ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

FOREST FOLD BAPTIST CHURCH

CHARITY REGISTRATION No: 1134790

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY NUMBER	1134790
START OF FINANCIAL YEAR	01 January 2025
END OF FINANCIAL YEAR	31 December 2025
ELDERS	John Cowley (Pastor) Mark Philpott (Assistant Pastor) Anthony John Sharpe John Hitchcock
DEACONS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2025	Peter Turner David Bishop Robert Hook Stephen Baldwin Peter Dinnage Timothy David
TRUSTEES AT 31 DECEMBER 2025	John Cowley (Chairman) Robert Hook Stephen Baldwin Peter Turner David Bishop Anthony John Sharpe (Treasurer) John Hitchcock Mark Philpott Peter Dinnage Timothy David The existing trustees appoint any new trustees following the provisions laid out in the Charity's Constitution adopted 10th March 2010.
LEGAL STATUS	Registered Charity
GOVERNING INSTRUMENT	Constitution Adopted on 10th March 2010
OBJECTS	The principal activity is to advance the Christian Faith according to Baptist principles and in accordance with the Basis of Faith. The Charity may also carry out other Charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and or other parts of the World.
CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS	Forest Fold Baptist Church London Rd Crowborough TN6 1TD

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION (continued)

PRIMARY BANKERS	Barclays Bank Plc 1High Street Crowborough East Sussex TN6 2PX CAF Bank Ltd 25 Kings Hill Avenue West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Lomax Pavey MAAT Independent Examiners Ltd The Grain Store Hills Barns Appledram Lane South Chichester West Sussex PO20 7EG

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

AIMS

To bring honour and glory to God through the preaching and teaching of His Word. To show the power of God as He works in our community so that we become more like Jesus in our words and actions.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE WORKS AND EVENTS

- Every Sunday there are two meetings where we meet to pray, worship God and hear the Word of God taught to us.
- TheChurch also holds meetings during the week for preaching, praise and prayer, Home Groups and Bible study.
- The children's work continues with encouragement from the Thrive group and the First Steps mothers and toddlers group which attracts a large number of people from the local community
- Activity and craft evenings were also held for children and we also run a group for the younger teenagers.
- A group for the older teenagers meets for a mixture of activities, prayer and Bible teaching
- Our Assistant Pastor and other members of the Church have been invited to take Assemblies in several local schools and we are looking to encourage the growth of these links and the opportunities they give to be involved in the life of the local community
- We run a group - First Tuesday - for the older people from the Church and local community. The monthly luncheon meetings are very much appreciated, bringing opportunity to encourage growth and understanding for this age group.
- We pray that God will continue to bless us as we move forward in His service.

AIMS FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR

To declare the message of the good news about Jesus clearly by our words and actions, praying that God will use us to make a positive impact on Crowborough and beyond.

Although Forest Fold Baptist Church is the operational trust, the land and property continues to be owned by the Forest Fold Baptist Chapel Trust.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total incoming resources for the period were £232,973 (2024: £209,978) of which £146,109 was unrestricted income (2024: £123,310). Total resources expended were £215,790 (2024: £210,505) of which £127,354 was unrestricted expenditure (2024: £123,470). Total charity cash funds at the end of 2025 were £112,106 (2024: £93,207).

A full review of the financial position of the charity can be found on the attached financial statements.

RESERVES

As at the balance sheet date of 31 December 2025 the charity had free reserves (unrestricted funds) of £132,127 (2024: £114,644) and restricted reserves of £27,465 (2024: £27,765) totalling £159,592 (2024: £142,409).

PUBLIC BENEFIT

Trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission Guidance on 'Public Benefit' in deciding what activities the charity undertakes. All activities undertaken by Forest Fold Baptist Church are focussed on our charitable purposes.

GOING CONCERN

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resource to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

RISK ASSESSMENT

The Trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and the level of financial commitments held. The Trustees aim to ensure the charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The Trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Charities Act 2011 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 trust and of the surplus of the trust for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:
i) Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
ii) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
iii) Prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the trust will continue in existence

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the trust. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on the 23/10/2026

Signed on their behalf by Tony Sharpe
Tony Sharpe (Oct 23, 2026 09:08:00 GMT+1)

Print Name: Tony Sharpe

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

Report to the trustees/members of Forest Fold Baptist Church on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025.

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.

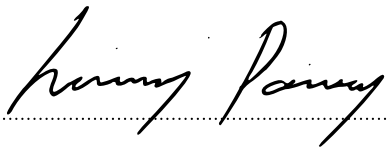
Independent examiner's statement
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

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.



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23rd October 2026

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	**TOTAL 2025 £**	**TOTAL 2024 £**
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Donations & Legacies	**3a**	124,685	60,572	16,250	201,507	180,332
Investment Income	**3b**	1,918	-	-	1,918	2,399
Charitable Activities	**3c**	3,256	26,292	-	29,548	27,247
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		**129,859**	**86,864**	**16,250**	**232,973**	**209,978**
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Costs of Charitable Activities	**4a**	122,982	88,436	-	211,417	205,850
Governance Costs	**4b**	4,373	-	-	4,373	4,655
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		**127,354**	**88,436**	**-**	**215,790**	**210,505**
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		**2,504**	**(1,572)**	**16,250**	**17,183**	**(527)**
Total funds brought forward		53,844	27,765	60,800	142,409	142,937
Transfers between funds		(1,272)	1,272	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**55,077**	**27,465**	**77,050**	**159,592**	**142,409**

All of the Charity's operations are classed as continuing operations.

The notes on the following pages form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total 31-Dec-25 £**	**Total 31-Dec-24 £**
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	**2**	45,578	-	45,578	50,642
		45,578	**-**	**45,578**	**50,642**
Current Assets					
Debtors & Prepayments	**8**	2,313	2,220	4,533	-
Cash at bank and in hand		86,861	25,245	112,106	93,207
Total Current Assets		**89,174**	**27,465**	**116,639**	**93,207**
Creditors: due within one year	**9**	2,624	-	2,624	1,440
NET CURRENT ASSETS		**86,549**	**27,465**	**114,014**	**91,767**
TOTAL ASSETS less current liabilities		**132,127**	**27,465**	**159,592**	**142,409**
Creditors: due in more than one year	**10**	-	-	-	-
NET ASSETS		**132,127**	**27,465**	**159,592**	**142,409**
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY					
General Funds		55,077	-	55,077	53,844
Restricted funds	**5**	-	27,465	27,465	27,765
Designated Funds	**6**	77,050	-	77,050	60,800
TOTAL FUNDS		**132,127**	**27,465**	**159,592**	**142,409**

Approved by the Trustees on the 23/10/2026

Signed on their behalf by Tony Sharpe

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year.

Basis of Preparation & Assessment of Going Concern

Basis of preparation:
The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP - FRS102) and the Charities Act 2022.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Assessment of Going Concern
Preparation of the accounts is on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Recognition of Incoming Resources
These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:
· the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
· the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
· the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Incoming Resources with Related expenditure
Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SOFA.

Grants and Donations
Grants and donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Tax Reclaims on Donations and Gifts
Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Contractual Income and Performance Related Grants
This is only included in the SOFA once the related goods or services has been delivered.

Gifts in Kind
Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SOFA as income receivable.

Volunteer Help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts and is described in the Report of the Trustees.

Donated Services and Facilities

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

Investment Income
This is included in the accounts when receivable.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)
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Investment Gains and Losses
This included any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability Recognition
Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Governance Costs
Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of the trustees meetings and cost of any legal advise to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Grants with Performance Conditions
Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SOFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Grants Payable without Performance Conditions
These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to a grant which remain in control of the charity.

Investments
Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.

Support Costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of the resources, e.g. allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Fixed Assets
Fixed Assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £1,000. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

Depreciation Expense
Depreciation is calculated at a rate to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets over their estimated useful lives. The rates applied per annum are as follows:

Fixtures & Fittings	10%	Reducing balance
General Equipment	10%	Reducing balance
Motor Vehicles	25%	Straight line

There has been no change to the accounting polices (Variation rules and methods of accounting) since last year.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)
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2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

		Motor Vehicles £	General Equipment £	Fixtures & Fittings £	**Total £**
Cost	01-Jan-25	10,674	34,599	38,678	83,951
Additions					-
Cost at	31-Dec-25	**10,674**	**34,599**	**38,678**	**83,951**
Accumulated Depreciation	01-Jan-25	10,674	15,936	6,699	33,309
Charge for the Year			1,866	3,198	5,064
Depreciation at	31-Dec-25	**10,674**	**17,802**	**9,897**	**38,373**
Net Book Value	31-Dec-25	**-**	**16,797**	**28,781**	**45,578**
Net Book Value	31-Dec-24	-	18,663	31,979	50,642

The annual commitments under non-cancelling operating leases and capital commitments are as follows:

31st December 2025 : None
31st December 2024 : None

3. INCOMING RESOURCES

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	**TOTAL 2025 £**	**TOTAL 2024 £**
a) Donations & Legacies						
Charity of the Month Collections		-	7,652	-	7,652	9,309
Gift Aid Tax Recovered		21,068	5,349	1,250	27,667	17,010
Gifts & Donations		1,580	47,133	-	48,713	66,244
Gifts & Donations-Legacies		-	-	15,000	15,000	4,000
Other income		689	200	-	889	700
Standing Orders		101,347	238	-	101,585	83,068
		124,685	**60,572**	**16,250**	**201,507**	**180,332**
b) Investment Income						
Bank Interest		1,918	-	-	1,918	2,399
		1,918	**-**	**-**	**1,918**	**2,399**
c) Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities						
Crowborough Camps	**5**	-	3,097	-	3,097	4,021
Events Fund	**5**	3,153	-	-	3,153	3,814
First steps	**5**	-	761	-	761	603
First Tuesday	**5**	-	4,081	-	4,081	3,288
Help Fund	**5**	-	2,779	-	2,779	4,551
Young Peoples Group	**5**	103	15,574	-	15,676	10,969
		3,256	**26,292**	**-**	**29,548**	**27,247**

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

4. RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	**TOTAL 2025 £**	**TOTAL 2024 £**
a) Costs of Charitable Activities						
Charity of the Month Collections	**5**	-	9,199	-	9,199	9,309
Crowborough Camps	**5**	-	3,322	-	3,322	3,455
Cyprus Fund	**5**	-	49,980	-	49,980	51,055
Depreciation Expense	**2**	5,064	-	-	5,064	3,929
Events Fund		2,168	-	-	2,168	3,059
First Steps	**5**	-	710	-	710	724
First Tuesday	**5**	-	3,235	-	3,235	3,163
General Maintenance		9,497	-	-	9,497	11,925
Help Fund	**5**	-	3,604	-	3,604	5,379
Licenses & Subscriptions		439	-	-	439	359
Ministry & Outreach		6,691	-	-	6,691	3,926
Motor Vehicle Costs		1,883	-	-	1,883	2,421
Office Costs		889	-	-	889	979
Renovations & Improvements		6,343	-	-	6,343	4,679
Staff Costs	**11**	76,514	-	-	76,514	75,633
Utility Costs		9,458	-	-	9,458	9,277
Website & Computers		2,732	-	-	2,732	1,721
Young Peoples Group	**5**	260	18,385	-	18,645	10,891
Youth Work		1,043	-	-	1,043	3,966
		122,982	**88,436**	**-**	**211,417**	**205,850**
b) Governance costs:-						
Independent Examiner's Fees		1,140	-	-	1,140	1,440
Insurance costs		3,233	-	-	3,233	3,215
		4,373	**-**	**-**	**4,373**	**4,655**

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

5. RESTRICTED FUNDS

		THIS YEAR			
	Balance 01-Jan-25 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	**Balance 31-Dec-25 £**
Charity of the Month	-	9,068	(9,199)	132	-
Camp Fund	3,361	3,473	(3,322)	-	3,512
Cyprus Fund	13,304	49,648	(49,980)	-	12,972
First Step	282	761	(710)	-	333
First Tuesday	505	4,081	(3,235)	-	1,352
Help Fund	2,282	3,559	(3,604)	-	2,237
Loan Fund	7,060	-	-	-	7,060
Young Peoples Group	216	16,274	(18,385)	1,895	-
Events Fund	755	-	-	(755)	-
Total Restricted Funds	**27,765**	**86,864**	**(88,436)**	**1,272**	**27,465**

		LAST YEAR			
	Balance 01-Jan-24 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	**Balance 31-Dec-24 £**
Charity of the Month	-	9,309	(9,309)	-	-
Camp Fund	2,795	4,021	(3,455)	-	3,362
Cyprus Fund	14,748	49,612	(51,055)	-	13,304
First Step	403	603	(724)	-	282
First Tuesday	379	3,288	(3,163)	-	505
Help Fund	3,109	4,551	(5,379)	-	2,282
Loan Fund	6,560	500	-	-	7,060
Young Peoples Group	138	10,969	(10,891)	-	216
Events Fund	-	3,814	(3,059)	-	755
Total Restricted Funds	**28,132**	**86,668**	**(87,035)**	**-**	**27,765**

Charity of the Month – Each month the Church holds collections for specific causes and funds received during the month are placed in this fund for distribution monthly.

Camp Fund - This is for Summer Camps on the grounds of the Church and is self funding.

Cyprus Fund
UK Donations to support Mr & Mrs James Swanson and the Church they now lead in Cyprus are processed through this fund. The donations given to this Fund from the Church, its members and other supporting Churches and individuals around the UK are used to cover the Swansons' living expenses in Cyprus, their Church's expenses such as Rent, and associated education and training costs.

5. RESTRICTED FUNDS (continued)

First Tuesday – This is a group aimed at the over 60's which meets on a monthly basis on the 1st Tuesday of each month for a mid day meal and fellowship. This group is self funding.

Help Fund - relates to a fund contributed to via specific giving, some as part of their standing orders that are received into the main account and some via collections every first Sunday.

Loan Fund - is a fund set up to assist church members with loans repayable without interest over an agreed period

The First Steps Fund - is a mother and toddler group - administered outside the general fund and mainly self sufficient. Occasional top ups from General Fund.

Young Peoples Group – Monies placed in this fund are received towards the cost of an Annual Holiday for the group of young people from within the Church.

Events Fund - Following a review, the trustees consider event income to be unrestricted, as it represents payments for attending events rather than donations. The balance brought forward has been transferred to general funds.

The restricted funds are wholly represented by the Charity's cash reserves.

6. DESIGNATED FUNDS

		THIS YEAR			
	Balance 01-Jan-25	Income	Expenditure	Transfer	**Balance 31-Dec-25**
	£	£	£	£	**£**
General Fund Reserve	60,800	16,250	-	-	77,050
	60,800	**16,250**	**-**	**-**	**77,050**

		LAST YEAR			
	Balance 01-Jan-24	Income	Expenditure	Transfer	**Balance 31-Dec-24**
	£	£	£	£	**£**
General Fund Reserve	76,000	-	-	(15,200)	60,800
	76,000	**-**	**-**	**(15,200)**	**60,800**

General Fund Reserve – This is a General Reserve fund into which surplus funds have been placed in the past and is available as the Reserve Policy of the Church. During the year legacies of £15,000 and Gift Aid of £1,250 were added to this fund.

The designated funds are wholly represented by the Charity's cash reserves.

7. INVESTMENTS

The Charity held no investment assets during this or the previous financial period.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

8. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	**Total 31-Dec-25 £**	**Total 31-Dec-24 £**
Gift aid debtor	1,902	-	-	1,902	-
Loans to members	-	2,220	-	2,220	-
Other debtors	391	-	-	391	-
Prepayments	20	-	-	20	-
	2,313	**2,220**	**-**	**4,533**	**-**

9. CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	**Total 31-Dec-25 £**	**Total 31-Dec-24 £**
Accruals	1,154	-	-	1,154	-
Pensions Payable	331	-	-	331	-
Independent Examiner's Fee	1,140	-	-	1,140	1,440
	2,624	**-**	**-**	**2,624**	**1,440**

10. CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS AMOUNTS FALLING DUE IN MORE THAN ONE YEAR

The Charity held no long term liabilities during this or the previous financial period.

11. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

	2025 £	**2024 £**
Gross Wages & Salaries	64,808	68,581
Employer's National Insurance Costs	78	-
Employer's Pension Contributions	7,128	7,051
Staff accommodation	4,500	-
	76,514	**75,633**

The average number of employees who were engaged in charitable activities during the year was 3 (2024: 3).

The Charity operates a PAYE scheme to pay all employed members of staff and no employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000. (2024 - None)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

12. TRUSTEES AND OTHER RELATED PARTIES

	2025	2024
Number of reimbursed trustees & related parties	19	12
Total amount paid (£)	**35,305**	**11,490**

The payments were made to: 8 Trustees; 6 Trustees' wives; 4 other family members of Trustees; and 1 connected company by reason it is owned by a Trustee. The payments mainly consisted of reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of the church. They also included £4,604 paid to Chaser, a company owned by Trustee Mr P Dinnage, for cleaning services; £1,110 paid to Trustee Mr S Baldwin for rebuilding the pulpit; a £70 preaching fee paid to Trustee Mr J Hitchcock; and £4,500 rent paid to Ms J Philpott, sister of Trustee Mr M Philpott, for his accommodation.

During the financial year Trustee Mr J. Cowley & Spouse Mrs E. Cowley received £21,868 & £9,996 (2024: £21,868 & £9,996) respectively in salary related payments in furtherance of the Charity's objects.

Trustee Mr M Philpott received £32,944 in salary related payments in furtherance of the Charity's objects (2024 £32,217).

No other transactions took place between the charity and its trustees or any persons connected with them during the financial period.