

MUCKAMORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Congregation of The Presbyterian Church In Ireland

**Registered with the Charity Commission
for Northern Ireland NIC104918**

Muckamore Presbyterian Church

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**Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2024**

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Muckamore congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

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Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC104918)

CHARITY TRUSTEES

The Charity Trustees who served during the year or who were trustees at the date of this report were Messrs:

I Alexander

A Oliver

A Ashenhurst

S Gray

R Armour

B Hill

P Bingham

G Moore

Rev. Stephen McNie

A McNeilly (from June 2024)

B Goudy

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister

Rev. Stephen McNie

Clerk of Session

Dr Brian Hill

Congregational secretary

Mr Marshall Humphries (from Sept 2024)

Treasurer

Mrs Denise McNeilly

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Richard Whan FCA

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 including a Balance Sheet as at that date.

STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

The Kirk Session

The charity trustees of the congregation are the members of its Kirk Session. Under the congregation's governing document, The Code, the book of the constitution and government of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, the Kirk Session seeks to watch over and promote the spiritual interest of the congregation and of persons not connected with any congregation who are within its bounds. It ensures pastoral care is in place in the congregation and seeks to further the contribution of the Church to Christian witness and service in the local community. The Kirk Session has delegated to its Congregational Committee the temporal affairs of the congregation including administering all funds and property belonging to the congregation. Members of the Kirk Session are ex-officio members of the Congregational Committee.

The Kirk Session consists of the ordained minister and the ruling elders of the congregation. All members are entitled to propose, speak and exercise equal votes at meetings, except that the Moderator, the minister in active duty in the congregation, has no deliberative but only a casting vote.

Stated meetings of the Kirk session are held ten times per year (every month excluding July and August).

To be chosen for the office of the eldership in the congregation a person must be a voting member and a regular attendant on its ordinances. The selection of those proposed to be called to the office can be either by the congregation or by the Kirk Session. Members are elected if they obtain two-thirds of those who vote.

Presbytery

Under the Presbyterian Church in Ireland form of governance the corporate oversight of a congregation is the responsibility of a Presbytery which superintends generally the spiritual

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and temporal affairs of the congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. Muckamore Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Templepatrick Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The membership of the Presbytery consists mainly of the active ministers of congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly, ministers who have retired from active duty and an elder appointed by the Kirk Session of each congregation.

The General Assembly

The General Assembly is the supreme court of the Church, representing in one body the whole Church and acting as its supreme legislative, administration and judicial authority, in dealing with all matters brought before it. The General Assembly is normally constituted during the first week in June for worship and to conduct its business. At the end of business, it is dissolved. The membership of the General Assembly consists mainly of the active ministers of each congregation, retired ministers and a representative elder appointed by the Kirk Session of each congregation.

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

Muckamore Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The Presbyterian Church in Ireland, as a Reformed Church within the wider body of Christ is grounded in the Scriptures, and exists to love and honour God through faith in His Son and by the power of His Spirit, and to enable her members to play their part in fulfilling God's mission to our world.

At Muckamore, we commit ourselves to two core values that help to shape us as a congregation in our life and witness:

Value 1: A 'whole-life' Christian community

In Muckamore we strive to encourage our people to live and share the Gospel - that amazing news of Jesus - wherever they relate to people in their daily lives. The great news of Jesus is not just for Sunday mornings - it's for every day of the week. This means thinking of our workplaces, homes and neighbourhoods as the location of our mission work. It means creating a church culture where we celebrate day-to-day gospel living in the worlds in which we live, and creatively discussing and challenging ourselves about how we can use our daily routines for Jesus.

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Value 2: A 'disciple-making' Christian community

In Muckamore we are a community of people committed to helping one another to fulfil God's calling on our lives in formal and informal ways, and to encourage one another to become disciple-making believers. That means helping our people to find creative and appropriate ways to go to those who don't know Jesus, with generosity, humility and purpose. It is our prayer that Muckamore will in time become a place where people can learn, where they can be 'real', where they can share questions and intimate discoveries, struggles and joys, temptations and failures, sins and triumphs, and where they can find relationships of support and accountability.

These two key values influence and shape our view of mission, of reaching out to the local community and to the wider world. As believers and followers of Jesus we believe we are called to live distinctively as Jesus did, and to speak and act as such in the neighbourhoods in which we live, in the groups and clubs to which we belong, in the churches where we are members, as well as affecting the workplace and communities of which we are part. We believe this distinctive living lies not only at the heart of our mission as Christian people, but also forms the basis of our mission to the world around, both local and global.

And so, we commit ourselves to:

- encouraging and developing a whole-life, disciple-making Christian community among our members in our times of worship, Bible-study, prayer and fellowship; and through our members not only as they participate in the activities and organisations of our congregation but in their everyday lives at home, school and work as well as their leisure pursuits and wider social involvement;
- using the activities and organisations already established within the congregation to show those who participate in them with us that the Gospel works - that it makes a difference to our lives, and can impact the lives of others as well;
- relating the Gospel to particular groups of people through focused activities - for example, young people through the Girls' Brigade, Boys' Brigade, HUB and Youth Club; mothers through Muckamore Tots; women through PW/Woven; and through other special events;
- sharing in global mission through some of our church members serving at home and abroad; financial and prayer support for individuals and mission organisations; practical involvement in teams/projects.

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ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is observed on several occasions during the year and all those who have been baptised and who have made a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are admitted to the Lord's Supper. The congregation holds regular bible study meetings and has a wide range of organisations including

- Sunday School (includes Crèche/Bubbles/Rainbow Club/JUMP)
- The HUB (Sunday evening youth fellowship)
- Boys' Brigade
- Girls' Brigade
- Youth Club
- Presbyterian Women/Woven
- Muckamore Tots
- Friendship Club
- Coffee Morning
- Badminton Club
- Bowling Club
- Ladies Bible Study
- Forge (Men's ministry)

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 11.00am and 7.00pm. (Evening Services are 2nd and 4th Sunday only). Life Groups (commenced September 2023) meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month, this takes the form of small groups where people can study and discuss God's word together, deepen their relationship with God and develop friendships. During the week the Mid-Week Bible Study provides an opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for a time of prayer.

We welcomed 14 new communicant members during 2024, 9 by transfer from other congregations and 5 by profession of faith.

As well as our regular services during the year we acknowledge God's gift of new life at Sacraments of Baptism, we had 3 baptisms during 2024. We also conduct marriage services however, there were none in 2024. We also carry out funeral services where we give thanks for faithful service and seek to comfort those who have been bereaved, there were 5 funeral services conducted in 2024.

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At 31 December 2024 there were 255 (2023:248) communicant members and 211 (2023:205) families connected with the congregation.

The average weekly attendance at morning worship is 250 (2023:250) and for evening services, average attendance is 80.

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Pastoral care

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age are visited on a regular basis by the minister, elders or the congregation's Pastoral Visitor.

We now employ a Youth Discipleship worker who engages with our young people relating to their needs both physical and spiritual.

Mission and outreach

At a local level the congregation is involved in charities and organisations which seek to bring the hope and love of Jesus to people in local communities beyond Muckamore and in other parts of the world.

At Muckamore we actively support four Missions organisations which are involved in reaching out to people of different backgrounds, ages and life experiences both locally and internationally.

The congregation supports the United Appeal for Mission which is a central fund of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. This fund enables congregations to support the wider mission of the denomination and to do mission and outreach on denominational basis beyond what the congregation could do on its own. The United Appeal Fund provides financial support for mission personnel at home and overseas, assists congregations with the deployment of locally based staff, enables church planting, provides grant support for the upkeep of church premises, assists with the running costs of Union Theological College, the Church's training college for ministry students, and financially supports congregations in the areas of worship, discipleship, global mission, outreach, leadership and pastoral care. The congregation also supports yearly requests for the World Development Appeal and Presbyterian Children's Society.

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Presbytery

The congregation was represented at the regular meetings of Presbytery by our minister and / or one of the elders. This provides an important link between the congregations and the wider structures of the church.

General Assembly

The minister and one of our elders were nominated to attend the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland held in Assembly Buildings, Belfast, in June.

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.

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PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

The Presbyterian Church in Ireland meets the public benefit requirement by providing benefit to its members and the general public by making known the Christian Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ through the advancement of religion.

The direct benefits which flow from the purposes of the Church include the gaining of an understanding in Christian beliefs as set out in the Bible and in the Church's subordinate standards (the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Shorter and Larger Catechisms) leading to spiritual and moral development and opportunities for response to Bible teaching. In turn, this framework leads to practical expressions of Christian beliefs and standards in the local community such as through the care of those in need (including the sick, disabled and bereaved).

Generally the above benefits are delivered locally by congregations and their members, or are facilitated through presbyteries or are organised and delivered centrally. Local delivery is facilitated by central resources in almost all cases. Public access is made known through the use of noticeboards, printed material, press advertisement, websites, and social media or in other ways.

The benefits are demonstrated through regular evaluation of the services and informal and ad-hoc feedback from members, their families, and members of the public.

The purpose does not lead to harm. The only private benefit flowing from our purpose is related to Ministers, Missionaries, Deaconesses, Irish Mission workers and Lay Agents who receive benefits as a result of their holding office or employment. However, this is incidental and necessary in order to further our charitable purpose. There are no other private benefits. The beneficiaries of this purpose are members, their families, other individuals that the Presbyterian Church in Ireland is in direct and indirect contact with, the community in which pastoral services are provided and other communities throughout Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, and worldwide which benefit from our engagement with and support for both Christian and other secular organisations, charities and individual members of the public.

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The Kirk Session has had regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 200 (2023: 193) contributors during the year.

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £324,597 (2023: £250,691), we held an appeal this year for development work that was carried out in the sanctuary, this is the reason for the majority of the increase in total income.

Total expenditure during the year was £295,923 (2023: £281,440), the development work mentioned above is not included here as it was of capital nature and so can be seen as an addition to fixed assets in our Balance Sheet.

RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

The Trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the congregation and the financial activities for that year. In preparing the financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Funds will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the fund's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the congregation and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities (1 January 2019)". They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the congregation and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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GOING CONCERN

The activities of the congregation are dependent on ongoing contributions from its members. The Trustees are of the opinion that the congregation has sufficient resources at the date of approval of these financial statements to meet commitments which will arise in the year from the date of signing this report and subject to the continuing support from members to fund on an ongoing basis the congregation's current activities and other financial commitments.

RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees have considered the level of unrestricted reserves that it is appropriate to hold taking account of current and ongoing commitments. It is the policy of the Trustees to hold at least 3 months' normal expenditure. At the year end unrestricted reserves were £156,777 which represents a higher level of reserves. The Trustees however, consider it prudent to hold reserves at this level as the funding of its present activities is dependent on the ongoing financial support of members. Furthermore, as staffing priorities change, this reserves figure will need to be kept under review.

RISK REVIEW

A review of major risks has been undertaken by the Trustees and systems and procedures implemented to manage identified risks. The principal risks are in relation to the likelihood of reputational damage and financial risks associated with the expectation of ongoing financial support from members. These risks are mitigated by the Trustees, and the Congregational Committee, regularly monitoring the various activities of the congregation at stated meetings and by encouraging members in their regular giving.

Approved by the Kirk Session on Tuesday 15th April 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Dr Brian Hill
Clerk of Session

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UNQUALIFIED INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF MUCKAMORE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

I report on the accounts of the trust for the year ended 31st December 2024, which are set out on pages 14 to 30.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. Having satisfied myself that the trust is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- 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 and with the methods and principles of the 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; and
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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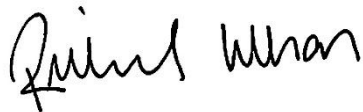
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CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND (CONTINUED)**

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of Chartered Accountants Ireland which is one of the listed bodies.

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.



Richard Whan FCA

Richard Whan & Co Chartered Accountants Limited
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Date:

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
		£	£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	2	171,601	132,291	-	303,892	230,461
Charitable activities	3		16,909	-	16,909	16,723
Other income	4	1,199		-	1,199	1,177
Investments	5	2,350	-	247	2,597	2,330
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Total		175,150	149,200	247	324,597	250,691
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Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	6	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	7	170,710	125,213		295,923	281,440
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total expenditure		170,710	125,213		295,923	281,440
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Net gains/(losses) on investments	11	-	-	403	403	(915)
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Net Income / (expenditure)		4,440	23,987	650	29,077	(31,664)
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Transfers between funds	15	(99,753)	100,000	(247)	-	-
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Net movement in funds		(95,313)	123,987	403	29,077	(31,664)
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		252,090	2,460,657	8,543	2,721,290	2,752,954
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Total funds carried forward		156,777	2,584,644	8,946	2,750,367	2,721,290
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BALANCE SHEET
As at 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds €	Restricted Funds €	Endowment Funds €	Total Funds 2024 €	Total Funds 2023 €
Fixed assets:						
Tangible assets	10	-	2,521,289	-	2,521,289	2,411,434
Investments	11	813	-	8,946	9,759	9,356
Total fixed assets		813	2,521,289	8,946	2,531,048	2,420,790
Current assets						
Debtors	12	12,043	10,879	-	22,922	14,676
Cash at bank and in hand	13	146,146	69,953	-	216,099	298,880
Total current assets		158,189	80,832	0	239,021	313,556
Current liabilities	14	(2,225)	(17,477)		(19,702)	(13,056)
Total net assets		156,777	2,584,644	8,946	2,750,367	2,721,290
Funds of the charity						
Endowment funds	15	-	-	8,946	8,946	8,543
Restricted income funds	15	-	63,355	-	63,355	49,223
Unrestricted funds	15	156,777	-	-	156,777	252,090
Revaluation reserve	15	-	2,521,289	-	2,521,289	2,411,434
Total charity funds		156,777	2,584,644	8,946	2,750,367	2,721,290

Approved by the Kirk Session on Tuesday 15th April 2025 and signed on its behalf by



Dr Brian Hill
Clerk of Session

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

31 December 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for Land and Buildings, which are shown at valuation. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the congregation is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Advantage has been taken of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

Being below the charity audit threshold, the congregation is exempt from reporting expenditure on an activity basis and has opted to report by the nature of expenditure rather than on an activity basis.

FUND ACCOUNTING

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be retained either permanently or at the congregation's discretion; the income derived from the endowment is to be used either as restricted or unrestricted income funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first place.

Restricted funds comprise (a) income from endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific congregational activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investment is apportioned to the individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on the congregation's general purposes. Designated funds are general funds set aside by the congregation for use in the future.

INCOMING RESOURCES

(i) Recognition of incoming resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the congregation becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd)

(ii) Incoming resources with related expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.

(iii) Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the congregation has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

(iv) Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

(v) Contractual income and performance related grants

This is only included in the SoFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.

(vi) Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

(vii) Investment income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

(viii) Investment gains and losses

This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

(ix) Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the congregation to pay out resources.

(x) Governance costs

These are shown within charitable activities and include the costs of preparation and examination of accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd)

(xi) Grants payable without performance conditions

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity.

(xii) Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, e.g. allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

ASSETS

(xiii) Tangible Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year. They are valued at cost for new assets, depreciated replacement cost (land & buildings) which is based on the insurance valuation as at 1 January 2016 for existing assets at that time or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt. Depreciation is recorded on all tangible fixed assets other than freehold land which is not depreciated, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Buildings:	- over 50 years (straight line)
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	- 25% reducing balance

(xiv) Investments

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving:					
Loose collections	4,663	612	-	5,275	7,033
Donations and gifts	141,282	112,511	-	253,793	192,730
Gift Aid	25,656	19,168	-	44,824	30,698
Legacies and bequest		-	-	-	
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	171,601	132,291	-	303,892	230,461
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3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities					
Membership fees, dues, and contributions to the cost of specific charitable events or services		14,550		17,147	14,854
Fundraising events	-	2,359	-	2,359	1,869
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	-	16,909	-	19,506	16,723
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4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Letting of premises					52
Funeral Catering	1,162	-	-	1,162	1,100
Other income	37	-	-	37	25
Education grant		-			
	----- 1,199	----- -	----- -	----- 1,199	----- 1,177

5. INVESTMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	2,350	-	-	2,350	2,163
Dividends	-	-	247	247	167
	----- 2,350	----- 0	----- 247	----- 2,597	----- 2,330

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6. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Fundraising events	-	-	-	-	-
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7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>By fund:</i>					
General Assembly Assessments	15,585	13,808		29,393	26,846
Presbytery fees	1,027			1,027	1,004
Ministry and support staff costs	124,016			124,016	96,194
Congregational running expenses (includes 7a below)	28,879	78,077		106,956	130,801
Donations to Missions and charities	275	31,137		31,412	21,376
Governance costs	928			928	1,088
Other Expenses reimbursed by members (outings, hoodies etc)		2,191		2,191	4,131
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	170,710	125,213		295,923	281,440
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The increase in ministry and support staff costs is mainly due to the addition of our youth discipleship worker in January 2024.

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7a. INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S FEES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Independent examiners fees	720	800
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8 EMPLOYEES

Employment Costs (including minister's stipend)

	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£
Wages and Salaries	91,249	69,344
Social Security Costs	13,322	9,078
Pension contributions (see note 9)	11,903	10,080
Other (apprenticeship levy)	221	211
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	116,695	88,713
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Number of Employees

The average number of employees, including the minister of the congregation, during the year was:

	2024	2023
Average number of employees	4	4
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There were no employees in receipt of employee benefits in excess of £60,000.

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9. PENSION COSTS

The minister of the congregation is a member of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland Pension Scheme (2009). This is a scheme operated by the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, a separate registered charity. The congregation pays an assessment to the Presbyterian Church in Ireland equivalent to the employer’s pension contribution for the Scheme and based on the stipend paid to the minister. The Presbyterian Church in Ireland Pension Scheme (2009) is a funded Scheme of the defined benefit type, providing defined benefits based on career average revalued salary. The Scheme has assets held in a separately administered fund managed by a board of trustees. The Presbyterian Church and the Scheme Trustees have agreed a funding plan to ensure the Scheme is sufficiently funded to meet current and future obligations. A formal schedule of contributions was drawn up on 25 November 2015 whereby the Presbyterian Church agreed to pay from 31 December 2015 contributions of 24% of pensionable salaries to cover the accrual of benefits for future service, expenses, the cost of insuring death in service benefits and funding the scheme deficit. The other members of staff are part of a defined contribution scheme run by NEST.

The contributions made by the congregation during the year were

	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£
Contributions	11,903	10,080
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10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Land & Buildings	Fixtures and Fittings	Total
	£	£	£
Cost or valuation			
At start of year	2,868,080	5,059	2,873,139
Additions	168,244	-	168,244
Disposals	-	-	-
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At end of year	3,036,324	5,059	3,041,383
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Depreciation			
At start of year	457,432	4,273	461,705
Charge for year	58,192	197	58,389
Release on disposals	-	-	-
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At end of year	515,624	4,470	520,094
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Net Book Value			
At start of year	2,410,648	786	2,411,434
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At end of year	2,520,700	589	2,521,289
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Land is carried at a depreciated replacement cost of £nil.

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11. INVESTMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General Investment Fund	-	-	8,946	8,946	8,543
Listed Investments	813	-	-	813	813
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	813	-	8,946	9,759	9,356
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				2024	2023
				£	£
Value at start of year	813		8,543	9,356	10,271
Gains / (Losses on revaluation)			403	403	(915)
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Value at end of year	813	-	8,946	9,759	9,356
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12. DEBTORS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Gift Aid Recoverable	12,043	10,879		22,922	14,676
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	12,043	10,879		22,922	14,676
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13. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
General No 1 Account	90,124	4,620		94,744	96,036
Missions Fund		16,401		16,401	4,445
Uganda Project		-		-	9,134
Property Fund		19,933		19,933	13,489
Music fund		3,696		3,696	3,696
Development Fund		9,843		9,843	4,926
Santander	2,201			2,201	2,201
Danske Deposit Account	53,821			53,821	151,825
The Hub		317		317	799
PW		1,965		1,965	411
Ladies Bible Study Group		232		232	204
Badminton Club		1,613		1,613	1,576
Bowling Club		1,876		1,876	2,294
Friendship Club		35		35	46
Muckamore Tots		114		114	233
BB		5,845		5,845	4,229
GB		3,463		3,463	3,336
	146,146	69,953		216,099	298,880

14. CREDITORS DUE LESS THAN ONE YEAR

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Accruals	2,225	17,477		19,702	13,056

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2,225	17,477	19,702	13,056
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15. FUND BALANCES AND RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS

Fund	Balance at start	Income	Expenditure	Gains/Losses	Transfer	Balance at end
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
Total Unrestricted Funds	252,090	175,150	(170,710)		(99,753)	156,777
Restricted Funds						
Missions Fund	1,816	31,120	(26,808)		9,134	15,262
Uganda Project Fund	9,134	-	-		(9,134)	0
Property Fund	13,923	11,496	(4,847)			20,572
Music fund	3,696	-	-			3,696
Development Fund	5,673	70,665	(342)		(68,244)	7,752
The Hub	799	3,158	(3,640)			317
PW/Woven	411	3,990	(2,435)			1,966
Ladies Bible Study Group	204	330	(302)			232
Badminton Club	1,576	179	(142)			1,613
Bowling Club	2,294	1,252	(1,670)			1,876
Friendship Club	46	893	(904)			35
Muckamore Tots	232	455	(574)			113
BB	4,228	5,959	(4,343)			5,844
GB	3,336	5,848	(5,720)			3,464
Christmas Tree Festival	1,040	1,000	(2,000)			40
Africare	-	56	(56)			0
Leprosy Mission	281	960	(1,241)			0
Presbyterian Children's Society	199	717	(831)			85
World Development Appeal	335	2,539	(2,386)			488
Student Bursary	-	1,269	(1,269)			0
Tearfund	-	6,694	(6,694)			0
Presbyterian Hearld		620	(620)			0
Fixed assets	2,411,434		(58,389)		168,244	2,521,289
	2,460,657	149,200	(125,213)		100,000	2,584,644
Endowment Funds						
Total Endowment Funds	8,543	247		403	(247)	8,946

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Total	2,721,290	324,597	(295,923)	403	-	2,750,367
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RESTRICTED FUNDS

Name of restricted fund	Description, nature and purposes of the fund
Missions Fund	To provide funding for local and overseas missionaries
Uganda Project Fund	To provide for overseas trips and resources in Uganda
Property Fund	To provide for repairs and additions to the property
Development Fund	To provide for development of the church property
The Hub	Funds for the use of the youth fellowship
PW/Woven	Funds for the use of the Presbyterian Women group
Ladies Bible Study Group	Funds for the use of the Ladies Bible study group
Badminton Club	Funds for the use of the Badminton Club
Bowling Club	Funds for the use of the Bowling Club
Friendship Club	Funds for the use of the Friendship Club
Muckamore Tots	Funds for the use of the Muckamore tots
BB	Funds for the use of the Boys' Brigade
GB	Funds for the use of the Girls' Brigade
Moderator's Appeals	Funds received for Moderator's Appeals (includes gift aid)
Leprosy Mission	Funds for the work of the Leprosy Mission (includes gift aid)
Presbyterian Children's Society	Funds for the work of the Presbyterian Children's Society (includes gift aid)
World Development Appeal	Funds for the work of the World Development Appeal (includes gift aid)
Tearfund	Funds for the work of the Tearfund (includes gift aid)
Christmas Tree Festival	Funds for the work of various charities.
Fixed assets	Fixed assets for the use of the congregation

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Name of restricted fund	Description, nature and purposes of the fund
Sunday school fund	The funds are permanent endowments to provide funding towards the costs of the Sunday school

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16. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTION

One of the Trustees, Rev Stephen McNie, the minister of the congregation, received remuneration of £44,100 (2023: £42,500) and expenses of £183 (2023: £3,096) for acting in that capacity. Pension contributions of £10,584 (2023: £10,080) were paid by the congregation in respect of the minister to the Presbyterian Church in Ireland Pension Scheme (2009). None of the other trustees received any remuneration.

Jane Hill, a close family member of a trustee, was employed by Muckamore Presbyterian Church during the year, receiving a salary of £6,958 (2023: £6,627).

During the year the congregation contributed the following amounts to Funds of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, a separate charity:

£15,364(2023: £14,451) for congregational assessments
£13,808 (2023: £12,395) towards the United Appeal
£2,386(2023: £1,877) toward the World Development Appeal
£1,269(2023:nil) towards Student Bursary Fund
£7,500 (2023:nil) towards PCI Mission Fund -Presbyterian Church of East Africa

The congregation contributed £1,027 (2023: £1,003) towards Presbytery Assessments during the year.

There were no other related party transactions.