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CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1039998

Luton Law Centre
Company Limited by Guarantee
Unaudited Financial Statements
31 March 2025

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Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report)

Year ended 31 March 2025

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Chair's report

The Board of Trustees, who are also the Directors for the purpose of company law and trustees for the purpose of charity law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a director's report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015).

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name Luton Law Centre

Charity registration number 1039998

Company registration number 02906544

Principal Office and registered Office

15 New Bedford Road
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The trustees

Fiona Carfrae, Chair
Jeinsen Lam, Vice-Chair
Laurence Lane
Sameera Saleem (resigned 9 December 2024)
Naseem Shah
Lata Shah (resigned 2 April 2024)
Claire Goodwin
Vijay Viatla (Appointed 7 January 2025)

Company secretary Pauline Gilson

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Structure, governance and management

Governing Document

Luton Law Centre is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 9 March 1994 and registered as a charity on 5 August 1994. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed by its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up, members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1

Membership

Trustees must be members, and membership is only open to Trustees. Membership is terminated if the Member concerned ceases to be a Trustee and Membership is not transferable.

Recruitment and Appointment to the Board of Trustees

The full complement of the Trustees is 12 and there must be at least 5 Trustees. The subscribers to the Memorandum (being the first Members) are also the first Trustees. Subsequent Trustees are elected by the Membership or co-opted by the Trustees. The chair and other officers are elected at the board meeting after the AGM.

Trustee induction and training

Each new member is given a Board of Trustees information pack and provided with governance training. Each member is encouraged to access the Charity Commission's Guidance for Charity Trustees and required to sign the Trustee declaration.

Organisational Structure

The Board of Trustees is responsible for overall strategic decisions and policy. Decisions concerning the management of the Law Centre and the delivery of services are delegated to the Centre Director, unless such decisions would involve a substantial change in service delivery or would have an effect on contracts and service level agreements with funders. In this case, the staff would prepare a report on the implications, with recommendations to the Board of Trustees who would make the final decision.

Rates of pay of key personnel are reviewed by Trustees on a regular basis. Comparators used are from voluntary sector agencies.

Related Parties

Luton Law Centre is a member of the Law Centres Network and of Advice UK, to whom membership subscriptions are paid. These bodies provide support to Luton Law Centre, for example through the provision of low cost, or no cost information and training services. Through the Law Centres Network, we are linked to colleagues in other Law Centres throughout the UK, and we can access email discussion forums to support casework and development of policies and procedures. We are also able to feed in to the Law Centres Network our client's experiences of poverty into awareness-raising nationwide.

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The company's Memorandum of Association states that the Law Centre is established to:

- * relieve poor persons resident or working in a designated area by providing such persons with legal advice, assistance, representation and services which they could not otherwise obtain through lack of means;
- * advance the education of qualifying persons in relation to the law and legal issues and to make the law known and accessible to them;
- * and advance any charitable purposes beneficial to the community for qualifying persons.

The Law Centre also has a mission statement which says:

"Luton Law Centre will:

- * provide high quality, free, confidential, independent legal services responsive to community needs
- * reach people who are disadvantaged and give them access to their legal rights
- * work with local organisations to develop quality advice services"

We strive for a just and equal society where everyone's rights are valued and protected. We do this by providing legal support, services, information and education to the diverse communities of Luton and its surrounding area. It is our purpose to alleviate poverty and to improve access to services.

In shaping our objectives for the year and planning our activities, the Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance "public benefit: running a charity (PB2)"

Our main objectives for 2024/25 were:

- * To review and update our strategic and operational plans
- * To continue with the implementation of our strategic and operational plans
- * To continue to work with the Luton Access Information, Advice and Guidance programme
- * To manage performance against existing contracts and service level agreements
- * To apply for additional grant funding, where possible and maximise income from legal aid contracts

Strategies for achieving these objectives and significant activities that contributed to the achievement of the objectives are:

- * Co-location with Citizens Advice Luton and services of Luton Rights. We continue to work to integrate appropriate elements of our service with the aim of achieving a seamless journey for clients and achieving efficiencies
- * We achieved a successful full reassessment from Lexcel which maintains our accreditation.
- * We have retained and successfully recruited qualified and experienced staff in our specialist areas of law.
- * Sustaining and improving existing services including developing and improving methods of delivery to meet the changing needs of our clients
- * To continue to review our services, undertake development work and progress with implementing our Strategic and Operational plans.

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Volunteers

The Law Centre has benefitted from the time and skills of a team of 2 part-time volunteers during the year, who gave their time in exchange for the chance to gain work experience in a legal environment. The activities they were involved in include:

- assisting with casework under supervision of a caseworker e.g. taking initial instructions, researching case law, drafting documents, preparing bundles for court.
- General administrative tasks, such as data entry, photocopying, typing, and filing.

Achievements and performance

Review of Charitable Activity

We operate a hybrid work model which has reduced the challenges posed by our limited office space and enabled staff to see clients and colleagues face-to-face whilst also being able to take advantage of the benefits of working from home.

Luton Law Centre has continued to provide the following services to the public:

- Telephone advice on dedicated helplines, for 4 two-hours sessions per week, in community care, housing, immigration and asylum law.
- Telephone advice for clients with housing and community care issues who have been triaged by Citizens Advice Luton and booked in for a "ring-back"
- Housing and community care advice at community events and outreach sessions
- Specialist advice and full legal casework services within our specialist areas of law.
- Second tier advice to other local organisations.
- Training to other local organisations in the law surrounding "Paying for Care"

We collect and collate statistical information about the numbers of people we assist, together with client profile information about ethnicity, gender, etc. This is used to check that our services are being accessed by all sections of the community.

We have a good reputation in the communities of Luton and client feedback shows that our clients are very happy with the services they receive. This is largely due to the fact that the Law Centre has a highly competent team of very committed and conscientious workers.

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Year ended 31 March 2025

Financial review

Principal Funding Sources

- Bedfordshire and Luton Community Foundation (BLCF) who administer the Community Investment Fund on behalf of Luton Rising (London Luton Airport Ltd) (£155,000) The grant was awarded to the Luton Access Information, Advice and Guidance collaboration of which we are a partner with Citizens Advice Luton, Luton Irish Forum and Luton Rights. The grant allows us to deliver advice services to Luton residents working with our partners to provide clients with a seamless advice journey.
- Legal Aid Agency contracts (£68,969).
- Access to Justice Foundation (Improving Outcomes through Legal Support) grant (£58,031) to sustain and improve access to early social welfare advice and specialist casework.
- Three Guineas Trust grant (£50,000) to deliver community care advice and specialist casework.
- AB Trust grant (£25,000) to contribute towards core costs.
- National Lottery Community Fund grant (£20,705) to increase capacity to deliver housing advice and specialist casework.
- Steel Charitable Trust grant (£15,999) and Wixamtree Trust (£8,000) to deliver housing advice and specialist casework.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds that have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to six months' running costs (approximately £185,000)

At 31 March 2025 the charity held unrestricted funds of £264,122 (2024: £235,276) and restricted funds £10,500 (2024 £1,869). Free reserves as at 31 March 2025 were £185,812.00.

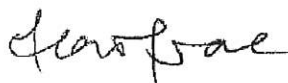
Plans for future periods

We have updated our strategic and operational plans. We will continue to apply for alternative and additional sources of funding, to enhance and develop the service delivery and mitigate the effects of reductions in BLCF (Luton Rising) funding and aim to maximise our income generation from our legal aid contracts. We are looking to expand our network of volunteers to assist staff and increase capacity. We are aiming to ensure the law centre continues to be an effective, rewarding, innovative, and enjoyable place to work. We will continue to work with our Partners in Luton Access, to make best possible use of existing resources and maximise their impact, and to provide an integrated model for advice services in Luton.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies' exemption.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 19th November 2025 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Ms F Carfrae
Trustee

Luton Law Centre

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Luton Law Centre

Year ended 31 March 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Luton Law Centre ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. The financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. The financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. The financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mr Mohammed Afzaal Bhatti FCCA
Independent Examiner

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Signing Date: 19/11/2025

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Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year ended 31 March 2025

		Unrestricted funds £	2025 Restricted funds £	Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and Grants	5	25,330	312,735	338,065	246,986
Charitable activities	6	68,969	—	68,969	96,807
Total income		<u>94,299</u>	<u>312,735</u>	<u>407,034</u>	<u>343,793</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on raising funds:					
Costs of other trading activities	7	668	—	668	3,611
Expenditure on charitable activities	8,9	64,785	304,103	368,888	341,970
Total expenditure		<u>65,453</u>	<u>304,103</u>	<u>369,556</u>	<u>345,581</u>
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds		<u>28,846</u>	<u>8,632</u>	<u>37,478</u>	<u>(1,788)</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		235,276	1,868	237,144	238,932
Total funds carried forward		<u>264,122</u>	<u>10,500</u>	<u>274,622</u>	<u>237,145</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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The notes on pages 15 to 24 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position
31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	14	2,478	2,074
Current assets			
Work in progress	15	71,023	45,359
Debtors	16	7,281	12,183
Cash at bank and in hand		213,512	195,826
		<u>291,816</u>	<u>253,368</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	<u>19,672</u>	<u>18,298</u>
Net current assets		<u>272,144</u>	<u>235,070</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>274,622</u>	<u>237,144</u>
Net assets		<u>274,622</u>	<u>237,144</u>
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds		10,500	1,869
Unrestricted funds		264,122	235,276
Total charity funds	20	<u>274,622</u>	<u>237,145</u>

For the year ending 31 March 2025 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

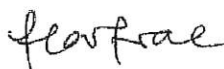
Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

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

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 19 November 2025, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Ms F Carfrae
Trustee



The statement of financial position
continues on the following page.
The notes on pages 15 to 24 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2025

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is 15 New Bedford Road, Luton, LU1 1SA, England.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2025

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- Legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- Income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- Income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

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Year ended 31 March 2025

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Tangible assets *(continued)*

An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, unless it reverses a charge for impairment that has previously been recognised as expenditure within the statement of financial activities. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, except to which it offsets any previous revaluation gain, in which case the loss is shown within other recognised gains and losses on the statement of financial activities.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Fixtures and fittings	-	10% reducing balance
Equipment	-	25% reducing balance

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

Work in progress

Work in progress is valued at the amount of work done in the year, including estimates of amounts not invoiced.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Financial instruments *(continued)*

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designated hedging relationship.

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain was recognised.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

Defined contribution plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

4. Limited by guarantee

Luton Law Centre is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. It has no share capital. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The Registered Office and principal place of business is 15 New Bedford Road, Luton, Bedfordshire LU1 1SA.

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5. Donations and grants

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Donations			
AB Charitable Trust	25,000	–	25,000
Donations	330	–	330
Grants			
EU Settled Status Project	–	–	–
The Access To Justice Foundation	–	58,031	58,031
BLCF -Luton Rising – Community Investment Fund	–	155,000	155,000
Three Guineas Trust	–	50,000	50,000
Wixamtree Trust	–	8,000	8,000
TLEF - The Legal Education Fund	–	5,000	5,000
Steel Charitable Trust	–	15,999	15,999
Citizens Advice Luton	–	–	–
National Lottery Community Fund	–	20,705	20,705
	<u>25,330</u>	<u>312,735</u>	<u>338,065</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations			
AB Charitable Trust	–	–	–
Donations	–	–	–
Grants			
EU Settled Status Project	–	3,385	3,385
The Access To Justice Foundation	–	42,029	42,029
BLCF – Luton Rising Community Investment Fund	–	161,711	161,711
Three Guineas Trust	–	–	–
Wixamtree Trust	–	–	–
TLEF - The Legal Education Fund	–	23,028	23,028
Steel Charitable Trust	–	13,083	13,083
Citizens Advice Luton	–	3,750	3,750
National Lottery Community Fund	–	–	–
	–	<u>246,986</u>	<u>246,986</u>

6. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Legal Aid Agency Contract	68,969	68,969	67,165	67,165
Legal Awarded Costs	–	–	29,642	29,642
	<u>68,969</u>	<u>68,969</u>	<u>96,807</u>	<u>96,807</u>

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7. Costs of other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Costs of other trading activities - Other activity 1	<u>668</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>668</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Costs of other trading activities - Other activity 1	<u>3,101</u>	<u>510</u>	<u>3,611</u>

8. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Activity type 1	57,769	302,494	360,263
Support costs	<u>7,016</u>	<u>1,609</u>	<u>8,626</u>
	<u>64,785</u>	<u>304,103</u>	<u>368,888</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Activity type 1	74,267	259,962	334,227
Support costs	<u>3,668</u>	<u>4,072</u>	<u>7,743</u>
	<u>77,935</u>	<u>264,034</u>	<u>341,970</u>

9. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total funds 2025 £	Total fund 2024 £
Activity type 1	360,930	—	360,930	337,839
Governance costs	<u>—</u>	<u>8,626</u>	<u>8,626</u>	<u>7,743</u>
	<u>360,930</u>	<u>8,626</u>	<u>368,888</u>	<u>345,582</u>

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9A. Governance costs

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total funds 2025	Total funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
Governance costs	-	-	-	-
Staff Cost	1,685	609	2,294	1,433.00
Accountancy Fee	4,699	1,000	5,699	5,901.00
Bank and Credit Card Charges	<u>633</u>	-	<u>633</u>	<u>409.00</u>
	<u>7,016</u>	<u>1,609</u>	<u>8,626</u>	<u>7,743.00</u>

9B. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type *(continued)*

	Unrestricted 2025	Restricted 2025	Total funds 2025	Total funds 2024
Activity Type 1	£	£	£	£
Work in progress	-25,665	-	-25,665	-1,507
Staff and Subcontractor Cost	32,067	266,785	298,852	244,436
Client disbursement Costs	18,931	-	18,931	26,468
Rent and Rates	5,216	20,529	25,744	25,696
Light and Heat	256	-	256	630
Repairs & Maintenance	101	-	101	587
Insurance	139	2,762	2,901	2,733
Publications and subscriptions	3,278	1,775	5,053	5,010
Travelling and Refreshment	248	25	273	115
Legal and professional fees	18,769	160	18,929	21,600
Telephone	336	1,943	2,279	2,917
Printing, Postage and Stationery	51	471	522	342
Photocopier costs	1,213	775	1,988	1,306
Depreciation	696	-	696	545
Computer & Software	2,053	5,649	7,702	6,512
Sundry expenses	<u>746</u>	<u>1,621</u>	<u>2,367</u>	<u>448</u>
	<u>58,436</u>	<u>302,494</u>	<u>360,930</u>	<u>337,838</u>

10. Net income/(expenditure)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025	2024
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>695</u>	<u>545</u>

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11. Independent examination fees

	2025	2024
	£	£
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements	500	500

12. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	272,957	224,051
Social security costs	20,539	15,270
Employer contributions to pension plans	5,356	5,115
	<u>298,852</u>	<u>244,436</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was 10 (2024: 9). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2025	2024
	No.	No.
Number of staff - Administrative	1	1
Number of staff - Management	1	1
Number of staff - Advice and Advocacy	8	7
	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2024: Nil).

13. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No members of the Board of Trustees received any remuneration. One trustee has received a travelling expense £31.20.

No members or other person related to the charitable company had any interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

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14. Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2024	761	6,126	6,887
Additions	–	1,099	1,099
At 31 March 2025	<u>761</u>	<u>7,225</u>	<u>7,986</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2024	262	4,551	4,813
Charge for the year	49	646	695
At 31 March 2025	<u>311</u>	<u>5,197</u>	<u>5,508</u>
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2025	<u>450</u>	<u>2,028</u>	<u>2,478</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>499</u>	<u>1,575</u>	<u>2,074</u>

15. Stocks

	2025 £	2024 £
Work in progress	71,023	45,359
	<u>71,023</u>	<u>45,359</u>

16. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	–	1,197
Prepayments and accrued income	4,809	1,250
Other debtors	2,472	9,736
	<u>7,281</u>	<u>12,183</u>

17. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	3,830	4,740
Accruals and deferred income	3,681	5,840
Social security and other taxes	7,606	4,643
Other creditors	4,555	3,075
	<u>19,672</u>	<u>18,298</u>

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18. Deferred income

	2025	2024
	£	£
Amount deferred in year	781	—

19. Pensions and other post retirement benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £5,356 (2024: £5,115).

20. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 April 2024	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 March 2025 £
General funds	235,276	94,299	(65,453)	264,122

	At 1 April 2023	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 March 2024 £
General funds	219,505	96,807	(81,036)	235,276

Restricted funds

	At 1 April 2024	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 March 2025 £
Restricted Fund 1 - desc in a/cs	1,868	312,735	(304,103)	10,500

	At 1 April 2023	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 March 2024 £
Restricted Fund 1 - desc in a/cs	19,427	246,986	(264,544)	1,869

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21. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Tangible fixed assets	2,478	2,478
Current assets	291,816	291,816
Creditors less than 1 year	(19,672)	(19,672)
Net assets	<u>274,622</u>	<u>274,622</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	2,074	2,074
Current assets	253,368	253,368
Creditors less than 1 year	(18,298)	(18,298)
Net assets	<u>235,070</u>	<u>235,070</u>

22. Financial instruments

The carrying amount for each category of financial instrument is as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure		
Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure	<u>213,512</u>	<u>195,826</u>
Financial assets that are debt instruments measured at amortised cost		
Financial assets that are debt instruments measured at amortised cost	<u>71,023</u>	<u>56,292</u>
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost		
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	<u>19,672</u>	<u>18,298</u>

23. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 Apr 2024 £	Cash flows £	At 31 Mar 2025 £
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>195,826</u>	<u>17,686</u>	<u>213,512</u>

