

Registered number  
514539

New Life Church Congleton  
Report and Financial Statements  
For the Year Ended  
31 December 2021

## New Life Church Congleton

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## **New Life Church Congleton**

### **Reference and administrative information**

#### **TRUSTEES**

Stephen Neil Hodgkinson  
Peter Martin  
Giles Osborn Chapman  
George Hurlstone  
Susan Sparks  
Michael Burgess  
Rory Sanders  
Diane Sadlier (resigned 6th February 2022)  
Benedict Gaddum  
Linda Hurlstone  
Rachel Mellor (appointed 6th February 2022)  
Peter Minshull (appointed 6th February 2022)

#### **TRUST ADDRESS**

Danesford Community Centre  
West Road  
Congleton  
Cheshire  
CW12 4EY

#### **LEGAL STATUS**

The charity was formed as a trust under a trust deed dated 21 October 1983  
(With Deed of Variation dated 8 April 2000 and 13 December 2010)  
Registered with the Charity Commission - Registration Number 514539  
The charity was formerly known as New Life Christian Fellowship

#### **BANKERS**

The Royal Bank of Scotland PLC  
Drummond House (GE) Branch, Edinburgh

#### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

D. Fox (FCCA)  
Walleys Chartered Certified Accountants (WCCA Limited)  
Adventure Place  
Hanley  
Stoke on Trent  
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#### **ANNUAL REPORT**

These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the trustees' annual report which is published on the same date as these accounts.



Danesford Community Centre  
West Road, Congleton  
Cheshire, CW12 4EY

**New Life Church, Congleton.**

## **Trustees Report**

*as at 31st December 2021*

Registered Charity No. 514539

**Bankers:**

Royal Bank of Scotland,  
Drummond House (GE) Branch, Edinburgh

**Independent Examiner:**

Mr D Fox  
Walletts,  
Adventure Place, Hanley, Stoke on Trent

**Solicitors:**

Fiona Bruce & Co  
Justice House, Stockton Heath  
Warrington

## **History**

***The church was founded in 1983 and operates as a Charitable Trust under its Trust Deed dated 21st October 1983, which also contains the Statement of Doctrines, and by which the church life and business is conducted.***

A subsequent Deed of Variation dated 8<sup>th</sup> April 2000 was registered with the Charity Commissioners.

Further Deeds of Variation dated 13<sup>th</sup> December 2010 authorised the change of name from New Life Christian Fellowship, Congleton to New Life Church, Congleton and 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021 clarifying conflicts of interest procedures of Trustee meetings.

The church began as a small house fellowship, often referred to as a 'House Church'. As it grew and expanded, the church needed larger premises to hold its Sunday Services and to develop other ministries in the local community.

The church acquired the freehold on the premises known as Danesford Community Centre from NCH Action for Children, from whom the premises were previously rented, during the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> October 2000. The cost was £185,000.

Major improvements and refurbishments have taken place and continue to take place as the trustees seek to maintain the facility to a high standard and ensure compliance with all health and safety and hygiene regulations and standards.

A major first floor extension was completed in 2015 and provides four additional rooms and a tea bar. All rooms are being used extensively and are proving a great asset to the community centre, which is recognised as a **Community Hub**.

### **Review of centre facilities**

The extension to the renamed Family Room which was completed in the summer of 2017 has proved to be a great addition to our centre facilities.

The church's involvement in the community has continued to expand during the year with numerous voluntary organisations, clubs, societies, fundraising bodies, especially those involving children and young people, using the centre. Building work has been undertaken, racking installed and two and a large fridge freezers purchased in what has now officially become The Storehouse Foodbank room.

The centre also has a specially designated **Counselling Room** where people with difficult personal issues, including addictions are helped.

Post COVID, most of the community and church groups have returned, e.g. U3A groups, Less Abled group, Forget-me-not group, Bridge Club, Wine Appreciation, Badminton, Table Tennis, Friday's Fab, Friday Youth, Little Angels, Shining Stars, Mum's Space, Yvon's Fitness Group, Friends for Leisure, Pure Insight.

New Life Church provides spaces on the car park to house the two Congleton Community Partnership Minibuses and their hire/usage diary and fuel is managed through the church office.

New Life Church is a member of The Evangelical Alliance, Churches Together in Congleton, Congleton Bible Week and an Associate of the Christian Motorcycle Association (CMA) and closely associated with various local government community partnerships, including the CVS (Council for Voluntary Service Cheshire East).

### ***Aims and Objectives***

The charity's objectives are as follows:

1. The advancement of the Christian faith.
2. The relief of persons who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress or who are aged or sick.
3. The provision of instruction in the principles of the Christian faith at any educational establishment.
4. To promote and support such other charitable schemes or projects as may be established to benefit the public and in particular the provision of facilities for a community centre in Congleton for the use and benefit of local residents.

**We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.**

### ***Elders***

The governance of the church is under an appointed Eldership, which is responsible for sound doctrine in accordance with scripture, and for the overall vision and direction of the church.

Elders serving during the year under review were:

Stephen Hodgkinson  
Peter Martin  
Jeff Cutts

## The Trustees

**Under the Trust Deed, trustees are appointed to be responsible and accountable for the financial integrity of the church, including property, equipment, fixtures & fittings. The trustees serving during the year under review were:**

George Hurlstone (Secretary)	Stephen Hodgkinson (Chairman)
Sue Sparks	Peter Martin
Diane Sadlier (resigned 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2022)	Giles Chapman
Rory Sanders (Deputy Chairman)	Michael Burgess
Linda Hurlstone	Benedict Gaddum

The trustees are empowered to appoint a treasurer to maintain the accounts of the church and this position has been undertaken by Richard Crowder

The trustees normally meet each month, except August, to review and make decisions in all matters relating to the church finances, employment, health and safety, safeguarding/child protection and the general running of the centre. A full financial review is undertaken each quarter. Minutes of the meetings are taken and maintained by the church administrator.

The trustees employ a Church Administrator Louise Davies, whose contract is for 33.75 hours per week for 42 weeks per annum.

None of the trustees receive any financial remuneration or benefits in kind from the Trust, other than a contribution towards out of pocket expenses paid to S Hodgkinson as declared in the accounts.

## Governance

The Church holds an Annual General Meeting and for the year under review was held on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at which a summary of income and expenditure was presented, together with a summary of ministry reports. ***Three trustees retiring by rotation offered themselves for re-election and were duly re-elected.***

## Marriages

The church centre is licensed and registered with the Superintendent Registrar to conduct marriage ceremonies under certificate. Our Registered Number is 42430. One wedding was conducted during the year under review. New proceedings were introduced by the General Register Office (GRO) and all our Marriage Registers were surrendered to Cheshire East Registration Office, Municipal Buildings Crewe during the year under review.

**Covid 19 regulations and protocols were gradually relaxed during 2021 under the watchful direction of the COVID sub-committee which continued to meet fortnightly on Zoom under the chairmanship of trustee Ben Gaddum. New configurations were made in the church office layout, and this has led to The Boardroom becoming an office for the Administrator and Treasurer. We are very grateful for all the extra work which has been undertaken by all concerned.**

## ***Church Ministries***

### **Prayer Ministry**

Prayer underpins and sustains everything that takes place within and out from New Life Church and new ministries are birthed in prayer. Regular times of corporate prayer are held at the centre and in Life Groups throughout the week. Individual church members are encouraged to pray privately each day and special prayer events are held from time to time. During the year under review, we have experienced amazing answers to prayer evidenced by miraculous healings, guidance for individual lives and new opportunities for the church to serve the community. Regular prayer clinics are held and the church elders are always available to pray for people's needs and situations.

Members of The Prayer Ministry Team are always available on Sunday mornings to pray with people after the service.

The direct link with SOZO has been relinquished but deep prayer ministry using their basic principles continues. Prayer training was introduced and is continuing.

### **Healing Rooms England & Wales**

We provide room/office facilities on Tuesdays and Thursdays for Healing Rooms ministry whose headquarters are located at New Life Church Centre.

### **Preaching Ministry**

The church Elders continue to have overall responsibility for the preaching and teaching of sound biblical truths bringing guidance, direction and vision to the church.

Inspirational preaching is provided through church members and from time to time visiting speakers.

**The Elders are particularly grateful to Paul Williams, Catherine Krinks and Shane Wright who form the core of the preaching ministry team.**

### **Praise & Worship Ministry**

Christian Contemporary Music plays a key part in our Sunday worship services and the church is blessed with a good number of gifted Holy Spirit anointed musicians and singers from whom we currently have several worship bands who alternate for various periods during the year.

The bands are supported by a dedicated team of audio and visual technicians.

**Sanctuary Worship** provides an extended time of praise and worship with an open time to hear from The Lord. This usually takes place monthly on the third Tuesday evening.

### **Life Groups, Discipleship and Pastoral Care**

The church is committed to the discipleship and pastoral care of church members and this is undertaken in a variety of ways, primarily small groups. All new people joining the church are encouraged to join a small group or be linked to one.

**Equip Foundations**, is now well established and is very well attended including many people who recently completed the Alpha Course.

A new '**Living God's Way**' course for new disciples takes place, primarily for those who have recently completed an Alpha Course.

### **Hospital Ministry**

Sadly these remain suspended due to hospital Covid regulations.

### **Evangelism**

The church is committed to evangelism within the local community. Church members carry this out most effectively through personal witnessing and development of friendships and relationships. Church wide **Alpha Courses** continue to be held every year in the autumn and spring terms. Alpha continues to be the main tool to assist members in introducing friends, neighbours and colleagues to the Christian faith. We have seen encouraging growth in attendance on Alpha Courses and these have been followed by foundation courses.

**Five new believers were baptised during the year.**

The spring term Alpha on Zoom did not take place, but **live** Alpha was re-established in the autumn term, both morning and evening courses which were both very well attended. Praise God!

Special events, e.g. Theatre Productions and Concerts are also held occasionally and these events provide an ideal opportunity to introduce people to the Christian faith.

Life Groups play an essential part in Alpha by introducing guests and in providing the excellent weekly meals for the evening courses.

A meeting was held with our Regional Alpha Representative which led to a special Alpha Sunday in January 2022 when she brought an inspiring message and a **Youth Alpha Course** started in 2022.

A comprehensive report of all the church's ministries is produced and reported at the AGM. A copy is available on request.

### **Primary Schools' Ministry**

We continue to sponsor the **Bible Explorer** ministry, now known as **O/T Mini and N/T Mini**, to local primary schools and these are being very well received by pupils and staff and commended by Ofsted. This is undertaken by our team which now includes Tina O'Hara.

We conduct a one hour lesson in all the primary schools preparing year 6 pupils who are moving up to High School and present each pupil with an '**It's your move**' book produced by Scripture Union. This is funded by Churches Together in Congleton.

**Open the Book**, has continued to flourish in several local schools under the guidance and leadership of Clare Harvey, working in conjunction with local churches. (Clare has subsequently stepped down and a presentation made to her in 2022).

An initiative called '**Prayer Spaces**' has continued in Marton School providing opportunities for children to pray in interactive ways over three days.

Our Children's ministry team also conduct assemblies in most primary schools and a new initiative called 'The Hope Journey' takes place, working with other local churches.

### **High Schools Ministry**

We have a longstanding strong relationship with our two High Schools in Congleton and 'normal service' resumed in September following COVID.

### **Nursery Group**

This includes Pre-School and The Rainbow Room, catering for pre-school children on a sessional basis. \*Fees are charged and part-time staff are paid on a pro-rata basis per session. Staff are paid above the minimum wage and Childcare level 3 qualifications are recognised with an additional hourly rate supplement. Holiday pay is the required statutory 5.6 weeks.

(\*Most three & four year old children are now funded by Cheshire East Council Children & Families plus some two year olds who meet the special funding criteria.)

Individual Pupil Funding (IPF) is secured to cover one to one support for special needs children.

The Nursery Group continues to provide high quality pre-school provision. This is under the leadership of Alison Timbey our Nursery Manager together with Rachel Williams and Sarah Morris, the Deputy Managers.

We believe in the inclusion of all children and we have developed and been recognised as a centre of excellence for children with special educational needs and disabilities.

The Nursery is judged **GOOD** following the last Ofsted inspection in October 2019.

Open Evenings for parents are held each year to discuss the progress of their children. "Numbers of children being enrolled has been reduced due to primary schools opening their own pre-schools and more parents requiring full day care for their children."

**Zang Qui Xi**, who is sponsored by our nursery families, is a special needs child in the Lighthouse orphanage in Chagsha Province in China which is part of the church's ministry and support for International China Concern.

New Life Nursery is a member of the Early Years Alliance and is registered with Children and Families Cheshire East.

Special services will resume for nursery children and families at Harvest, Christmas, Easter and Summer Sports, all of which are extremely well attended, in the coming year.

New Life Nursery Group maintains a strong Christian ethos with daily prayers, Bible stories and songs.

### **Words and Music / Christian Resources and Coffee Shop**

Jennifer Follett stood down as manager at the end of the year to take up a new career as a 'ghost writer' and our thanks are extended to her for her commitment to this ministry having taken over the role in January 2019.

Emma Davies has been appointed manager w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 and she is looking to bring a fresh vision with extended opening hours to her role which will include three new part-time assistants to support herself and Geoff Wood.

### **Childrens' and Youth Ministry**

We have an excellent team of enthusiastic and committed leaders in Beth Cosgrove, Sue Wood, Callum Davies and Chloe Page who provide energy, imagination and creativity to this ministry, working well together as a team.

The church remains totally committed to children and young people and continues to invest unreservedly in this ministry.

### **Design and Publicity and Communication**

Julie Thomas undertakes the role of running **Facebook**, keeping the **Website** up to date, and effectively communicating through Social Media. She is employed by the church one day per week.

We are indebted to **Elaine Sharples** for her excellent work in designing our Alpha leaflets, publicity items and adverts for the local press.

### **Ministry to Deaf People**

Loop systems exist in the Main Hall, Social Room and Children's Room.

### **Fairly Traded Goods**

New Life Church encourages support for Fair Trade which is promoted through Words & Music.

## **UK Missions**

The church provides regular financial support to the following:

- Good News for Everyone (formerly Gideons International)
- United Christian Broadcasters (UCB)
- Alpha UK
- Christian Institute
- Lifelink
- Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC)
- Care
- Churches in Cheshire Agricultural Chaplaincy
- Image
- Bible Society
- Open Doors
- Street Pastors
- Healing Rooms
- Sat 7 TV
- Message Trust

Other one-off gifts are made on approval of the trustees.

## **Overseas Missions**

The church support various overseas missions financially on a regular basis in China, Slovakia, Romania, Africa and India plus support for the Persecuted Church worldwide through Open Doors charity.

## **Samaritan's Purse (Christmas Shoeboxes)**

New Life Church acts as a collecting centre. Thanks to Yvon Degens and Ruth Speed in organising the collection.

## **Caring Ministries / Serving the Community**

***Objective 2 of our Trust Deed states "The relief of persons who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress or who are aged or sick"***

The major expansion of this work has continued during the year under review and we have further extended our network of referring agencies with whom we have excellent working relationships.

Various grants have generously been made available to support this vital work and the trustees are extremely grateful to several agencies, charities and grant making bodies.

## **Christian Counselling and Listening Service**

This is run by Louise Daniels, a fully qualified counsellor accredited by BACP and ACC. The service is open to people both in and outside the church and many people are referred through local agencies.

The church carries specialist professional indemnity insurance for this ministry.

### **Image (Pregnancy Crisis Support and Child Loss)**

We have been operating a satellite service for Image for several years and we now have a dedicated qualified team under the leadership of Louise Daniels.

We are running a confidential helpline every **Monday** evening and referring clients when requested. This will be changing in 2022.

### **Storehouse Project**

This project continues to experience **very strong demand** and the church is extremely grateful for extra grants and an amazing response from the local community.

Joanna Crichton and Lynnsey Miles oversee the Storehouse and during the year have built a great team of reliable volunteers.

The Storehouse Project, which was launched October 2010 has had an amazing impact within the community where more and more people and families have benefitted from crisis food parcels.

Generous donations of food from church members, local schools and other churches in the town have kept The Storehouse stocked with food and essential items, plus some very generous regular financial gifts from people outside the church enables us to boost stocks on a regular basis.

Collections at Tesco Congleton have also boosted stocks and the church is very grateful to the generosity of the Congleton public. (We are now included in Tesco's national food collection known as Fair Share) which takes place twice each year.

Regular bulletins are produced for general information.

Circa 400 Christmas Hampers, Bags of Joy and presents are provided to needy families and individuals referred to us by various support agencies.

### **Furniture and Electricals Recycling / New Life Community Partnership**

The church for many years has sourced good condition second hand items, passing them on to those who are being re-housed, having previously been homeless.

The church works in conjunction with the warehouse and team based on Bromley Road and is very grateful to them for their support, without which the service could not operate.

We have experienced a massive increase in demand post COVID, especially in white goods for single parent families, often fleeing domestic abuse. Also we're helping an increasing number of individuals with mental health issues.

## **The Jubilee Club**

The Jubilee Club was founded in May 2012 in response to the needs of many people being helped through the Storehouse foodbank. People are referred through various agencies.

The club meets every Tuesday, starting with tea, coffee and toast, followed by a short life message. Members of the team then opt for various activities.

Many of those attending are struggling with serious life issues, e.g. recovering from drug and alcohol addictions, mental health patients, broken domestic relationships, abusive and violent relationships.

The Club reopened in September following closure due to COVID and plans are being developed for 2022 including the annual coach day out.

## **Job Club**

This grew out of the Jubilee Club and has proved very popular and been very successful. Job vacancies are scrutinised and matched to suitable applicants. CVs are written, mock interviews take place, references are provided and suitable attire provided if appropriate. Well over 100 people have gained permanent employment since it began in 2013.

## **Family Support Ministry**

This ministry has continued to grow and was initially funded by a three year grant from the National Lottery's Reaching Communities.

This expanding ministry is led by Joanna Crichton and Margaret Sanders and is now funded through church members' 'My Giving'.

Much of the work takes place with damaged, broken and dysfunctional families and on occasions involves supporting clients in court appearances and CAF meetings where children are involved. Parenting courses are proving very popular and helpful.

## **Civic & Community Engagement**

The church continues to be actively involved in the local community including civic functions and charitable events with the Rotary Club.

In conjunction with churches who are part of Congleton Bible Week we again held **successful drive in Carol Service** on Tesco car park. Not as busy as the initial one in 2020 when COVID lockdown was dominant!

## **Financial Review**

***The financial activity of the charity is detailed in the Financial Statements attached which have been prepared by Walleys Chartered Certified Accountants.***

The trustees are satisfied that the Financial Accounts reflect an accurate account of the year's activities.

The Income and Expenditure figures for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 shows a net deficit of income over expenditure of £9,084 (2020: excess of income over expenditure £61,047).

The Balance Sheet shows net assets of £930,382 (2020: £939,466) which includes restricted funds amounting to £71,238 (2020: £88,119).

Whilst the charity remains in a strong and healthy financial position to support its ongoing work and vision, the trustees are reliant upon community grants to supplement the generous giving of church members.

**All designated giving, e.g. Grants, International China Concern, Building Fund, etc. was directed in full to the designated account or recipient.**

The Trustees are continually reviewing the financial position and are confident that the significant cash reserves which have accumulated through prudent management will enable the church to continue to maintain all its ministries with its financial commitments and obligations.

### **Plans for the future**

Our goal will continue to be the advancement of the Christian faith and the building of God's Kingdom through all the ministries described in the report, whilst being open to new initiatives through the guidance and inspiration of The Holy Spirit.

The challenges we will be addressing is the gradual and careful return to normality following all the COVID restrictions, particularly seeing everyone back and worshipping together on Sundays.

### **Reserves Policy**

**The Reserves Policy is as follows:**

#### **Tier 1 – Long Term**

The trustees will maintain a minimum cash balance of £75,000 overall funds to ensure continuation of operations, e.g. payment of wages and salaries, running and maintenance costs of buildings, fixtures and fittings.

#### **Tier 2 – Short Term**

The trustees will review the reserves policy annually when approving the accounts and make appropriate amendments in the light of current circumstances.

### **Volunteers**

The church relies on the contribution made by its volunteers. These volunteers deliver services and also act as trustees, administrators, fundraisers and in other roles.

### **Risk Management**

The trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining reserves at the current levels, combined with an annual review of the controls over key financial systems, will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The trustees have also examined other operational and business risks faced by the charity and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

### **Safeguarding**

The church operates Child Protection, Safeguarding Adults and Working with Offenders policies. All people working with young people and children and vulnerable adults are DBS checked.

### **Health and Safety**

Issues are reviewed monthly at the Trustees' meetings and the appointment of a new Health & Safety officer is imminent.

### **Independent Examiners**

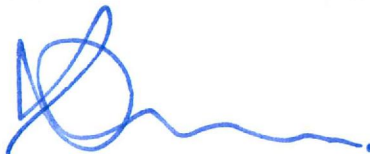
Walleys were appointed as independent examiners during the year and have expressed their willingness to continue in that capacity.

### **Church in the Community**

We have continued to help more and more vulnerable and needy people and families and we are seeing many of them become part of the church family.

The church has experienced further growth during the year under review with more and more people and families becoming committed church members.

We continue to be committed to the 'Great Commission' to 'go and make disciples of all nations' (Matthew 28:19) and to see God's people 'growing and being built up in love, as each part does its work' (Ephesians 4:16)



Stephen Hodgkinson  
Chairman of Trustees

Dated:

18<sup>th</sup> July 2022

**Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of  
New Life Church Congleton**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the New Life Church Congleton (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 15 to 30..

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust you 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.

**Independent examiner's statement**

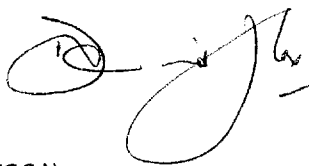
Since the Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

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.

Signed:



Dated:

20 July 2022

D. Fox (FCCA)  
Walleys Chartered Certified Accountants  
Adventure Place  
Hanley  
Stoke on Trent  
ST1 3AF

**New Life Church Congleton**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
<b>Income</b>						
Incoming resources from generated funds						
Donations & Grants	2	275,516	162,512	-	438,028	511,610
Charitable activities	3	106,660	-	-	106,660	105,081
Fundraising activities	4	9,660	-	-	9,660	8,211
Investment income	5	7	-	-	7	65
<i>Total income</i>		<u>391,843</u>	<u>162,512</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>554,355</u>	<u>624,967</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>						
Cost of raising funds						
Fundraising	6	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities:						
Ministry	8	179,221	5,445	-	184,666	155,789
Youth, children and schools outreach		81,039	500	-	81,539	96,456
Caring ministries		1,301	65,031	-	66,332	82,444
Support of missionaries and other charity donations	9	9,929	42,790	-	52,719	59,806
Nursery		93,809	-	-	93,809	94,950
Café and bookshop		84,374	-	-	84,374	74,475
<i>Total expenditure</i>		<u>449,673</u>	<u>113,766</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>563,439</u>	<u>563,920</u>
<i>Net income/(expenditure)</i>		(57,830)	48,746	-	(9,084)	61,047
<b>Transfer between funds</b>						
Gross transfers between funds	16	65,627	(65,627)	-	-	-
<i>Net movement in funds</i>		<u>7,797</u>	<u>(16,881)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(9,084)</u>	<u>61,047</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>						
Total funds brought forward		628,642	88,119	222,705	939,466	878,419
<i>Total funds carried forward</i>		<u>636,439</u>	<u>71,238</u>	<u>222,705</u>	<u>930,382</u>	<u>939,466</u>

**New Life Church Congleton  
Balance Sheet  
as at 31 December 2021**

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	11	478,797	478,524
<i>Total fixed assets</i>		478,797	478,524
<b>Current assets</b>			
Stock		13,891	37,438
Debtors	12	36,895	80,957
Cash at bank and in hand		422,808	363,064
<i>Total current assets</i>		473,594	481,459
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	22,009	20,517
<i>Net current assets</i>		451,585	460,942
<i>Total assets less current liabilities</i>		930,382	939,466
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	14	-	-
<i>Net assets</i>		930,382	939,466
<b>The funds of the charity:</b>			
Endowment fund	15	222,705	222,705
Restricted income funds	16	71,238	88,119
Unrestricted income funds			
General funds	17	636,439	628,642
<i>Total charity funds</i>		930,382	939,466

The notes at pages 17 to 30 form part of these accounts

**Approved by the trustees on the date shown below and signed on their behalf by:**

Stephen Neil Hodgkinson

Date:

18th July 2022

**New Life Church Congleton  
Statement of Cash Flows  
as at 31 December 2021**

	Notes	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
<b>Net cash used in operating</b>	20	<u>93,133</u>	<u>76,895</u>
<b><i>Cash flows from investing</i></b>			
Interest and dividends		7	65
Property improvement costs		(7,833)	-
Purchase of furniture and equipment		(25,563)	(12,867)
Proceeds from sale of investments		-	-
<b>Net cash provided by investing</b>		<u>(33,389)</u>	<u>(12,802)</u>
<b><i>Cash flows from financing</i></b>			
Repayment of borrowing		-	-
Cash inflow from new borrowings		-	-
<b>Net cash provided by financing</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Change in cash and cash</b>		59,744	64,093
Cash and cash equivalent brought		363,064	298,971
<b>Cash and cash equivalents carried</b>		<u><u>422,808</u></u>	<u><u>363,064</u></u>

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**1 Accounting policies**

***Basis of preparation of accounts***

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. 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 (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

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

**Fund structure**

The charity maintains various types of funds as follows:

**Endowment funds**

Endowment funds represent assets which are to be held permanently by the charity.

**Restricted funds**

Restricted funds represent grants, donations and legacies received which are allocated by the donor for specific purposes.

**Designated funds**

Designated funds are amounts which have been put aside out of unrestricted funds at the discretion of the trustees which are therefore not available for other purposes.

**General unrestricted funds**

General unrestricted funds represent unrestricted income which is expendable at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the objects of the charity. Such funds may be held in order to finance both working capital and capital investment.

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**Incoming recognition**

All income is recognised in the statement of financial activities when the conditions for receipt have been met and there is reasonable assurance of receipt. Where a claim for repayment of income tax has or will be made, such income is grossed up for the tax recoverable. The following accounting policies are applied to income:

**Gifts in kind and donated goods**

Assets given for distribution by the charity are recognised as income for the year only when they are distributed. Where such undistributed assets exist at the year end, they are not included in the accounts but a note is provided of their estimated value. Assets given for use by the charity are recognised as incoming resources at their estimated market value when receivable. If they form part of the fixed assets of the charity, they are capitalised in the balance sheet at the value at which the gift was included in incoming resources. Assets given in kind for conversion into cash and subsequent application by the charity are recognised as income in the accounting period when receivable. All estimates of value of such gifts are made by the trustees.

**Donations**

Donations and all other receipts from fundraising are reported gross and the related fundraising costs are reported in other expenditure.

**Investment income**

Investment income is accounted for when receivable. Tax recoverable relating to investment income is accounted for in the same period as the related income.

***Resources expended***

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Grants payable are accounted for when the trustees have accepted a legal or moral obligation to make the grant.

***Allocation of overhead, support and governance costs***

Costs have been allocated first to the charitable activity concerned. Overhead, support and governance costs relating to Charitable Activities have been apportioned based on usage. The allocation of overhead, support and governance costs is shown in note 7.

***Costs of generating funds***

The cost of generating funds consist of the support costs in relation to the administration support provided with regard to room hire.

***Charitable activities***

Costs of charitable activities comprise of those costs incurred in the delivery of its activities. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly and the relevant amount of support costs that relate to that particular activity.

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***Tangible fixed assets***

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation which is provided over the estimated useful lives of the assets.

Fixtures and fittings	20% reducing balance
Equipment	straight line over 5 years
Building improvements	straight line over 15 years
Property	straight line over 50 years

***Operating leases***

Rental costs under operating leases are charged to the statement of financial activities in equal amounts over the period of the lease.

***Stocks***

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

***Grants***

Grants receivable are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) in the year for which they are received. Deferred income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming resources in the period for which it has been received.

***Charitable commitments***

Commitments which are legally binding on the trustees are accounted for as resources expended in the statement of financial activities. Where the promise of financial support is not binding on the trustees, such intentions are accounted for by a transfer to a designated fund. Activities that are to be wholly financed from future income do not form part of such designation and are disclosed in a note to the accounts.

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<b>2 Donations &amp; Grants</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Gifts and donations	275,516	101,833	377,349	398,738
Local Evangelism Grant	-	-	-	550
Independent Food COVID Grant	-	100	100	100
B&M Grant	-	-	-	1,500
Cheshire Community CCF COVID grant	-	-	-	2,000
Neighbourly Limited Community Fund	-	-	-	400
Congleton Inclosure Trust - Improvement grant	-	4,180	4,180	3,000
Lloyds Bank Foundation	-	-	-	490
John Holford Trust - Storehouse	-	5,000	5,000	5,000
Plus Dane Hampers Grant	-	1,000	1,000	700
Local Giving Ltd	-	-	-	1,000
Church Revitalist Fund Grant	-	-	-	4,000
Plus Dane Housing	-	-	-	2,000
Congleton Young People Trust	-	500	500	250
Congleton 4 Congleton Grant	-	-	-	2,000
National Lottery - Volunteer Manager Grant	-	-	-	18,000
Congleton Inclosure Trust	-	-	-	1,500
Cheshire East - Foodbank Grant	-	-	-	1,500
Cheshire East - Furniture Recycling Grant	-	-	-	5,000
CJRS COVID Furlough Grant	-	48,199	48,199	62,882
Tools for 'Love Thy Neighbour' Grant	-	-	-	1,000
Cheshire Freemasons - Storehouse	-	500	500	-
Congleton Town Council - Equipment Grant	-	200	200	-
Congleton Town Trust - Nursery Sensory Room	-	1,000	1,000	-
	<u>275,516</u>	<u>162,512</u>	<u>438,028</u>	<u>511,610</u>

**3 Income from charitable activities**

	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Ministry sundry income	538	-	538	1,357
Nursery school fees	70,898	-	70,898	78,655
Nursery sundry income	421	-	421	303
Café and bookshop income	34,677	-	34,677	24,448
Events	126	-	126	318
Bank compensation	-	-	-	-
	<u>106,660</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>106,660</u>	<u>105,081</u>

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<b>4</b>	<b>Income from fundraising activities</b>	<b>Unrestricted £</b>	<b>Restricted £</b>	<b>2021 £</b>	<b>2020 £</b>
	Room hire	9,660	-	9,660	8,211
	Miscellaneous events and income	-	-	-	-
		<u>9,660</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,660</u>	<u>8,211</u>
<b>5</b>	<b>Investment income</b>	<b>Unrestricted £</b>	<b>Restricted £</b>	<b>2021 £</b>	<b>2020 £</b>
	Bank interest from UK cash deposits	7	-	7	65
		<u>7</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>65</u>
<b>6</b>	<b>Cost of raising funds</b>	<b>Unrestricted £</b>	<b>Restricted £</b>	<b>2021 £</b>	<b>2020 £</b>
	Fundraising:				
	Room hire support costs (note 7)	-	-	-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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**7 Allocation of support and governance costs**  
Allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

	Ministry £	Youth, children and schools outreach £	Caring ministries £	Support of missionaries and other charity donations £	Nursery £	Café and bookshop £	Fund raising £	2021 £	2020 £
Insurance	6,882	-	-	-	-	765	-	7,647	10,118
Heat and light	2,745	-	-	-	1,373	2,745	-	6,863	5,673
Repairs	3,839	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,839	5,791
Depreciation:									
Land and buildings	9,327	-	-	-	1,865	1,244	-	12,436	12,551
Building improvement	5,979	-	-	-	1,196	797	-	7,972	7,451
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	8,900	-	-	-	636	3,179	-	12,715	9,348
IT costs	4,955	1,906	762	-	-	-	-	7,623	9,766
Bank charges	124	-	-	-	25	17	-	166	239
Telephone	4,055	-	477	-	239	-	-	4,771	2,945
Printing and stationery	2,182	595	397	-	595	198	-	3,967	4,734
Staff costs	31,814	-	3,977	-	3,277	700	-	39,768	42,597
Governance costs	2,708	739	494	-	739	246	-	4,926	4,377
	<u>83,510</u>	<u>3,240</u>	<u>6,107</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,945</u>	<u>9,891</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>112,693</u>	<u>115,590</u>
<b>Governance costs</b>									
Legal & professional								1,626	1,077
Accounts and independent examiners fee								3,300	3,300
								<u>4,926</u>	<u>4,377</u>

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8 Charitable activities expenditure

	Ministry £	Youth, children and schools outreach £	Caring ministries Storehouse £	Caring ministries Furniture Recycling	Caring ministries Jubilee & Job Club	Caring ministries Other	Support of missionaries and other charity donations £	Nursery £	Café and bookshop £	2021 £	2020 £
Salaries	75,007	75,654	-	-	-	32,206	-	78,209	36,587	297,663	302,431
Alpha course expenses	1,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,500	2,129
Outreach expenses	3,734	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,734	772
Evangelism working expenses	1,200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,200	1,200
Evangelism outreach	2,081	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,081	1,270
Visiting speaker expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,809
Music ministry costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Promotional	370	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	370	754
Sundry expenses	10,421	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,064	265	15,750	17,384
School ministry	-	1,447	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,447	2,152
Event costs	250	1,148	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,398	1,875
Training and development	-	50	-	-	-	-	52,719	-	-	50	144
Grants and donations made	-	-	-	-	-	527	-	-	-	527	69,950
Caring ministry - Counselling	-	-	-	-	213	-	-	-	-	213	424
Caring ministry - Jubilee project	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,544
Caring ministry - Storehouse	-	-	13,753	-	-	378	-	-	-	13,753	937
Caring ministry - General	-	-	-	-	-	3,197	-	-	-	3,197	9,482
Caring ministry - Hardship fund	-	-	-	-	-	8,102	-	-	-	8,102	2,565
Caring ministry - Furniture recycling	-	-	-	8,102	-	1,100	-	-	-	1,100	547
Caring ministry - Family support	-	-	-	-	-	151	-	-	-	151	124
Caring ministry - Bereavement support	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	523	-	523	1,002
Nursery materials and equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	70	-	70	1,861
Repairs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21,688	21,688	13,147
Café and bookshop supplies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	22	-
Café and bookshop stationery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	923	923	644
Bank charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,891	112,692	115,587
Support costs (Note 7)	83,510	3,240	-	3,053	-	-	-	9,945	-	112,692	115,587
	<u>178,073</u>	<u>81,539</u>	<u>16,806</u>	<u>11,155</u>	<u>213</u>	<u>37,559</u>	<u>52,719</u>	<u>93,811</u>	<u>69,376</u>	<u>541,251</u>	<u>574,065</u>

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<b>9 Support of missionaries and other charity donations</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Total Funds 2021</b>	<b>Total Funds 2020</b>
	£	£	£	£
Material grants payable by the trust: 3 grants were made to an individual missionaries (2020:2)	-	9,770	9,770	9,665
South African Missionary Work	-	14,478	14,478	11,856
Amic mission project - Romania	-	1,450	1,450	1,740
Mali appeal	-	-	-	1,022
ICC- China	1,369	5,281	6,650	15,000
Lucatin - YWAM Centre	-	-	-	-
Christian Aid	-	1,750	1,750	1,600
Romania children's home	-	10,061	10,061	10,694
Other small grants to charities	8,290	-	8,290	8,229
Donations to support members of the local community	270	-	270	-
	<u>9,929</u>	<u>42,790</u>	<u>52,719</u>	<u>59,806</u>

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**10 Staff numbers and costs**

The average weekly number of staff employed by the charity during the year, was as follows:

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Nursery staff	9	9
Coffee shop and bookshop staff	6	6
Admin staff	3	3
Youth and children's ministry	5	5
Counsellor	1	1
Cleaning	1	1
Church leadership	1	-
Volunteer manager/co-ordinator	1	1
Family Support Ministry	2	2
	<u>29</u>	<u>28</u>

The aggregate payroll costs of the above was:

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Wages and salaries	319,420	329,101
Social security costs	13,130	11,444
Pension costs	4,881	4,483
Total emoluments (remuneration and taxable benefits)	<u>337,431</u>	<u>345,028</u>

No employees emoluments exceeded £60,000.

The Trust considers its key management personnel comprise the trustees.

No remuneration was paid to trustees in the year (2020: Nil).

**Transactions with trustees**

No trustees received any remuneration during the period. Mr S N Hodgkinson received £1,200 by way of a nominal allowance towards out of pocket expenses during the year.

Mrs M Sanders, wife of Mr R Sanders who is a trustee was employed by the charity as family support worker. The salary paid during the year amounted to £5,192.

Mrs J Crichton, daughter of Mr S Hodgkinson who is a trustee was employed by the charity as a family support worker. The salary paid during the year amounted to £13,697.

Mrs S Wood, sister of Mrs Linda Hurlstone who is a trustee was employed by the charity as a youth and children's minister. The salary paid during the year amounted to £21,738

Mr G Wood, brother-in-law of Mrs Linda Hurlstone who is a trustee was employed by the charity as Assistant Manager in Words and Music. The salary paid during the year amounted to £15,391.

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**11 Tangible fixed assets**

	Freehold Land & Buildings £	Building Improve- ments £	Fixtures & Equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>				
As at 1 January 2021	548,353	198,082	299,375	1,045,810
Additions	-	7,833	25,563	33,396
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2021	<u>548,353</u>	<u>205,915</u>	<u>324,938</u>	<u>1,079,206</u>
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>				
As at 1 January 2021	161,649	157,353	248,284	567,286
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Charge for the year	12,436	7,972	12,715	33,123
At 31 December 2021	<u>174,085</u>	<u>165,325</u>	<u>260,999</u>	<u>600,409</u>
<b>Net book value</b>				
At 31 December 2021	<u>374,268</u>	<u>40,590</u>	<u>63,939</u>	<u>478,797</u>
As at 1 January 2021	<u>386,704</u>	<u>40,729</u>	<u>51,091</u>	<u>478,524</u>

The property from which the charity operates is included at cost. The property's current value cannot be quantified as this depends on the future possible use of the site.

**12 Debtors: amounts falling due within one year**

	2021 £	2020 £
Gift Aid accrued income	32,919	62,603
Prepayments	3,976	3,793
Sundry debtors	-	14,561
	<u>36,895</u>	<u>80,957</u>

**13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	2021 £	2020 £
Taxation and social security	5,032	5,290
Other creditors	-	-
Accruals	4,945	4,500
Deferred income	12,032	10,727
	<u>22,009</u>	<u>20,517</u>

**14 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year**

	2021 £	2020 £
Bank loan	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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**15 Endowment funds**

Endowment funds represent the charity's property which is the fellowship's permanent place of worship.

	2020 Balance £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	2021 Balance £
Property fund (cost)	222,705	-	-	-	222,705
<b>Total endowment funds</b>	<u>222,705</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>222,705</u>

This fund represents donations and gifts from church members together with grants towards the purchase and extension of the church property which was previously rented. The implied conditions of donations and grants being that the church permanently function from this site. In accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting by Charities" (SORP 2005) an endowment fund has been created.

**16 Restricted funds**

The movements on the restricted funds of the charity were as follows:

	2020 Balance £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	2021 Balance £
Church building fund	-	7,228	-	(7,228)	-
Nursery facility improvement fund	-	1,000	-	-	1,000
Charities and missionaries fund	4,889	29,953	32,459	-	2,383
Romanian children's home	9,280	11,174	10,061	-	10,393
Church youth fund	-	500	500	-	-
Church family fund	-	1,450	270	-	1,180
Caring ministry funds	-	-	-	-	-
- General	22,212	22,984	45,196	-	-
- Storehouse	43,988	36,899	16,806	(10,000)	54,081
- Furniture recycling	-	2,623	2,623	-	-
- Hardship fund	-	200	200	-	-
- Jubilee Club	-	55	55	-	-
- Dementia group	1,305	47	151	-	1,201
- Tools for love thy neighbour	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
Equipment fund	-	200	-	(200)	-
Volunteer co-ordinator	5,445	-	5,445	-	-
CJRS Grant support staff	-	48,199	-	(48,199)	-
	<u>88,119</u>	<u>162,512</u>	<u>113,766</u>	<u>(65,627)</u>	<u>71,238</u>

**Transfers**

Transfers from restricted funds to unrestricted funds relate to grants received towards support cost expenditure which was incurred during the year. Therefore the conditions of the grants have been met and the grant income was transferred into unrestricted funds.

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**17 Unrestricted funds**

	2020 Balance £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	2021 Balance £
Valuation reserve (Unrealised gain)	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Designated funds:</b>					
Local evangelism account	-	1,285	1,285	-	-
<b>General fund</b>	628,642	390,558	448,388	65,627	636,439
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<u>628,642</u>	<u>391,843</u>	<u>449,673</u>	<u>65,627</u>	<u>636,439</u>

The local evangelism account represents monies intended to be used for the promotion of evangelistic events.

All funds are considered adequate to meet their intended purposes.

<b>18 Analysis of net assets between funds</b>	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £
Fund balances as at 31 December 2021 are represented by:				
Tangible fixed assets	256,092	-	222,705	478,797
Current assets	402,356	71,238	-	473,594
Creditors:				
Amounts falling due within one year	(22,009)	-	-	(22,009)
Amounts falling due in more than one year	-	-	-	-
<b>Total net assets</b>	<u>636,439</u>	<u>71,238</u>	<u>222,705</u>	<u>930,382</u>

**19 Commitments**

There were no commitments for capital expenditure at the year end (2020: none).

**20 Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities**

	2021 £	2020 £
Net movement in funds	(9,084)	61,047
Add back depreciation charge	33,123	29,347
Deduct interest income shown on investing activities	(7)	(65)
Decrease (increase) in stock	23,547	2,037
Decrease (increase) in debtors	44,062	(13,623)
Increase (decrease) in creditors	1,492	(1,848)
<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>	<u>93,133</u>	<u>76,895</u>

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**21 Obsolete stock write off**

During the year a review of the stock held in the Charity's Christian Bookshop was undertaken. A significant amount of the stock was found to be unsaleable due to its age, condition and obsolescence. The exact value of the stock written off cannot be identified however it is believed to be in the region of £15,000.

