CONNECT NETWORKING WOLVERHAMPTON
(a Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

Un-audited Financial Statement

Company No. CE009653 (England and Wales)
Registered Charity No: 1171158

Accounts for the year ended

31st December 2025

Connect Networking Wolverhampton

DIRECTORS REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED
31st December 2025

The directors have pleasure in submitting their Report for the period ended 31st Dec. 2025

GENERAL INFORMATION
CONNECT is a Charitable Organisation (CIO) Registered in England and Wales with the Charity Commission under registration Number 1171158. Its registered office is All Nations Christian Centre, Temple Street, Wolverhampton, WV2 4AQ.

OBJECTIVES
The Charitable objects are the advancement of the Christian Faith in Wolverhampton and surrounding areas by

- Supporting Church leaders
- Promoting collaboration between Churches and open to all denominations who hold an orthodox faith that is trinitarian.
- Working together with other Churches for mission

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Over the last year Connect has continued to deliver activities in 3 main areas:

a) **Monthly Church Minister meetings** have occurred throughout the year and have provided great support and significant encouragement to all those who have attended, which has led not only to the enhancement of individual ministries, but also served to fuel a developing sense of the wider church across the City.
Number of Ministers in attendance has been maintained throughout with probably a slight increase.

b) **City Wide Prayer** is a monthly event whose venue was switched from a regular venue to moving around different host churches, which has worked well and increased numbers attending significantly, especially by the host church. There is a sense of momentum and increased faith and expectation in these meetings.

c) **Easter Saturday gathering.** This was the second year that this took place in Queen's Square which as a venue worked very well and at a fraction of the cost of previous City centre gatherings. Numbers were increased from the previous year,, but the event was well organised and we are confident that this will grow significantly in the coming years.

This year has proved to be one of consolidation as the foundations of the organisation have been simplified and strengthened enabling us to move forwards with faith and confidence.

FINANCIAL REVIEW
CONNECT made a small financial gain during the last financial year, operating continued reduced activities and keeping expenditure to a minimum whilst still offering the main services listed above. This enabled the organisation to finish repaying the long-term loan made by a generous individual to cover the costs of the Ablaze 18 event. Having now cleared this longstanding commitment, this frees up opportunity to start the 2026 financial year with a clean slate…

The majority of the charity's general fund is made up of donations from churches and individuals who benefit from the activities of the organisation.

THE TRUSTEE'S OF THE ORGANISATION
Reverend Steve Uppal,
Reverend Leon Etten, chairperson
Reverend Emmanuel Kapofu,
Reverend Richard Merrick
Reverend Ian Poole
Reverend Simon Woodward

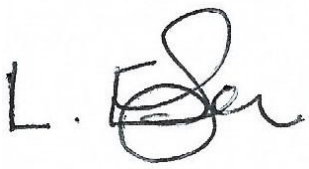
STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT
Governing Document
The charity is governed by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a charitable incorporated organisation under the provisions of The Charitable Incorporated Organisations, (General) Regulations 2012. It is overseen by a steering committee made up of the trustees of the organisation.

In relation to the policies and procedures adopted by CONNECT for the induction and training of trustees, current and any new trustees are referred to guidance from the Charity Commission on their website under the heading of “Trustee Role and Board”. CONNECT provides new trustees with guidance from the charity commission, information about the organisation itself including its policies and procedures and financial status and health.

New trustees are provided with up-to-date charity commission guidance relating to the role and responsibilities of trustees. They are provided with copies of the policies and procedures of the organisation and encouraged to read through them and ask any questions that they may have. The Chair of trustees meets with them to discuss the above documents, answer any questions and ensure that they have understood the requirements of the role that they are being asked to undertake.

The trustees are all Christian leaders from the city of Wolverhampton and members of congregations that engage actively with the organisation. They all have experience of leadership and governance within various organisations and a number have served on other boards in similar capacities or work operationally in partnership with boards within their own organisation.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD



Signed by Trustee – Pastor Leon Etten

On:

REGISTERED OFFICE
CONNECT NETWORKING WOLVERHAMPTON
ALL NATIONS CHRISTIAN CENTRE
TEMPLE STREET
WOLVERHAMPTON
WV2 4AQ

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Income and Expenditure
31st December 2025

		2025			2024
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
Income					
	INCOME & ENDOWMENTS FROM				
	Donations & Legacies	1,915		1,915	1,557
	Other Income Resources				
	Gift aid	23		23	38
	Total Income	1,938		1,938	1,595
Expenditure					
	EXPENDITURE ON:				
	Charitable Activites	988		988	672
	Other Activities				
	Total Expenditure	988		988	672
	Taxation				
	Penalty				
	Net Incoming/ (outgoing) resources	949		949	1,160
	Transfers				
	Reserves brought forward	-552		-552	-1,712
	Reserves carried forward	397		397	-552

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT
31st December 2025

	2025			2024
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Total this year	
CURRENT ASSETS				
Bank and Cash	336		336	1,410
Total	336		336	1,410
Short-term Creditors	0		0	0
Short-term Debtors	61		61	842
NET CURRENT ASSETS	336		336	2,288
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Long-term Creditors	0		0	2,000
Total	0		0	2,000
Total Net Assets			336	-552
Reserves Brought Forward			-552	-1,712
Surplus/(Deficit) for period			949	1,160
Capital Reserves			336	-552

For the year ending 31/12/2024, the charitable incorporated organisation is entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibility for

(a) Ensuring that the charitable incorporated organisation complies with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

(b) Preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable incorporated organisation as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the micro-entity provisions and have been delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

Treasurer

Name: Matthieu Lambert (Treasurer) Signature: 

Date: 14.02.2026

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these accounts.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st December 2025

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. CONNECT is a Charitable Incorporated Organization (CIO) registered in England and Wales under registration 1171158. It is the opinion of the Trustees that these financial statements reflect a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and financial performance of the entity as at reporting date.

2. Presentation Currency

These financial statements are presented in United Kingdom Pounds because that is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Charity operates in.

3. Comparative Information

The Charitable Incorporated Organization (CIO) had its first operating period ending 31 December 2017 after incorporation. The current financial statements show a comparison of the 2019 financial period compared with the prior reporting period.

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

4. FRS 102

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of FRS 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, and the guidance of the relevant Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP).

5. Historical Cost Convention

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis.
This is generally based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for the assets.

6. Going Concern

The Charity is expected to continue to receive positive cash flows from institutional and individual donors to fulfill its charitable mandate. The Trustees have no reason to believe that a material uncertainty exists that may cast Significant doubt about the ability of Charity to continue as a going concern. The Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity will be able to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Therefore, they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements.

7. Accruals Concept

All income and expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where revenue or costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

8. Non-Current Assets and Depreciation.

The Charity does not hold any non-current assets, and this is reflected in the Financial Statements