



## SCBA Annual General Meeting 2026

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Amesbury Baptist Church on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Present: 71 Delegates and 17 Visitors from 46 SCBA churches and organisations  
4 Staff from SCBA  
10 apologies had been received

1. Chris Brockway welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened in prayer.
2. Minutes – The minutes of the 2025 Annual General Meeting, held on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2026 had been previously circulated. These were accepted as a correct record
3. Stories from SCBA  
We heard stories from two of our local churches, modelling our culture in the team of placing the local churches and communities at the heart of our meetings.
4. Election of Trustees  
Janet Quarry and Matt Huckle are all standing for a second term, and Abby Lintern is standing for a first term. Chris Brockway is also standing for a second term as Moderator.  
Emma McPhail and Nick Hudson were appointed as scrutineers, and, following the count, all three were elected.  
Chris led a time of prayer for the
5. Annual Report (this can be viewed [here](#))  
It was noted that 2025 had been a meaningful and encouraging year for SCBA and that through all its work, the goodness of God had been evident.  
Thanks were expressed to the Regional Team.  
It was noted that 2026 will be a significant year of change, with the national Financial Model Review (FMR) and Hayley moving on to her new role. Appreciation was expressed for Hayley and for all she has brought to SCBA's life. Prayer was offered for God's rich blessing on her as she steps into her new role. Clare will continue to serve with wisdom and commitment, and the rest of the team will seek to provide guidance and prayer. The trustees will meet to consider the future, seeking to listen well and to seek God's wisdom. Confidence was expressed in the faithfulness of God.  
Hayley expressed her thanks to the churches and explained that she is being called to a new role dealing with Continued Ministerial Development and Disciplinaries. Prayer was offered for Hayley.  
Discussion followed on what stood out in the Annual Report and what matters most within the Association.  
Key themes included safeguarding, Home Mission, Regional Ministers, governance, support, and the surplus.
6. Summary of Accounts  
The 2025 accounts were presented, including a summary of income and expenditure.  
The main income came from BU Home Mission grants, which had increased. Other income included proceeds from the sale of a church property.  
Expenditure had reduced, largely due to lower salary costs following a reduction in the team.  
In the end, a surplus of £5,000 was reported, arising from the closure of a church.  
The SCBA funds remained fairly static.  
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The 2025 Annual accounts were approved by vote. These can be viewed [here](#).

Churches were thanked for their support of Home Mission. In 2025, giving increased for the first time in eight years. Home Mission funds specialist teams, the Associations, and mission grants. It was noted that giving has not kept pace with inflation over recent years. Information has been sent out about the +1% campaign. Churches are asked to give 5% of their income, although this is not always achieved. Churches were encouraged to review their giving and consider whether they can increase it, following the +1% Campaign launched earlier this year. It was asked if churches currently giving 3% of their income could consider giving 4% for this year and 5% for next year. Gratitude was expressed to those churches that have already responded.

BU has also been considering how the common purse may be shared within the FMR. The formula used to distribute funds is changing. For all Associations, this means that, from 2027, funding will be based on one Regional Minister for every 100 churches, rather than one Regional Minister for every 50. For SCBA, this equates to 1.4 Regional Ministers. The Association is not panicking about this, but is considering how best to respond to the challenge.

The FMR has changed our finances, but we also need to recognise all that was heard during the morning, including stories from churches on the ground, increases in baptisms, and growth in membership.

Although there are challenges ahead, it was affirmed that God is at work and will never forsake His people, so the Association looks to the future, trusting in Him.

The AGM was formally drawn to an end