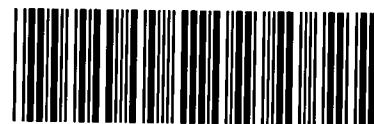


New Ground Churches

Report and Accounts

Year ended 31 December 2016

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NEW GROUND CHURCHES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

COMPANY INFORMATION

Directors/Trustees	Dale Barlow Robert Gwynn David Holden Stephen Mathews Melinda Sopp
Constituted as	Company limited by guarantee
Governing Document	Memorandum and Articles of Association
Company Registration Number	6281483
Charity Registration Number	1121110
Registered Office	Kings Centre 33 Amy Road Oxted RH8 0PW
Independent Examiner	John Thacker Chariot House Limited 44 Grand Parade Brighton BN2 9QA
Bankers	Lloyds Bank plc

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NEW GROUND CHURCHES

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

The directors have pleasure in submitting their Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2016.

Mission

New Ground is a family of churches from different countries, led by Dave Holden. We believe that God has caught us up in His great mission to plant new churches and shape existing churches to make a major difference to the communities in which God has called them to live. We want to see communities positively impacted through signs and wonders, social action and thoughtful cultural engagement by local Christians. We believe that everyone in a community should be blessed by the fact that our churches are there.

As a church is part of New Ground, so New Ground is part of Newfrontiers. This is a network of church families (1,500 churches in more than 80 nations in every continent) all holding to the same vision and values that shape and define us as we take the good news of Jesus to different parts of the globe.

Objects and activities

The objects of the charity are to:

- advance the Christian faith by such means as the charity shall determine from time to time
- relieve sickness, financial hardship and promote and preserve good health.

The directors have had regard for the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, and particularly the report on 'The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit'. Activities undertaken during the year to reflect this and achieve the charity objectives include:

Church planting and multi-site development

There are generally two ways in which churches are planted: one is when a church starts a new church or site in an area within its locality; the other when groups of people move to an area, often a city, where previously they have had little or no contact. At the end of this financial year there were 20 in the first category, ranging from London to Scotland and Guernsey to Holland. In the second category there were six, mainly in cities like Geneva, Berlin and Brussels.

Conferences

The largest event is biennial, and was held at Ashburnham, East Sussex in August 2015. This family camping event is aimed at all members of the church. It provides training in the Christian faith with seminars and sessions for all ages and was attended by about 2,000 people. Preparation and planning is well underway for the next event to be held over the bank holiday weekend in August 2017. In the intervening years we run a leadership conference, which during 2016 was held in Burgess Hill, Sussex. Around 500 people gathered for teaching and training. An offering was taken to support church planting and the ongoing work of the charity, which raised nearly £100,000 through pledges and direct donations.

Other events include Prayer Days, held over 2 days twice a year for church leaders to gather for prayer, news and support. Elders and wives, is a conference to equip and encourage church eldership teams. Connect conference ran towards the end of the year for students and 20s attracting interest from nearly 300 people.

Church support

One of the key benefits of working together with a variety of churches is the depth and breadth of leaders' experience gained over many years. Through a combination of grant funding and churches releasing their senior leaders, teams have been able to travel to a wide range of churches to train, support, develop and encourage leaders especially in both the UK and Europe, but also beyond. It also helps church members to identify with other churches within New Ground and gain a broader perspective of what churches can achieve in a different context.

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

Training

The New Ground Academy, run by Everyday Church Wimbledon, opened its doors as planned in September 2014 with over 100 students of all ages. Year two started in September 2015 pushed the numbers to over 150. Then in September 2016, with satellite bases operating in Guernsey, The Hague, Edinburgh and Paris, numbers have increased to over 400. The training package is designed to produce leaders who are equipped to lead well in every aspect of church life through a great combination of practical theology, on-the-job coaching, peer interaction and personal mentoring. This is achieved with a good balance between classroom teaching and interactive discussion. Many students have remarked on the way the Academy has impacted their lives and their involvement in the local community. Working with a sphere in Zimbabwe, also part of Newfrontiers, the Academy material is being used to train rural pastors who would otherwise have no access to training.

Working partnerships

The charity is able to pursue its objects through grant funding and working partnerships with charities having similar objectives. This is particularly with New Community Church, SE London and Kings Church, Oxted where David Holden and Dale Barlow (trustees) each hold a position of spiritual responsibility in these respective recipient charities. Having undertaken a review of related party matters the trustees have formed the view, supported by the Independent Examiner, since these individuals do not hold control in those charities that the grants to support these working partnerships are not related party transactions, as defined by the FRS102 SORP.

Governance

The policy and operating decisions of the charity rest with the directors who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the company. In addition the directors have appointed a management team to run the day-to-day activities and to establish and update policies and procedures to reflect the developing work of the charity.

Risk management

Following the thorough review of all major key risks, completed in the accounting period to December 2014, a report was finalised with priorities set according to primary risks and appropriate procedures put in place, including insurance, via brokers competent in this field, to protect the interests of the charity, its employees and directors. Risks are regularly considered and key risks monitored on a regular basis.

Reserves

The reserves policy is regularly reviewed in accordance with Charity Commission guidelines. The charity maintains 3 levels of reserves: restricted, designated and free reserves. With the exception of our contingency, we anticipate using all the 2016 reserves during the course of 2017 in direct activities and continued grant funding for our wider charitable projects. In line with our policy set out below, we intend to seek funding from our supporter churches by summer 2017 for a further programme of charitable projects in 2018.

Restricted funds

These represent donations for specific activities and our policy is to expend these funds as quickly as possible in order to benefit the recipients. At 31 December 2016 the restricted funds stood at £69,775 (2015 - £32,637).

Designated funds

At various times it has been considered beneficial by the directors to allocate reserves to particular projects. At 31 December 2016 the designated funds stood at £51,715 (2015 - £79,136). The level of the reserves held under the policy for contingencies, which are free for use in any area, is set at £12,500 as shown in note 13.

Free reserves

Free reserves are undesignated and the charity's policy is to maintain these at a level between two to three months of regular income. The year-end reserves figure of £34,088 is just under this target.

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

Directors' Responsibilities

Charity law requires us as directors to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which give a true and fair view of the state of the charity and of its income and expenditure for the year.

1. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
2. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
3. State whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts.
4. Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

We are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities

Approval

On behalf of the board of directors.



Dale Barlow
20 June 2017

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF

NEW GROUND CHURCHES

I have examined the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2016 on pages 6 to 15 following which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on page 8.

Respective Responsibilities of Directors/Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination.

Basis of Examiner's Statement

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

Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



John Thacker FCA DChA
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20 June 2017

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2016 £	Total 2015 £
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	2	248,721	43,137	56,398	348,256	447,168
Charitable activities	4	32,949	0	0	32,949	166,241
Investments	3	46	0	0	46	28
		£ 281,716	£ 43,137	£ 56,398	£ 381,251	£ 613,437
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities						
Apostolic ministry and extension	5	170,808	31,625	0	202,433	210,840
Conferences and events		89,130	981	0	90,111	241,771
Mission activities		24,478	52,199	16,643	93,320	176,510
		284,416	84,805	16,643	385,864	629,121
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		(2,700)	(41,668)	39,755	(4,613)	(15,684)
Gross transfers between funds		(11,629)	14,247	(2,618)	0	0
Net (expenditure)/income for the year		(14,329)	(27,421)	37,137	(4,613)	(15,684)
Net movement in funds		(14,329)	(27,421)	37,137	(4,613)	(15,684)
Fund balances at 1 January 2016		£ 35,917	£ 79,136	£ 32,637	£ 147,690	163,374
Fund balances at 31 December 2016		£ 21,588	£ 51,715	£ 69,774	£ 143,077	£ 147,690

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016

	Notes	2016 £	2015 £
Current assets			
Debtors	8	19,710	540
Cash at bank and in hand		155,752	195,627
		175,462	196,167
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(32,385)	(48,477)
Net assets		£ 143,077	£ 147,690
 Income funds			
Restricted funds	12	69,774	32,637
Unrestricted funds:			
Designated funds	13	51,715	79,136
Other charitable funds		21,588	35,917
		£ 143,077	£ 147,690

For the year ended 31 December 2016, the company was entitled to the exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Responsibilities of directors/trustees:

- The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the period in question in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act however, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 the accounts have been examined by an independent examiner whose report forms part of this document.
- The directors/trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The accounts were approved by the Board and signed on their behalf on 20 June 2017.



Dale Barlow

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Registered as a charity No. 1121110

NEW GROUND CHURCHES

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

I Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, in accordance with applicable accounting standards and follow the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting by Charities (FRS102). The charity is a public benefit entity. There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The following are the accounting policies which have been applied in dealing with material items:-

a) *Donated and grant income*

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable.

b) *Other income and expenditure*

Conference income is taken into account when the event has taken place. Amounts received for events which have not yet taken place are deferred and reflected in creditors as "Accruals". Investment income is taken into account when receivable and expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, when incurred by the charity, regardless of when payment is made. Grants payable are taken into account at the earlier of when they are paid or become constructive obligations.

c) *Funds*

Unrestricted funds are donations and other income received or generated for the objects of the charity without specified purpose and are available for purposes as directed by the trustees. Restricted funds are amounts received where the donor has specified the purpose for which it should be used.

d) *Fixed assets and depreciation*

There are no fixed assets since all equipment for conferences is hired and administrative equipment is loaned by churches in the region.

e) *Pension costs*

The company operates a defined contribution scheme for certain of its employees. Pension premiums are charged as they are paid.

f) *Taxation*

The company is a registered charity and is exempt from taxation under the Income & Corporation Taxes Acts.

g) *Cashflow statement*

The company has prepared a Cash Flow Statement for the year (see note 15).

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2016 £	Total 2015 £
Donations and gifts	£ 248,721	£ 43,137	£ 56,398	£ 348,256	£ 447,168

Donations and legacies

Unrestricted funds:

Donations

Conference offerings and gifts

248,721	231,713
0	0

£ 248,721	£ 231,713
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Designated funds:

Conference offerings and gifts

Tax repayments

41,923	66,886
1,214	6,673

£ 43,137	£ 73,559
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Restricted funds:

Conference offerings and gifts

Tax repayments

53,415	120,382
2,983	21,514

£ 56,398	£ 141,896
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3 Investments

	2016 £	2015 £
Investment income receivable	46	28
	£ 46	£ 28

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

4 Charitable activities (income)

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2016 £	Total 2015 £
Income from activities to further the charity's objects	£ 32,949	0	0	£ 32,949	£ 166,241
Charitable activities (income)					
Unrestricted funds:					
Conference attendance				32,949	155,209
Admin and consultancy				0	11,032
				£ 32,949	£ 166,241

5 Expenditure on: Charitable activities

	Staff costs £	Grants £	Other costs £	Total 2016 £	Total 2015 £
<u>Apostolic ministry and extension</u>					
Activities undertaken directly	17,413	94,435	8,309	120,157	141,302
Support costs	20,636	7,817	53,823	82,276	69,538
Total	38,049	102,252	62,132	202,433	210,840
<u>Conferences and events</u>					
Activities undertaken directly	20,842	791	41,220	62,853	213,100
Support costs	17,025	2,900	7,333	27,258	28,671
Total	37,867	3,691	48,553	90,111	241,771
<u>Mission activities</u>					
Activities undertaken directly	0	0	23,145	23,145	109,788
Support costs	0	68,731	1,444	70,175	66,722
Total	0	68,731	24,589	93,320	176,510
	£ 75,916	£ 174,674	£ 135,274	£ 385,864	£ 629,121

Governance costs

Total governance costs of £4,026 (2015 - £3,998) have been included in Support costs and divided equally for each Charitable activity and shown above under Other costs.

These costs include payment for independent examination of £1,100 (2015 - £1,100).

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

5 Expenditure on: Charitable activities (continued)

Grants	Institutions	Individuals	Total 2016	Total 2015
	£	£	£	£
Apostolic ministry and extension	150,156	£ 3,804	153,960	130,921
Conferences and events	4,071	0	4,071	1,522
Mission activities	16,643	0	16,643	135,388
	£ 170,870	£ 3,804	£ 174,674	£ 267,831

Details of grants over £1,000 made to institutions were:

New Community Church, SE London	For Apostolic ministry	£ 67,200
Kings Church, Oxted	For Apostolic ministry	£ 23,280
Stichting NGC, Holland	For Apostolic ministry	£ 46,792
Centrul Crestin, Brasov	For Apostolic ministry	£ 2,996
Kings Church Hastings	For Apostolic ministry	£ 1,536
Crawley Community Church	For Apostolic ministry	£ 8,351
La Source, Montpellier	For Conferences and events	£ 2,266
Centrul Crestin, Brasov	For Conferences and events	£ 1,805
River of Life, Zimbabwe	For Mission activities	£ 16,643

Charitable activities by fund

Apostolic ministry and extension

	2016	2015
	£	£
Unrestricted	170,808	210,840
Designated	31,625	0
	£ 202,433	£ 210,840

Conferences and events

	2016	2015
	£	£
Unrestricted	89,130	241,771
Designated	981	0
	£ 90,111	£ 241,771

Mission activities

	2016	2015
	£	£
Unrestricted	24,478	41,122
Designated	52,199	3,051
Restricted	16,643	132,337
	£ 93,320	£ 176,510

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

6 Trustees

With the exception of those noted none of the trustees (or any person connected with them) received any remuneration or reimbursed expenses during the year. The following related party transactions, as permitted by the governing document, were made during the year:

Liz Holden (wife of trustee David Holden) was employed during the year as a part-time Support Worker. Payments in the accounting year amounted to £7,200 (2015 - £7,200).

The total amount donated from trustees during the year was £50.

7 Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

Direct charitable
Administrative

2016 Number	2015 Number
0	0
2	2
2	2

Employment costs

Wages and salaries
Social security costs
Other pension costs

£	£
69,571	66,240
5,332	5,096
6,237	5,405
£ 81,140	£ 76,741

Responsibility for the directing and planning functions sit with the Directors and Core Team. None of the employed staff are considered key management personnel. There were no employees whose annual emoluments were £60,000 or more.

8 Debtors

Other debtors
Prepayments and accrued income

2016 £	2015 £
2,560	0
17,150	540
£ 19,710	£ 540

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

Trade creditors
Constructive grant obligations
Accruals

£	£
4,174	7,495
0	30,000
28,211	10,982
£ 32,385	£ 48,477

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

10 Share capital

The company is limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. The liability of each member is limited to a maximum of £10.

11 Conduit funding

During the year funds were routed through the company to River of Life, Zimbabwe, to support conference travel expenses, on behalf of the following charity to save on international bank transfer costs. This figure is not included in the income and expenditure account.

Newfrontiers £ 5,780

12 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement of funds				
	Balance at 1 Jan 2016	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 Dec 2016
	£	£	£	£	£
Zambezi Ministries	16,000	643	(16,643)	0	0
Brussels church plant	10,000	0	0	0	10,000
Europe support	0	2,618	0	(2,618)	0
Ashburnham 2015	6,637	3,835	0	0	10,472
Leadership 2016	0	39,302	0	0	39,302
Relief fund	0	10,000	0	0	10,000
	<u>£ 32,637</u>	<u>£ 56,398</u>	<u>£ (16,643)</u>	<u>£ (2,618)</u>	<u>£ 69,774</u>

Zambezi Ministries

This fund was established to facilitate the purchase of a vehicle for a Christian charity in Zimbabwe. A subsequent donation enabled a second vehicle to be purchased in January 2016.

Brussels church plant

The Newfrontiers youth conference, Newday 2015, took an offering from which we received a gift to support our plans for church planting. Originally for Rome, it has been reallocated with the donor's permission.

Europe support

During 2015 and 2016 we committed to grant funding the release of apostolic ministry to develop our focus into Europe. This fund was established following receipt of gifts to support this activity.

Ashburnham 2015

This is part of the offering, taken at our church family conference in August 2015, to support church planting.

Leadership 2016

This is part of the offering, taken at our Leadership conference in June, to support church planting.

Relief fund

This was created from our 2016 conference offering, to provide immediately accessible funds for relief around the world.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

13 Designated funds

These are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.

	Movement of funds				
	Balance at 1 Jan 2016 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Dec 2016 £
Apostolic extension	66,636	43,137	(84,805)	14,247	39,215
Contingency	12,500	0	0	0	12,500
	<u>£ 79,136</u>	<u>£ 43,137</u>	<u>£ (84,805)</u>	<u>£ 14,247</u>	<u>£ 51,715</u>

The purpose of each designated fund is as follows:

Apostolic extension

This fund was designated to allow for expenditure on significant new church development projects, and the opening balance has been released to support our work in Europe. The income represents the unrestricted element from the Ashburnham 2015 and Leadership 2016 offerings (see above), for the ongoing work of New Ground.

Contingency

Previously drawn from the general budget, it was considered prudent to maintain the fund for unexpected costs.

14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Fund balances at 31 December 2016 are represented by:				
Current assets	53,973	51,715	69,774	175,462
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(32,385)	0	0	(32,385)
	<u>£ 21,588</u>	<u>£ 51,715</u>	<u>£ 69,774</u>	<u>£ 143,077</u>

NEW GROUND CHURCHES

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

15 Statement of cash flows

	Total funds 2016 £	Total funds 2015 £
<u>Cash flows from operating activities:</u>		
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	£ (39,921)	£ 10,689
<u>Cash flows from investing activities:</u>		
Interest from investments	46	28
	£ (39,875)	£ 10,717
Change in cash in the year	(39,875)	10,717
Cash at the beginning of the year	195,627	184,910
Cash at the end of the year	£ 155,752	£ 195,627
<u>Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities</u>		
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	(4,613)	(15,684)
Adjustments for:		
Interest from investments	(46)	(28)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(19,170)	31,136
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(16,092)	(4,735)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	£ (39,921)	£ 10,689
<u>Analysis of cash</u>		
Cash in hand	155,752	195,627
Total cash	£ 155,752	£ 195,627