

**THE METHODIST CHURCH**  
**YORKSHIRE NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT**  
**REPRESENTATIVE SYNOD – 9 May 2026**

**REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT PROPERTY SECRETARY**

**Property Projects**

In 2024/25 there has been a similar number of projects created on the Consents website to the previous year, 37 (35 in 2023/24).

Authorisation was given during the year for a total of 21 schemes (5 fewer than the previous year). 10 of these were for alteration or repair (11 previous year); 5 were sales of property, comprising 2 chapels and 3 manses(11 previous year). 4 leases were granted (2 previous year); and 2 new manses purchased (none previous year).

**Annual Property Returns**

Circuits and churches are reminded that the Annual Property Return (that should be completed on-line by the end of May) is an important process, as it contains all the information required to ensure that the churches and circuits in the District are complying with Charity Law, Health & Safety and safeguarding.

**District Property**

During the Connexional year 2024/25, the District Trustees were responsible for three properties, the District Manse, Hull International House and a manse in Darrington, which is occupied by our Assistant Chair (Church Development). Hull International House is in the process of being sold.

Andrew Barraclough  
District Property Secretary  
29th April 2026