

Without Walls
Company limited by guarantee

Trustees' Annual Report
Year ended 31 August 2024

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statements of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

Objectives, Activities and Public Benefit

Without Walls is a growing community of Christians, committed to our own local churches, sharing a common inter-church Kingdom dream. We believe that God will use His local church more completely and as a greater blessing to our town and beyond as we sacrificially seek to increase our togetherness. Encouraging rhythms of inter-church Kingdom praise, prayer, fellowship and outreach. Believing that those around use will experience a more beautiful and life-transforming Bride as we are built together.

Our desire is to emphasise the beauty and power of the Bride of Christ. To encourage every believer, everywhere, to stand in unity so that together and not in isolation, we can be used more powerfully by Jesus.

As Christians come together in unity to employ and share our unique and diverse gifting, we are like the varied strokes of colour painted from the artist's palette used to create a stunning image of God's Kingdom.

We encourage believers to thrive in their local churches while at the same time coming together without walls to radiate the full colour and beauty of the Bride of Christ. A beauty that is irresistibly attractive and infinitely powerful.

Achievements and performance

One Church One Day

This past year we have continued to support and maintain the One Church One Day (Ballymena Prays) initiative. In 2023-2024 there were nine churches (in October 2024 it increased to ten). Our commitment involved composing a monthly prayer digest of prayer points (with local, national, and international items) to stimulate prayer across the participating churches.

Core Prayer Team

The team continues to meet quarterly a few days prior to each board meeting.

Church Leaders Meetings

At our June 2023 board meeting we had agreed, in 2023-24, to focus primarily on meeting and connecting with local church leaders. From the Autumn of 2023 we met leaders in smaller, separate gatherings, starting with the surrounding villages of Cullybackey, Ahoghill, Portglenone, Broughshane. We still have the Kells meeting to do. The Ballymena-wide gathering intended was achieved in May 2023 with around 40 church leaders attending a gathering hosted by West Church at which the Evangelical Alliance NI rolled out their survey entitled: "Good News People – A report on Evangelicals in Northern Ireland". This addressed, among others, the following questions:

- How many Christians are there in Northern Ireland?
- How many people go to church, read the bible and pray each week?
- How many people consider themselves to be evangelical?
- What do evangelicals believe and what do people think about them?
- What does all this mean for the mission of the Church?

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The overall sample size was 3,088 people (made up of a nationally representative poll of the general public across Northern Ireland, and a self-selecting survey of Christians in Northern Ireland). Our report for next year will feedback how these went.

Initiative addressing the Ballymena Drugs Crisis

In June 2023, Without Walls supported an initiative from some church leaders in the town, to invite the local PSNI Neighbourhood Team to share their concerns at the growing drugs crisis in the town. This amounted to a cry for help from the PSNI asking churches to help address the crisis. This has started a momentum of awareness raising amongst local churches and outreach groups, which will be reported on more fully in our 2024-25 report.

The Venue

One of our directors is part of the team that has grown this town-centre hub and helps to run it. Without Walls actively supports The Venue and are now one of over 30 organisations that use the facility regularly. WW uses it for the Core Prayer Team gatherings and other gatherings linked to our aims and objectives.

PRAYER SPACE in March 2024

Prayer space at The Venue – ran from 9am-9pm on each of the four Wednesdays of March leading up to Easter, covering Good Friday, Easter Saturday, Resurrection Sunday, and Pentecost, respectively. Each Wednesday had a different theme and prayer stations set up for individuals to quietly engage with. Feedback: while numbers engaging were small, the Prayer Spaces and visual stimuli for meditation and prayer were well received by those who came. The WW table on exit was there to signpost to various outreach/ charitable organisations WW has highlighted in previous events.

Future of Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Ballymena branch

Without Walls facilitated a gathering in June 2023 in The Venue, initiated by CAP NI leadership, and attended by 11 church leaders, to consider the future of CAP Ballymena, in light of the decision by the local post-code lead church (Ballymena Baptist) to step down from anchoring the local CAP operation. The meeting proposed a joint-churches solution to spread the burden and cost of sustaining CAP locally. Those present were asked to consider their involvement in such a new initiative going forward and to reconvene in the autumn of 2023. This autumn follow-up meeting, however, was postponed by CAP.

Alphabet Group

Every two months on the final Wednesday of the month we continued host a gathering of prayer leaders from different prayer groups across the town for fellowship and encouragement: Genesis business prayer, Revive, Ballymena House of Prayer, Ballymena Church Members Forum and the Crack of Dawn team.

Band of Brothers Gathering

Every two months on the final Wednesday of the month, we gather as directors for fellowship and encouragement.

Financial review

Net expenditure for the year was £183 (2023: £105). Due to the size of the charity reserves are not required.

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Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

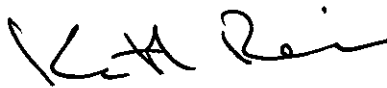
The trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements of the charity in accordance with applicable law and generally accepted account practice.

As the total income does not exceed £250,000, the Trustees have elected under Section 64(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 to prepare a receipts and payment account and a statement of assets and liabilities.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time its financial position. 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.

The Annual Report was approved by the Trustees on 10 April 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

**Kenneth Revie
Trustee**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kenneth Revie', written in a cursive style.