

Coventry Gospel Hall Trust

**Report of the Trustees and
unaudited financial statements
Year ended 5 April 2023**

Coventry Gospel Hall Trust – Registered Charity number 1157883
Year ended 5 April 2023

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Coventry Gospel Hall Trust – Registered Charity number 1157883
Reference and administrative details
For the year ended 5 April 2023

Charity name	Coventry Gospel Hall Trust
Registered charity number	1157883
Trustees	Rupert Nelson (Chair) Andy Beresford (resigned 10 th January 2024) Ian Jenkin Iain William Mitchell Simon James Taylor Harvey James Douglass (appointed 10 th January 2024)
Treasurer	Simon James Taylor
Trustees holding title to property	Andrew Leslie Beresford 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
Solicitors	Band Hatton Button 53-55 Butts Road Coventry CV1 3BH
Independent Examiner	Timothy Brewer Broadacre Lodge Green Lane North Meriden Coventry CV7 7JZ

The Trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 5 April 2023. 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 2023 (2022: £nil).

The Trust operates 2 Gospel halls and Trustees are chosen from among the regular congregation of those halls. 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 Wyken Gospel Hall Trust in Coventry with which it shares members of its congregation. Those two Trusts have congruent purposes and costs of services donated to Wyken Gospel Hall Trust 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.

Charitable activities

The normal activities of the Trust, including outreach, were maintained during the year and a regular schedule of meetings at gospel halls was re-introduced. Members of the congregation also donated their time to do charitable work for local community projects, including liaison with the local parish council. 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 and many of the congregation attended and assisted at events held by the Rapid Relief Team (registered charity 1161586).

The potential project for a new hall at Keresley has been started and therefore constitutes material commencement of the project in order to retain the current planning permissions. Other potential sites in and around Coventry have been assessed by the Trust for suitability, driven by the changing requirements of the congregation which it serves. After the year-end the Trust has had a non-binding offer accepted on the purchase of some land adjacent to the main hall in Baginton and significantly progressed pre-application assessments and reports on a potential site in the Tile Hill area

Compliance

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

Plans for Future Periods

The plans of the Trust for the forthcoming year and into future years are to continue to operate and maintain its existing halls and to continue with its long-term project to provide more suitable and upgraded gospel halls in locations that are more closely related to where members of the congregation now live. This meets a long standing need that has been challenging to fulfil. Obtaining suitable sites and planning permission for places of Christian worship has proved particularly difficult.

The Trust also notes that costs, particularly utility costs, of maintaining the current halls remains increased compared to a number of years ago and actively works to procure the most suitable deals available. These increased costs do not impact the ability of the charity 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, 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

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

Financial review

Financial position

In the year ended 5 April 2023 the Trust had a £56,903 deficit in incoming resources compared to resources expended (2022: £90,660 deficit). This deficit was mainly due to non-monetary items such as depreciation. Total voluntary income received during the year was £97,110 (2022: £94,253).

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 support this fund with dedicated collections when there are specific projects that require support. 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 £97,623 (2022: £101,040). 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 £97,623. 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 £360,251 (2022: £347,035).

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



Trustee

Date: 16/01/2024.....

Coventry Gospel Hall Trust – Registered Charity number 1157883
Independent Examiner's report
For the year ended 5 April 2023

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 2023 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 15-1-2024

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Coventry Gospel Hall Trust – Registered Charity number 1157883
Statement of financial activities
For the year ended 5 April 2023

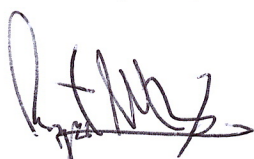
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
Notes	£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies:					
		80,000	0	80,000	77,750
		3,470	0	3,470	4,420
		10,912	0	10,912	9,666
		2,728	0	2,728	2,417
	4	0	0	0	0
		0	0	0	0
	4	0	0	0	0
Investments					
		337	94	431	45
Other					
		0	0	0	0
Total		97,447	84	97,541	94,298
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities					
	5	108,809	0	108,809	133,415
	5	17,737	2,001	19,738	11,837
	4	0	0	0	0
	4	25,897	0	25,897	39,706
Total		152,443	2,001	154,444	184,958
Net income/(expenditure)		(54,996)	(1,907)	(56,903)	(90,660)
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets		0	0	0	0
Transfer to/(from)		1,510	(1,510)	0	0
Net movement in funds		(53,486)	(3,417)	(56,903)	(90,660)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		2,157,423	101,040	2,258,463	2,349,123
Total funds carried forward	7	2,103,937	97,623	2,201,560	2,258,463

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 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	6	1,743,686	1,809,429
Current assets			
Debtors:			
Prepayments and accrued income		5,607	5,156
Cash at bank		453,869	445,952
		459,476	451,108
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year:			
Accruals		1,602	2,074
Net current assets		457,874	449,034
Total assets less current liabilities		2,201,560	2,258,463
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year: Loans		0	0
Net assets		2,201,560	2,258,463
Funds			
Unrestricted income fund		2,103,937	2,157,423
Restricted fund		97,623	101,040
Total funds	8	2,201,560	2,258,463

The unaudited financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees of Coventry Gospel Hall Trust on 16 January 2024 and signed on their behalf by



R Nelson
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 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
<i>Cash flows from operating activities:</i>		
Net (expenditure)/income	(56,903)	(90,660)
Depreciation charges	68,555	68,566
Bank interest received	(431)	(45)
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	0	0
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(451)	(728)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(472)	(1,361)
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Net cash (used)/provided by operating activities	10,298	(24,228)
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<i>Cash flows from investing activities:</i>		
Bank interest received	431	45
Acquisition of current investments	0	0
Proceeds from sale of current investments	0	0
Purchase of fixed assets	(2,812)	(900)
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Net cash used in investing activities	(2,381)	(855)
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Change in cash during the year	7,917	(25,083)
Cash at beginning of the year	445,952	471,035
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Cash at end of the year	453,869	445,952
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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.

2. *Trustees' remuneration and expenses*

No Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits from the charity and no Trustees were reimbursed for expenses (2022: None).

3. *Wages and salaries*

There were three (2022: one) persons employed part time as cleaners at a total cost of £898.50 (2022: £169). There were no national insurance or pension contributions.

4. Services received from/donated to other charities

Services donated/Grants made

	Grants £	Services £	2023 £	2022 £
Wyken Gospel Hall Trust	0	25,897	25,897	39,706
	0	25,897	25,897	39,706

5. Running gospel halls and other charitable activities

	Running Gospel Halls £	Other charitable activities £	2023 £	2022 £
Repairs & maintenance	21,485	0	21,485	52,983
Utilities	9,777	0	9,777	5,254
Conference hosting	0	598	598	0
Outreach projects	0	2,925	2,925	1,846
Depreciation	68,555	0	68,555	68,566
Congregation support	0	14,214	14,214	7,650
Support Costs				
Insurance	2,766	141	2,907	2,340
Professional	0	1,860	1,860	2,210
Governance	6,226	0	6,226	4,403
	108,809	19,738	128,547	145,252

Governance costs include £nil (2022: £nil) in respect of independent examiner's fees. No other amounts were payable to the independent examiner (2022: £nil).

6. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property and improvements	Equipment	Fixtures & fittings	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
Brought forward at 6 April 2022	2,081,370	24,387	139,770	2,245,527
Additions	1,510	1,302	0	2,812
Disposals	0	0	0	0
At 5 April 2023	2,082,880	25,689	139,770	2,248,339
Depreciation				
Brought forward at 6 April 2022	327,369	22,334	86,395	436,098
Charge for the year	56,529	1,217	10,809	68,555
Disposals	0	0	0	0
At 5 April 2023	383,898	23,551	97,204	504,653
Net book value At 5 April 2023	1,698,982	2,138	42,566	1,743,686
At 5 April 2022	1,754,001	2,053	53,375	1,809,429

Freehold Property at 5 April 2023 includes £667,666 (2022: £667,666) 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	1,743,686	0	1,743,686
Current assets	361,853	97,623	459,476
Current liabilities	(1,602)	0	(1,602)
Total funds	2,103,937	97,623	2,201,560

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Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 5 April 2023

7.2 Prior year

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	1,809,429	0	1,809,429
Current assets	350,068	101,040	451,108
Current liabilities	(2,074)	0	(2,074)
Total funds	2,157,423	101,040	2,258,463

8. Movement in funds

8.1 Current year

	Balance at 6 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfer £	Balance at 5 April 2023 £
Restricted funds:					
New Halls Fund	101,040	94	(2,001)	(1,510)	97,623
Unrestricted funds:					
Designated Fund	0	0	0	0	0
General Fund	2,157,423	97,447	(152,443)	1,510	2,103,937
Total funds	2,258,463	97,541	(154,444)	0	2,201,560

8.2 Prior year

	Balance at 6 April 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfer £	Balance at 5 April 2022 £
Restricted funds:					
New Halls Fund	103,853	8	(2,341)	(480)	101,040
Unrestricted funds:					
Designated Fund	1,882	5,768	(7,650)	0	0
General Fund	2,243,388	88,522	(174,967)	480	2,157,423
Total funds	2,349,123	94,298	(184,958)	0	2,258,463

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.

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 £3,797 (2022: £41,386). As at 5 April 2023 £nil was outstanding and included in creditors (2022: £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 £735 (2022: £1,091). As at 5 April 2023 £nil was outstanding and included in creditors (2023: £nil).

Coventry Gospel Hall Trust purchased services totalling £365 (2022: £840) from Property Services Unlimited; the father of Rupert Nelson (a trustee of the charity) is proprietor of that business. As at 5 April 2023 £nil was outstanding and included in creditors (2022: £nil).

Coventry Gospel Hall Trust purchased services totalling £420 (2022: nil) from Davidson Products & Services; the brother-in-law of Iain Mitchell (a trustee of the charity) is proprietor of that business. As at 5 April 2023 £nil was outstanding and included in creditors (2022: £nil).

Coventry Gospel Hall Trust purchased services totalling £120 (2022:nil) from Lynette Thewlis who is a daughter of Iain Mitchell (a trustee of the charity). As at 5 April 2023 £nil was outstanding and included in creditors (2022: £nil).

Coventry Gospel Hall Trust paid grants and donated services totalling £25,897 (2022: £39,706) 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 £3,210 (2022: £5,010).

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 £nil (2022: £960).

Public Benefit Report

Coventry Gospel Hall Trust

Coventry Gospel Hall Trust Public Benefit



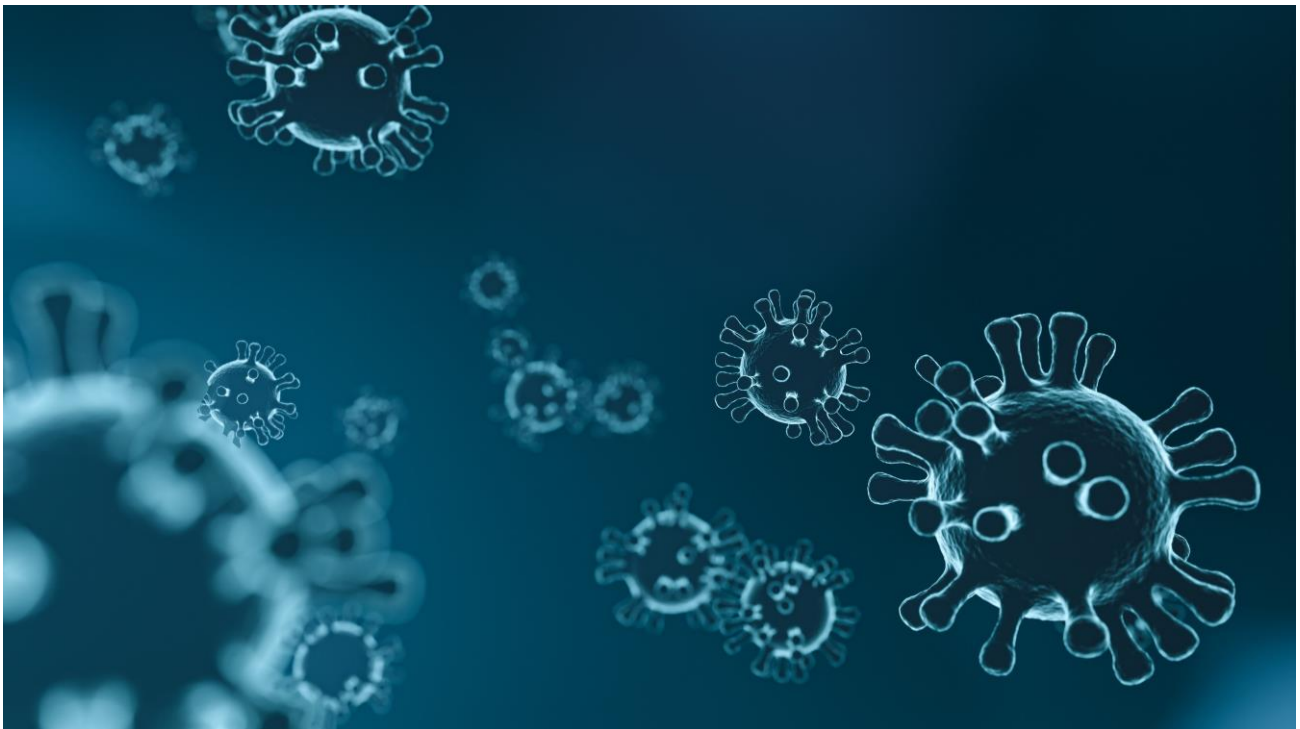
One of the Trust's principal activities that furthers its objects is providing a facility for the coordination of "outreach" work into the wider community.

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.

2022/23 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.

2022 was thankfully a year where we were able to start to return to some of our pre-COVID activities with the restrictions lifting across the country.



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 resources as we support people and communities around our places of worship.

Street Preaching and Tract Distribution

We were pleased to be able restart and maintain our longstanding committal to the open-air preaching in the town centre of Coventry from July 2022 onwards. Tracts and gospel cards were handed out and are also available for collection from the main Gospel Hall. The following website has been fully available 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/>

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Members of the congregation have also 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 59 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

59

Food Boxes/Hygiene packs donated

"We are really grateful for the pie packs that you provide so faithfully for our residents, it makes a big difference to them, and they really love the juice!"

"On behalf of Coventry Cyrenians, I would like to thank you and the Plymouth Brethren for the large amount of food you generously donated....without donations such as yours, we wouldn't be able to help rebuild as many lives as we do.."

"Really thank you for your donations. God bless you."

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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.

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Case Study – Commonwealth Games

Members of the congregation volunteered for RRT and helped distribute care kits to police officers involved with the Birmingham Commonwealth Games in July/August 2022.



Case Study – Bagot's Castle

In excess of 20 members of the congregation volunteered In January 2023 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 9 or 10 years and is greatly appreciated by the volunteers who maintain the property.



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Bagot's Castle – February 2023

Bagot's Castle will be carrying out essential repairs around the site during February and March in readiness to open our gates to our visitors on Saturday 1st April 2023. We have a fair bit to achieve before opening, i.e. repairs to fencing on the boundaries, post bumping, cutting back dangerous branches, filling in rabbit holes and making the site safe for our visitors.

On 16th January we again had help from the Brethren Church, who come along each year to help with the winter tidy up. A group of 21 volunteers helped clear the brambles and fallen debris on the site, mostly along by the river and the banks down to the river from the Summer House. They worked from 1000 – till 1500 hrs with a short break, when we provided them with Fish & Chips, which is the tradition. We are extremely grateful for their help and support each year.

We also had the help of the Warwickshire Conservation Volunteers on 21st December, and they worked in the Wildlife Nature Walk and ponds. Again we are grateful for their continued help and support each year.

We have nearly completed the first phase of the partial rebuilding of the Summer House and hope Phase I will be finished for the first week of opening (1st April 2023).

The second phase will be the viewing platform (but we need to raise funds before this can commence).



Should anyone wish to make a donation please visit our website www.bagotscastle.org.uk to make a donation via Local Giving. From the viewing platform, you will be able to have a 360 degree fantastic view of the whole of the site.

From Bagot's Castle I wish everyone Good Health and Best Wishes for 2023.

David Hewer

Custodian - Bagot's Castle

Case Study – Baginton Village

The local village where the main meeting hall is situated undertook a project to refurbish the local park and opportunity arose for us to donate a picnic bench which is widely appreciated across the village and its occupants as reported in the below village news!

Lucy Price Playing Field

As many of you will have noticed the Park has now acquired a new picnic table. This was very kindly given to the village by the Coventry Gospel Hall Trust and supplied by Tudor Environmental. It is manufactured from recycled plastic and requires no maintenance. Thanks to Andy Beresford of Tudor for sourcing and storing the table ready for the base to be installed.

The base was laid free of charge by Buckingham so many thanks to them and Mick Gilhooly who co-ordinated all the work and arranged for the table to be securely fixed. You may have noticed that we specified a larger base than is required for one table. In the meantime, this additional concrete space provides parking for pushchairs, wheelchairs etc. but we may put in a second table if the demand is there.

The new noticeboard has also been erected so thanks to Lucy Jones for sourcing it, Keith Jones for installing it and Anne Taylor for producing the notices.

The monthly inspections continue and I'm pleased to say we find very few defects or problems. I recently contacted to installers, RPM, about 2 minor issues and they sent an engineer within a week to inspect and if necessary, rectify the problems.

Robert Taylor.

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