

## 61. Ecumenical Partnerships and Sharing Agreements

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Standing Order 334(5) requires all new schemes approved by the Synods under SO 412(2) and all Sharing Agreements authorised by the Ecumenical Officer (EO) to be reported to the Conference.

### Key

B	Baptist
CC	Church Council
CCP	Churches in Covenanted Partnership
CE	Church of England
CM	Circuit Meeting
JM	Joint, vested in the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
M	Methodist Church
SCP	Single Congregation Partnership
PCW	Presbyterian Church of Wales
URC	United Reformed Church
UWI	Union of Welsh Independents

### A: SCHEMES APPROVED BY THE DISTRICT SYNODS UNDER SO 412(2)

#### 1 Ecumenical Partnerships in Extended Areas

The following list records those ecumenical partnerships in extended areas established by the Synods and reported to the EO. It indicates the names of the partnerships, which Synod(s) established them, which local Methodist churches are involved (and whether they are also party to a Local Ecumenical Partnership), and which other churches are involved.

Name of Partnership	Synod(s) establishing the Partnership	Churches in the Partnership	
		Methodist (Circuit Number)	Others
The Bestwood Churches	Nottingham and Derby	Bestwood Park (22/1) [SCP] Rise Park (22/1) [SCP]	Bestwood Park, Rise Park, Emmanuel, St Mark's, St Matthew's, St Philip's (all CE)
Retford Area Covenant Partnership	Sheffield	Grove Street (25/19) Hallcroft (25/19) Levertons (25/19) [SCP] North Wheatley (25/19) [SCP] Rampton (25/19) [SCP] Tuxford (25/19)	Bole, Clarborough, Hayton, Sturton le Steeple, Stokeham, Laneham, Treswell, Ordsall, Sutton-cum-Lound, Askham, East Drayton, East Markham, Grove, Headon-cum-Upton, St Saviour's (Retford), St Swithun's (Retford), St Michael's (Retford), Babworth, Ranby, Scofton, Bothamsall, Eaton, Elksley, Gamston and West Drayton (all CE)

## 2 Local Ecumenical Partnerships

The following list records those schemes approved by the Synods and reported to the EO. It indicates which other churches are involved and the nature of the partnership. It also records those Partnerships in which a new constitution has been adopted and whether the Synod issued or revoked a direction under SO 611.

Circuit No	Trustee Body	Other Church(es)	Single Congregation Partnership (SCP) or Churches in Covenanted Partnership (CCP)	New Partnership (NP) or New Constitution (NC)	Direction issued (DI) or revoked (DR) under SO 611
11/4	Castle CC	URC	SCP	NP	DI
14/9	Emmanuel CC [SCP] Fressingfield CC Harleston CC St Andrew's CC Pulham Market CC Woodton CC	CE, URC	CCP	NP	n/a
16/2	Roundhay CC	CE	CCP	NP	n/a
16/3	Armley Central CC	B, URC	SCP	NP	DI
16/17	Osset CC	URC	SCP	NP	DI
16/17	Trinity CC	URC	CCP	NP	n/a
19/1	Edge Lane CC	CE, URC	SCP	NC	–
19/15	Trinity Cheadle CC	URC	SCP	NC	–
19/17	Whaley Bridge CC	B, URC	SCP	NC	–
22/3	Burton Joyce CC	URC	SCP	NP	DI
24/8	Central Torquay CC	URC	SCP	NC	DI
27/32	Wilsden CC	URC	SCP	NC	DI
27/35	Trinity Honley CC	URC	SCP	NC	DI
29/33	Copmanthorpe CC	CE	CCP	NP	n/a
29/37	Swanland CC	URC	SCP	NC	DI

### \*\*\*RESOLUTION

**61/1. The Conference adopted the Report.**

## B: SHARING AGREEMENTS

The consent of the EO is required for the making or amendment of any Sharing Agreement (SA) under the Sharing of Church Buildings Act 1969 and, where any such Agreement requires consent, to its termination (SO 334(3)).

The first list in section 1 below reports the Sharing Agreements authorised by the EO and not previously reported to the Conference. Since not all Sharing Agreements so authorised come into effect, and those that do sometimes take a considerable time to reach that stage, further lists are provided to indicate those Sharing Agreements that have come into effect since the last Conference.

The list in Section 2 reports those Sharing Agreements to whose termination the EO has given consent during the past year.

### 1 Consents

Circuit No	Local or Circuit Trustee Body	Building(s) to be shared and other details (including owner)	Other Church(es) party to the SA	Date of EO consent	Date of SA	Registered No	Date SA registered
5/1	Birmingham City Centre CC	Carrs Lane Church Centre Birmingham (Church: URC)	URC	18/10/13	26/3/14	39/268	26/3/14
5/18	The Bridge Church CC	St Luke's Church Evesham Road Headless Cross Redditch B97 4JX (Church: CE)	CE	25/10/13			
22/3	Burton Joyce CC	Methodist Church Burton Joyce Meadow Lane Burton Joyce Nottingham NG14 5EX (Church: M)	URC	12/5/14			
22/4	CM	St Barnabas Church Barn Croft Inham Nook Nottingham NG9 4HU (Church: CE)	CE	11/10/13	10/6/14	39/270	17/6/14
27/31	Eldwick CC	The Eldwick Church Otley Road Eldwick Bingley (Church: CE)	CE	25/3/14	26/3/14	39/269	26/3/14

**Sharing Agreements registered since the last Conference to which EO consent was reported to the Conference in 2011:**

2/24	Wesley Clydach CC	Capel y Nant Heol y Nant Clydach Swansea (Church: UWI)	UWI, PCW	16/1/11	27/9/13	39/265	27/9/13
36/7	Guildford CC	St Mary's Church Quarry Street Guildford GU1 3TY (Church: CE)	CE	21/2/14			

**Sharing Agreements registered since (or just before) the last Conference to which EO consent was reported to the Conference in 2013:**

6/14	Central CC	Burnley Road Bacup OL13 8AB (Church: M)	CE	20/11/12	12/8/13	39/264	10/9/13
13/7	Danby CC	Christ Church Westerdale Whitby YO21 2DT (Church: CE)	CE	13/11/12	1/10/13	39/266	1/10/13
23/29	North Marston CC	Schorne Lane North Marston Buckingham MK18 3PJ (Church: M)	CE	24/1/13	9/5/13	39/263	14/5/13
23/29	North Marston CC	Parish Church of the Assumption of the BVM Schorne Lane North Marston Buckingham MK18 3PH (Church: CE)	CE	24/1/13	9/5/13	39/263	14/5/13
27/36	Central Dewsbury CC	Longcauseway Princess of Wales Precinct Dewsbury WF13 1NH (Church: URC)	URC	13/2/13	23/10/13	39/267	23/10/13

## 2 Terminations

Circuit No	Local or Circuit Trustee Body	Building(s) shared and other details (including owner)	Other Church(es) party to the SA	Date of notice given by EO	Date of SA	Registered number	Date of termination
7/2	Lawrence Hill CC	Ducie Road Lincoln Street Bristol BS5 0BJ (Church: M)	URC	16/7/13	19/8/82	38/262	31/8/13
7/2	Severn Beach CC	Beach Avenue Severn Beach Bristol (Church: M)	CE	26/3/14	10/6/08	39/211	26/3/14
13/11	Sacriston CC	Wesley Close Sacriston Durham DH7 6JG (Church: JM)	CE	–	29/6/05	39/177	1/2/15 <sup>1</sup>
13/12	CM	St John the Evangelist Rookhope Durham DL13 2BP (Church: CE)	CE	26/9/13	30/3/01	39/097	26/10/13
18/13	CM	St Michael's, Ditton Hough Green Widnes WA8 8XR (Church: CE)	CE	17/9/13	29/6/94	38/973	31/12/13
20/1	CM	St Columba's West View Wideopen Newcastle NE13 6NH (Church: CE)	CE	1/4/14	29/3/83	38/293	1/4/14
23/26	CM	23 White Horse Drive Emerson Valley Milton Keynes MK4 2AZ (Manse: URC)	URC	–	30/10/01	39/108	24/1/14
26/1	CM	Bitterne Whites Road Southampton (Church: M)	CE	12/5/14	12/5/03	39/142	31/8/14 <sup>1</sup>
26/1	CM	Holy Saviour Bitterne Precinct Bitterne Southampton (Church: CE)	CE	12/5/14	12/5/03	39/142	31/8/14 <sup>1</sup>
26/20	CM	25 Vespasian Way Dorchester DT1 2RD (Manse: URC)	URC	–	25/3/88	38/699	19/12/13

Circuit No	Local or Circuit Trustee Body	Building(s) shared and other details (including owner)	Other Church(es) party to the SA	Date of notice given by EO	Date of SA	Registered number	Date of termination
28/9	St John's Stone CC	Stone Walton Priory Middle School Beacon Rise Walton Stone ST15 0AL (Church: URC)	URC	–	28/2/02	39/113	11/12/13 <sup>2</sup>
29/36	CM	St Helen's Thorganby York (Church: CE)	CE	24/6/14	12/10/04	39/164	24/1/14 <sup>1</sup>
35/30	Greenwich United Church CC	Christ Church East Greenwich Trafalgar Road London SE10 9EQ (Church: CE)	CE, URC	–	30/8/95	39/008	31/5/14
36/6	Chertsey CC	St Peter's Chertsey (Church: CE)	CE, URC	–	16/1/81	38/166	9/2/14

<sup>1</sup> Date to be confirmed.

<sup>2</sup> Formal notice not received by EO, but property sold by URC.

**\*\*\*RESOLUTION**

**61/2. The Conference adopted the Report.**