

Hurst Gospel Hall Trust

Trustees Annual Report 2020

Hurst Gospel Hall Trust are the legal owners of the building and plot of land in Whistley Green Hurst known as Hurst Gospel Hall, a Christian evangelical place of worship, seeking to meet the spiritual needs of both those in the immediate locality, and further afield. Practical assistance is also given to those found to be in need in the locality that have been brought to the attention of believers who meet at the Gospel Hall.

Despite the pandemic, 2020 proved to be a very productive year for the Trust, as the planned extension to the building at Hurst Gospel Hall was able to proceed in a very timely manner.

Preparations had been made during 2019 to extend the building, with much care and thought being given to the design and layout of the extension. The fellowship at Hurst were fully involved in these discussions as the extension need to meet the perceived requirements of those using the building. The improvements needed to provide a dedicated room for storage, additional classroom / craft room, and also to improve and increase capacity of the toilet facilities, as one of the existing toilets was situated under the stairs, and although fully functional, suffered from restricted headroom.

Funding for the project had, in part, been in place by the end of 2019 and all remaining funds were provided in the first half of 2020.

The physical construction of the extension was able to commence in the late spring of 2020. This coincided with the first lockdown, when places of worship were closed. This gave rise to some concern, but amazingly, the builder engaged for the project was able to arrange supplies for all needed materials, and was able to proceed with the work in a Covid compliant way during the time that the existing building was closed. Because of this, there was no disruption to the activities at the Gospel Hall, as none were permitted in the building and services were being conducted over Zoom.

The builder completed the work by September, as anticipated, and it was found to be of a very good standard and level of finish. All works complied with the local authority planning and building consents. The external finish was so in-keeping with the existing building and it blended in so seamlessly that it was difficult to see where the new extension started.

By the time the building was fully completed and made serviceable internally, lockdown requirements had reduced, and some of the normal services were able to resume in the building as from December 2020. Full use of the new facilities will not be fully appreciated until 2021.

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Registered Charity Number: 1002580

Hurst Gospel Hall Trust

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Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020

	£	£
Opening Bank Balance as at 01/01/20		78831.53
Plus Incoming Funds		
Interest	372.21	
Offerings via Stewardship	6746.25	
Anonymous Offerings via Stewardship	2927.50	
Gifts & Pledged Gifts	44108.75	
SSE Refund	75.00	
Total Incoming Funds	<u>54229.71</u>	<u>54229.71</u>
		133061.24
Less Outgoing Funds		
Gifts & Offerings:		
Offerings Transferred to General Fund	9197.70	
Anon gifts to Echoes International	2927.50	
Extension:		
Builder / Contractor	90385.23	
Building Control/Fees/ Services	1485.00	
Broadband	1364.80	
Building Supplies	6242.38	
Fittings & Furnishings	8104.76	
Window Supply	13352.87	
Total Outgoing Funds	<u>133060.24</u>	<u>133060.24</u>
Closing Bank Balance as at 31/12/20		<u><u>1.00</u></u>

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

Hurst Gospel Hall Trust

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2020

Charity no
(if any)

1002580

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Respective responsibilities
of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent
examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's
statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Maria Land

03/10/2021

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