

**Charity Registration No: 700672**

**Ashley Gospel Hall Trust**

**Report of the trustees and  
unaudited financial statements  
Year ended 5 April 2024**

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## Ashley Gospel Hall Trust

### Reference and administrative details For the year ended 5 April 2024

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<b>Charity name</b>	Ashley Gospel Hall Trust
<b>Registered charity number</b>	700672
<b>Trustees</b>	John Reiner (Chair) Terry Harmer Rhys Graham Stutterheim Darren Anderson Jacob Soulsby
<b>Treasurer</b>	Terry Harmer
<b>Principal address</b>	c/o: 1 Oakdale Drive Pool in Wharfedale Otley LS21 1LJ

## **Ashley Gospel Hall Trust**

### **Report of the Trustees For the year ended 5 April 2024**

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The Trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 5 April 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 10-11 and comply with the Trust Deed and applicable law.

#### **Structure, governance and management**

##### **Governing document**

The Charity is an unincorporated trust constituted by a Deed of Trust dated 1 May 1982, most recently amended by Deed of Variation dated 9 January 2015. The Trust was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 13 October 1988 under Charity Registration Number: 700672

##### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

The names of the Trustees who served during the year and since the year end are set out on page 2. None of the Trustees, nor any person connected with them, received any remuneration or expenses from the Charity in the year ended 5 April 2024 (2023: £nil).

The Trust operates 6 gospel halls and Trustees are chosen from among the regular congregation of the halls. New Trustees are nominated by the existing Trustees or by the congregation and must be appointed by unanimous resolution of the congregation. They are selected according to their skills and experience and are expected to use both in furthering the objects of the Charity. Checks are made to ensure the Trustees' eligibility to act and incoming Trustees are made aware of their responsibilities by the existing Trustees, who ensure that new Trustees read the Trust Deed and relevant Charity Commission guidance.

##### **Wider network**

The Trustees maintain informal links with similar charities with a view to pooling experience considered useful in pursuing the objects of the Charity. The Charity also maintains particular links with Horsforth Gospel Hall Trust, with which it shares members of its congregation.

##### **Risk management**

The Trustees have identified and reviewed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed and confirm that they have established systems or procedures to manage and mitigate those risks.

##### **Objectives and activities**

###### **Objectives and aims**

The charitable purposes of the Charity are the advancement of the Christian religion for the public benefit, including by the carrying on of the service of God in accordance with the Old and New Testaments of the Holy Bible as followed by those Christians forming part of the world-wide fellowship known as the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church (the "Brethren") and any other charitable purposes connected with Brethren. The core doctrine of the Brethren and proper practices in furtherance of certain aspects of doctrine are summarised in two schedules to the Trust Deed.

###### **Public benefit**

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty under section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance to charities on public benefit.

## Ashley Gospel Hall Trust

### Report of the Trustees For the year ended 5 April 2024

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#### Main activities and achievements

The Trust provides and maintains 6 Gospel Halls where religious meetings are held by the local Brethren community. Details of the origins, teachings and way of life of the Brethren can be found on the website - [www.plymouthbrethrenchristianchurch.org](http://www.plymouthbrethrenchristianchurch.org) and in the schedules to the Trust Deed.

#### Plans for Future Periods

The trustees do not feel that there are any risks significantly impacting on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern.

#### Meetings

Meetings held at the Gospel halls would normally include the Lord's Supper (Communion), Gospel preachings, Bible readings and Bible addresses. There is a structured weekly schedule of meetings and, depending on the particular meeting, between 50 and 150 people normally attend these occasions.

The meetings are attended by the regular congregation, and most are open to other properly disposed visitors. The notice board outside the Hall welcomes visitors and displays the times of Gospel preachings, along with a telephone number for those seeking further information or help. Gospel tracts, which are distributed by street preachers, also display this information.

Bibles and an extensive range of other Christian reading material are on display at the hall[s] and visitors are free to help themselves.

#### Spreading the Gospel message and the life of a Christian

The Gospel Halls are a base from which the regular congregation and others who attend the meetings are encouraged to spread the Christian Gospel, in word and deed.

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

In carrying out this work, the congregation considers itself to be living out its faith in practice, as particularly exemplified in the following extract from the schedule to the Trust Deed on living a Christian life:

- We seek and are encouraged to live exemplary lives in all our relationships with others in the wider community (including former Brethren), in accordance with the teachings of Holy Scripture (1 Tim 2:2).
- We regularly go out from our homes to preach on the streets, to distribute Christian literature and engage with the wider community (including former Brethren) in order to present eternal salvation, available to all men by faith in Jesus Christ. (2 Tim 4:2).
- We seek as members of the public to lead Christian lives as husbands and wives, parents, children, employers, employees and neighbours. (Col 3:22-25, Col 4:1).
- The preservation and protection of the family unit is fundamental and children are prized as a blessing from God. (Psalm 127:3-5). The elderly are valued members of the community, for whom both their family and the wider community are expected to care.
- Holy Scripture commands us to be good neighbours to others, and deal with all other people (including former Brethren) openly, honestly and fairly and consistent with these principles, we should give our time, talents and money to assist those in need in the wider community, in so far as reasonable given our abilities and our available resources. (Matt 7:12, Matt 22:39, Eph 4:28).

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### Report of the Trustees For the year ended 5 April 2024

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#### **Funding**

Funding is sought through gifts from the congregation and Gift Aid is claimed on eligible donations. Funding is sometimes received from other charitable trusts with complementary objectives.

#### **Financial review**

#### **Financial position**

In the year ended 5 April 2024, the Trust had a deficit of incoming resources over resources expended, resulting from a substantial grant being made by the Trust to the Horsforth Gospel Hall Trust. Total voluntary income received this year was £119,855 compared to £45,546 in the previous year.

All funds held were unrestricted funds.

#### **Reserves policy**

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs, based on its size and the level of its financial commitments. The Trust has no employees, and its regular outgoings are minimal. Accordingly, the Trustees have decided to adopt a policy of maintaining no significant reserves. The congregation is kept regularly informed as to particular needs for funds, and other relevant matters and the Trustees aim to ensure that the Charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure, by raising a funds appeal to the congregation.

Free reserves at the year-end were £80,069 (2023: £987), as the trust is accruing reserves for planned expenditure on new gospel halls in the coming year.

#### **Statement of Trustees' responsibilities**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales 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 of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. All transactions have been reviewed and approved by two trustees.

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**Report of the Trustees  
For the year ended 5 April 2024**

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On behalf of the Board:

Terry Harmer  
Trustee

Date: .....

## Ashley Gospel Hall Trust

### Statement of financial activities For the year ended 5 April 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>						
<b>Donations and legacies:</b>						
Collections						
Contributions from the congregation						
Gift Aid donations						
Income tax refunds						
Donated services	4	44,855			44,855	45,546
Payroll giving						
Legacies						
Grants		75,000			75,000	
<b>Investments</b>						
Bank interest		4,379			4,379	33
<b>Other</b>						
Profit on sale of assets		312,498			312,498	
<b>Total</b>		436,731			436,731	45,579
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
<b>Charitable activities</b>						
Running meeting rooms		67,259			67,259	70,991
Grants to other trusts		625,000			625,000	
Governance costs						(60)
<b>Total</b>	5	692,259			692,259	70,931
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		(255,528)			(255,528)	(25,352)
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets						
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		(255,528)			(255,528)	(25,352)
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>						
Total funds brought forward		1,889,500			1,889,500	1,914,852
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		1,633,972			1,633,972	1,889,500

The notes on pages 10 to 15 form part of these financial statements. All of the above activities are classed as continuing and there are no gains and losses other than those included above.

## Ashley Gospel Hall Trust

### Balance Sheet As at 5 April 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	6	1,553,903	1,888,513
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors:			
Other Debtors		75,000	
Cash at bank and in hand		5,069	987
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year:			
Other creditors			
Accruals and deferred income			-
Net current assets		80,069	987
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		1,633,972	1,889,500
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year:			
Loan		-	-
<b>Net assets</b>		1,633,972	1,889,500
<b>Funds</b>			
Unrestricted income fund		1,633,972	1,889,500
Restricted funds		-	-
<b>Total funds</b>	7	1,633,972	1,889,500

The unaudited financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees of Ashley Gospel Hall Trust on 2024 and signed on their behalf by

Terry Harmer  
Trustee

The notes on pages 11 to 16 form part of these financial statements

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1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation financial statements

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

The functional currency of the charity is sterling (£).

The Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

1.2 Income

Donations are recognised in the year in which there is entitlement and probability of receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future year. Gift aid is added to the value of the donation to which it relates.

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

Investment income is accounted for on a receivable basis.

1.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis. Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Charitable activities comprise those costs directly attributable to the fulfilment of the charitable objects.

1.4 Governance and support costs

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

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets (costing more than £xxx) are stated at cost less depreciation. Freehold land is not depreciated. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Freehold buildings	2% straight line
Temporary buildings	20% straight line
Fixtures and Fittings	10% straight line

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1.6 Taxation

The Trust is a registered charity and is not liable to United Kingdom income or corporation tax on charitable activities, provided income falls within the charitable exemptions and is spent on charitable purposes.

1.7 Funds

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

Restricted funds arise from donations to the trust, which are made for a specific purpose. Restricted funds can only be used for the purpose for which funds were given.

1.8 Preparation of consolidated financial statements

The Charity does not have a trading subsidiary.

1.9 Going concern

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

1.10 Significant estimates and judgements

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

**2. Trustees' remuneration and expenses**

No Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits from an employment with the charity and no Trustees were reimbursed for expenses (2023: None).

**3. Wages and salaries**

There are no employees (2023: none).

**4. Donated services**

<i>Received from:</i>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Horsforth Gospel Hall Trust	44,855	45,546
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5. Resources expended

	Meeting rooms	Other charitable activities	2024	Meeting Rooms	Other charitable activities	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Direct costs</b>						
- Repairs and Maintenance	14,727		14,727	16,152		16,152
- Insurance	2,803		2,803	3,362		3,362
- Rates	-		-	-		-
- Light and heat	16,810		16,810	8,820		8,820
- Rent	-		-	-		-
- Telephone	-		-	-		-
- Depreciation	22,300		22,300	26,700		26,700
- Legal and professional costs	10,619		10,619	15,957		15,957
<b>Support costs</b>						
<b>Governance</b>				(60)		(60)
	67,259		67,259	70,931		70,931

Governance costs include £nil (2023: £nil) in respect of independent examiner's fees.

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**6. Tangible fixed assets**

	<b>Freehold Property and Refurbishment £</b>	<b>Furniture, fixtures &amp; fittings £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>Cost</b>			
Brought forward at 6 April 2023	1,948,403	4,019	1,952,422
Disposals	(321,110)	-	-
<b>At 5 April 2024</b>	<b>1,627,293</b>	<b>4,019</b>	<b>1,631,312</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
Brought forward at 6 April 2023	62,703	1,206	63,909
Charge for the year	21,898	402	22,300
Impairment			
Disposals	(8,800)	-	-
<b>At 5 April 2024</b>	<b>75,801</b>	<b>1,608</b>	<b>77,409</b>
<b>Net book value</b>			
<b>At 5 April 2024</b>	<b>1,551,492</b>	<b>2,411</b>	<b>1,553,903</b>
<b>At 5 April 2023</b>	<b>1,885,700</b>	<b>2,813</b>	<b>1,888,513</b>

**Property Details:**

Land registry titles of the above property held are St Margaret's – WYK 466034, Otley Rd – WYK 307158, Park Rd – WYK 299487, Guiseley Lodge – WYK811631, Gill Lane – WYK363685 and WYK517698

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**7. Analysis of net assets between funds**

*7.1 Current year*

	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>Total Funds £</b>
Tangible fixed assets	1,553,903		1,553,903
Current assets	80,069		80,069
Current liabilities	-		-
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>1,633,972</u>		<u>1,633,972</u>

*7.2 Prior year*

	<b>Unrestricted funds £</b>	<b>Restricted funds £</b>	<b>Total Funds £</b>
Tangible fixed assets	1,888,513	-	1,888,513
Current assets	987	-	987
Current liabilities	-	-	-
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>1,889,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,889,500</u>

## Ashley Gospel Hall Trust

### Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 5 April 2024

#### 8. Movement in funds

##### 8.1 Current year

	Balance at 6 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Realised/ unrealised gains and losses £	Balance at 5 April 2024 £
Unrestricted funds	1,889,500	436,731	(692,259)	-	1,633,972
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>1,889,500</b>	<b>436,731</b>	<b>(692,259)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,633,972</b>

##### 8.2 Prior year

	Balance at 6 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Realised/ unrealised gains and losses £	Balance at 5 April 2023 £
Unrestricted funds	1,914,852	45,579	(70,931)	-	1,889,500
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>1,914,852</b>	<b>45,579</b>	<b>(70,931)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,889,500</b>

#### 9. Transactions with related parties

There are no related party transactions in the reporting period that require disclosure (2023 – none).

#### 10. Post balance sheet events

During the year, the Trust paid a deposit on a new property on which it intends to build a new Gospel Hall for use by its congregation.

#### 11. Volunteers

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

12. Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
<b>Donations and legacies:</b>					
Collections					
Contributions from the congregation					
Gift Aid donations					
Income tax refunds					
Donated services	4	45,546			45,546
Payroll giving					
Legacies					
Grants					
<b>Investments</b>					
Bank interest		33			33
<b>Other</b>					
Profit on sale of assets					
<b>Total</b>		45,579			45,579
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Running meeting rooms		70,991			70,991
Governance costs		(60)			(60)
Cost of donated services	4				
<b>Total</b>	5	70,931			70,931
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		(25,352)			(25,352)
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets					
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		(25,352)			(25,352)
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		1,914,852			1,914,852
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		1,889,500			1,889,500