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Report and Accounts

for the year

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Trustees Annual Report
for the year to 31 December 2025

The trustees present their Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document
The Light Church Bradford Trust is a CIO FOUNDATION registered 16 Nov 2020.

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Risk Management
The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Objectives and Activities

Objectives and aims
The objectives of the charity are:-

a) To advance the Christian faith, in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs, in Yorkshire and other parts of the UK or the world
b) To relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship, or who are aged or sick and to relieve the distress caused thereby
c) To advance education in accordance with Christian principles

Annual report 2025 - Introduction

2025 has been a year of consolidation and preparation for the Light Church. There has been significant change within both our trustee and leadership teams during the year, so considerable focus has been given to building strong relationships within those teams and developing vision and direction for the coming years. We have also been able to sell some land, releasing funds to enable us to progress towards the long-awaited phase 2 of the renovation of the Jubilee Centre.

The trustees are extremely grateful to the Light Church staff, volunteers, and supporters who have given so generously to the work of the church over the past year. We have been blessed not only in terms of financial giving, but also in terms of the breadth of skills and the many hours of volunteer time that have been given. Because of this the church has been able to continue to run the various ministries outlined below to relieve those in need, hardship, and distress and to share the good news of Jesus with them.

Annual report 2025 - Introduction (continued)

We have also continued to oversee safeguarding across all ministries, ensuring that safeguarding policies are up to date and fit for purpose, safer recruitment procedures followed and volunteers appropriately trained. We are extremely appreciative of our Safeguarding Team, whose work behind the scenes goes a long way towards making sure that everyone feels safe and free to worship at the Light Church.

We are grateful to God for all He has done in and through the Light Church this year and we are very much looking forward to seeing what He has in store for us in 2026.

Our Purpose, Vision and Mission

Reshaping Vision

As a leadership team, we undertook a significant discernment process to seek God's guidance on the church's purpose, vision and direction for the next season. This involved the leadership team getting to know one another's individual strengths and giftings, gathering input from the wider Leadership Community, and asking key questions about the church's identity, heritage and calling. This collaborative process — combining prayer, reflection and structured consultation — has shaped the vision and roadmap set out below.

Purpose

The Light Church exists **to help people find and follow Jesus.** This statement reflects our core reason for being and shapes everything we do.

Three Core Pillars

All activity flows from three foundational pillars: **Scripture**, which takes precedence in all things; **the Holy Spirit**, who empowers us to live as Jesus did; and **Sharing Jesus**, which lies at the heart of our individual and collective life as a church.

Vision

We seek to be *a vibrant collective of Christ-centred communities, living faith fully, transforming Bradford and beyond.* This vision embraces the diversity of our congregation, the variety of ways people encounter and grow in faith, and our commitment to being a church not just in Bradford but actively for the city — and increasingly, beyond it.

Mission - Key Areas of Work

Our roadmap outlines how we bring this purpose and vision to life across seven areas:
Community Services — Service to the wider community is central to our DNA. This includes our Foodbank and a new Wellbeing and Family Therapy Centre, with further initiatives planned in response to need and the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Under-18s and Families — We are committed to reaching and discipling young people, investing time and energy in engaging those inside the church and those yet to encounter God.

Groups and Gatherings — We provide varied access points for community and faith formation, from Sunday services to triads, interest groups, missional communities and church plants — all aimed at helping people find and follow Jesus.

Our Purpose, Vision and Mission (continued)

Formation — We are intentional about equipping people to be with Jesus, become like Jesus, and do the things He would do — developing disciples who make disciples.

Leadership Development — Recognising that everything rises and falls on leadership, we are establishing a clear pathway to help individuals reach their full potential, both within and outside the church.

Beyond Bradford — We believe God is calling us to think beyond our geographic location, supporting other ministries, empowering those with national or global reach, and running conferences with wider impact.

Operations — Underpinning all of this is a commitment to having the right staff, structures and systems in place to sustain and grow our work effectively.

2025 Church Year in Numbers

Annual Volunteer & Service Summary.

Sunday Services

Metric	Value
Total services	55
Total attendance	9,131
Weekly average attendance	166

Service Teams

Team	People	Hrs Each	Volunteer Hours
General volunteers (avg)	30	3	4,950
Welcome team	4	3	660
Refreshments	4	3	660
Creative team	7	3	1,155
Kids teams	10	3	1,650
Youth team	4	3	660
Set up team	4	3	660
Service leaders (2×/month)	—	3	60
Preachers (1×/month)	—	12	120
TOTAL			**10,575**

Leadership & Governance

Role	Frequency	People	Hrs Each	Volunteer Hours
Trustees	4×/year	5	6	120
Leadership team	2×/month	2	4	192
TOTAL				**312**

2025 Church Year in Numbers (continued)

Mid-week Volunteer Involvement

46 active weeks (excl. ~6 weeks holiday) · ~2 hours per slot.

Activity	People	Hrs Each	Volunteer Hours
Groups	10	3	1,380
Renew	4	3	552
Youth	5	3	690
Foodbank	80	—	*see report*
TOTAL			**2,622**

Combined Totals

Category	Volunteer Hours
Service teams	10,575
Leadership & governance	312
Mid-week activities	2,622
Total volunteer hours	**13,509**

Notes

- *Service team hours are based on the number of people serving × 3 hours × 55 services.*
- *Mid-week activity hours (Groups, Renew, Youth) are based on 46 active weeks (excluding ~6 weeks of holiday breaks) at 3 hours per session. The Foodbank operates across multiple days and roles rather than a single weekly session, so its figure shows the approximate number of volunteers (80) and is not included in the calculated hours total; its work is described in full in the ministry report that follows.*
- *Leadership & governance hours reflect the actual number of meetings across the year multiplied by estimated meeting length.*
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Ministry & Department Reports

Bradford Central Foodbank

Lead / Contact: Josie Barlow

1. Overview — What does this ministry / department do, and who does it serve?

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Ministry & Department Reports (continued)

The ministry serves a wide range of people within the local community, including families experiencing food insecurity, vulnerable adults, asylum seekers and refugees, individuals facing financial hardship, and people struggling with isolation or unemployment.

2. Highlights — What were the key activities and highlights in 2025?

- **Fed 17,139 people**, providing **154,251 meals** to individuals and families in crisis.
- **Received 119,482kg of donated food**, worth approximately **£330,965**, from supporters, schools, churches, and Bradford Council.
- Served **9,000 hot meals** through the Foodbank café.
- **Delivered 1,320 emergency food parcels** to people unable to leave their homes due to illness or vulnerability.
- Distributed over **700 Christmas hampers** and gifts for **715 children** during the Christmas season.

Alongside emergency food provision, the Foodbank continued to tackle the causes of poverty through wraparound support:

- Provided benefits advice to **244 people**, including support with 62 PIP applications and 52 appeals, helping secure an estimated **£869,612.20** in additional income.
- Offered one-to-one Job Coaching support to **436 people**, producing **113 CVs**, supporting **430 job applications**, and helping **27 people into employment.**
- Supported **740 asylum seekers** with housing advice, legal signposting, and practical support.
- Distributed emergency fuel grants to **1,433 households**, releasing £143,300 of support into the community
- Gave out **2,114 SIM cards** to help tackle digital exclusion.

Connect Bradford

We hosted Connect Bradford, a networking event in partnership with Renew Wellbeing for referral agencies agencies across the Bradford area. Over 50 organisations and 80 attendees took part. The event created opportunities for organisations to connect, collaborate, and strengthen referral pathways, improving the overall support available to vulnerable people within the local community.

3. Impact — What difference has this ministry made this year?

This year, the ministry continued to make a significant difference to people facing poverty, isolation, and crisis across Bradford. As well as providing emergency food provision to 17,139 people, many individuals and families were helped not only in moments of immediate need, but also towards longer-term stability and hope. The Job Coaching project supported people who had lost confidence or faced barriers to employment, helping 27 individuals secure work and take positive steps towards independence. Benefits advice also had a major financial impact, helping vulnerable people access nearly £870,000 in entitled support.

Campaigning for change.

Ultimately government policy needs to change to put more money into people's pockets, as Universal Credit simply isn't enough money for people to live on. We've played our part in campaigning with Trussell - in parliament in July to 'Guarantee our Essentials' and also for lifting the '2 child limit'. We've appeared on Look North, ITV Calendar News, Greatest Hits radio, Heart & Capital Radio, and local BCB radio to speak.

The Foodbank community itself has also continued to be a place of belonging, dignity, and healing.

Ministry & Department Reports (continued)

Many volunteers have previously been service users themselves and are now able to give back to others, creating a culture of compassion and mutual support.

4. Volunteers & Community — How have volunteers and the wider community been involved this year?

The ministry is powered by approximately 80 volunteers from a wide range of backgrounds, many of whom have personal experience of hardship themselves. Volunteers contribute across all areas of the Foodbank's work, including warehouse operations, café support, food parcel preparation, deliveries, administration, client support, and Job Coaching. Volunteering provides an opportunity for people to find a sense of belonging and purpose, and also helps with real-life job experience.

The wider community has continued to play a vital role through generous donations of food, finances, toys, and practical resources. Local schools, churches, organisations, and Bradford Council have all partnered with the Foodbank throughout the year.

Events such as Connect Bradford also strengthened collaboration between charities, churches, healthcare providers, and support organisations across the district, helping improve referral pathways and joined-up care for vulnerable people.

5. Challenges — What challenges were faced, and how did the team respond?

The ongoing cost-of-living crisis continued to place significant pressure on individuals and families throughout 2025, increasing demand for emergency food support, fuel grants, and practical assistance. Many people accessing support were facing complex issues including poor mental health, unemployment, housing insecurity, and rising living costs.

At the same time, sustaining sufficient food donations and resources to meet increasing demand remained an ongoing challenge. The ministry responded by strengthening partnerships with local organisations, improving referral pathways, campaigning for policy change, and continuing to expand holistic support services that address the root causes of poverty rather than only emergency need.

6. Looking Ahead — What are the plans and hopes for the coming year?

Looking ahead, as ever we join with Trussell to aspire to end the need for foodbanks in the UK through policy campaigning and awareness building, and by providing advice services to help deal with the root causes of food crisis. But until that day comes, there will be people in emergency need of food, and we will be there to provide vital, emergency food support and to continue supporting vulnerable households.

Renew Wellbeing

Lead / Contact: Grace Moxon

1. Overview — What does this ministry / department do, and who does it serve?

Renew 23 is a wellbeing space designed particularly for adults facing social isolation, loneliness, and mental health challenges, offering a safe space for people to simply be. It is open to all adults — members of the congregation and the local community. It supports those with conditions like stress, anxiety, and depression.

Renew Wellbeing (continued)

The space is centred on the NHS 'Five Ways to Wellbeing': connect, give, get active, keep learning, and take notice — inviting people to connect with others and themselves, give their time and skills, learn new things, and practise mindful activities that engage them with the present moment. People are also invited to practise inner habits of wellbeing in our optional prayer space.

2. Highlights — What were the key activities and highlights in 2025?

Connect Bradford — we hosted a networking event in partnership with Bradford Central Foodbank for wellbeing and support services across the Bradford area. Over 50 organisations and 80 people attended, and it was great to see the connections being made to improve the overall support we can provide to those in the local community. We have had referrals and attendances as a direct result of this event, improving community cohesion and providing holistic support.

- Celebrated one of our members getting baptised.
- Celebrated four years of Renew.

3. Impact — What difference has this ministry made this year?

One of our attendees, Carol, shared: *"Renew saved me — it was a place where I could come and belong and find friendship and community. I have joined the church and got baptised."*

Friendships built through the space have lasted and developed beyond it, with members going on holiday together and maintaining ongoing connection.

4. Volunteers & Community — How have volunteers and the wider community been involved this year?

Our team is made up entirely of volunteers, in addition to the paid manager role. As people attending the space have joined the church, it has been beautiful to see friendships and relationships forming. We have also connected with other local charities and services across Bradford.

5. Challenges — What challenges were faced, and how did the team respond?

One challenge has been navigating relational conflict within the group — with some members having experienced conflict outside of the space — which the team has worked to manage sensitively to keep Renew a consistent place of peace for everyone.

6. Looking Ahead — What are the plans and hopes for the coming year?

We are passionate about providing a 'consistent place of peace' for people to engage with. Over more than four and a half years of running, we have seen how valuable it is for people to dip in and out, knowing we will continue to be there, alongside a wonderful cohort of regulars for whom this space is part of their community and routine.

We have expanded to a second session on Thursday evenings in 2026 and look to grow this session, opening up the provision to those who work or cannot attend in the daytime, as well as increasing opening times for those who already attend. We will continue to expand the reach of the space through hosting networking events to partner with more local services for signposting and referrals.

Renew Wellbeing (continued)

We would also love to set up a community garden space for people to enjoy and help collectively maintain, and to have mental health support services come into the space so people can access the support they need, or run sessions on particular topics in line with attendees' interests.

Kids and Families

Lead / Contact: Rachel Dawson

1. Overview — What does this ministry / department do, and who does it serve?

This department oversees all our kids and family ministry: on a Sunday morning and during the week.

2. Highlights — What were the key activities and highlights in 2025?

The highlight of 2025 was recruiting so many new team members to join our kids and youth teams. Across the first four months of 2025, 22 new volunteer team members were recruited. We also recruited two new paid employees: a Children's Worker (Kwang) and an Early Years Practitioner (Wendy). All of our kids groups were strengthened, and the impact of this meant that the quality of our provision dramatically improved.

We ran a successful youth week away, youth service and Awaken programme, and 4 of our youth were baptised.

3. Impact — What difference has this ministry made this year?

We are regularly welcoming more children into our programme as new families continue to join the church. Knowing that we are a church with a vibrant children and youth ministry is often a key contributing factor in why families choose to stay.

Our consistent work to share the love, word, and truth of Jesus continues to support children and young people in their faith journeys. So far this year we have had another young person ready to be baptised, and we are expectant that more will come.

4. Volunteers & Community — How have volunteers and the wider community been involved this year?

It takes a team of over 40 volunteers for this ministry and all the different groups to thrive. Most volunteers like to commit to serving once or twice a month, and many are conscious of striking the right balance with other areas of their busy lives.

We have been proactive in involving the wider congregation in our programme under our 'it takes a whole church' initiative. This means an 'expert in the field' can join the kids ministry for a one-off week, bringing their particular skill set. So far the children have enjoyed sessions on woodwork, dance, drama and BIG craft. This has been a great success and we plan to continue it for the foreseeable future.

5. Challenges — What challenges were faced, and how did the team respond?

Our biggest challenge was recruiting and training so many new volunteers. Simply put, without a large volunteer base this department can't function so it was a huge achievement to get the teams better resources with people both volunteer and paid staff.

Kids and Families (continued)

6. Looking Ahead — What are the plans and hopes for the coming year?

The biggest hope for 2026 is to continue the development and strengthen of all teams across this ministry area. To provide even better provision and better pastoral support of families.

Youth (11–18 years)

Lead / Contact: Jo Stokes

1. Overview — What does this ministry / department do, and who does it serve?

Our youth ministry serves young people aged 11–18 within our congregation and the local community. Our purpose is to provide a safe and nurturing environment where young people can explore and grow in their faith, develop meaningful relationships, and feel a sense of belonging.

2. Highlights — What were the key activities and highlights in 2025?

In 2025, we hosted a variety of key activities, including:

- Weekly youth group sessions, running midweek and on Sundays (averaging between 10–20 young people per session).
- Quarterley youth events (AWAKEN) with the wider city, connecting with other church youth groups and leaders (averaging between 50–100 participants).
- A successful summer camp (21 young people and 17 adults).
- A music event that attracted more than 200 participants.

Across the wider kids and youth work, we ran a successful youth week away, youth service and Awaken programme, and 4 of our youth were baptised.

3. Impact — What difference has this ministry made this year?

This year we have seen significant growth with AWAKEN, and through our music event have had the opportunity to connect with other churches who are now in partnership with AWAKEN and bringing their young people along to events.

We have also witnessed spiritual growth among our youth, with them stepping up to lead a Sunday service by sharing a word, giving testimonies, and joining the worship band. One young person in particular shared their journey of overcoming personal challenges through the support of peers and mentors in our ministry; their testimony of renewed faith and self-confidence, including baptism, highlights the positive impact our programmes and events have on individual lives. More widely, we are seeing youth step into upfront leadership, with another 10 indicating they would like to move into service leading, kids ministry or preaching.

4. Volunteers & Community — How have volunteers and the wider community been involved this year?

Volunteers played a crucial role in our ministry this year, dedicating countless hours to support weekly sessions, serve at our summer camp, organise events, and mentor young people. Community members also engaged with us by providing resources and support and participating in collaborative events, which strengthened our outreach and deepened our relationships within and around Bradford.

Youth (11–18 years) (continued)

5. Challenges — What challenges were faced, and how did the team respond?

One of the main challenges we faced was increasing parent engagement, which we believe is vital for the success of our programmes and events. To address this, we continue to provide regular communication through newsletters and social media, and offer opportunities for parents to get involved in events, fostering a stronger sense of community support around our youth.

6. Looking Ahead — What are the plans and hopes for the coming year?

In the coming year, we plan to grow our new 16+ group to support and mentor those heading into young adulthood. We hope to enhance parent involvement and to continue building partnerships with local churches and organisations, creating more opportunities for our youth to engage with the wider community.

Pastoral Care

Lead / Contact: Furaha Mussanzi

1. Overview — What does this ministry / department do, and who does it serve?

Our ministry's purpose is to meet the needs of our church congregation members. We help new people find their feet, learn more about our vision, and get into community where they can grow or serve, as well as supporting and caring for those who are facing hardship in life.

We also oversee our groups, including home churches that gather weekly — and some fortnightly — online and in person to do life together, study the Bible and support one another. The purpose of these groups is to help people belong to a community, find accountability, and be challenged and encouraged in their faith walk.

Finally, we look after the welcome team volunteers, who are vital to our church ministry as the first point of contact for most people who attend our Sunday services. They provide a friendly, warm and welcoming atmosphere for everyone who walks through our doors and help them connect with our other ministries.

2. Highlights — What were the key activities and highlights in 2025?

- Organised 2 connect lunches — 40 people attended.
- Hosted our ladies' clothes swap — 80+ attended.
- Delivered 3 baptism preparation sessions — 7 baptised in total.
- Delivered training and review sessions for home church leaders and welcome team members - 30 attended.
- Successfully organised our first marriage sessions for couples — 20 people attended.
- Successfully applied for 4 community fund applications, helping church members who were in desperate need of financial support.

3. Impact — What difference has this ministry made this year?

We helped a new lady in church who was fleeing domestic abuse feel safe and at home in our church. We managed to provide many of the basic things she needed (clothes, toys, books and games for her children), offered prayer and ongoing encouragement, and even helped her find a new church when she finally moved from temporary accommodation to her now-permanent home. She felt grateful for the care and

Pastoral Care (continued)

support she received from our church and is now rebuilding her life.

Our welcome team has been enjoying using the new info desk — a visible, designated place where people can find out more by filling in our connect form, learn about baptism and giving, and, for those exploring faith, receive a free book to help them learn more about Jesus.

Through our home churches we have connected many of the new people who attended our connect lunches with groups near them, so they can grow in faith and become more plugged in. We have also helped those who are ready to serve do so using their God-given gifts within the church — from serving refreshments and setting out chairs before and after the service to helping the kids team, to name a few.

4. Volunteers & Community — How have volunteers and the wider community been involved this year?

Our volunteers have focused on doing more home and hospital visits, making sure those who are unwell or going through crisis feel seen and receive the same care and support from us. They have organised meal provisions before people are discharged home and carried out ongoing check-ins, reducing isolation and building a sense of community.

Our welcome team has been consistent in serving every Sunday. We have also recruited a few new volunteers to the team who have integrated well and are enjoying their new roles — especially as they get to know many people and feel part of the wider church family.

5. Challenges — What challenges were faced, and how did the team respond?

One of the main challenges is the transient nature of our church, which can make it hard to build a connection with new people. Over the years we have learned not to let this stop us from showing the same level of hospitality to each and every person who walks through our doors. I have made it a priority to meet new people over coffee as soon as they arrive, which has helped to build rapport early and identify what needs they have and how to get them more plugged into the life of the church.

A further challenge for our home churches is that, due to the busy nature of life, not all members attend every week, which can be discouraging for group leaders. However, each group has learned to adapt and think outside the box, focusing less on the number of those attending and more on the quality of content and engagement with those who do come.

6. Looking Ahead — What are the plans and hopes for the coming year?

To keep building from the foundation and recruit more volunteers on the pastoral team who can carry on the same ethos and work ethic when called upon to support new and existing members. The same applies to our welcome team volunteers. Our hope for the coming year is to launch more groups — including home churches, micro groups and interest groups — to help those who are not currently connecting with a community find their place and belong.

Leadership & Future Plans

Leadership

Strong, healthy leadership remains central to everything we do as a church. Over the past year the leadership team and trustees have continued to work closely together to ensure we stay on track with the vision and direction of the church. The discernment process that shaped our renewed vision has also drawn the leadership team closer, helping us understand one another's strengths and giftings and to lead more effectively as one body.

We recognise that everything rises and falls on leadership, and so we are committed to raising up and releasing new leaders at every level of church life. A clear development pathway is being established to help individuals grow into their potential, whether they are serving within the church or being sent out beyond it. Alongside this, addressing staffing in key areas — particularly across our kids and youth ministry — is a priority for the coming year, so that our teams are properly resourced to sustain and grow the quality of what we offer.

Plans for 2026

Looking ahead to 2026, our priorities flow directly from the vision and from the work of our ministries described in this report. In our service to the wider community, we will continue the vital work of the Foodbank and Renew Wellbeing, including growing Renew's new Thursday evening session and deepening partnerships with other local organisations. In our ministry to under-18s and families, we seek to strengthen any gaps and to launch a new three-year children's curriculum, enabling the quality and consistency of what we offer the next generation.

Phase Two Developments

We seek to undertake the redevelopment of our top-floor space to better utilise it on Sundays for children's groups and to create space for new projects, such as our therapy hub. This will be a significant spend from our funds, but one the entire team is committed to in order to vastly improve what we offer to our 18's and to the city.

More widely, we want to help everyone who joins us on a Sunday find their place within the life of the church through groups and gatherings, and to keep investing in leadership development so that people are equipped to serve and to lead. We will continue to put in place the staff, structures and systems needed to sustain and grow the work entrusted to us.

The Trustees Report was approved on 15th Sept. 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

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T M Morfin
Chair of Trustees

THE LIGHT CHURCH BRADFORD

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities
for the year to 31 December 2025

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.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charity Act 2011 and the provisions of the trust deed requires 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 SOP;
- 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 to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 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.

THE LIGHT CHURCH BRADFORD

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Light Church Bradford

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year to 31 December 2025, which are set out on pages 8 to 12.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner
As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report
My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 the 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, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1) Which gives me reasonable cause to be believe that, in any material respects, the requirements
   (a) To keep accounting records in accordance with S130 of the 2011 Act; and
   (b) To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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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S J Sutcliffe FCCA.
Torevell Dent Limited
Chartered Certified Accountant
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Date: 15-09-2026

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year to 31 December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Year to 31-Dec-25 Total Funds £	Year to 31-Dec-24 Total Funds £
Incoming Resources:					
Incoming for generated funds:					
Voluntary income		285,949	-	285,949	269,094
Investment income	2	7,645	-	7,645	4,181
Other Income		281,852	28,824	310,676	310,527
Total Income		**575,446**	**28,824**	**604,270**	**583,802**
Resources Expended:					
Expenditure:					
Charitable activities		573,205	-	573,205	615,749
Governance costs		1,110	-	1,110	1,110
Total Expenditure		**574,315**	**-**	**574,315**	**616,859**
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources		**1,131**	**28,824**	**29,955**	**(33,057)**
Gain on the revaluation of fixed assets		46,271		**46,271**	-
Funds Brought forward		630,553	7,043	637,596	670,653
Transfer between Funds		-	-	-	-
Balance as at 31 December 2024		**677,955**	**35,867**	**713,822**	**637,596**

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Balance Sheet
as at 31 December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Year to 31-Dec-25 Total Funds £	Year to 31-Dec-24 Total Funds £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible assets	5	822,681	-	822,681	1,045,774
Current Assets					
Debtors	6	2,593	-	2,593	3,381
Cash at bank		352,455	35,867	388,322	216,199
		355,048	35,867	390,915	219,580
Creditors:					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(2,618)	-	(2,618)	(2,618)
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		1,175,111	35,867	1,210,978	1,262,736
Creditors due in more than one year					
Loan	8	(497,156)	-	(497,156)	(625,140)
Net Assets		**677,955**	**35,867**	**713,822**	**637,596**
Funds					
Unrestricted funds	9			677,955	630,553
Restricted funds	9			35,867	7,043
				713,822	**637,596**

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 15th Sept 2026 and signed on their behalf by:-

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T M Morfin
Chair of Trustees

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Notes to the Accounts
for the year to 31 December 2025

1. **Accounting Policies**

a) Accounting Convention
The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting by Charities 2005 and the Charities Act 2011.

b) Incoming Resources
All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

c) Resources Expended
Resources expended comprise all expenditure directly relating to the objects of the charity. When necessary, costs are allocated between direct charitable expenditure, fund raising and management and administration on an equitable basis

d) Fixed Assets
Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Equipment	- 25% on reducing balance
Building	- 2% on cost
Land	- no depreciation

e) Taxation
The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

f) Fund Accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.
Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.
Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. **Investment Income**	**Year to 31-Dec-25**	**Year to 31-Dec-24**
	£	**£**
Deposit account interest	7,645	4,181

3. **Trustee's Remuneration and Benefits**
There were no trustee's remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2025 (2024 :Nil)

Trustee's Expenses
There were no trustee's expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2025 (2024 :Nil)

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4. Staff Costs	Year to 31-Dec-25 £	Year to 31-Dec-24 £
Wages and salaries	206,304	187,724

5. Tangible Fixed Assets	Land £	Buildings £	Equipment £	Total £
Costs				
At 1 January 2025	263,617	801,840	64,618	1,130,075
Additions	-	-	1,813	1,813
Disposals	(263,617)	-	-	(263,617)
Revaluation	-	(1,840)	-	(1,840)
At 31 December 2025	**-**	**800,000**	**66,431**	**866,431**
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2025	-	48,111	36,190	84,301
Charge for the period	-	-	7,560	7,560
Elim on revaluation	-	(48,111)	-	
At 31 December 2025	**-**	**-**	**43,750**	**43,750**
Net Book Value				
At 31 December 2025	**-**	**800,000**	**22,681**	**822,681**
At 31 December 2024	**263,617**	**753,729**	**28,428**	**1,045,774**

6. Debtors	Year to 31-Dec-25 £	Year to 31-Dec-24 £
Trade debtors	2,593	3,381

7. Creditors	Year to 31-Dec-25 £	Year to 31-Dec-24 £
Other creditors	2,618	2,618
	2,618	**2,618**

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for the year to 31 December 2025

8 Long term creditors

	At 31-Dec-25 £	At 31-Dec-24 £
Other Loans	497,156	625,140
	497,156	**625,140**

9 Movement in Funds

	At 01-Jan-25 £	Gain on Revaluation £	Net movement in funds £	Transfer between funds £	At 31-Dec-25 £
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	**630,553**	**46,271**	**1,131**	**-**	**677,955**
Restricted funds	**7,043**	**-**	**28,824**	**-**	**35,867**
Total funds	**637,596**	**46,271**	**29,955**	**-**	**713,822**

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	575,446	(574,315)	1,131
Restricted funds			
Tithe /Land	28,824	-	28,824
Total funds	**604,270**	**(574,315)**	**29,955**

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the year to 31 December 2025

	Year to 31 December 2025		Year to 31 December 2024	
	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources:				
Voluntary income				
Offerings and donations		240,255		228,659
Gift Aid tax reclaimed		45,694		40,435
Other income		310,676		310,527
		596,625		**579,621**
Investment Income				
Bank interest		7,645		4,181
Total Incoming Resources		**604,270**		**583,802**
Resources Expended:				
Staff salaries and pension	206,304		187,724	
Contract advice personnel	18,853		13,536	
Light, heat, rates and water	22,824		24,806	
Telephone	1,729		973	
Postage and stationery	5,270		3,926	
Sundry expenses	1,225		496	
Insurance	7,415		8,140	
Hire of premises	1,499		7,118	
Gifts and other aid	136,203		172,760	
Hospitality and refreshments	13,099		18,479	
Administration fees and licences	1,593		1,734	
Training	2,994		1,674	
Teaching materials	3,912		2,210	
Travelling and volunteers expenses	14,907		14,554	
Sundry equipment and consumables	10,306		12,004	
Software	4,271		666	
Refurbishment costs	-		20,500	
Cleaning and maintenance	39,854		39,636	
Advertising	156		100	
Bank charges	283		664	
Legal and professional fees	13,531		2,628	
Depreciation	7,560		25,513	
Loss on sale of land	13,617		-	
Security	1,519		1,437	
Loan interest and set up charges	44,281		54,471	
Accountancy	1,110		1,110	
		574,315		**616,859**
Net income/(expenditure)		**29,955**		**(33,057)**