

COMPASSION MINISTRIES
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED TO 31ST AUGUST 2024

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (INCORPORATING TRUSTEES' REPORT)

The Directors (who are also the trustees) are pleased to present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st August 2024, which are prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes. The directors have adopted the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (Charities SORP – FRS102), in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

Achievements and performance

The vision of Compassion Ministries is 'to see many people walk on a journey of discipleship as they discover their potential in God.'

We provide support to those most in need by signposting to relevant support services, provision of voluntary opportunities and providing a connection to the wider support of the local church.

During the last 12 months we have focused on upskilling existing volunteers and staff to support and strengthen the future project plans of Compassion ministries. Examples include linking in with Mercy Ministries to understand the most suitable programmes to adopt within the local church environment. Providing specialist coaching to those from PBNI via Compassion Compass Coaching. Continuing to support those with addictions get specialist care whilst also maintaining a safe home environment to return back to following completion of programmes. Compassion Ministries has also funded resourcing costs of Connect Ministries to ensure the level of community care and discipleship is available to meet the need.

All of this contributes to making a huge difference in the lives of many individuals, helping them break free from addiction, hopelessness and harmful life patterns to find new direction and purpose.

We continue to work closely with "Connect Ministries" and "Green Pastures, The People's Church" to deliver on the vision and mission of this charity as we seek to support individuals on their journeys to hope and restoration.

Financial review and funds policy

During the year the Charity had total income of £143,530 and total expenditure of £109,233 resulting in a net surplus of £34,297. The net surplus for the year as shown in the statement of financial activities on page 7 has been transferred to the company's funds and has resulted in an increase in total Charity funds from £1,342,949 to £1,377,246. Details of the financial position of the Charity at the year-end can be seen on page 8.

At the end of the year the Charity had £2,239 cash at bank. It is the aim of the Trustees, if possible, to maintain an unrestricted cash reserve equivalent to that of two months expenditure.

The company plans to continue and expand its activities in the forthcoming years.

Objectives and Activities (and how they deliver public benefit)

Purpose 1

Purpose:	To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit.
Beneficiaries:	Open to all of the public in Northern Ireland.
How they benefit:	Access to public worship Access to religious publications including sacred texts and literature Access to religious training and discipleship programmes.
How the benefits can be demonstrated:	Improved behaviour as a result of being involved in a public act of worship and discipleship process.

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS *(continued)*

Objectives and Activities (and how they deliver public benefit)

Purpose 2

Purpose: To relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counselling and support in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit.

Beneficiaries: Open to all of the public in Northern Ireland.

How they benefit: Promote healthy eating and lifestyles. Access to mentoring and support.

How the benefits can be demonstrated: Improved health and lifestyles support.

Activities

The Charity's main activities are described within the achievements and performance section of the Directors' Report.

Volunteers

The Trustees wish to acknowledge their deep appreciation of those who give freely of their time by serving on committees and helping with organisations and other church activities.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name: Compassion Ministries

Charity Commission registration number: NIC102161

HMRC charity reference: XT18183

Company registration number: NI603810

Principle office and registered office: C/O Green Pastures, The People's Church
1 Faith Avenue
The Gateway
Ballymena
County Antrim
BT42 3FF

Directors and Trustees of the Company

The directors who held office during the year, and in the period since 31st August 2024 to the date of these accounts were approved, were as follows:

Mr Robert Kingston

Mr Gary Shirlow (appointed 24th December 2024)

Mrs Sara Stephens (resigned 16th December 2024)

Mr Jeffrey Wright

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS *(continued)*

Structure, governance and management

The Company is a charity limited by guarantee without share capital which avails of the "Limited" exemption.

The company is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 19th July 2010. In the event of the Company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1. The Board is responsible for the overall governance of the Company with the day-to-day management having been delegated by the Board to responsible individuals.

Trustees/Directors are appointed in line with the Memorandum & Articles of Association of the company.

The Board of Directors are also known as Trustees for the purposes of the Charity Commission.

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's Public Benefit requirement.

Risk management

The directors have conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. Financial risk is reviewed on a monthly basis having due regard to ongoing income and expenses.

Statement of directors' responsibilities

The directors (who are the trustees of Compassion Ministries) are responsible for preparing the directors' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period. Under that law the directors have prepared the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under Company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP-FRS102;
- make judgements and accounting 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 statement; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others

The charity does not hold any funds on behalf of others.

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS *(continued)*

Small companies provision statement

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Board on 6th May 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr Graeme Kingston
Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF COMPASSION MINISTRIES

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st August 2024 which are set out on pages 7 to 16.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 65(2) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (as amended) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65(3) of the 2008 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the 2008 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

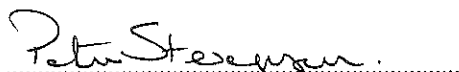
My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



Peter Stevenson
Member of the Institute of Chartered
Accountants in Ireland

6th May 2025

Stevenson and Wilson
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Incoming resources					
Donations received		2,270	356	2,626	11,185
Investment income		140,792	-	140,792	137,242
Other income		112	-	112	-
Total income	4	<u>143,174</u>	<u>356</u>	<u>143,530</u>	<u>148,427</u>
Resources expended					
Charitable activities		36,582	-	36,582	-
Support costs		69,895	356	70,251	107,317
Governance costs		2,400	-	2,400	2,700
Total expenditure	5	<u>108,877</u>	<u>356</u>	<u>109,233</u>	<u>110,017</u>
Net surplus before transfers		34,297	-	34,297	38,410
Transfers between funds	6	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>34,297</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,297</u>	<u>38,410</u>
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		1,342,949	-	1,342,949	1,304,539
Total funds carried forward		<u>1,377,246</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,377,246</u>	<u>1,342,949</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the period.

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION / BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST AUGUST 2024

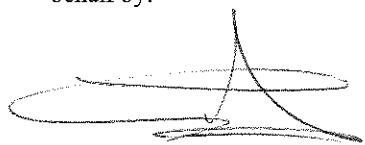
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	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	9	<u>1,949,521</u>	<u>1,958,352</u>
		<u>1,949,521</u>	<u>1,958,352</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	10	12,950	16,163
Cash at bank		<u>2,239</u>	<u>2,666</u>
		<u>15,189</u>	<u>18,829</u>
Creditors: amounts due within one year	11	<u>(119,801)</u>	<u>(124,904)</u>
Net current liabilities		<u>(104,612)</u>	<u>(106,075)</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>1,844,909</u>	<u>1,852,277</u>
Creditors: amounts due after one year	12	<u>(467,663)</u>	<u>(509,328)</u>
Total net assets	13	<u>1,377,246</u>	<u>1,342,949</u>
Unrestricted funds			
General funds	14	<u>1,377,246</u>	<u>1,342,949</u>
Total unrestricted funds		<u>1,377,246</u>	<u>1,342,949</u>
Restricted funds	14	-	-
Total charity funds		<u>1,377,246</u>	<u>1,342,949</u>

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime under The Companies Act 2006 and with Charities SORP-FRS102.

The notes on pages 10 to 16 are an integral part of these financial statements.

The financial statements on pages 7 to 16 were approved by the Board of Trustees on 6th May 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr Robert Kingston
Trustee



Mr Jeffrey Wright
Trustee

The notes on pages 10 to 16 form part of these financial statements

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flow from operating activities		
Net incoming resources before interest received	34,297	38,410
Depreciation	8,831	11,862
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	3,213	(15,413)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	<u>(2,489)</u>	<u>16,288</u>
Net cash inflow from incoming resources	<u>43,852</u>	<u>51,147</u>
Capital expenditure and financial investment		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	<u>-</u>	<u>(14,926)</u>
Net cash outflow from capital and financial investment	<u>-</u>	<u>(14,926)</u>
Financing activities		
Capital repayment of bank loans	(44,279)	(36,669)
Capital repayment of hire purchase	-	(1,124)
Cash outflow from financing	<u>(44,279)</u>	<u>(37,793)</u>
Net decrease in cash for the year	(427)	(1,572)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	2,666	4,238
Cash and cash equivalent at the end of the year	<u>2,239</u>	<u>2,666</u>

The notes on pages 10 to 16 form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2024

1. Company information

The Company is limited by guarantee and is incorporated in Northern Ireland. The address of the registered office is C/O Green Pastures, The People's Church, 1 Faith Avenue, The Gateway, Ballymena, Co Antrim BT42 3FF. The financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board on 6th May 2025.

2. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006. The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity.

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

Preparation of accounts on a going concern basis

The Company generally meets its day to day working capital requirements from its annual income. The Trustees have obtained and reviewed cash flow forecasts for the coming year and based on these are satisfied that the Company has resources to provide a reasonable expectation that it can continue to meet its financial obligations as they fall due for the foreseeable future. These financial statements have therefore been prepared on a going concern basis.

Incoming resources

Donations received comprises all cash receivable for the accounting year, including any related tax recoverable under Gift Aid. Income is recognised when the Charity has established an entitlement to the income. For donations this is typically upon receipt. Gift aid income is accrued in respect of charitable donations already received.

Resources expended

Resources expended are recognised in the year in which they are incurred.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services to its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Tangible assets

The tangible assets of the charity comprise of land and buildings along with plant and equipment and a motor vehicle.

No depreciation is charged on freehold property where the property does not suffer any diminution of value over the period of its useful life. Equipment and fittings are depreciated at a rate calculated to reduce it to residual value at the end of its expected normal life on a straight-line basis at a rate of 15% per annum. Motor vehicles are depreciated at a rate calculated to reduce it to residual value at the end of its expected normal life on a straight-line basis at a rate of 25% per annum.

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted, if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period. The effect of any change is accounted for prospectively.

Tangible assets are derecognised on disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected. On disposal, the difference between the new disposal proceeds and the carrying amount is recognised in the statement of financial activities and included in "charitable activity expenditure".

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS *(continued)*

2. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Short-term debtors and creditors

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Financial assets, including debtors, are reviewed at the reporting date to determine if there is any evidence of potential impairment. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in the income statement in operating expenses.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand and cash at bank.

Borrowings

Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs. Interest-bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the profit and loss account over the period of the relevant borrowing.

Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the Company has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date, or if the likelihood of earlier settlement is remote.

Hire purchase

Assets held under hire purchase agreements are capitalised to tangible fixed assets and are depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. The capital element of future finance payments is included within creditors. Finance charges are allocated to accounting periods over the length of the contract and represent a constant proportion of the balance of capital repayments outstanding.

Financial instruments

The Company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction price and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Funds

Funds are classified as either unrestricted funds or restricted funds, defined as follows.

Unrestricted funds are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. If parts of the unrestricted funds are earmarked at the discretion of the trustees for a particular purpose, they are designated as a separate fund. This designation has an administrative purpose only and does not legally restrict the trustees' discretion to apply the fund.

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific requirements as to their use which may be declared by the donor or with their authority or created through legal processes, but still within the wider objects of the Company.

Pensions

The Charity operates a defined contribution scheme for all staff. Employer contributions are charged through the income and expenditure account when incurred.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS *(continued)*

3. Critical accounting judgements and estimation uncertainty

Estimates and judgments made in the process of preparing the financial statements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The Trustees do not consider that there are any critical judgments made in applying the Company's accounting policies or that there are any critical accounting estimates or assumptions which may have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

4. Incoming resources

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Donations received				
From associated charities	-	356	356	3,270
From individuals and corporate bodies	2,270	-	2,270	7,915
	<u>2,270</u>	<u>356</u>	<u>2,626</u>	<u>11,185</u>
Investment income				
Rental income	140,792	-	140,792	137,242
	<u>140,792</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>140,792</u>	<u>137,242</u>
Other income	112	-	112	-
	<u>112</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>112</u>	<u>-</u>
Total income	<u>143,174</u>	<u>356</u>	<u>143,530</u>	<u>148,427</u>

5. Resources expended

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Charitable activities				
Charitable donations	36,582	-	36,582	-
	<u>36,582</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,582</u>	<u>-</u>
Support costs				
Property costs	19,048	-	19,048	22,699
Administration costs	3,827	-	3,827	8,563
Depreciation	8,831	-	8,831	11,862
Other expenses	38,189	356	38,545	64,193
	<u>69,895</u>	<u>356</u>	<u>70,251</u>	<u>107,317</u>
Governance costs				
Legal and professional fees	2,400	-	2,400	2,700
	<u>2,400</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,400</u>	<u>2,700</u>
Total expenditure	<u>108,877</u>	<u>356</u>	<u>109,233</u>	<u>110,017</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS *(continued)*

6. Transfer of funds

Unrestricted funds are spent or applied at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes. Unrestricted funds can be used to supplement expenditure made from restricted funds.

7. Taxation

Compassion Ministries is recognised as a charity for the purposes of applicable taxation legislation and is therefore not subject to taxation on its charitable activities.

8. Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses, and the cost of key management personnel

There were no employees during the year (2023: none). No trustee or a person related to a trustee had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year. There was no remuneration paid to Trustees in the year ended 31st August 2024. No expenses were incurred in respect of Trustees.

9. Tangible fixed assets

	Investment property £	Equipment and fittings £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 st September 2023	1,946,478	121,198	2,067,676
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 st August 2024	<u>1,946,478</u>	<u>121,198</u>	<u>2,067,676</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 st September 2023	-	109,324	109,324
Depreciation	-	8,831	8,831
At 31 st August 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>118,155</u>	<u>118,155</u>
Net book value at 31st August 2024	<u>1,946,478</u>	<u>3,043</u>	<u>1,949,521</u>
Net book value at 31 st August 2023	<u>1,946,478</u>	<u>11,874</u>	<u>1,958,352</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS *(continued)*

10. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Rent receivable	11,712	15,413
Other debtors	1,238	750
	<u>12,950</u>	<u>16,163</u>

11. Creditors: amounts due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank loan	40,620	43,234
Other creditors	13,354	15,543
Accruals	8,421	8,721
Amount due to associated charities	57,406	57,406
	<u>119,801</u>	<u>124,904</u>

The bank loan is secured by a charge over the Company's property.

The loans from associated charities are unsecured, non-interest bearing and are repayable on demand.

12. Creditors: amounts due after one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank loan	467,663	509,328
	<u>467,663</u>	<u>509,328</u>

The bank loan is secured by a charge over the Company's property and is estimated to be due for repayment as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Between one and two years	42,699	40,567
Between two and five years	141,656	134,584
After five years	283,308	334,177
	<u>467,663</u>	<u>509,328</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

13. Analysis of net assets

	Unrestricted General £	Restricted £	Total £
Fixed assets	1,949,521	-	1,958,352
Net current liabilities	(104,612)	-	(106,075)
Creditors due after one year	(467,663)	-	(509,328)
Net assets at 31st August 2024	1,377,246	-	1,342,949

14. Funds of the Company

	At 1 September 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 August 2024 £
Restricted funds	-	356	(356)	-	-
	-	356	(356)	-	-
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	1,342,949	143,174	(108,877)	-	1,377,246
	1,342,949	143,174	(108,877)	-	1,377,246
Total funds	1,342,949	143,530	(109,233)	-	1,377,246

Purposes of restricted funds

These funds are to be used towards the support of the charitable work of the individual ministries within the charity.

15. Related party transactions

	2024 £	2023 £
Included in incoming resources are the following:		
Donation from associated charity, Connect Ministries	356	1,170
Re-imbursment of expenses from associated company, The Gateway Social Investment Limited	-	2,100
Included in resources expended is the following:		
Donation to associated charity, Connect Ministries	36,582	-
Included in debtors is the following:		
Amount due from associated charity, Green Pastures, The People's Church	488	-
Included in creditors due within one year is the following:		
Amount owed to associated charity, Green Pastures, The People's Church	35,105	35,105
Amount owed to associated charity, Connect Ministries	22,300	22,300

All of the above companies are related by virtue of common control.

No payments were made to any of the Trustees during the year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS *(continued)*

16. Capital and financial commitments

The company had no capital or financial commitments at the balance sheet date (2023: £Nil).

17. Controlling party

During the year Compassion Ministries was under the control of the Trustees (who are also the directors).