Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements For The Year Ended 5 April 2020 for Compton Meeting Rooms Trust

> Bromhead Harscombe House 1 Darklake View Plymouth Devon PL6 7TL



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Report of the Trustees For The Year Ended 5 April 2020

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2020. 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 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

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The Trust has the following charitable purposes

- 1. The advancement of the Christian religion for the public benefit including by the carrying on of the service of God in accordance with the Old and New testaments of the Holy Bible as followed by those Christians forming part of the world-wide fellowship known as the "Plymouth Brethren Christian Church" (the "Brethren") whose core doctrine and whose proper practices in furtherance of some of the aspects of that core doctrine ("Faith in Practice") is summarised in the two schedules to the New Trust Deed which is contained in the Second Schedule to the Deed of Variation dated 12 August 2014.
- 2. Any other charitable purposes connected with Brethren.

Main Activities

The Trust provides and maintains gospel halls for the religious activities of Christians often referred to as 'Brethren'. Details of the origins, teaching and way of life of the Brethren can be found on their website - www.plymouthbrethrenchristianchurch.org.

There is structured weekly schedule of meetings held. Meetings held include the Lord's Supper (communion), gospel preachings, Bible readings and Bible addresses. Depending on the particular meeting, between 25 and 120 people normally attend these occasions.

Spreading the Gospel Message

The gospel halls are a base from which many preachers operate to spread the Christian gospel, in word and deed. Gospel tracts are provided free of charge by the Trust to such preachers. Many of them also preach the Christian gospel on the streets of Plymouth most weeks of the year.

The Trust is active in giving out gospel literature.

Visitors

The services and meetings are attended by the regular congregation and many of the services are open to other visitors who are properly disposed. The notice board outside the halls welcomes visitors and displays times of gospel preachings along with a telephone number for those seeking further information or help. Gospel tracts, distributed, also display this information.

Bibles and a range of other Christian reading material is on display at the halls, to which visitors are free to help themselves.

Public Benefit

In addition to the foregoing, members of the congregation regularly assist with helping another charity, the Rapid Relief Team, with soup runs for the homeless around Plymouth, the donation of food and hygiene packs to Hostels and assisting at charity events.

The trustees of Compton Meeting Rooms Trust confirm that they have complied with their duty under section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance to charities on public benefit.

Coronavirus Impact

It is the Trust's intention to continue all the above activities, however, due to Government regulations in relation to the current coronavirus pandemic, the meeting halls have not been used since late March. This will be the case until the current restrictions are lifted to allow communal singing.

The activities of the Rapid Relief Team have also been severely curtailed, with the only operations being in relation to supporting emergency services at incidents.

The Rapid Relief Team have also supported many foodbanks and similar charities during the pandemic.

The Trustees do not consider that the coronavirus pandemic will have any effect on the ability of the Trust to continue as a going concern.

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Report of the Trustees For The Year Ended 5 April 2020

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The life of a Christian

The following points are extract from Schedule 1 of the Trust Deed. They outline the way of life of the Brethren as supported by the Holy Scriptures and how it contributes to public benefit;

- 1. We seek and are encouraged to live exemplary lives in all our relationships with others in the wider community (including former Brethren), in accordance with the teachings of Holy Scripture. (1 Tim 2:2).
- 2. We regularly go out from our homes to preach on the streets, to distribute Christian literature and engage with the wider community (including former Brethren) in order to present eternal salvation, available to all men by faith in Jesus Christ. (2 Tim 4:2)
- 3. We seek as members of the public to lead Christian lives as husbands and wives, parents, children, employees and neighbours. (Col 3:22-25, Col 4:1).
- 4. The preservation and protection of the family unit is fundamental and children are prized as a blessing from God. (Psalm 127:3-5). The elderly are valued members of the community, for whom both their family and the wider community are expected to care.
- 5. Holy Scripture commands us to be good neighbours to others, and deal with all other people (including former Brethren) openly, honestly and fairly and consistent with these principles, we should give our time, talents and money to assist those in need in the wider community, in so far as reasonable given our abilities and our available resources. (Matt 7:12, Matt 22:39, Eph 4:28).

Volunteers

Compton Meeting Rooms Trust relies on volunteers to carry out the management, administration and, where appropriate, general maintenance work. The Trust has no paid staff or paid trustees.

Funding

Funding is sought through gifts and donations from the congregation. Grants are sometimes received from other charitable trusts with congruent objectives.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The normal activities of the Trust were maintained throughout the year. The gospel halls under the control of the Trust were used throughout the year to further its charitable objectives.

The congregation is kept regularly informed as to particular needs for funds and other relevant matters.

Completion of the sale of our meeting room at Compton Park Road took place at the start of the financial year generating a gain of £35,759.

The funds from this sale, together with contributions from North Road Meeting Room Trust enabled the completion of the build works of a new meeting hall at Yelverton. This was completed during the financial year at a total build cost of £250,522.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

In the year ended 5 April 2020 the Trust had a surplus amounting to £103,169 (2019; £39,477) of incoming resources against resources expended. This largely arose because of the donation received from North Road Meeting Rooms Trust of £87,243 for the construction of the meeting hall at Yelverton. The Trust also achieved a gain of £35,759 on the sale of the meeting hall located at Lower Compton.

Total income received in this year was £128,947 compared to £67,153 in the previous year.

Reserves policy

The trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the trust's needs. This is based on the trust's size and the level of financial commitments, including maintaining of reserves equivalent to 3 months expenditure, together with any added needs. They have a programme of raising further funds by way of donations and collections to fund ongoing requirements of the Trust. This takes into account available funding through the North Road Meeting Room Trust. On this basis the Trust will be enabled to meet its objectives, including the future plans referred to below.

The Trust had net current liabilities of £5,515 at the year end compared to free reserves of £2,315 in the previous year. The North Road Meeting Room Trust, a Trust with similar charitable objectives, has committed to funding the Trust through gifts and donations.

Report of the Trustees For The Year Ended 5 April 2020

FUTURE PLANS

From 18th March 2020, Compton Meeting Rooms Trust ceased using the gospel halls, which it operates. This was as a result of the global COVID-19 pandemic and then general lockdown imposed by the Government on 23rd March 2020. The Trust aims to use these Gospel Halls again when permitted and safe to do so in accordance with the Government guidelines.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

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

Compton Meeting Rooms Trust is constituted by a Deed of Trust dated 28 June 1982, amended by various Deeds and most recently by a Deed of Variation dated 12 August 2014. The Trust was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 3 June 2015 under Charity registration number: 1161976.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The trustees who have served during the year and since the year end are set out on page 3. None of the trustees, nor any person connected with them, received any remuneration or expenses from the Charity in the year to 5 April 2019, nor in the proceeding year.

Trustees are selected according to their experience in specialised fields and are expected to use that experience in furthering the objects of the Trust. Checks are made to ensure that there are no legal or other barriers to their appointment. New trustees are nominated by the existing trustees and appointed by unanimous resolution of the congregation. Incoming trustees are made fully aware of their responsibilities by the existing trustees who ensure that new trustees read the Trust Deed and the relevant guidance for trustees published by the Charity Commission.

Wider network

The trustees maintain informal links with trustees of similar trusts with a view to pooling experience considered useful in pursuing the objects of the Trust. The Trust has received substantial monies donated from the North Road Meeting Room Trust during the year, and has worked regularly with the trustees of that Trust.

Risk management

The trustees have identified and reviewed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and confirm that they have established systems or procedures to manage and mitigate those risks.

Governance statement

The trustees have had due regard to principals of recommended practices as set out by the "Charity Governance Code" and have applied these wherever practical and in decision making.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charlty number 1161976

Principal address

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Bromhead Harscombe House 1 Darklake View Plymouth Devon PL6 7TL

TREASURER

Mr T H Melvin

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS BANKERS Lloyds Bank PLC Royal Parade,

Plymouth.

EVENTS SINCE THE END OF THE YEAR

Information relating to events since the end of the year is given in the notes to the financial statements.

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M Liesching - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Compton Meeting Rooms Trust

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Compton Meeting Rooms Trust

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Compton Meeting Rooms Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 5 April 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Neil Stevens ACA FCCA Bromhead Harscombe House 1 Darklake View Plymouth Devon PL6 7TL

Date: 04.02.2021

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Statement of Financial Activities For The Year Ended 5 April 2020

	Notes	5.4.20 Unrestricted funds £	5.4.19 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM Donations and legacies		93,188	67,153
Other income		35,759	
Total		128,947	67,153
EXPENDITURE ON Charitable activities Meeting Hall Running costs	2	25,778	27,676
NET INCOME		103,169	39,477
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		718,998	679,521
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		822,167	718,998

The notes form part of these financial statements

Balance Sheet 5 April 2020

		5.4.20 Unrestricted funds	5.4.19 Total funds
	Notes	£	£
FIXED ASSETS Tangible assets	8	827,682	716,683
CURRENT ASSETS Debtors Cash at bank	9	669 _	586 3,478
		669	4,064
CREDITORS Amounts falling due within one year	10	(6,184)	(1,749)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		(5,515)	2,315
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		822,167	718,998
NET ASSETS		822,167	718,998
FUNDS Unrestricted funds	11	822,167	718,998
TOTAL FUNDS		822,167	718,998

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue onO2...O2......and were signed on its behalf by:

M Liesching - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

Notes to the Financial Statements For The Year Ended 5 April 2020

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 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the Trust and rounded to the nearest £1.

At the end of the year the Trust has net current liabilities of £5,515. The global coronavirus pandemic has impacted the Trust forcing the closure of all meeting halls until UK Government enforced restrictions permit re-opening. The Trustees however consider there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern as North Road Meeting Room Trust, a Trust with similar charitable objectives, has agreed to financially support the Trust. These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis.

Income

Donations are recognised in the year in which the Charity is entitled to and certain of receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty. Income is only deferred when the Charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future year. Gift aid is added to the value of donations to which it relates.

Donated services are recognised as income and expenditure in the financial statements when organisations or individuals offer their services and support pro bono. The value of these donated services to the Compton Meeting Rooms Trust is considered to be equal to market value which would be paid were the services formally procured. This includes services paid to or by other trusts.

Investment income is accounted for on a receivable basis.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resource and fulfilment of the Charitable objects.

Governance and support costs

These costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the Charity and costs related to statutory requirements. Governance and support costs relate to the primary activity of the provision of meeting halls.

Tangible fixed assets

Freehold Property

The freehold property at Woolwell Road, Plymouth is stated at cost less deprecation at 3% per annum on the straight line basis from 1 August 2015. The charge is calculated on the value excluding the land. The Land Registry title number for this property is DN635879.

The freehold property, comprising of the land held at Yelverton is included in these financial statements at the purchase value including costs relevant to acquiring the land.

Furniture, Fittings and Equipment

These are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is charged at 25% per annum on the reducing balance basis. Certain assets acquired before 6 April 2011 are deemed to be fully depreciated and are not included in these financial statements.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

<u>Notes to the Financial Statements - continued</u> For The Year Ended 5 April 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Fund accounting

All Funds are general unrestricted funds and are free for the trustees to use for any purpose in furtherance of the Trust's charitable objects.

Financial instruments

The Trust only has financial assets liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

2. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Support costs (see
Meeting Hall Running costs	note 3) £ 25,778
	25,778

3. SUPPORT COSTS

Meeting Hall Running costs	Management £ 23,300	Governance costs £ 2,478	Totals £ 25,778
Analysis of meeting hall running costs			
		5.4.20	5.4.19
Management			
Water and sewerage		79	64
Insurance		691	673
Light and heat		2,602	1,594
Repairs and maintenance		2,270	1,151
Cleaning, Janitorial and sundry		515	115
Freehold property depreciation		11,061	13,761
Fixture & fittings depreciation		6,082	8,109
		23,300	25,467
Finance			
Bank charges		-	31
		-	31
Governance costs			
Independent examination		1,466	1,008
Professional fees		384	384
Accountancy		628	786
		2,478	2,178
Total support costs		25,778	27,676

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued For The Year Ended 5 April 2020

4. INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REMUNERATION

	5.4.20	5.4.19
	£	£
Independent examination	1,466	1,008

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 5 April 2020 nor for the year ended 5 April 2019.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 5 April 2020 nor for the year ended 5 April 2019.

6. EMPLOYEES

The Trust has no employees in this year or the proceeding year.

7. GIFTS FROM OTHER MEETING ROOMS

The Trust received the following gifts from other meeting rooms:

From North Road Meeting Room Trust	<u>5.4.20</u> £	<u>5.4.19</u> £
- For meeting hall running expenses	6,226	7,153
 For purchase of land at Yelverton 	-	60,000
- For construction of meeting hall at Yelverton	86,962	-
	93,188	67,153
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8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

		Fixtures	
	Freehold	and	
	property	fittings	Totals
	É	£	£
COST			
At 6 April 2019	733,639	69,266	802,905
Additions	250,522	-	250,522
Disposals	(130,480)	-	(130,480)
At 5 April 2020	853,681	69,266	922,947
DEPRECIATION			
At 6 April 2019	41,284	44,938	86,222
Charge for year	11,061	6,082	17,143
Eliminated on disposal	(8,100)	-	(8,100)
At 5 April 2020	44,245	51,020	95,265
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 5 April 2020	809,436	18,246	827,682
At 5 April 2019	692,355	24,328	716,683
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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued For The Year Ended 5 April 2020

9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Prepayments		5.4.20 £ 	5.4.19 £
10.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR			
			5.4.20	5.4.19
	Other creditors		£ 6,184	£ 1,749
11.	MOVEMENT IN FUNDS			
			Net	• /
		At 6.4.19	movement in funds	At 5.4.20
		£	£	5.4.20 £

Unrestricted funds	**	**	<u>~</u>
General fund	683,998	138,169	822,167
Revaluation fund	35,000	(35,000)	-
	718,998	103,169	822,167
TOTAL FUNDS	718,998	103,169	822,167
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Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds		-	-
General fund	163,947	(25,778)	138,169
Revaluation fund	(35,000)		(35,000)
	128,947	(25,778)	103,169
TOTAL FUNDS	128,947	(25,778)	103,169

Comparatives for movement In funds

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	At 6.4.18 £	Prior year adjustment £	Net movement in funds £	At 5.4.19 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	633,027	11,494	39,477	683,998
Revaluation fund	35,000			35,000
	668,027	11,494	39,477	718,998
TOTAL FUNDS	668,027	11,494	39,477	718,998

<u>Notes to the Financial Statements - continued</u> For The Year Ended 5 April 2020

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds General fund	67,153	(27,676)	39,477
TOTAL FUNDS	67,153	(27,676)	39,477

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 6.4.18 £	Net movement in funds £	At 5.4.20 £
Unrestricted funds General fund Revaluation fund	633,027 35,000	177,646 (35,000)	810,673
	668,027	142,646	810,673
TOTAL FUNDS	668,027	142,646	810,673

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds General fund Revaluation fund	231,100 (35,000)	(53,454)	177,646 (35,000)
	196,100	(53,454)	142,646
TOTAL FUNDS	196,100	(53,454)	142,646

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the year £10,789 was paid to Ventro Ltd, of which one of the Trustees is a director, this was for construction work at the site of the meeting hall. There were no related party transactions in the proceeding year.

13. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

During this period from 18th March 2020, Compton Meeting Room Trust ceased using all gospel halls which it operates, due to the global coronavirus pandemic and the general lockdown imposed by the government. The trustees do not consider that the Covid-19 pandemic will have any effect on the ability of the trust to continue as a going concern.