15. The Statement of Financial Activities on page 6 reflects net outgoing resources of £(14,361) (2023 – £(13,888)).

#### ***Reserves***

It is the policy of the congregation to maintain unrestricted funds at a level which equates to approximately three months unrestricted expenditure. This allows sufficient funds to enable the ongoing work of the church to be maintained. The General Fund (page 14) at 31 December 2024 amounted to £52,724 (2023 - £124,247). The Trustees are grateful that during 2024 this was achieved and exceeded the desired level through the ongoing support of the congregation. The hall Designated Fund balance at the year-end was £2,055 (2023: £595). Total reserves, including the balances on restricted funds, amounted to £362,465 (2023 - £376,826).

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## Report of the Trustees (continued)

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### *Grant Making Policy*

The congregation makes grants from its gift income to individuals and organisations whose aims are compatible with the congregation's objectives.

### *Statement on Risk*

The Trustees assess the major risks to which the congregation is exposed on an ongoing basis and have established procedures to mitigate those that are identified as a result of these reviews.

### **Trustees and Office Bearers**

#### **Structure, Governance and Management**

Back Free Church of Scotland is established by Constitution. The church is a Scottish Charity (No. SC038164).

The government of the Free Church of Scotland is Presbyterian and the congregation is within the Presbytery of The Western Isles.

#### *Trustees and Office Bearers*

The church is Presbyterian in government and its day-to-day running is undertaken by the Elders (the Kirk Session) and the Deacons (the Deacons' Court). The Deacons' Court's specific function relates to the material and financial business of the congregation, whereas Elders are charged with the general and spiritual oversight of the congregations. It is accepted practice for the Minister and Elders to also be in membership of the Deacons' Court. Under charity law the Deacons' Court is deemed to be the Trustees of the Congregation. (This is distinct from the role of congregational trustees responsible only for holding property in trust).

#### *Appointment of Charity Trustees*

The Kirk Session exercises its discretion in determining the most appropriate method of electing new Trustees (Elders and Deacons). Any election process must involve the communicant membership of the congregation. There is no fixed term for Trusteeship. Prior to their appointment, new Trustees would have served the church for some time in various roles and would be familiar with the church's values, its aims and objectives as well as its day-to-day operations. As part of their induction programme, new Trustees are required to understand their statutory responsibilities as well as their responsibility as elder or deacon.

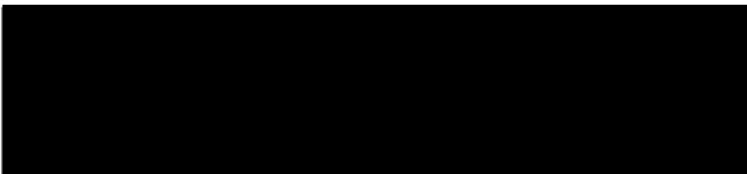
### **Reference and Administrative Details**

#### *Registered Name*

Back Free Church of Scotland

#### *Charity Registration Number*

SC 038164



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## Report of the Trustees (continued)

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### *Bankers*

Bank of Scotland, 47 Cromwell Street, Stornoway, Isle of Lewis

### *Independent Examiner*

[REDACTED] CIB Services, 63 Kenneth Street, Stornoway, Isle of Lewis HS1 2DS

### **On behalf of the Trustees**

[REDACTED]

*Trustee/Clerk to the Deacons' Court*

Dated: 9 June 2025

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## Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2024

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I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages six to fifteen.

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(a) to (c) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1)(c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) regulations 2006. 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 seeks explanation from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given in the accounts.

### Independent examiner's statement

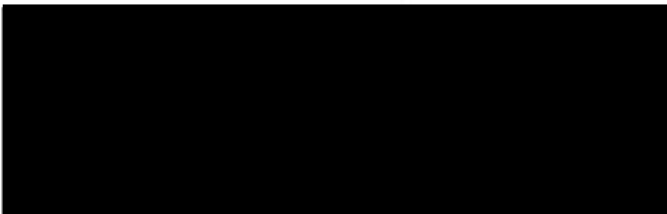
In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Management Accountants of Scotland

Date: 18.06.25

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## Statement of financial activities

Year ended 31 December 2024

		Unrestricted General Fund £	Unrestricted Designated Fund £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>Income &amp; Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Notes</b>					
Donations & Legacies	2	184,017	-	44,438	228,455	237,687
Interest Received		-	-	2,421	2,421	2,553
Income from Charitable Activities	3	-	1,870	785	2,655	3,519
<b>Total</b>		<b>184,017</b>	<b>1,870</b>	<b>47,644</b>	<b>233,531</b>	<b>243,759</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
Charitable Activities	4	147,934	410	80,093	228,437	239,938
Governance Costs	5	600	-	-	600	604
Depreciation		-	-	18,855	18,855	17,105
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>148,534</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>98,948</b>	<b>247,892</b>	<b>257,647</b>
<b>Net Income/(Expenditure)</b>		<b>35,483</b>	<b>1,460</b>	<b>(51,304)</b>	<b>(14,361)</b>	<b>(13,888)</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	13	(107,006)	-	107,006	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(71,523)</b>	<b>1,460</b>	<b>55,702</b>	<b>(14,361)</b>	<b>(13,888)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>						
Total funds brought forward		124,247	595	251,984	376,826	390,714
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>52,724</b>	<b>2,055</b>	<b>307,686</b>	<b>362,465</b>	<b>376,826</b>

(Note 12)

(Note 13)

The notes form part of these financial statements.

# Back Free Church of Scotland

## Balance sheet

As at 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible assets	8	210,478	219,411
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors	9	31,895	20,711
Cash Held by Free Church of Scotland		62,944	60,523
Cash at bank and in hand		58,453	81,379
<i>Total current assets</i>		<u>153,292</u>	<u>162,613</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Creditors: falling due within one year	10	<u>1,305</u>	<u>5,198</u>
		<u>1,305</u>	<u>5,198</u>
<i>Net Current Assets</i>		151,987	157,415
<i>Total assets less current liabilities</i>		362,465	376,826
<b>Total net assets</b>		<u><u>362,465</u></u>	<u><u>376,826</u></u>
<b>The funds of the charity</b>			
Unrestricted funds	12	54,779	124,842
Restricted income funds	13	307,686	251,984
		<u><u>362,465</u></u>	<u><u>376,826</u></u>

The financial statements on pages 6 to 15 were approved by the Trustees on 9 June 2025 and signed on their behalf by the undernoted:



Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements.

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## Cash flow statement

for the year ended 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>		
<i>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</i>	(10,583)	7,230
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(9,922)	(32,677)
Sale of property, plant and equipment	-	-
<i>Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities</i>	(20,505)	(25,447)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>		
Repayments of borrowing	-	-
Cash inflows from new borrowing	-	-
<i>Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities</i>	0	0
<i>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</i>	(20,505)	(25,447)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>	141,902	167,349
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>	(20,505)	(25,447)
<b><i>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</i></b>	<u>121,397</u>	<u>141,902</u>
<b>Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities</b>		
	2024	2023
	£	£
<i>Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)</i>	(14,361)	(13,888)
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation charges	18,855	17,105
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(11,184)	5,987
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(3,893)	(1,974)
<i>Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities</i>	(10,583)	7,230

# Back Free Church of Scotland

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

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## 1. Accounting Policies

### Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The trustees also consider that there are no significant areas of judgements, estimates or key assumptions that affect items in the accounts.

### Church Income

All voluntary income and bank interest is accounted for when received. Income from tax recoveries on Gift Aid is accounted for on the accruals basis.

### VAT

The congregation is not registered for value added tax therefore all costs to which vat is applied are included as vat inclusive.

### Tangible fixed assets

The Congregation owns the Church, Hall and Manse buildings at Back. The title deeds are held in terms of the model trust deed of the Free Church of Scotland. While they remain the Congregation's properties, the permission of the General Assembly is required before they can be disposed of.

The properties are included in the financial statements together with Computer Equipment at cost less depreciation applied at the following annual rates:-

Church	1% straight line
Hall	2% straight line
Manse	2% straight line
Church Car Park	5% straight line
Church Refurbishment	5% straight line
Computer Equipment	33% straight line

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**Notes to the Financial Statements** for the year ended 31 December 2024

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## **1. Accounting Policies (continued)**

### ***Statement of Financial Activities***

For the purpose of the Statement of Financial Activities as shown on page 6, funds are defined as follows:

**Unrestricted** funds comprise grants and other income received for the objects of the church without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

**Designated** funds represent unrestricted funds which have been earmarked by the Trustees for particular purposes.

**Restricted** funds comprise income which has been received for the objects of the church and specified for a restricted purpose within these objects by the donor.

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## Notes to the financial statements

Year ended 31 December 2024

2 Voluntary income	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<i>Donations</i>				
Individuals	153,610	40,939	194,549	210,451
Tax reclaim - General	30,407		30,407	21,580
Tax reclaim - Property		347	347	164
Tax reclaim - Charitable Donations		3,152	3,152	2,367
Grant - FCOS: Minister-in-Training		-	-	3,125
	<u>184,017</u>	<u>44,438</u>	<u>228,455</u>	<u>237,687</u>
3 Income from Charitable activities	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Magazine Income		785	785	944
Donations to Hall Activities	1,870		1,870	2,575
	<u>1,870</u>	<u>785</u>	<u>2,655</u>	<u>3,519</u>
4 Charitable activities	Other direct costs £	Support costs £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Local Ministries	119,647	49,370	169,017	180,394
National and overseas ministries	59,420		59,420	59,544
	<u>179,067</u>	<u>49,370</u>	<u>228,437</u>	<u>239,938</u>
	<i>(Note 7)</i>	<i>(Note 6)</i>		
<b>Of which:</b>				
Relating to unrestricted funds	<u>140,052</u>	<u>8,292</u>	<u>148,344</u>	<u>152,215</u>
Relating to restricted funds	<u>39,015</u>	<u>41,078</u>	<u>80,093</u>	<u>87,723</u>
5 Governance costs			2024 £	2023 £
Examiner's remuneration			<u>600</u>	<u>604</u>

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## Notes to the financial statements

Year ended 31 December 2024

<b>6 Support costs</b>	2024	2023
	£	£
Property costs, insurance & council tax.	7,723	8,346
Water Rates	2,044	1,668
Heat, light & telephone	22,536	22,647
Repairs, maintenance & cleaning	9,756	7,910
Office stationery, printing & post.	4,389	2,820
Bank charges	-	21
Admin Fees	491	565
Hall Catering	410	99
Sundry	1,397	914
Magazines	624	1,237
	<u>49,370</u>	<u>46,227</u>
<b>7 Other Direct Costs</b>		
	2024	2023
	£	£
Local Ministries:		
Ministerial expenses	9,626	9,561
Minister-in-Training Stipend	-	6,002
Youth activities	846	700
Livestreaming	698	977
Donation to central funds	108,477	116,927
	<u>119,647</u>	<u>134,167</u>
National and Overseas Ministries:		
Overseas work	16,650	15,900
Home work	42,770	43,644
	<u>59,420</u>	<u>59,544</u>
Total other direct costs	<u>179,067</u>	<u>193,711</u>
	<i>(Note 4)</i>	

# Back Free Church of Scotland

## Notes to the financial statements

Year ended 31 December 2024

8 Tangible Fixed Assets	Church £	Church Refurb. £	Manse £	Car Park £	Hall £	Computer Equipment	Total £
<b>Cost</b>							
At 1 January 2024	200	114,754	13,071	92,967	146,423	11,375	378,790
Additions	-	-	-	-	4,974	4,948	9,922
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2024	200	114,754	13,071	92,967	151,397	16,323	388,712
<b>Depreciation</b>							
At 1 January 2024	200	59,761	13,071	41,832	37,231	7,284	159,379
Charge for year	-	5,738	-	4,648	3,028	5,441	18,855
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2024	200	65,499	13,071	46,480	40,259	12,725	178,234
<b>Net Book Value</b>							
At 31 December 2024	-	49,255	-	46,487	111,138	3,598	210,478
At 31 December 2023	-	54,993	-	51,135	109,192	4,091	219,411

9 Debtors: falling due within one year	2024 £	2023 £
Prepaid expenditure	4,889	2,652
Accrued income	27,006	18,059
	<u>31,895</u>	<u>20,711</u>

10 Creditors: falling due within one year	2024 £	2023 £
Creditors	458	841
Accrued expenses	847	4,357
	<u>1,305</u>	<u>5,198</u>

### 11 Transactions with Trustees

Back Free Church uses Tong Mission House (a charity registered in Scotland) for several monthly services and prayer meetings during the year. Tong Mission House received £3,600 in 2024 for the use of the facilities (2023: £3,600). [redacted] were trustees of Tong Mission House as well as Back Free Church.

Donations were made during the year to help the work of God is Good Africa (a charity registered in Scotland) totalling £6,000 (2023: £5,800) of which [redacted] is a trustee.

During the year trustees contributed a total of £47,562 (2023: £48,810) to Back Free Church by way of freewill offerings and capital project fund donations.

Payments totalling £5,000 (2023: £3,442) were made to [redacted] (Deacon) in relation to work undertaken in his capacity as Church Officer and £940.00 (2023: £940.00) for cleaning duties. [redacted] (Elder) received £2,300 (2023: £625) for his work as Assistant Church Officer.

One trustee received reimbursement of expenses and additional stipend and related costs totalling £9,626 (2023: £9,561).

During the year a retiring collection was held to raise funds for the Back War Memorial Committee (a charity registered in Scotland) following the Remembrance Day Service. The sum raised was £1,033 (2023: £1,055). [redacted] are trustees of the Back War Memorial Committee as well as Back Free Church.

A donation and sums raised at a retiring collection were made during the year to Bethesda Home & Hospice (a charity registered in Scotland) totalling £1,505 (2023: £2,000) of which [redacted] are trustees.

Presentations were made during the year to [redacted] (Deacon) of £500 and to [redacted] (Elder) to the value of £1,550.

## Back Free Church of Scotland

### Notes to the financial statements

Year ended 31 December 2024

12 Unrestricted funds	Balance at 01.01.24 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31.12.24 £
General Fund	124,247	184,017	(148,534)	(107,006)	52,724
<i>Designated funds:</i>					
Hall Fund	595	1,870	(410)		2,055
Total unrestricted funds	<u>124,842</u>	<u>185,887</u>	<u>(148,944)</u>	<u>(107,006)</u>	<u>54,779</u>

#### Explanation of funds

The *General Fund* encompasses all income and expenditure relating to the primary focus activities of the charity, other than those for which funding is restricted.

The *Designated Hall Fund* represents donations given to the congregation following funerals, weddings, etc. for the use of the church and hall facilities. These are considered normal church activities and are therefore treated as unrestricted funds.

13 Restricted funds	Balance at 01.01.24 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31.12.24 £
Property Fund	220,217	8,568	(59,309)	104,549	274,025
Charitable Collections	8,956	31,231	(31,418)		8,769
Mini-bus Fund	229				229
Magazines	-	785	(624)		161
Communions	-	668	(2,556)	1,888	-
Youth Club	486	880	(846)		520
Little Lambs	96				96
Confident Christianity Conference	-	1,568	(2,137)	569	-
Congregational Development Fund	22,000				22,000
Special Collections	-	3,944	(2,058)		1,886
Total restricted funds	<u>251,984</u>	<u>47,644</u>	<u>(98,948)</u>	<u>107,006</u>	<u>307,686</u>

#### Explanation of funds

*Property Fund* - Represents what was previously the Asset Fund relating to building work carried out utilizing funds from a loan being repaid through Special Collections and the Fabric Fund used for the upkeep and improvement to the church, hall and manse.

*Charitable Collections* - This was previously named the Mid-week special collections - A Special Collection is held monthly to assist with mission work and other causes worthy of assistance at the discretion of the Deacons' Court.

*Mini-bus Fund* - This fund helps with the cost of the mini-bus which assists members and adherents who have transport difficulties to attend Sunday services.

*Confident Christianity Conference* - During the year the congregation hosted a Confident Christianity Conference led by Solas a Dundee based evangelical Christian charity. This was supported financially by the Free Church of Scotland's Missions Board and two congregations willingly supported the event financially.

*Youth Club* - The congregation's youth club fund-raising activities have led to the establishment of a separate fund for the Youth Club to be used to promote the club's activities and fund causes sympathetic to the congregation's objects.

*Magazines* - The congregation gives money annually to cover part of the costs of the purchases of magazines for distribution.

*Communions* - Collections are taken during communion services to part cover the cost of the communion weekends.

*Little Lambs* - This group was established in 2015 in order to facilitate activities for toddlers and their parents/grandparents in a church environment and with gospel related themes.

*Congregational Development Fund* - Represents a fund relating to a specific donation received to be used on projects undertaken by Back Free Church to further the development of the church's aims and activities in the district.

*Special Collections* - Special Collections were held to raise funds for a number of causes, individuals and organizations whose aims are sympathetic to the objectives of Back Free Church.

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## Notes to the financial statements

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### 14 Volunteers

In common with all congregations of the Free Church of Scotland the congregation benefits from the contribution made by volunteers who give their time and talents willingly for the benefit of the Church. The areas of congregational life which rely on the contribution of volunteers are many and varied and much of the activity would be unable to continue were it not for the commitment shown.

15 Analysis of Net Assets by funds	General Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			210,478	210,478	219,411
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Prepayments and accrued income	28,307		3,588	31,895	20,711
Cash at bank and in hand	25,572	2,055	93,770	121,397	141,902
<b>Current Liabilities</b>					
Creditors and accruals	(1,155)		(150)	(1,305)	(5,198)
<b>Net Assets</b>	<u>52,724</u>	<u>2,055</u>	<u>307,686</u>	<u>362,465</u>	<u>376,826</u>

### 16 Contribution to Central Funds

The system for congregational targets to central church funds allows for a proportion of ordinary income to be retained by the congregations with each congregation then contributing towards their ministerial costs and an administration levy before applying a fixed percentage contribution to any remaining funds. Back Free Church achieved 101.3% (2023: 101.3%) of its target and also contributed a further £6,000 (2023: £6,000) to the Free Church of Scotland for missions work. The calculation of the congregation's contribution for 2024 is as follows:-

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Ordinary Income		185,887		174,199
Add: Accrued Income 31/12/2023		16,189		20,327
Less: Accrued Income 31/12/2024		(23,884)		(16,189)
		<u>178,192</u>		<u>178,337</u>
less:				
Congregational Allowance	23,000		23,000	
Ministerial Costs	33,240		31,450	
Administration Levy	25,800		24,000	
		<u>(82,040)</u>		<u>(78,450)</u>
		<u>96,152</u>		<u>99,887</u>
50% thereof (2023:60%)		48,076		59,932
Ministerial Costs		33,240		31,450
Administration Levy		25,800		24,000
Due to central funds		<u>107,116</u>		<u>115,382</u>
Contributed to central funds		<u>108,477</u>		<u>116,927</u>