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CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: NIC104734

**North West Methodist Mission
Company Limited by Guarantee
Financial Statements
31 December 2023**

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Year ended 31 December 2023

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Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report)

Year ended 31 December 2023

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	North West Methodist Mission
Charity registration number	NIC104734
Company registration number	NI614721
Principal office and registered office	36 Clooney Terrace Londonderry BT47 6AR

The trustees

Mrs J Doherty (Co Secretary) (Resigned 21 December 2023)
Mr J Gibson
Ms M Hamilton
Ms T R Hegarty (Vice Chair)
Mr M Johnston (Treasurer)
Dr W P Leeson
Mr J G Lusby
Miss J McCandless
Rev P Morris (Appointed 21 December 2023)
Dr M Parker (Appointed 13 September 2023)
Rev Dr S F Skuce (Chair)
Mrs H Wray

Mission Director	Liam Milligan
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Structure, governance and management

North West Methodist Mission is part of the Methodist Church in Ireland and is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 1st October 2012, accepted as a charity by HM Revenue & Customs under reference XT39218 and registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on 8th February 2017 under charity number NIC104734.

The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which states the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up, members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

North West Methodist Mission is a provider of Supporting People services, as accredited by the Northern Ireland Housing Executive.

Governance

During the year the Mission Board met quarterly. The Board membership as a whole is noted annually at the Methodist Conference in Ireland. The Board continues to monitor its membership. A skills audit of the Board membership has taken place and is reviewed on a regular basis. A Register of Interests for Board Members is also maintained. Declaration of interests is a standing item on all of the agendas for Board meetings. The Board has devised a Conflicts of Interests Policy as well as financial policies and procedures.

The Board provides training to Trustees in various areas to ensure good governance. Board members must always act in the best interests of NWMM and as such are covered by qualifying for third party indemnity provision, which has been in place throughout the past year and will remain in place.

Policies are reviewed and updated on a circulatory basis and also in response to legislative changes, while new policies and procedures are devised as required. In line with new requirements the Board will review its Safeguarding of Vulnerable Adults and Children Policy on an annual basis. The Board has devolved some of its powers to the Executive Board, comprising the Office Bearers, which meets when necessary.

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Structure, governance and management *(continued)*

Primary Purposes

Mission

The purpose of NWMM is to demonstrate faith in action by responding effectively to the needs of people in the North West and enable them to achieve their potential

Vision

The vision of NWMM is of a society enriched by a commitment to promote social justice in all aspects of life

Values

Social justice

A commitment to the principles of equality, solidarity and human rights that recognises the dignity of every human being

Empowerment

Supporting the development of individuals and communities to take more responsibility for, and control of, their own lives

Compassion

Living our faith in action through selfless concern for others

Inclusion & Diversity

A commitment to a welcoming hospitality that treats everyone with dignity and respect, celebrates diversity, and enables the marginalized to feel they belong

Responsiveness

Respond effectively to the changing needs and aspirations of the local community

Integrity

Being open and transparent in all our activities - doing what we say and saying what we mean

Risk management

During 2023 the Mission Board and Senior Management considered the major risks that the charity faces through its strategic planning process. This enables compliance with relevant regulations and legislation. The Mission Board has devised a Risk Register, and this is reviewed at each of our meetings. During the year risk assessments for each occupational area were reviewed and updated as appropriate by the Senior Management team.

A Fixed Assets list has been completed.

In respect of financial risk, the Board receives regular financial reports with systems and controls in place to mitigate significant financial risks. Finance policies are reviewed and updated. During these uncertain economic conditions, we continue to review our business risks. The current external environment continues to have a significant impact due to inflation and cost of living crisis.

We continue to maintain positive relations with our clients, funders and stakeholders.

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Objectives and activities

Primary Objectives

North West Methodist Mission has within its Strategic Plan 2020 - 2025 eight core objectives:

Homelessness

To respond effectively to homelessness in the North-West.

Community

To respond effectively to the needs of the local community in the North-West.

Collaboration

To ensure that NWMM collaborates effectively with other churches and organisations in achieving its mission.

Communications

To ensure effective communication with NWMM internal and external stakeholders

Finance

To ensure that NWMM has the financial resources it requires to achieve its plans and these resources are effectively and efficiently managed.

Human Resources

To ensure that NWMM has the staff and volunteers that it needs to achieve its plans and these volunteers and staff are effectively utilized, valued, supported and managed.

Premises and Physical Resources

To ensure that NWMM has the premises and other physical resources it requires to achieve its aims and priorities efficiently and effectively and these resources are well managed and maintained.

Governance

To ensure that the governance and structure of NWMM are fit for purpose and comply with the requirements of the law and best practice.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have considered relevant charity legislation, which sets out the requirements for charities to demonstrate their aims and activities are for public benefit. The Trustees confirm that they have had regard to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland guidance on public benefit.

Homeless

The direct benefit flowing from our purposes include reduced numbers of men, women and children experiencing homelessness. The support of clients in our service to overcome the causes that lead to them becoming homeless in the first place, enabling them to integrate back into the community and sustain tenancies. This reduces the pressure on other statutory services as a result of harm reduction interventions whilst in our service. The wider community benefits due to a reduction in rough sleeping and anti social behaviour. Society benefits as clients acquire skills and become able to live independently and seek training and/or employment.

On the basis of an established track record of providing highly regarded and quality based services, continued accreditation by the NI Housing Executive, and financial reserves, the Trustees are satisfied that there are adequate resources available to continue operating for the foreseeable future.

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Strategic report

The following sections summarise the key achievements, performance and financial review of the charity.

Achievements and performance

Current need

The statistics in the DfC Bulletin paint a bleak picture for the state of homelessness in Northern Ireland as the number of households living in temporary accommodation continues to increase. Over the last five years, the number of households in temporary accommodation has more than doubled. In January 2024 over 4,500 households were living in temporary accommodation, an increase of over 600 since January 2023 and a rise of almost 121% since 2019.

Between July and December 2023, just under 8,200 households presented to the Housing Executive as homeless. This was an increase of 9% on the same period in 2022. Just over 5,300 households were accepted as homeless, a rise of over 9% when compared to the same period in 2022.

The Bulletin also reveals that in January 2024, the number of children living in temporary accommodation in Northern Ireland rose to over 4,800 - an increase of 6% since July 2023. Of these children, over 3,100 were aged nine and under. 482 of these children were aged under 1. In January 2019, just over 2,400 children were living in temporary accommodation. The number of children living in temporary accommodation has increased by 99% since then.

In addition to highlighting the continued increase in those seeking temporary accommodation, the DfC Bulletin provides a geographical breakdown of homelessness presentations. Between July and December 2023, Belfast City Council area recorded the highest number of presentations at a rate of 7 presentations per 1,000 people (2,425 people). This was followed by Derry and Strabane Council who had 6.4 presentations per 1,000 people (964 people) and then Antrim and Newtownabbey Council with 4.6 presentations per 1,000 people (678 people).

Performance

The delivery of services is against a backdrop of increasing demand.

Men's Hostel

Referrals	472
Admissions	88
Move On	88
Utilisation	94.3%
Occupancy	95.5%

Clarendon Shelter Women & Children

Referrals	96
Admissions	27
Move On	27
Utilisation	94.7%
Occupancy	94.7%

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Achievements and performance *(continued)*

Achievements

NWMM has undertaken a review of investments and designated funds for the development of move on accommodation during the year.

Agreement was also reached with Clooney Hall Church and the Methodist Church in Ireland for the purchase of a property for the project.

Policy reviews have been completed with the organisations HR and Operational Policies all having been reviewed and updated during the year.

A range of activities continue to be delivered and development to enhance the support provided to our clients, these include:

- Afternoon tea's, themed meal nights & quizzes
- Daytrips
- MENTALK Programme aimed at addressing loneliness and social isolation.
- Cooking nutritious meals on a budget
- Marking key days and events such as International Women's Day, Mental Health Awareness Day, Volunteers Week, Healthy Eating Week and Homeless Awareness Week

We continue to fundraise and develop our social media profile and presence with several key events delivered during the year:

- The Mission was instrumental in bringing Still Somebody - Voices for Change Photographic Exhibition to the city in May. The images are powerful, evocative and speak the truth about some of the circumstances and factors that force people into homelessness. The aim is to stress the scale and scope of the problem and show that it can happen to anyone. The event was held over four days in the Guildhall with Guest speakers including the Mayor Sandra Duffy, Nicole Lappin, Chair of the Housing Executive, Liam Milligan, Mission Director and Cormac McArt, Director of Westcourt Centre, Belfast and curator of the exhibition.
- Successful return of Tour de Foyle after two years with over 90 participants. A huge thank you to all who took part and to volunteers, Marshalls and all the Rapid Relief Team, the Executive Office without whose support we could not run the event.
- London Marathon - a huge thank you to Pauline Mullan from Limavady who ran the London marathon donating all the proceeds to support our Clarendon Shelter Service for Women and Children.
- We secured £25,000 from the Joseph Rank Trust to assist our clients through the cost of living crisis.
- We ran a marketing and awareness campaign during Homelessness Awareness Week which included high profile billboards across the city and a social media campaign featuring former residents video testimonials on their lived experience of homelessness and the support they received from the Mission.

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Achievements and performance *(continued)*

We continue our Partnership with the United Methodist Church Global Ministries welcoming a second Global Mission Fellow to the Mission and the City to assist with social media, communications, and our Homelessness Awareness Outreach Programme. We are grateful both to Camille and Tino for their vocation and presence in our Mission.

We attended a meeting with the Department for Communities and the Northern Ireland Housing Executive in October to discuss the budget and ongoing pressures for organisations in the sector as a result of the cost-of-living crisis and lack of an Assembly. We continue to lobby on key issues experienced by our sector and our clients.

We hosted a visit to the Mission by Mr. Colum Boyle, Permanent Secretary, Department for Communities at the beginning of November 2023. Colum met with both staff and residents and reflected on his visit saying:

"I was extremely impressed with your scheme and noted that it offers tenants a much-needed feeling of security along with a significant level of independence. I believe this is vital for all our supporting people tenants and your scheme demonstrates how well it addresses the core aim of the SP policy by really supporting people to live more independently in the community.

I was especially pleased to talk to John and Sean and meet the other men who live at Crawford Square. I could see how restful and lively an environment it is, not only in the lounge but also in the gym too! Your facilities and your staff really do go above and beyond to ensure vulnerable people in our society feel cared for and vital."

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Achievements and performance *(continued)*

What our clients say about us.

Clarendon Shelter Women & Children

"I reached out for help, and I decided to come to Clarendon, and it was the best decision of my life". - Andrea

"Thank you for all you have done for me and the boys. From having my bad days to good days you were always there. I thank you from the bottom of my heart always". - Lauren

"Thank you to all the girls in Ashmore for being so kind and helpful". - Roisin

"Thank you so much for the presents. They really helped me out at Christmas". - Susan

"Thank you for your kindness that can never be repaid and your understanding and the difference it makes". - Kerry

"Thank you for all you do for us. Through every dark cloud you helped me see a brighter day". - Demi

Men's Hostel.

"You really felt loved within the Hostel. There wasn't a day passed where you really felt self-worth where I never had that." - Robert

"If it wasn't for the staff at the hostel I don't where I would be today". - Gerard

"The hostel gave me a chance to get my life back on track". - Enrico

"The staff at the hostel treated me with respect and never judged me, I will never forget what they have done for me". - Noel

"The Men's Hostel saved my life and gave me a chance to live independently again". - Keith

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Financial review

Review of activities 2023

The Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2023 is set out on page 15 of the Financial Statements. The company returned a surplus for the year of £72,275 after other recognised gains and losses. Income generated from the company's activities was £1,636,999 (2022 - £1,646,113) of which 67% was grants from the NI Housing Executive and the Western Health Social Care Trust.

Support services are regulated and funded by the Supporting People policy and funding framework, which is administered by the Northern Ireland Housing Executive. The Mission Board share collective responsibility and are committed to good stewardship of funds received, a high standard of service provision and a prudent reserves policy. The aims and objectives for 2023 included continuing enhancement of quality services, greater participation of residents, the strengthening of resettlement services, actively supporting residents to "move- on" and to sustain more independent tenancies.

The Mission Board is pleased to report that significant progress has been made to meet the aims and objectives during 2023. A budget income and expenditure account including the above objectives is prepared at the start of each financial year and the 2023 objectives were met. A decision was taken by the Trustees to separate the finances of Clooney Hall Church from NWMM in order to streamline reporting and reduce the burden on church volunteers. The accounts for 2023 reflect this change.

The NWMM Board considers it prudent to hold funds in reserve in case unforeseen circumstances should lead to financial difficulties, which might put the future of its employment capacity, residents' well-being, general mission work and property in jeopardy. Reserves may be defined as restricted or unrestricted. Restricted reserves relate to surpluses accumulated as a result of a binding restriction by the donor over the use of the income donated. Unrestricted reserves relate to surpluses accumulated from all other sources of income and will be applied to general purposes within the company at the discretion of the Board. Designated reserves refer to that portion of unrestricted reserves which the Board has allocated for a specific purpose.

The Board considers 100% of annual operating costs to be adequate reserves. Accumulated reserves as at 31 December 2023 were £1,432,958, (2022 - £1,520,919) of which £744,490 were designated funds and £36,628 (2022 - £69,356) were restricted funds.

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Plans for future periods

- Continue to provide high quality temporary accommodation and support to homeless men including harm reduction support through our Men's Hostel.
- Continue to provide refuge and temporary accommodation to women fleeing domestic abuse, homeless single women and children via our Clarendon Shelter services.
- Continue to work in partnership and build sustainability.
- Explore and research longer-term accommodation solutions for our service users.
- Continue to provide other services such as the Drop-in Centre, Parent & Toddler Group, and Luncheon Club.
- Further develop Clooney Centre as a community resource
- Further develop and communicate the work of the Five Missions Forum
- Continue to develop and deliver our homelessness education and awareness programme to schools and community organisations within the region
- Continue to invest in the skills and development of our Trustees, staff and volunteers through appropriate training and development opportunities both on and off the job
- Continue to ensure quality standards are understood and met across the organisation
- Ensure our core values and clients are at the centre of all we do

Trustees' responsibilities statement

The trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, 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 applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK 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 business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and 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 Companies Act 2006. 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.

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Auditor

Each of the persons who is a trustee at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditor is unaware; and
- they have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information.

The auditor is deemed to have been re-appointed in accordance with section 487 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees' annual report and the strategic report were approved on 22 May 2024 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Mr M Johnston (Treasurer)
Trustee

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of North West Methodist Mission

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Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of North West Methodist Mission (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities (including income and expenditure account), statement of financial position, statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and the provisions available for small entities, in the circumstances set out in note 27 to the financial statements, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

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Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.

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- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Alistair Sterritt (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of
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22 May 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities
(including income and expenditure account)

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		2023		2022	
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	5	21,181	–	21,181	72,025
Charitable activities	6	676,678	925,222	1,601,901	1,561,520
Other trading activities	7	4,448	–	4,448	6,338
Investment income	8	9,469	–	9,469	6,230
Total income		<u>711,776</u>	<u>925,222</u>	<u>1,636,999</u>	<u>1,646,113</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on raising funds:					
Costs of other trading activities	9	347	–	347	50
Expenditure on charitable activities	10,11	724,393	990,975	1,715,369	1,591,010
Total expenditure		<u>724,740</u>	<u>990,975</u>	<u>1,715,716</u>	<u>1,591,060</u>
Net (expenditure)/income		<u>(12,964)</u>	<u>(65,753)</u>	<u>(78,717)</u>	<u>55,053</u>
Transfers between funds		(33,025)	33,025	–	–
Other recognised gains and losses					
Gains/(losses) from revaluation of fixed assets		27,384	–	27,384	(126,811)
Net movement in funds		<u>(18,605)</u>	<u>(32,728)</u>	<u>(51,333)</u>	<u>(71,758)</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		1,451,563	69,356	1,520,919	1,592,677
Total funds carried forward		<u>1,432,958</u>	<u>36,628</u>	<u>1,469,586</u>	<u>1,520,919</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 19 to 30 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position
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	Note	2023 £	£	2022 £
Fixed assets				
Tangible fixed assets	16		16,963	14,945
Current assets				
Debtors	17	65,387		57,352
Investments	18	648,828		656,998
Cash at bank and in hand		949,471		956,090
		<u>1,663,686</u>		<u>1,670,440</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	20	<u>211,063</u>		<u>164,466</u>
Net current assets			<u>1,452,623</u>	<u>1,505,974</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>1,469,586</u>	<u>1,520,919</u>
Net assets			<u>1,469,586</u>	<u>1,520,919</u>
Funds of the charity				
Restricted funds			36,628	69,356
Unrestricted funds:				
Revaluation reserve		27,384		—
Other unrestricted income funds		<u>1,405,574</u>		<u>1,451,563</u>
Total unrestricted funds		<u>1,432,958</u>		<u>1,451,563</u>
Total charity funds	22		<u>1,469,586</u>	<u>1,520,919</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 22 May 2024, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Mr M Johnston (Treasurer)
Trustee



Rev Dr S F Skuce (Chair)
Trustee

The notes on pages 19 to 30 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows
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	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net (expenditure)/income		(78,717)	55,053
<i>Adjustments for:</i>			
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets		7,069	6,761
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		(9,469)	(6,230)
Accrued income		(7,328)	(69,986)
<i>Changes in:</i>			
Trade and other debtors		16,976	15,661
Trade and other creditors		24,011	45,777
Cash generated from operations		<u>(47,458)</u>	<u>47,036</u>
Net cash (used in)/from operating activities		<u>(47,458)</u>	<u>47,036</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		9,469	6,230
Purchase of tangible assets		(9,087)	(10,494)
Purchases of other investments		—	(80,000)
Other investing cash flow adjustment		35,554	—
Net cash from/(used in) investing activities		<u>35,936</u>	<u>(84,264)</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(11,522)	(37,228)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		955,554	992,782
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	19	<u>944,032</u>	<u>955,554</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements

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1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in Northern Ireland and a registered charity in Northern Ireland. The address of the registered office is 36 Clooney Terrace, Londonderry, BT47 6AR.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Tangible assets *(continued)*

An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, unless it reverses a charge for impairment that has previously been recognised as expenditure within the statement of financial activities. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, except to which it offsets any previous revaluation gain, in which case the loss is shown within other recognised gains and losses on the statement of financial activities.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Fixtures & fittings	-	20% straight line
Motor Vehicles	-	33% straight line
Equipment	-	33% straight line

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Financial instruments *(continued)*

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designated hedging relationship.

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain was recognised.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

Defined contribution plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

4. Limited by guarantee

North West Methodist Mission is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have a share capital.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of its being wound up while he or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member.

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5. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations			
Clooney church donations- restricted	—	—	—
Clooney church donations- unrestricted	—	—	—
Mission donations	21,181	—	21,181
	<u>21,181</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>21,181</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Donations			
Clooney church donations- restricted	—	1,696	1,696
Clooney church donations- unrestricted	50,402	—	50,402
Mission donations	19,927	—	19,927
	<u>70,329</u>	<u>1,696</u>	<u>72,025</u>

6. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Grant income - Supporting People	—	893,706	893,706
Grant income - W.H.S.C.T.	92,010	—	92,010
Hostel accommodation & personal charges	550,696	—	550,696
Room hire & related income	30,540	—	30,540
Facilities rental	—	—	—
Project & activities income	3,432	31,516	34,949
	<u>676,678</u>	<u>925,222</u>	<u>1,601,901</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Grant income - Supporting People	—	884,504	884,504
Grant income - W.H.S.C.T.	84,893	—	84,893
Hostel accommodation & personal charges	488,665	—	488,665
Room hire & related income	32,092	—	32,092
Facilities rental	11,000	—	11,000
Project & activities income	40,520	19,846	60,366
	<u>657,170</u>	<u>904,350</u>	<u>1,561,520</u>

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7. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Fundraising events	4,345	4,345	2,412	2,412
Provision of support services	103	103	3,926	3,926
	<u>4,448</u>	<u>4,448</u>	<u>6,338</u>	<u>6,338</u>

8. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Income from listed investments	1,958	1,958	4,254	4,254
Income from cash investments	7,511	7,511	1,976	1,976
	<u>9,469</u>	<u>9,469</u>	<u>6,230</u>	<u>6,230</u>

9. Costs of other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Fundraising costs	347	347	50	50

10. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Clooney Church	–	–	–
Clooney Hall activities	60,576	–	60,576
General charitable	47,471	–	47,471
Clooney Church	123,608	–	123,608
Homeless Services	443,973	973,377	1,417,350
Support costs	48,765	17,598	66,364
	<u>724,393</u>	<u>990,975</u>	<u>1,715,369</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Clooney Church	–	1,696	1,696
Clooney Hall activities	58,916	–	58,916
General charitable	81,765	–	81,765
Clooney Church	32,901	–	32,901
Homeless Services	368,541	943,244	1,311,783
Support costs	58,971	44,976	103,949
	<u>601,094</u>	<u>989,916</u>	<u>1,591,010</u>

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11. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Grant funding of activities £	Support costs £	Total funds 2023 £	Total fund 2022 £
Clooney Church	–	–	–	–	1,696
Clooney Hall activities	60,576	–	95	60,671	59,011
General charitable	47,471	–	381	47,852	83,637
Clooney Church	–	123,608	–	123,608	75,493
Homeless Services	1,417,350	–	47,285	1,464,635	1,359,290
Governance costs	–	–	18,603	18,603	11,883
	<u>1,525,397</u>	<u>123,608</u>	<u>66,364</u>	<u>1,715,369</u>	<u>1,591,010</u>

12. Analysis of support costs

	Support costs £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Finance costs	971	971	1,152
Governance costs	18,602	18,602	11,883
Other Support costs	46,791	46,791	90,914
	<u>66,364</u>	<u>66,364</u>	<u>103,949</u>

13. Net (expenditure)/income

Net (expenditure)/income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2023 £	2022 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	7,069	6,761
Fees payable for the audit of the financial statements	<u>11,670</u>	<u>9,130</u>

14. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	1,035,608	948,082
Social security costs	79,762	76,812
Employer contributions to pension plans	24,568	24,111
	<u>1,139,938</u>	<u>1,049,005</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was 44 (2022: 45). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2023 No.	2022 No.
Number of staff	<u>44</u>	<u>45</u>

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14. Staff costs *(continued)*

The number of employees whose remuneration for the year fell within the following bands, were:

	2023	2022
	No.	No.
£60,000 to £69,999	<u>1</u>	<u>–</u>

Key Management Personnel

Key management personnel include all persons that have authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the charity. The total compensation paid to key management personnel for services provided to the charity was £228,304 (2022:£187,401).

15. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No expenses, remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees.

16. Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 January 2023	96,343	20,125	25,162	141,630
Additions	8,688	–	399	9,087
At 31 December 2023	<u>105,031</u>	<u>20,125</u>	<u>25,561</u>	<u>150,717</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2023	82,875	20,125	23,685	126,685
Charge for the year	6,082	–	987	7,069
At 31 December 2023	<u>88,957</u>	<u>20,125</u>	<u>24,672</u>	<u>133,754</u>
Carrying amount				
At 31 December 2023	<u>16,074</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>889</u>	<u>16,963</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>13,468</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>1,477</u>	<u>14,945</u>

17. Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade debtors	10,553	9,639
Prepayments and accrued income	60,192	43,163
Other debtors	(5,358)	4,550
	<u>65,387</u>	<u>57,352</u>

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18. Investments

	2023	2022
	£	£
Listed investments	41,860	41,649
Unlisted investments	606,968	615,349
	<u>648,828</u>	<u>656,998</u>

19. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise the following:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	949,471	956,090
Bank overdrafts	(5,439)	(536)
	<u>944,032</u>	<u>955,554</u>

20. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	5,439	536
Trade creditors	61,523	40,468
Accruals and deferred income	44,042	26,359
Social security and other taxes	27,599	31,040
Other creditors	48,092	48,742
Other creditors	24,368	17,321
	<u>211,063</u>	<u>164,466</u>

21. Pensions and other post retirement benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £24,568 (2022: £24,111).

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22. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 Jan 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Dec 2023 £
General funds	680,321	69,070	(60,923)	–	–	688,468
Revaluation reserve	–	–	–	–	27,384	27,384
Designated fund - Clooney Church	123,608	–	(123,608)	–	–	–
Designated fund - Homeless services	647,634	642,706	(540,209)	(33,025)	–	717,106
	<u>1,451,563</u>	<u>711,776</u>	<u>(724,740)</u>	<u>(33,025)</u>	<u>27,384</u>	<u>1,432,958</u>

	At 1 Jan 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Dec 2022 £
General funds	718,815	85,915	(124,200)	(209)	–	680,321
Revaluation reserve	126,602	–	–	209	(126,811)	–
Designated fund - Clooney Church	130,717	68,434	(75,543)	–	–	123,608
Designated fund - Homeless services	556,347	585,718	(401,401)	(93,030)	–	647,634
	<u>1,532,481</u>	<u>740,067</u>	<u>(601,144)</u>	<u>(93,030)</u>	<u>(126,811)</u>	<u>1,451,563</u>

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22. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Restricted funds

	At 1 Jan 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Dec 2023 £
Restricted Fund - Clooney Church	-	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted Fund - Homeless services	69,356	925,222	(990,975)	33,025	-	36,628
	<u>69,356</u>	<u>925,222</u>	<u>(990,975)</u>	<u>33,025</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,628</u>

	At 1 Jan 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Dec 2022 £
Restricted Fund - Clooney Church	-	1,696	(1,696)	-	-	-
Restricted Fund - Homeless services	60,196	904,350	(988,220)	93,030	-	69,356
	<u>60,196</u>	<u>906,046</u>	<u>(989,916)</u>	<u>93,030</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>69,356</u>

23. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	16,963	-	16,963
Investments	648,828	-	648,828
Current assets	978,230	36,628	1,014,858
Creditors less than 1 year	(211,063)	-	(211,063)
Net assets	<u>1,432,958</u>	<u>36,628</u>	<u>1,469,586</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	14,945	-	14,945
Investments	656,998	-	656,998
Current assets	944,086	69,356	1,013,442
Creditors less than 1 year	(164,466)	-	(164,466)
Net assets	<u>1,451,563</u>	<u>69,356</u>	<u>1,520,919</u>

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24. Financial instruments

The carrying amount for each category of financial instrument is as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Financial assets that are debt instruments measured at amortised cost		
Financial assets that are debt instruments measured at amortised cost	<u>1,756,975</u>	<u>1,610,513</u>
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost		
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	<u>66,964</u>	<u>40,992</u>

25. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 Jan 2023 £	Cash flows £	At 31 Dec 2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	956,090	(6,619)	949,471
Bank overdrafts	(536)	(4,903)	(5,439)
Current asset investments	656,998	(8,170)	648,828
	<u>1,612,552</u>	<u>(19,692)</u>	<u>1,592,860</u>

26. Related parties

During the year the charity entered into the following transactions with related parties:

	Transaction value		Balance owed by/(owed to)	
	2023 £	2022 £	2023 £	2022 £
Payment in respect of church assessment contributions	36,570	42,313	—	—
Payment in respect of pastoral support	30,180	21,730	—	—
Receipts in respect of administration expenses recharged	<u>(103)</u>	<u>(1,918)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>38</u>

As detailed above, during the year North West Methodist Mission made payments to and received amounts from the Londonderry, Inishowen, Limavady and Strabane Mission Circuit, an organisation which is also governed by the Methodist Church in Ireland and which has some officials who are also directors of North West Methodist Mission.

North West Methodist Mission is under the direction of the Methodist Church in Ireland. During the year the Methodist Church in Ireland continued to invest funds with Epworth Investment Management on behalf of the company. At the year end these funds were valued at £606,968 (2022: £642,522).

27. Ethical standards

In common with many other charities of our size and nature we use our auditors to assist with the preparation of the financial statements.