Trustees Report & Unaudited Financial Statements

Hillside Gospel Hall Trust
For the year ended 5 April 2026

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Legal and Administrative Information

Hillside Gospel Hall Trust
For the year ended 5 April 2026

Charity Name:

Hillside Gospel Hall Trust

Registered Charity Number:

1159148

Trustees:

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Mr J McCroft
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Mr C South
Mr G Hibbert

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Report of the Trustees

Hillside Gospel Hall Trust
For the year ended 5 April 2026

The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 5 April 2026. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 11 and comply with the Trust Deed and applicable law.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The Charity is an unincorporated trust constituted by a Deed of Trust dated 06 May 1982, most recently amended by Deed of Variation dated 08 August 2014. The trust was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 11 November 2014 under Charity Registration Number: 1159148

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. Reimbursements totaling £1,028 were made to trustees for expenses incurred on the trusts behalf.

The Trust operates one gospel hall and Trustees are chosen from among the regular congregation of the 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 charities with a view to pooling experience considered useful in pursuing the objects of the charity. The charity also maintains particular links with Derwent Valley Gospel Hall Trust, Nottingham Gospel Hall Trust and Derby Gospel Hall Trust with which it shares members of its congregation.

Risk Management

The Trustees have identified and reviewed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and confirm that they have established systems 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.

Details of public benefit activities carried out by Hillside Gospel Hall Trust can be found in the separate appendix to this report.

Main activities and achievements

The Trust provides and maintains one gospel hall 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.

During the year, volunteers from Hillside Gospel Hall Trust actively engaged in a range of outreach initiatives, including visits to local foodbanks and homeless charities, providing humanitarian support.

Plans for future periods

Despite the increased cost of energy, the trustees feel that these increased costs are not significantly impacting on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern.

A meeting of the congregation was held on 19 December 2025 to consider amendments to the Charity's Trust Deed and the appointment of a corporate trustee. Also considered at that meeting was the consolidation of local gospel hall trusts such that all gospel hall property in a locality would be held by the relevant city gospel hall trust, in this case Hillside Gospel Hall Trust. This meeting was held as part of a wider programme of global restructuring and rationalisation to adopt a structure for holding the UK Gospel Halls which serves the purposes of the UK charities more effectively.

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 25 and 550 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 regularly participate in a programme of street preaching where Gospel tracts are provided free of charge by the Charity to such preachers to be handed out to interested members of the public.

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:

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

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.

Financial Review

In the year ended 5 April 2026 the Trust had a modest deficit of incoming resources over resources expended. This is mostly due to non-monetary items such as depreciation.

Total voluntary income received this year was £132,491 compared to £114,667 in the previous year.

All funds held were unrestricted funds.

Reserves Policy

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. The Trustees aim for the Charity to hold approximately £25,000 in a current account to meet the day to day expenses, plus an allowance for any urgent repairs and capital expenses. The Trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily. Free reserves accumulated in excess of the minimum will be used at the discretion of the Trustees for the strategic development of Hillside Gospel Hall Trust. The congregation is kept regularly informed as to particular needs for funds, and other relevant matters and the Trustees aim to ensure that the Charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure, by raising a funds appeal to the congregation.

Free Reserves at the year end were £710,232 (2025: £673,372)

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 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to 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:

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Mr J McCroft (Trustee)

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Date

Report of the Independent Examiner

Hillside Gospel Hall Trust
For the year ended 5 April 2026

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Hillside Gospel Hall Trust for the year ended 5 April 2026.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 of explanations from you as 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 statements below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

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

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24 September 2026

Statement of Financial Activities

Hillside Gospel Hall Trust
For the year ended 5 April 2026

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2026	TOTAL FUNDS 2025
Income and endowments:					
Donations and Legacies:					
Collections	91,162	-	-	91,162	84,083
Payroll giving	896	-	-	896	827
Gift Aid Donations	32,346	-	-	32,346	24,136
Gift Aid refunds	8,087	-	-	8,087	5,621
Investments					
Interest Received	11,766	-	-	11,766	16,718
Total Income and endowments:	**144,257**	**-**	**-**	**144,257**	**131,386**
Expenditure:					
Running Meeting Rooms (note 8)	127,551	-	-	127,551	141,305
Cost of donated services (note 4)	25,586	-	-	25,586	171,090
Total Expenditure:	**153,137**	**-**	**-**	**153,137**	**312,395**
Net Income/(Expenditure)	**(8,880)**	**-**	**-**	**(8,880)**	**(181,009)**
Net Movement In Funds	**(8,880)**	**-**	**-**	**(8,880)**	**(181,009)**

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2026	TOTAL FUNDS 2025
Reconciliation of funds (note 10)					
Total Funds bought forward	2,665,248	-	-	2,665,248	2,846,257
Net movement in funds	(8,880)	-	-	(8,880)	(181,009)
Total Funds carried forward	**2,656,368**	**-**	**-**	**2,656,368**	**2,665,248**

The notes on page 11 - 19 form part of these financial statements.

Balance Sheet

Hillside Gospel Hall Trust
As at 5 April 2026

	2026	2025
Fixed Assets		
Tangible assets (note 5)	1,946,136	1,991,876
Total Fixed Assets	**1,946,136**	**1,991,876**
Current assets		
Prepayments and accrued income	10,583	9,783
Cash at bank and in hand	703,543	665,623
Total Current assets	**714,126**	**675,406**
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Accruals and deferred income	3,894	2,034
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**3,894**	**2,034**
Net current assets/(liabilities)	**710,232**	**673,372**
Total assets less current liabilities	**2,656,368**	**2,665,248**
Net Assets	**2,656,368**	**2,665,248**
Funds (note 9)		
Unrestricted funds	2,656,368	2,665,248
Total Funds	**2,656,368**	**2,665,248**

The unaudited financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees of Hillside Gospel Hall Trust on .....and were signed on its behalf by:

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Mr J McCroft (Trustee)

The notes on pages 11 - 19 form part of these financial statements.

Notes forming part of the Financial Statements

Hillside Gospel Hall Trust
For the year ended 5 April 2026

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Second edition of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16th October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

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

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 have been allocated between governance costs and other support costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and costs related to statutory requirements. Governance and support costs are allocated to charitable activities on the basis of capacity used.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets (costing more than £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	2.5% straight line
Property improvements	2.5% straight line
Fixtures and Fittings	10% reducing balance

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

The general unrestricted fund is free for the Trustees to use for any purposes in furtherance of the trust's charitable objects.

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.

1.8 Preparation of consolidated financial statements

The Charity does not have a trading subsidiary.

1.9 Going Concern

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

1.10 Significant estimates and judgements

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 an employment with the charity. During the year, Trustees were reimbursed for expenses totaling £1,028 (2025: none)

3. WAGES AND SALARIES

There are no employees (2025: none)

4. Donated Services

	2026	2025
Donated Services		
Donated To:		
Donated Services to Derwent Valley Gospel Hall Trust	25,586	169,443
Donated Services to Nottingham Gospel Hall Trust	-	824
Donated Services to Derby Gospel Hall Trust	-	823
Total Donated Services:	**25,586**	**171,090**

5. Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost	Freehold Property	Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment	Totals
At 6 April 2025	2,552,151	201,958	2,754,110
Additions	-	2,276	2,276
Disposals	-	-	-
At 5 April 2026	2,552,151	204,234	2,756,385
Depreciation			
At 6 April 2025	610,029	152,204	762,233
Current Year Depreciation	42,958	5,058	48,015
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	-
At 5 April 2026	652,987	157,262	810,249
Net Book Value			
At 5 April 2026	1,899,164	46,972	1,946,136
At 5 April 2025	1,942,122	49,754	1,991,876

Land registry title of the above property held is NT23261.

6. TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

During the financial year, aggregated donations of £18,301 (2025: £14,056) were received from related parties of the trustees. The trust also purchased equipment for £59 (2025: £279) from Willow Select, a company to which a trustee is connected. Reimbursements totaling £1,028 were made to trustees for expenses incurred on the trusts behalf. All transactions with related parties were made at arms length.

7. VOLUNTEERS

Hillside Gospel Hall Trust relies entirely on volunteers to carry out the management, administration and general maintenance work. The Trust has no paid staff or paid Trustees.

Resources Expended

Hillside Gospel Hall Trust
For the year ended 5 April 2026

8. Resources Expended

	MEETING ROOM COSTS	CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	TOTAL COSTS 2026	TOTAL COSTS 2025
Direct Costs				
Donations	895	-	895	950
Premises Costs	65,792	-	65,792	77,421
Telephone	778	-	778	664
Legal and professional	1,193	-	1,193	4,716
Health & Safety	1,350	-	1,350	1,350
Governance	1,632	-	1,632	1,584
Depreciation	48,015	-	48,015	48,192
Insurance	5,065	-	5,065	2,469
Bank charges	60	-	60	71
Other Expenses	2,771	-	2,771	3,888
Total Direct Costs	**127,551**	**-**	**127,551**	**141,305**

Governance costs include £180 (prior year: £180) in respect of independent examiners fees.

Analysis of Net Assets - Current year

Hillside Gospel Hall Trust
For the year ended 5 April 2026

9. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

9.1 Current Year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2026
Funds				
Tangible Fixed Assets	1,946,136	-	-	1,946,136
Current Assets	714,126	-	-	714,126
Current Liabilities	(3,894)	-	-	(3,894)
Total Funds	**2,656,368**	**-**	**-**	**2,656,368**

Analysis of Net Assets - Prior Year

Hillside Gospel Hall Trust
For the year ended 5 April 2026

9.2 Prior Year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2025
Funds				
Tangible Fixed Assets	1,991,876	-	-	1,991,876
Current Assets	675,406	-	-	675,406
Current Liabilities	(2,034)	-	-	(2,034)
Total Funds	**2,665,248**	**-**	**-**	**2,665,248**

Movement in Funds - Current Year

Hillside Gospel Hall Trust
For the year ended 5 April 2026

10. Movement in Funds

10.1 Movement in funds - current year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2026
Movement in Funds				
Total funds bought forward	2,665,248	-	-	2,665,248
Incoming resources	144,257	-	-	144,257
Resources expended	(153,137)	-	-	(153,137)
Total funds carried forward	**2,656,368**	**-**	**-**	**2,656,368**

Movement in Funds - Prior Year

Hillside Gospel Hall Trust
For the year ended 5 April 2026

10. Movement in Funds

10.2 Movement in funds - Prior year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2025
Movement in Funds				
Total funds bought forward	2,846,257	-	-	2,846,257
Incoming resources	131,386	-	-	131,386
Resources expended	(312,395)	-	-	(312,395)
Total funds carried forward	**2,665,248**	**-**	**-**	**2,665,248**

Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

Hillside Gospel Hall Trust
For the year ended 5 April 2026

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2025
Income and endowments:				
Donations and Legacies:				
Collections	84,083	-	-	84,083
Payroll Giving	827	-	-	827
Gift Aid Donations	24,136	-	-	24,136
Gift Aid Refunds	5,621	-	-	5,621
Investments				
Interest Received	16,718	-	-	16,718
Total Income and endowments:	**131,386**	**-**	**-**	**131,386**
Expenditure:				
Running Meeting Rooms (note 8)	141,305	-	-	141,305
Cost of donated services (note 4)	171,090	-	-	171,090
Total Expenditure:	**312,395**	**-**	**-**	**312,395**
Net Income/(Expenditure)	**(181,009)**	**-**	**-**	**(181,009)**
Net Movement In Funds	**(181,009)**	**-**	**-**	**(181,009)**

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2025
Reconciliation of funds (note 10)				
Total Funds bought forward	2,846,257	-	-	2,846,257
Net movement in funds	(181,009)	-	-	(181,009)
Total Funds carried forward	**2,665,248**	**-**	**-**	**2,665,248**

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Public Benefit Report

2025 – 2026

Hillside Gospel Hall Trust

Hillside Gospel Hall Trust Public Benefit



The Plymouth Brethren were established in 1828 when John Nelson Darby broke with the established Church in Dublin. Darby and others formed a fellowship based on strict observance of Christian teaching as set out in the Holy Scriptures. Darby came to Plymouth in the early 1830s and the congregation grew rapidly. Early publications were produced in Plymouth and distributed to other congregations of followers throughout the globe.

One of the Trust's principal activities that furthers its objectives is providing a facility for the coordination of outreach work within 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 as they have done for many years.

Hillside Gospel Hall
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Introduction

There are over 18,000 Plymouth Brethren members in the UK, spread across 86 locations.

There have been Brethren Gospel, or meeting halls across the Nottingham and Derby areas for over 180 years.

The Hillside Gospel Hall Trust was formed on the 6th May 1982 to acquire buildings to be used for the advancement of the Christian religion by carrying on the service of God, including the celebration of the Lord's Supper, Gospel Preachings, Bible Readings and addresses on the Word of God and other meetings of a Christian religious character according to the injunctions contained in the Holy Scriptures and the tenets and practices of those Christians forming a worldwide fellowship known as Plymouth Brethren.

The Hillside Gospel Hall Trust has 264 members covering the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire areas. Weekend occasions would usually involve residents from the Leicestershire area along with other visitors from further afield, meaning these services would be attended by around 600 persons, from young babies to nonagenarians.

To read more on the PBCC way of life, visit the https://www.plymouthbrethrenchristianchurch.org/ website.

2025 – 2026 Summary

The Trustees of the Hillside 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 Commissions general guidance to charities on public benefit.

With the ongoing wars and conflicts and many natural disasters, 2025 – 2026 has been yet another year of challenges for families, businesses, and charities in their continued support for those suffering hardship and sorrow. This has highlighted the extraordinary humanitarian needs that exist in the world today.

The Trustees and the regular congregational members have committed to continue their public benefit works and have found 2025 – 2026's financial year has demanded further resource as we support people and communities around our Places of Worship.

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Street Preaching and Tract Distribution

Street Preaching has been actively promoted by the Plymouth Brethren for many years, at least from the 1920's, and today is enthusiastically supported by members of the Hillside Gospel Hall Trust congregation, as we seek to follow the example set out by our Lord Jesus Christ (Luke ch4 v17-20)

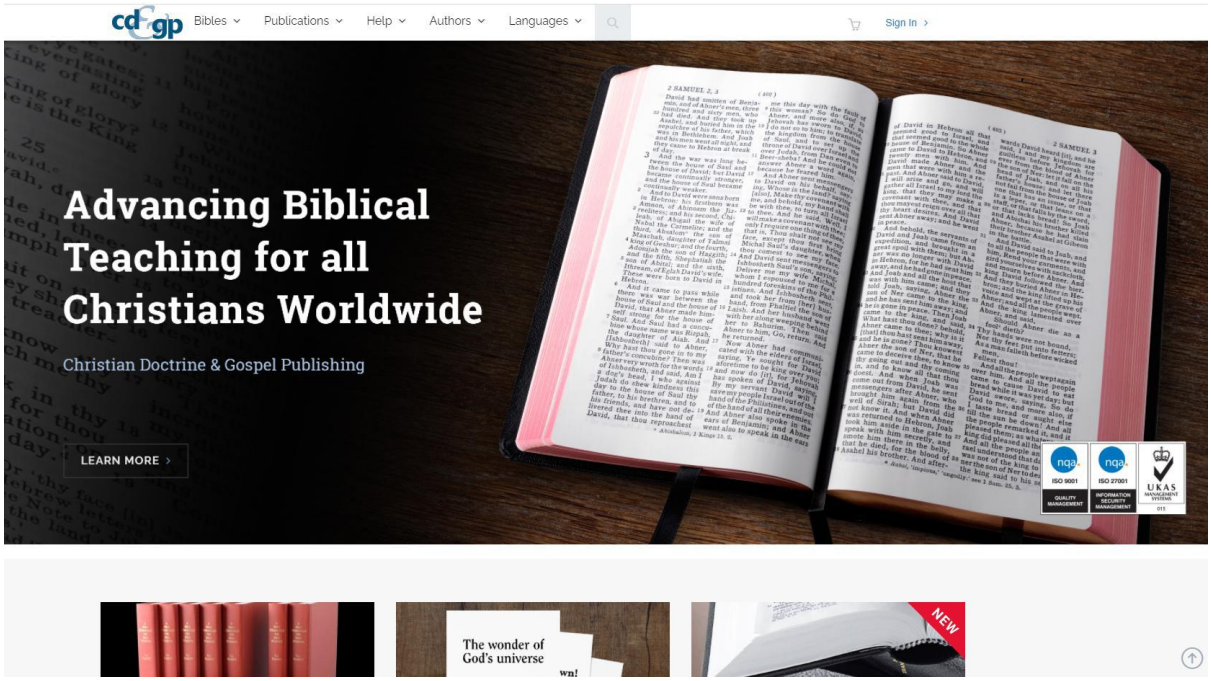
The essential activity of publicly preaching the name of Jesus and God's wonderful Gospel indiscriminately, gives joy and encouragement to our daily lives; as having personally proved the tangible benefit and immense improvement believing in Jesus brings, we seek to highlight the availability of Jesus to all mankind.

Romans 10v13; "For everyone whosoever, who shall call on the name of the Lord, shall be saved"

The aim of the street preaching is not to recruit additional members for the Plymouth Brethren but to present eternal salvation as available to all men by faith in Jesus Christ and His blood and His work of atonement.

Across Nottingham and Derby town centres, 370 Street Preachings were held, and over 800 Gospel tracts distributed during the period 6th April 2025 – 5th April 2026.

Any enquiries received by the Trustees, or made to Central Office, have been followed up fully and where applicable people have been directed to the following website where literature can be purchased or downloaded for reading in multiple languages.
https://christiandoctrineandgospelpublishing.org/



Hillside Gospel Hall Trust



Hillside Gospel Hall Trust and its members of the congregation see the Rapid Relef Team (RRT) as a significant charity that is supporting communities in times of need and therefore have continued supporting it by providing voluntary labour for the following events. (Registered charity no 1161586)

April 26th 2025 - Canaan Trust Sleepout Event. Nottingham RRT had a team of 9 volunteers help support this event by providing a hot breakfast meals to the participants who had spent the night sleeping out.

April 17th 2025 – Gas Explosion Worksop. Volunteers from Nottingham RRT helped at this event, by providing hot meals to the Emergency services personnel.

July 5th 2025 – Head High Fundamental event. Nottingham RRT helped in supporting this 'Music and wellbeing' event in Derby City by providing 150 free BBQ burgers to attendees and volunteers from other organisations that were supporting the event as well.

July 15th-18th Nottingham Volunteers helped in a UK initiative packing 25,000 snack packs that will be going to support the Police and security staff in Scotland during the visit of the US President.

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July 19th 2025 – The Friary Drop in Centre Anniversary. Nottingham RRT had a team of 9 volunteers help the Friary homeless drop in centre celebrate their 37th anniversary by providing 75 hot meals to all those that attended, including the vunerable, homeless and staff alike.

August 19th 2025 – Derby Kids Camp, Dovedale. Providing a free holiday to Children from backgrounds of poverty, bereavement and other challenges, a team of 8 Nottingham RRT Volunteers supported the Derby kids camp by providing approximately 150 burger meals to the children and staff volunteers.

August 15th 2025 – A&E appreciation week QMC Hospital, Nottingham
August 16th 2025 – A&E appreciation week Royal Derby Hospital

Nottingham RRT served approximately 130 Coffee and cakes each day to the A&E Hospital staff as an appreciation of the ongoing selfless work they do.

November 7th 2025 – CEO Sleep out NCFC stadium. Starting at 5am a team of 8 Nottingham RRT volunteers provided a hot breakfast for the business owners and others that slept out rough to raise money in support of the homeless.

January 15th 2026 – UK Food box pack. Nottingham RRT volunteers joining with others at the RRT head office to help with food parcel packing which is then distributed to areas of need.

January 21st 2026 – Chetwynd Barracks event. 10 Nottingham RRT volunteers supported the armed forces personnel with a BBQ burger meal at Chetwynd Barracks Chilwell.







