

Coventry Gospel Hall Trust

**Report of the Trustees and
unaudited financial statements
Year ended 5 April 2021**

Coventry Gospel Hall Trust – Registered Charity number 1157883
Year ended 5 April 2021

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Coventry Gospel Hall Trust – Registered Charity number 1157883
Reference and administrative details
For the year ended 5 April 2021

Charity name	Coventry Gospel Hall Trust
Registered charity number	1157883
Trustees	Andrew Leslie Beresford (Chair) Ian Jenkin Iain William Mitchell Rupert Nelson Simon James Taylor
Treasurer	Simon James Taylor
Trustees holding title to property	Andrew Leslie Beresford Timothy John Brewer (retired 10 September 2019) Ian Jenkin Iain William Mitchell Rupert Nelson Simon James Taylor
Principal address	Gospel Hall Bosworth Close Baginton Near Coventry CV8 3AG
Bank	Lloyds Bank High Street Coventry
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Independent Examiner	Dr J R Ayling BSc FCA 8 Troutbeck Avenue Leamington Spa CV32 6NE

The Trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 5 April 2021. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 13 and 14 and comply with the Trust Deed and applicable law.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document

The charity is controlled by a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Coventry Gospel Hall Trust is constituted by a Deed of Trust dated 1 August 1983, amended by various Deeds and most recently by Deed of Variation dated 28 February 2014. The Trust was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 16 July 2014 under Charity Registration Number 1157883.

Recruitment and appointment of new Trustees

The Trustees who have served during the year and since the year end are set out on page 3. None of the Trustees, nor any person connected with them, received any remuneration or expenses from the Charity in the year ended 5 April 2021 (2020: £nil).

The Trust operates Gospel halls and Trustees are chosen from among the regular congregation of the hall. New Trustees are nominated by the existing Trustees or by the congregation and must be appointed by unanimous resolution of the congregation. They are selected according to their skills and experience and are expected to use both in furthering the objects of the Charity. Checks are made to ensure the Trustees' eligibility to act and incoming Trustees are made aware of their responsibilities by the existing Trustees, who ensure that new Trustees read the Trust Deed and relevant Charity Commission guidance.

Wider network

The Trustees maintain informal links with Trustees of similar Trusts with a view to pooling experience considered useful in pursuing the objects of the Charity. Coventry Gospel Hall Trust also financially supports the following charitable trusts in Coventry with which it shares members of its congregation, and that have congruent purposes:

- Mount Nod Gospel Hall Trust
- Tile Hill Gospel Hall Trust
- Wyken Gospel Hall Trust

Costs of services donated to these charities are shown in Note 4 on page 15.

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.

Objectives and activities

Objectives and aims

The charitable purposes of the Charity are the advancement of the Christian religion for the public benefit, including by the carrying on of the service of God in accordance with the Old and New Testaments of the Holy Bible as followed by those Christians forming part of the world-wide fellowship known as the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church (the "Brethren") and any other charitable purposes connected with Brethren. The core doctrine of the Brethren and proper practices in furtherance of certain aspects of doctrine are summarised in two schedules to the Trust Deed.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty under section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance to charities on public benefit. The Trust operates a programme of providing regular packs of nutritious food, hygiene sundries and gospel literature to homeless and needy persons through local charities or homeless societies.

Main Activities

The Trust provides and maintains gospel halls where religious meetings are held by the local Brethren community. Details of the origins, teachings and way of life of the Brethren can be found on the website - www.plymouthbrethrenchristianchurch.org and in the schedules to the Trust Deed.

The Trust's main achievement this year has been to open the hall to the congregation and visitors when able to do so plus the activities detailed in the attached report.

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

Plans for Future Periods

From 18th March 2020, Coventry Gospel Hall Trust ceased using the gospel halls which it operates. This was as a result of the global COVID-19 pandemic and the general lockdown imposed by the government on 23rd March 2020. The Trust aims to use the gospel halls again once the general lockdown is lifted and it is deemed safe to do so. The trustees do not consider that the Covid-19 pandemic will have any effect on the ability of the trust to continue as a going concern.

Meetings

Meetings held at the gospel halls include the Lord's Supper (Communion), Gospel preachings, Bible readings and Bible addresses. There is a structured weekly schedule of meetings and, depending on the particular meeting, between 40 and 500 people normally attend these occasions.

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

Bibles and an extensive range of other Christian reading material are on display at the halls and visitors are free to help themselves.

Spreading the Gospel message and the life of a Christian

The Gospel halls are a base from which the regular congregation and others who attend the meetings are encouraged to spread the Christian Gospel, in word and deed.

Members of the congregation participate in a programme of street preaching and Gospel tracts are provided free of charge by the Charity to such preachers to be handed out to interested members of the public

The Trust also operates a programme of providing regular packs of nutritious food, hygiene sundries and gospel literature to homeless and needy persons through local charities or homeless societies.

In addition to street preaching when lockdowns are not in place, members of the congregation regularly volunteer to help in charitable activities and to assist local community needs as they arise – this is encouraged by the Trust. More information can be found in the outreach report appended to this report.

In carrying out this work, the congregation considers itself to be living out its faith in practice, as particularly exemplified in the following extract from the schedule to the Trust Deed on living a Christian life:

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 Timothy 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 Timothy 4:2).
3. We seek as members of the public to lead Christian lives as husbands and wives, parents, children, employers, employees and neighbours. (Colossians 3:22-25, 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. (Matthew 7:12, Matthew 22:39, Ephesians 4:28).

Funding

Funding is sought through gifts from the congregation and Gift Aid is claimed on eligible donations. Funding is sometimes received from other charitable trusts with complementary objectives.

Volunteers

Coventry Gospel Hall Trust relies almost entirely on volunteers to carry out the management, administration and general maintenance work. The Trustees thank these many volunteers for the help they have given during the year.

Achievement and performance

Charitable activities

The normal activities of the Trust were maintained during the year when applicable and general lockdown conditions not imposed by the government, including outreach. Members of the congregation also donated their time to do charitable work for local community projects, including liaison with the local parish council and police. In accordance with the Christian principles of the Brethren, members were also encouraged to give both time and money to a variety of other registered charities. No meetings were held in the main Gospel Hall under the control of the Trust to comply with the general lockdown imposed by the government on 23rd March 2020.

The hall constructed at Burton Green was donated as planned to the Wyken Gospel Hall Trust to

facilitate efficient administration/maintenance of the premises – this took place on 1st October 2020 following unanimous agreement of the congregation on 4th August 2020.

The potential project for a new hall at Keresley was kept under regular review during the year but the Trust chose to continue to keep this project on hold whilst the COVID-19 restrictions were mandated by the government. Since the year, work is being done to assess what works need to be done to constitute material commencement of the project in order to retain the current planning permissions.

Compliance

The Trustees reviewed and updated the Trust's policies and Procedures. Risk assessments were updated and extended to include COVID measures out and actions taken to improve health and safety. The GDPR requirements were re-assessed and the Trust renewed its ICO registration.

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

The Gospel Hall in Burton Green was donated to the Wyken Gospel Hall Trust on 1st October 2020 to facilitate efficient administration/maintenance of the premises. In addition and for the same purpose, on the same date the Trust received a donation of a Gospel Hall at Ballingham Close, Coventry (WM405822) from Tile Hill Gospel Hall Trust.

Financial review

Financial position

In the year ended 5 April 2021 the Trust had a £580,367 deficit in incoming resources compared to resources expended (2020: £43,305 surplus). Total voluntary income received during the year was £215,224 (2020: £191,903).

The Trust operates a 'New Halls' restricted fund for providing new gospel halls. Donations received specifically for that purpose are placed in this fund, including gift aid claimed. The congregation enthusiastically supported this fund and dedicated collections were held to facilitate donations. All costs expended on obtaining new gospel halls, whether successful or not, are charged to this fund, which had a balance at year end of £103,853 (2020: £103,713). When costs of new gospel halls are capitalised, the fund purpose is fulfilled and the asset value is transferred to unrestricted funds. All other funds held were unrestricted funds.

Reserves policy

The Trust's Free Reserves are that part of the Trust's unrestricted funds that are freely available to spend on any of the charity's purposes. They exclude any fixed assets held for the Trust's use. They also exclude restricted and designated funds. At the year end the New Halls Restricted Fund had a balance of £103,853. The Restricted Fund is held entirely within current assets.

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs, based on its size and the level of its financial commitments and have agreed that the Trust should aim to develop and maintain unrestricted reserves at a minimum level of £100,000. This would enable the Trust to continue its activities in the event of a sudden loss of funding. It should also enable the Trust to cover a major essential repair or special event arising at short notice.

However, the members of the Congregation have always recognised their responsibility to fund the running costs of the places of worship which they regularly attend. Therefore the trustees do not ever expect a shortfall in funding to be other than temporary.

Free reserves accumulated in excess of the minimum can be used at the discretion of the Trustees for the strategic development of the Trust. With progress now being made towards providing a new gospel hall, the Trustees are accumulating additional reserves as the total costs of providing that hall are expected to substantially exceed the balances of the restricted fund. The Trustees review the actual level of reserves every three months.

Free reserves at the year-end were £353,172 (2020: £332,503).

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

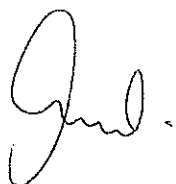
The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the Trust Deed require the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. All transactions have been reviewed and approved by two trustees.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees:

Trustee A. L. BERSFORD



Trustee S. J. Taylor



Date: 10/01/2022

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Coventry Gospel Hall Trust

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2021 which are set out on pages 10 to 18.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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 charity 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.

Signed 

Date 11 January 2022

Dr J R Ayling BSc FCA
Chartered Accountant

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Leamington Spa
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Coventry Gospel Hall Trust – Registered Charity number 1157883
Statement of financial activities
For the year ended 5 April 2021

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
Notes		£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies:					
		88,582	0	88,582	67,000
		3,720	0	3,720	18,769
		10,179	0	10,179	83,952
		2,545	0	2,545	20,988
	4	0	0	0	0
		198	0	198	1,194
	4	110,000	0	110,000	0
Investments					
		2,554	543	3,097	5,822
Other					
Total					
		217,778	543	218,321	197,725
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities					
	5	103,112	0	103,112	134,622
	5	17,957	127	18,084	2,119
	4	664,666	0	664,666	0
	4	12,826	0	12,826	17,679
Total					
		798,561	127	798,688	154,420
Net income/(expenditure)					
		(580,783)	416	(580,367)	43,305
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets					
		0	0	0	0
Transfer to/(from)					
		276	(276)	0	0
Net movement in funds					
		(580,507)	140	(580,367)	43,305
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward					
		2,825,777	103,713	2,929,490	2,886,185
Total funds carried forward					
7		2,245,270	103,853	2,349,123	2,929,490

The notes on pages 13 to 18 form part of these financial statements. All of the above activities are classed as continuing and there are no gains and losses other than those included above.

Coventry Gospel Hall Trust – Registered Charity number 1157883
Balance Sheet
As at 5 April 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	6	1,877,095	2,493,275
Current assets			
Debtors:			
Prepayments and accrued income		4,428	4,161
Cash at bank		471,035	458,213
		475,463	462,374
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year:			
Accruals		3,435	26,159
Net current assets		472,028	436,215
Total assets less current liabilities		2,349,123	2,929,490
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year: Loans		0	0
Net assets		2,349,123	2,929,490
Funds			
Unrestricted income fund		2,245,270	2,825,777
Restricted fund		103,853	103,713
Total funds	8	2,349,123	2,929,490

The unaudited financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees of Coventry Gospel Hall Trust on 4th January 2022 and signed on their behalf by

A L Beresford
Trustee



S J Taylor
Trustee



The notes on pages 13 to 18 form part of these financial statements

Coventry Gospel Hall Trust – Registered Charity number 1157883
Statement of cash flows
For the year ending 5 April 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
<i>Cash flows from operating activities:</i>		
Net (expenditure)/income	(580,367)	43,305
Depreciation charges	70,391	75,934
Bank interest received	(3,097)	(5,822)
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	664,666	0
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(267)	8,255
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(22,724)	17,559
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Net cash provided by operating activities	128,602	139,231
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<i>Cash flows from investing activities:</i>		
Bank interest received	3,097	5,822
Acquisition of current investments	0	0
Proceeds from sale of current investments	0	0
Purchase of fixed assets	(118,877)	(695,649)
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Net cash used in investing activities	(115,780)	(689,827)
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Change in cash during the year	12,822	(550,596)
Cash at beginning of the year	458,213	1,008,809
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Cash at end of the year	471,035	458,213
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1. Accounting policies

1.1 *Basis of financial statements*

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The functional currency of the charity is sterling (£).

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

1.2 *Income*

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

Donated services and goods are recognised as income and expenditure in the financial statements when organisations or individuals offer their services and support free of charge. The value of these donated services to Coventry Gospel Hall Trust is considered to be equal to market value which would be paid were the service formally procured. The value of volunteer help is not included but is described in the Report of the Trustees.

Investment income is accounted for on a receivable basis.

1.3 *Expenditure*

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis. Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Charitable activities comprise those costs directly attributable to the fulfilment of the charitable objects.

1.4 *Governance and support costs*

Support costs are those costs that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include insurance, professional and governance costs. They are analysed in Note 5 and are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity. They are allocated to Running Gospel Hall unless they specifically relate to another activity. Governance costs include those involving the public accountability of the charity and those related to statutory requirements.

1.5 *Tangible fixed assets and depreciation*

Tangible fixed assets costing over £100 are stated at cost less depreciation. Freehold land is not depreciated. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Freehold buildings	4% straight line
Equipment	20% straight line
Fixtures and Fittings	10% straight line

Tangible fixed assets donated to the Charity are stated at the Trustees' estimate of fair value less depreciation.

1.6 Taxation

The Trust is a registered charity and is not liable to United Kingdom income or corporation tax on charitable activities, provided income falls within the charitable exemptions and is spent on charitable purposes.

1.7 Funds

Unrestricted funds are free for the Trustees to use for any purposes in furtherance of the Trust's charitable objects. The Trustees may allocate unrestricted funds to a Designated Fund for a specific purpose. Designated Funds remain unrestricted and may be reallocated to other purposes at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted funds arise from donations to the Trust which are made for a specific purpose. Restricted funds can only be used for the purpose for which funds were given. The Trust operates a 'New Halls' restricted fund which is held for the purpose of acquiring land and buildings to be used as additional Gospel Halls

1.8 Preparation of consolidated financial statements

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

1.9 Going concern

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period. From 18th March 2020, the Trust temporarily suspended using the two gospel halls which it operates, due to the global COVID-19 pandemic and the general lockdown conditions imposed by the government. The trustees do not consider that the Covid-19 pandemic will prevent the ability of the trust to continue as a going concern.

2. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

No Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits from the charity and no Trustees were reimbursed for expenses (2020: None).

3. Wages and salaries

There was one (2020: two) person employed part time as cleaner at a total cost of £99 (2020: £3,333). There were no national insurance or pension contributions.

4. Services received from/donated to other charities

Grants received relates to the receipt of a gifted property from Tile Hill Gospel Hall Trust which has been added to fixed assets at the Trustee's estimate of the fair value at the date of the gift.

Services donated/Grants made

	Grants £	Services £	2021 £	2020 £
Mount Nod Gospel Hall Trust	0	1,767	1,767	10,006
Tile Hill Gospel Hall Trust	0	1,045	1,045	4,935
Wyken Gospel Hall Trust	664,666	10,014	674,680	2,738
	664,666	12,826	677,492	17,679

Grant made to Wyken Gospel Hall Trust relates to donation of a property which has been recognised at the book value at the time of donation.

5. Running gospel halls and other charitable activities

	Running Gospel Halls £	Other charitable activities £	2021 £	2020 £
Repairs & maintenance	17,620	0	17,620	34,816
Utilities	8,677	0	8,677	19,377
Outreach projects	0	1,757	1,757	1,864
Depreciation	70,391	0	70,391	75,934
Congregation support	0	16,200	16,200	0
Insurance	1,735	127	1,862	1,668
Professional	239	0	239	360
Governance	4,450	0	4,450	2,722
	103,112	18,084	121,196	136,741

Governance costs include £995 (2020: £950) in respect of independent examiner's fees. No other amounts were payable to the independent examiner (2020: £nil).

6. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property and improvements	Equipment	Fixtures & fittings	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
Brought forward at 6 April 2020	2,643,742	23,967	131,169	2,798,878
Additions	110,276	0	8,601	118,877
Disposals	(673,128)	0	0	(673,128)
At 5 April 2021	2,080,890	23,967	139,770	2,244,627
Depreciation				
Brought forward at 6 April 2020	222,773	18,054	64,776	305,603
Charge for the year	56,529	3,052	10,810	70,391
Disposals	(8,462)	0	0	(8,462)
At 5 April 2021	270,840	21,106	75,586	367,532
Net book value At 5 April 2021	1,810,050	2,861	64,184	1,877,095
At 5 April 2020	2,420,969	5,913	66,393	2,493,275

Freehold Property at 5 April 2021 includes £667,666 (2020: £880,722) in respect of land not currently being depreciated, which includes Title Numbers WK342117, MM109400 and WM405822.

7. Analysis of net assets between funds

7.1 Current year	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	1,877,095	0	1,877,095
Current assets	371,610	103,853	475,463
Current liabilities	(3,435)	0	(3,435)
Total funds	2,245,270	103,853	2,349,123

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For the year ended 5 April 2021

7.2 Prior year

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	2,493,275	0	2,493,275
Current assets	358,661	103,713	462,374
Current liabilities	(26,159)	0	(26,159)
Total funds	2,825,777	103,713	2,929,490

8. Movement in funds

8.1 Current year

	Balance at 6 April 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfer £	Balance at 5 April 2021 £
Restricted funds:					
New Halls Fund	103,713	543	(127)	(276)	103,853
Unrestricted funds:					
Designated Fund	0	18,082	(16,200)	0	1,882
General Fund	2,825,777	199,696	(782,361)	276	2,243,388
Total funds	2,929,490	218,321	(798,688)	0	2,349,123

8.2 Prior year

	Balance at 6 April 2019 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfer £	Balance at 5 April 2020 £
Restricted funds:					
New Halls Fund	662,415	105,040	(255)	(663,487)	103,713
Unrestricted funds:					
General Fund	2,223,770	92,685	(154,165)	663,487	2,825,777
Total funds	2,886,185	197,725	(154,420)	0	2,929,490

The New Halls Restricted Fund is held for the purpose of acquiring land and buildings to be used as additional Gospel Halls. The transfer from that fund is the value applied to that purpose and capitalised during the year.

Unrestricted funds includes a balance of £1,882 (2020: nil) which is designated to the Emergency Needs fund. This fund is used to provide limited financial assistance to households who have experienced a recent and significant decrease in income due to the pandemic such that it is likely to impact on the health and/or welfare of members of the household.

9. Transactions with related parties

Rupert Nelson (a trustee of the charity) is a director of Aura (UK) Limited, from which Coventry Gospel Hall Trust procured services and goods totalling £7,184 (2020: £3,911). As at 5 April 2021 £nil was outstanding and included in creditors (2020: £nil).

Andrew Beresford (a trustee of the charity) is a director of Tudor (UK) Limited, from which Coventry Gospel Hall Trust procured goods and services totalling £6,399 (2020: £4,934). As at 5 April 2021 £nil was outstanding and included in creditors (2020: £nil).

Coventry Gospel Hall Trust purchased services totalling £743 (2020: £578) from Property Services Unlimited; the father of Rupert Nelson (a trustee of the charity) is proprietor of that business. As at 5 April 2021 £nil was outstanding and included in creditors (2020: £nil).

Coventry Gospel Hall Trust paid grants and donated services totalling £1,045 (2020: £4,935) to Tile Hill Gospel Hall Trust; that charity had among its trustees the father of Rupert Nelson (a trustee of Coventry Gospel Hall Trust).

Coventry Gospel Hall Trust paid grants (including the property at Burton Green) and donated services totalling £674,680 (2020: £2,738) to Wyken Gospel Hall Trust; that charity had among its trustees the brother of Ian Jenkin (a trustee of Coventry Gospel Hall Trust).

Donations received without conditions by Coventry Gospel Hall Trust from trustees and all their related parties during the year totalled £6,440 (2020: £45,214).

10. Controlling party

The controlling party and ultimate controlling party of the Trust are its Trustees.

11. Capital commitments

At the year end the Trust had contractual capital commitments of £13,122 (2020: £nil).

Public Benefit Report

Coventry Gospel Hall Trust

Coventry Gospel Hall Trust Public Benefit



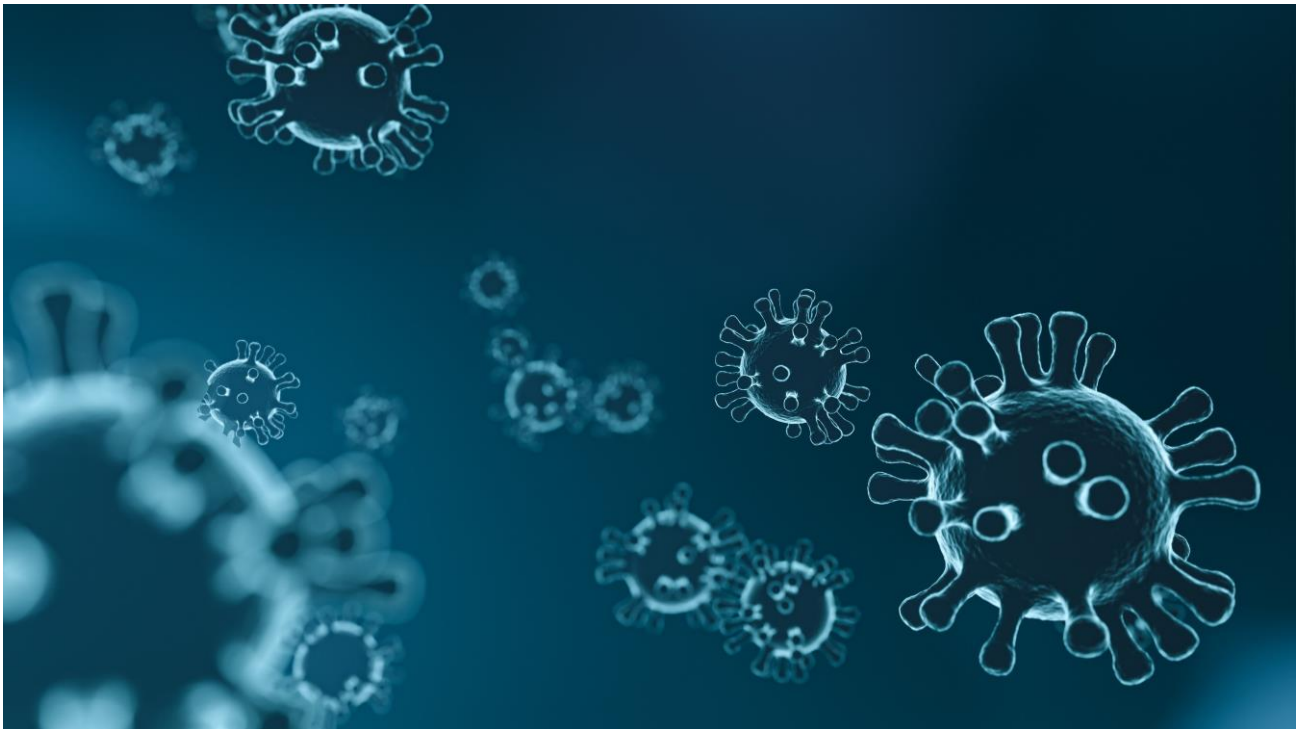
One of the Trust's principal activities that furthers its objects is providing a facility for the coordination of "outreach" work into the wider community.

Members of the congregation, acting under the directions of the trustees and with their full active encouragement, have continued with "outreach" work which they have carried out for many years

2020 Summary

The trustees of the Coventry Gospel Hall 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

2020 panned out to be a year like no other with individuals, businesses and charities alike facing unique challenges unparalleled in our lifetime. In some way shape or form COVID 19 has had a profound impact on all our lives.



The trustees and the regular congregation members were determined to continue their public benefit works and we have found this year has demanded even more resource as we support people and communities around our places of worship.

Street Preaching and Tract Distribution

We were unable to maintain our longstanding committal to the open air preaching in the town centre of Coventry due to the lockdown restrictions in place. Tracts and gospel cards were still available for collection from the main Gospel Hall. The following website has still been fully available throughout this difficult period and ready to respond to any enquiries, or requests for literature, which can be purchased or downloaded for reading in multiple languages

<https://christiandoctrineandgospelpublishing.org/>



Members of the congregation have also still been available to neighbours and people in need and ready to hand out tracts and bibles or assist in other practical ways.

Other church leaders and ministers from time-to-time request some of the early printed ministry by the leaders which is made available from the website listed.

Working with other charities

As a trust, we have purchased 42 donation packs containing food & hygiene essentials for multiple persons which we donated to various local needs such as homeless and vulnerable shelters, etc. These boxes are designed to support the work that the charities do to provide care & nourishment to homeless and also include a selection of tracts, and bibles.

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Charities supported

42

Food Boxes/Hygiene packs donated

“On behalf of all of us at JCT Coventry please pass our thanks on to your congregation. Thank you all so much for your donations and continued support. It really means a lot to us and our service users.”

“...therefore, I am asking if you could possibly ask your very generous community, if the donations of ‘Pot Noodles’ and other items could resume. Please do not feel obliged to do this, as we are well aware how generous you have been in the past. I fully accept that this will not be easy as congregations are restricted. ...I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all again...”

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The trust see that the work carried out by its members as Volunteers of the Rapid Relief Team (RRT) is of the utmost importance in the community and has been pleased again to allow its external facilities to be used as a meeting/gathering point for these volunteers prior to deployment or community support.

During 2020 there were several food-box packing session events that members of the Coventry congregation were privileged to have part in assisting.

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Case Study – Zoe's Place

Members of the congregation volunteered for RRT when catering was required for annual fundraising day at Zoe's Place Baby Hospice on 26th June 2019. Volunteers attended to cater for 500 attendees with a burger or sausage meal and water support throughout the day.



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Case Study – Bagot's Castle

In the region of 20 members of the congregation volunteered on 6th March 2020 to assist with tidying and maintaining trees and bushes, clearing brash, strimming brambles and undergrowth at Bagot's Castle - a 14th century castle ruin in the village of Baginton. This continued the similar work that has occurred every year for the last 8 or 9 years and is greatly appreciated by the volunteers who maintain the property.



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