

**Charity Registration No: 700672**

**Ashley Gospel Hall Trust**

**Report of the trustees and  
unaudited financial statements  
Year ended 5 April 2025**

# Ashley Gospel Hall Trust

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## Ashley Gospel Hall Trust

### Reference and administrative details For the year ended 5 April 2025

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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 (Treasurer) Rhys 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
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	Sandra Martin FCCA

## **Ashley Gospel Hall Trust**

### **Report of the Trustees For the year ended 5 April 2025**

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The Trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 5 April 2025. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 11-12 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 2025 (2024: £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.

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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 halls and visitors are free to help themselves.

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

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

Members of the congregation 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

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should give our time, talents and money to assist those in need in the wider community, in so far as reasonable given our abilities and our available resources. (Matt 7:12, Matt 22:39, Eph 4:28).

#### **Funding**

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

#### **Financial review**

##### **Financial position**

In the year ended 5 April 2025, the Trust had a surplus of incoming resources over resources expended due to a significant grant received from another trust to support the purchase of a new gospel hall. Total voluntary income received this year was £844,803 compared to £119,855 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. The trust is accumulating reserves for the purposes of purchasing and developing property for a new Gospel Hall in the area for its existing congregation. 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 £145,421 (2024: 80,069).

#### **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.

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For the year ended 5 April 2025**

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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.

On behalf of the Board:

2025  
Trustee

Date: .....

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**Report of the Independent Examiner  
For the year ended 5 April 2025**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Ashley Gospel Hall Trust for the year ended 05 April 2025.

**RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER**

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**BASIS OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking of explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT**

Since the Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of {insert name of applicable listed body}, 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.

Sandra Martin FCCA

..... (Signed, Date)

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### Statement of financial activities For the year ended 5 April 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
<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	42,803			42,803	44,855
Payroll giving						
Legacies						
Grants		802,000			802,000	75,000
<b>Investments</b>						
Bank interest		236			236	4,379
<b>Other</b>						
Profit on sale of assets						312,498
<b>Total</b>		845,039			845,039	436,731
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
<b>Charitable activities</b>						
Running meeting rooms		47,898			47,898	67,259
Grants to other trusts						625,000
Bad Debts		75,000			75,000	
Cost of donated services	4					
<b>Total</b>	5	122,898			122,898	692,259
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		722,141			722,141	(255,528)
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets						
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		722,141			722,141	(255,528)
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>						
Total funds brought forward		1,633,972			1,633,972	1,889,500
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		2,356,113			2,356,113	1,633,972

The notes on pages 11 to 17 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.

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Statement of Financial Position  
As at 5 April 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	6	2,210,692	1,553,903
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<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors:			
Other Debtors		141,346	75,000
Cash at bank and in hand		4,075	5,069
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		145,421	80,069
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year:			
Other creditors			
Accruals and deferred income			
Net current assets		145,421	80,069
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<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		2,356,113	1,633,972
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year:			
Loan			
<b>Net assets</b>		2,356,113	1,633,972
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<b>Funds</b>			
Unrestricted income fund		2,356,113	1,633,972
Restricted funds			
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<b>Total funds</b>	7	2,356,113	1,633,972
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The unaudited financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustee of Ashley Gospel Hall Trust on 2025 and signed on their behalf by

Terry Harmer  
Trustee

The notes on pages 11 to 17 form part of these financial statements

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## Cashflow Statement

As at 5 April 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>						
<b>Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)</b>		722,141				(255,528)
<b>Adjustments for:</b>						
Depreciation charges		22,819				22,300
(Gains)/losses on investments						
Dividends, interest and rents from investments						
Loss/(profit) on the sale of fixed assets						(312,498)
(Increase)/decrease in stocks						
(Increase)/decrease in debtors		(66,346)				(75,000)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors						
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</b>		678,614				(620,726)
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>						
Dividends, interest and rents from investments						
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment						624,808
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(679,608)				
Proceeds from sale of investments						
Purchase of investments						
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities</b>		(679,608)				624,808
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>						
Repayments of borrowing						
Cash inflows from new borrowing						
Receipt of endowment						
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities</b>		-				-
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		(994)				4,082
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>		5,069				987
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>	<b>9</b>	4,075				5,069

Notes to the financial statements  
For the year ended 5 April 2025

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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 Ashley 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 (2024: None).

**3. Wages and salaries**

There are no employees (2024: none).

**4. Donated services**

***Received from:***

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Horsforth Gospel Hall Trust	42,803	44,855
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	42,803	44,855
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5. Resources expended

	Meeting rooms	Other charita ble activiti es	2025	Meeting Rooms	Other charitable activities	2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Direct costs</b>						
- Repairs and Maintenance	6,961		6,961	14,727		14,727
- Insurance	2,147		2,147	2,803		2,803
- Bank charges	79		79	-		-
- Light and heat	12,529		12,529	16,810		16,810
- Rent				-		-
- Telephone				-		-
- Depreciation	22,819		22,819	22,300		22,300
- Legal and professional costs	3,363		3,363	10,619		10,619
<b>Support costs</b>						
<b>Governance</b>						
	47,898		47,898	67,259		67,259

Governance costs include £Nil (2024: £Nil) in respect of independent examiner's fees.

6. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Property and Refurbishment	Temporary buildings buildings	Furniture, fixtures & fittings	Total
	£	£	£	£
<b>Cost</b>				
Brought forward at 6 April 2024	1,627,293		4,019	1,631,312
Additions	679,608			679,608
Disposals	-	-	-	-
<b>At 5 April 2025</b>	<b>2,306,901</b>		<b>4,019</b>	<b>2,310,920</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
Brought forward at 6 April 2024	75,801		1,608	77,409
Charge for the year	22,417		402	22,819
Impairment				

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Disposals

<b>At 5 April 2025</b>	98,218		2,010	100,227
<b>Net book value At 5 April 2025</b>	2,208,683		2,010	2,210,692
<b>At 5 April 2024</b>	1,551,492		2,411	1,553,903

**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, Wetherby Rd - WYK 8103

**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	2,210,692		2,210,692
Current assets	145,421		145,421
Current liabilities	-		-
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>2,356,113</b>		<b>2,356,113</b>

**7.2 Prior 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>	<b>1,633,972</b>		<b>1,633,972</b>

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8. Movement in funds

8.1 Current year

	Balance at 6 April 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Realised/ unrealised gains and losses	Balance at 5 April 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	1,633,972	845,039	(122,898)		2,356,113
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>1,633,972</b>	<b>845,039</b>	<b>(122,898)</b>		<b>2,356,113</b>

8.2 Prior 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>1,633,972</b>

9. Analysis of Cash and Cash equivalents

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash in hand	4,075			4,075	5,069
Notice deposits (less than 3 months)					
Overdraft facility repayable on demand					
Other cash equivalents (please specify)					
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>4,075</b>			<b>4,075</b>	<b>5,069</b>

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### Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 5 April 2025

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#### **10. Transactions with related parties**

There are no related party disclosures in the reporting period that require disclosure.

#### **11. Post balance sheet events**

The trust continues to seek to obtain planning permission to build a further gospel hall on the site acquired at Wetherby Road, but no planning has been granted as yet.

#### **12. 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.

13. Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
<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
Payroll giving					
Legacies					
Grants		75,000			75,000
<b>Investments</b>					
Bank interest		4,379			4,379
<b>Other</b>					
Profit on sale of assets		312,498			312,498
<b>Total</b>		436,731			436,731
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Running meeting rooms	5	67,259			67,259
Grants to other trusts		625,000			625,000
Cost of donated services	4				
<b>Total</b>		692,259			692,259
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		(255,528)			(255,528)
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets					
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		(255,528)			(255,528)
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		1,889,500			1,889,500
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		1,633,972			1,633,972