CENTRE 33
SUPPORTING THOSE IN NEED OR HOMELESS IN ST ALBANS

The Queen's Award
for Voluntary Service

Centre 33 (St Albans) Limited

Annual Report and Financial Statements
Year Ended 31 December 2025



Centre 33 is the trading name of Centre 33 (St Albans) Limited, registered in England as a company limited by guarantee (No 7955132) and as a charity (No 1146438).
Registered office: Centre 33, 2a Spicer Street, St Albans, Herts, AL3 4PQ.
Patron: The Right Worshipful the Mayor of St Albans City and District

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Chairman's Note

Throughout 2025, Centre 33 has welcomed visitors for hot breakfasts and access to shower facilities at our premises in Spicer Street and hot suppers at the Salvation Army Citadel in Victoria Street, 5 days each week: on average 16 visitors attended each morning and 23 each evening, with maximum numbers of 29 in the morning and 37 in the evening. Some 10,074 meals were served during the year.

Centre 33 exists to provide a welcoming place to eat and chat for anyone in need in the St Albans area: visitor numbers, and their personal testimony, provide evidence of the ongoing need for the service in our city.

Centre 33 continues to operate thanks to the financial generosity of our donors, the availability of volunteers who give their time freely, and to St Albans City and District Council and the Salvation Army in St Albans who kindly provide premises.

We are extremely grateful to all our financial supporters. Particular financial highlights include substantial donations from St Albans Cathedral, St Albans Lions Club, St Albans Round Table, St Albans Choral Society, St Albans Bach Choir and The St Albans Primary Schools Music Association. However, despite their generosity, and the generosity of so many local organisations and individuals, expenses also increased, partly due to rises in the cost of living and increases in the numbers of meals cooked, so we finished the year with a small deficit, which will be met from reserves. Details can be found in the Finance Section of this report.

We are proud that Centre 33 is run entirely by volunteers, some 162 of whom gave over 3,800 hours of their time in 2025 to serve meals. Management of Centre 33 is also undertaken by volunteers: the team of 11 trustees is responsible, not only for ensuring compliance and adherence to the practices of the Charity Commission and Companies House, but also for our overall direction and the day to day operations including recruiting and training new volunteers, organising the volunteer rota, buying food, ensuring equipment and premises are in good repair, buying sleeping bags and some clothes and raising funds and awareness of Centre 33 in the local community. Our external examiner is also a volunteer. Centre 33 relies on the goodwill and hard work from lots of people!

We remain indebted to St Albans City and District Council who provide Centre 33's home in Spicer Street, which, due to the high numbers of visitors in the evenings, is now mainly used for the morning service. We are extremely grateful to The Salvation Army in St Albans who kindly provide their Citadel to Centre 33 to serve suppers. Operating from two locations presents its own challenges and we continue to work closely with St Albans City and District Council to identify suitable city centre premises which might offer Centre 33 a more appropriate long term home.

Centre 33 continues to cooperate closely with other local charities, such as Open Door, Emmaus, and Herts Young Homeless, who work in the homelessness sector and with St Albans City and District Council and local police. Our trustees are active members of STAMP (St Albans Multi Agency Panel), now the Single Homeless Pathway, which reviews the needs and arrangements of anyone known to be sleeping rough or otherwise in need of a home, and of the St Albans Homelessness Forum which updates on the services provided by local support organisations.

The need for Centre 33's service is as acute in 2025 as when it was founded in 1977. It is reassuring to know that anyone who needs a meal in St Albans can obtain one. My heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributes their time, money or expertise to keep Centre 33's service running.

Melanie O'Neill, Chairman

May 2026

Significant Organisational Developments

In January 2025, Mike Poole, one of our longstanding active volunteers, joined the board of trustees, and we greatly welcome his expertise and knowledge of helping to run our services.

Charitable Objectives of Centre 33

The Constitution of Centre 33 says that the Object of Centre 33 shall be ...

"The relief of persons in need who are homeless or suffering from psychological or physical infirmity or who by reason of adverse circumstances, ... and in particular ..... by the provision for such persons of a shelter (or a home of rest) and the comfort of friendship."

Centre 33 pursues this Object through the operation of the drop-in centre at 2a Spicer Street and the provision of meals at other locations as necessary.

Public Benefit

The Charity Commission requires that charities report on the public benefit of their activities. We believe that the public benefit from operating the drop-in centre is largely self-evident; it helps very vulnerable people, giving them practical support and encouragement; and because it is very dependent on donations from churches, businesses and others, it demonstrates to them that many in St Albans care about their welfare.

What is Centre 33?

Centre 33 is a charity founded in 1977. Its objective is to provide practical support for people who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or otherwise socially or materially disadvantaged in the St Albans area. It does this through both the Centre 33 drop-in centre in Spicer Street and through a sit-down evening service run from the Citadel building in Victoria Street, St Albans, through the kind support of the Salvation Army.

What does Centre 33 offer?

- a welcoming place to meet with hot food and drinks
- toiletries, shower facilities, some clothing and sleeping bags
- sign-posting other services which they may be able to access for further help.
- Centre 33 is open every weekday morning (Spicer Street) and Sunday to Thursday evening (Citadel)

Volunteering at Centre 33

Centre 33 is run entirely by volunteers and we have over 160 active volunteers

- The main volunteer role is to staff the sessions for our visitors at either Spicer Street in the morning or the Salvation Army Citadel in the evening:
  - 3 volunteers are needed for the morning sessions and 4 volunteers for the evenings. Each session will include an experienced Team Leader.
  - Volunteers prepare as many as 20 meals at the morning sessions and, at times, more than 24 meals in the evenings. This is alongside offering hot drinks and, at Spicer Street, providing towels and toiletries for the shower. It can be very busy at times!
  - Volunteers also chat with our visitors and, where appropriate, signpost them to other services in St Albans where they can get practical help and advice.
  - The volunteers are given training to assist in their work, and are expected to complete the Level 2 Food Safety Hygiene course.
- Some volunteers help on a weekly basis, some fortnightly and others less frequently. We are very flexible and recognise that volunteers give their time freely and have other commitments.
- We also need volunteers to assist in ordering the food supplies each week and to help with the occasional street collection.
- Although we have a strong team of volunteers, we do find that some volunteers will stand down for a range of reasons (change of job, moving out of the area, family commitments etc). So new recruits are always very welcome. Details of how to apply can be found on our website
- Volunteering with Centre 33 is very rewarding – in terms of helping some of the most vulnerable members of our society and getting to understand the challenges they face (and why).

Our Visitors

- All who come to Centre 33 are welcome to use our service. We ask very little in terms of personal detail – essentially just their name.
- We do, of course, learn more about regular visitors over time through our conversations with them, through our contacts with the Safer Streets Outreach Workers and through Centre 33's membership of STAMP, the St Albans Multiagency Panel, now the Single Homeless Pathway, which monitors rough sleeping individuals of concern eg for physical or mental health reasons, drug or alcohol addictions or because they have difficulties in coping with life.
- For those of our visitors looking for advice or support, we suggest that they go to the weekday afternoon Drop-In at the Homeless Hub (the new name for the Open Door Night Shelter) which has experts who can provide help and assistance across a range of issues, including access to accommodation.
- If we have concerns about individual visitors, we may seek advice or support from other services, especially the Safer Streets Outreach Workers.
- Quite a number of our visitors are rough sleepers or former rough sleepers. Relationship breakdown is the most frequent cause of rough sleeping. Loss of jobs and the ever increasing cost of living are also factors leading to homelessness.
- Other visitors include:
    - sofa surfers who can be at risk of being asked to leave at a moment's notice;
    - those in inadequate or unsecure accommodation, possibly with no or limited facilities for cooking, and who may be lonely;
    - people who have difficulty in managing their lives – some may have never learnt to budget or cook;
    - people who just appreciate somewhere warm and welcoming where they can come in from the wet and the cold.
    - Some who are just finding the cost of living an ever growing challenge and appreciate our support.
- On a quarterly basis, the Homeless Hub holds a morning homeless health event which attracts visitors, in addition to those attending Centre 33. A team from Centre 33 attend these events and prepare food and drink for all visitors and assist the Hub with a prize raffle.
- Over the winter months we provide evening meals to people staying in the Winter Beds Project accommodation.

Our Local Community

Our Supporters

Centre 33 could not operate without the generous support – financial, other donations (clothes, food etc) and moral – of our local community. The list below is not comprehensive, but we hope it is illustrative of the wide support we receive. We are very grateful to:

- The many local churches, synagogue, schools, orchestras, bands, local businesses, and other organisations and individuals who support and make financial contributions to Centre 33, some on a regular basis
- St Albans Council who provide us with our premises
- The St Albans Lions Club who provide substantial regular donations
- St Albans Cathedral who included Centre 33 in their donations programme
- Everyone who took part in or supported the St Albans Sleep Out for the Homeless
- The St Albans Round Table who kindly invite us to staff one evening's collection on the Santa's Sleigh Float in December
- St Albans Choral Society who fundraise for us at their annual Christmas Concert
- St Albans Bach Choir who raised funds for us at their concert
- The Salvation Army who have given Centre 33 the use of the Citadel in Victoria Street to provide an evening hot meal service
- The Safer Streets Outreach Workers
- Magenta Storage who donate storage space to Centre 33
- The St Albans Masorti Synagogue who donate meals for one evening every month.

Local Collaboration and Cooperation

Centre 33 works closely with others in St Albans who help the homeless. Our activity includes:

- Membership of the Homelessness Forum, a Council led body which helps frame the St Albans Homelessness Strategy, which monitors progress in achieving the Strategic aims.
- Membership of the STAMP multi-agency panel, now the Single Homeless Pathway, to help rough sleepers and others accessing homeless services. This enables us to keep in contact with Open Door, Kent House, Martin House, the SADC Community Safety Unit and others about those of our visitors who give cause for concern. The aim of the multi-agency panel is to ensure that those with complicated needs get the support they need, even if they may be reluctant to engage.
- Working with St Albans District Council, Open Door, Hightown, and other local organisations to ensure that rough sleeping visitors to Centre 33 are known to these agencies and receive support as appropriate.
- Membership of Homeless Link, a national charity for organisations working directly with people who become homeless in England.
- Membership of Communities 1st which facilitates networking across the voluntary sector and provides advice on funding opportunities

2025 in Summary

We continue to provide services from two sites:-

- Spicer Street, serving breakfasts 5 days a week.
- The Salvation Army, Victoria Street, serving evening meals 5 days a week.

At each site we offer a restaurant service with hot meals cooked on the premises by volunteers.

10,074 meals served ... 512 sessions ...

There is a high demand for our services with an average of 20 visitors coming for a meal at each session we are open. Some are regular customers and others are seen only occasionally. But all appreciate the food and facilities we have to offer.

Over the course of the year we provided a total of 10,074 meals over the 512 sessions we were open.

Over 3,800 volunteer hours ...

To make this possible we depend on our wonderful team of volunteers who cook the meals and look after the visitors. The volunteers are drawn from a pool of over 100 people who regularly help at Centre 33. Three or four volunteers are needed for each session that we are open. Together they contributed over 3,800 hours of voluntary work in running the service.

Service details

	Spicer Street (mornings)	Salvation Army (evenings)	Total
Number of sessions open	253	259	512
Average attendance per session	16	23	20
Total meals served	4,141	5,933	10,074

Other activities

As usual, there was an ongoing activity of maintaining the premises and ensuring supplies of food and consumables as needed. This included routine replacement of items such as kettles, vacuum flasks and toaster and general maintenance of appliances.

Finance Overview

The Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2025 are attached to this report. We are immensely grateful for the donations and grants received during the year, which have enabled Centre 33 to continue to operate. Centre 33 continues to be run entirely run by volunteers so all income is directed to the cost of operating the service.

Our voluntary income of £45,340 in the previous year included an exceptional grant of £12,000 from the National Lottery Community Fund and excluded the value of storage space generously donated to us at no cost by Magenta Self-Storage, of £2,220. Adjusting for these, our 2024 income was £35,560. In 2025 this increased by 18% to £42,098, thanks to generous grants, substantial collections by our volunteers and from choirs and other voluntary societies and the continued financial support of many individuals, local businesses, churches, the synagogue (who also provide monthly meals for which we are very grateful) and other local voluntary organisations. Many individual donors wish to remain anonymous, but we are pleased to acknowledge substantial donations and grants from St Albans Lions Club, Assured Guaranty, St Albans Cathedral, St Albans Bach Choir, St Albans Choral Society, St Albans Primary Schools Music Association and St Albans Round Table.

Expenses on charitable activities amounted in 2025 to £44,927, an increase of 16% compared with 2024, adjusted to include the value of donated storage space. The cost of food and household items has risen by 10% compared with 2024, this partly reflects the need to increase catering for increased visitor numbers mid-year, in addition to the general rise in the cost of food and disposables, with significant prices rises also for electricity and gas, expenditure on repairs and maintenance and security.

We continue to be grateful to the Salvation Army who generously allow Centre 33 to operate the evening meal service at their Citadel 5 days each week: the special outgoings indicated in the accounts reflect donations made to the Salvation Army to cover the costs of gas and electricity consumed during Centre 33's service during the year.

Thanks to all our supporters and volunteers we have been able, despite significant cost increases, to fund 95% of our service from current income leaving a small deficit of £2,380 which we have met from our reserves.

The Trustees

The Trustees during 2025 are shown below.

Trustees 2025	
Chairman	Melanie O'Neill
Vice Chairman	Bob Barrett
Secretary	Andrew Copley
Treasurer	John Scott
Minutes Secretary	Penny Williams
Other Trustees	Diluxshy Elangaratnam
	Claire Farquhar
	Peter Graham
	Chris Lewis
	Mike Poole (appointed 7 January 2025)
	Chrystalla Spire

Reference and Administrative Details of the Company

CENTRE 33 (ST ALBANS) LIMITED (A company limited by guarantee)

Reference and Administrative Details of the Company its Trustees and Advisers for the period ended 31 December 2025

Board of directors/trustees as at 31 December 2025

Mr RE Barrett
Mr AP Copley
Dr D Elangaratnam
Mrs C Farquhar
Mr P Graham
Mr C Lewis
Dr M O'Neill
Mr M Poole
Mr J Scott
Ms C Spire
Mrs PA Williams JP, DL

Company registered number

7955132

Charity registered number

1146438

Registered office

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Independent examiner

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Report of the Directors

CENTRE 33 (ST ALBANS) LIMITED (A company limited by guarantee)

Report of the Directors for the period ended 31 December 2025

The Board of Directors (members of which are also Trustees for the purposes of the Charity Commission) present their annual report for the year ended 31 December 2025. The Directors confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the company's governing body and the current provisions of 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

a. Constitution

Incorporated under the Companies Act 2006 on 20 February 2012, the company (number 7955132) is a private company limited by guarantee, does not have a share capital and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. The company is also a charity (number 1146438).

The directors, who were also trustees throughout the financial period, unless stated otherwise, were:

Mr RE Barrett
Mr AP Copley
Dr D Elangaratnam
Mrs C Farquhar
Mr P Graham
Mr C Lewis
Dr M O'Neill
Mr M Poole (appointed 7 January 2025)
Mr John Scott
Ms C Spire
Mrs PA Williams

Mr Bob Barrett, Mr Andrew Copley and Mrs Claire Farquhar were due to retire by rotation and, being willing to offer themselves for re-election, were each re-elected at the Annual General Meeting held on 6th May 2025. The elections of John Scott in 2024 and Mike Poole in 2025 each as a director and trustee were also confirmed at that meeting.

b. Method of appointment or election of board of directors

Potential members of the board/trustees are identified by their profession and experience and consideration is given to how these attributes may complement those of the existing trustees to provide a broad skill base to meet the challenges and responsibilities of the Company. Prospective members are invited to attend meetings so that they may gain an insight into the operation of the Company and an understanding of the responsibilities to be undertaken and the commitment required.

c. Policies adopted for the induction and training of board members

Beyond basic induction procedures no formal training is usually provided as this should not be necessary due to the background and experience of the prospective members.

d. Organisational structure and decision making

The board/trustees are responsible for the supervision of the activities of the Company. It has a minimum of five meetings annually and full minutes are circulated to all directors/trustees, all of whom are volunteers. The minutes are made available to the independent examiner.

The day-to-day management of the Centre is described in earlier sections of this report.

e. Risk management

The directors/trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charitable company is exposed and are satisfied that the systems are in place to mitigate exposure to those risks.

POLICIES AND OBJECTS

The objects of the charitable company are contained in the company's articles of association and are the relief of persons in need who are homeless or suffering from psychological or physical infirmity or who by reasons of adverse circumstances, ill health or who are suffering or have suffered a legal restriction on their liberty in any penal or corrective establishment are in need of help in acquiring a settled way of life and in particular but without limiting the generality of the foregoing by the provision for such persons of a shelter (or a home of rest) and the comfort of friendship.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the directors/trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

b. Review of activities

An overview and review of the 2025 year is contained in earlier sections of this Annual Report.

Directors' Responsibilities Statement

CENTRE 33 (ST ALBANS) LIMITED (A company limited by guarantee)

Directors' Responsibilities Statement

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Statements (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law, the Directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the ongoing concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The Directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Provision of information to Independent Examiner

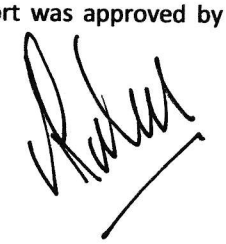
Each Director has confirmed that:

So far as that Director is aware, there is no relevant financial information, of which the company's independent examiner is unaware: and
The Directors have taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Board in order to be aware of any information needed by the company's independent examiner in connection with preparing his report and to establish that the company's independent examiner is aware of that information.

Independent Examiner

Mr Richard McClure indicated his willingness to continue to examine the company's financial statements and the Directors will propose a motion to reappoint him at the next Annual General Meeting.

This report was approved by the Directors on 16th July 2026 and signed on their behalf by Mr AP Copley, Director.



Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees

CENTRE 33 (ST ALBANS) LIMITED (A company limited by guarantee)

Report to the trustees/directors of Centre 33 (St Albans) Limited (company number 7955132 and charity number 1146438) on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025 as set out on pages 16 to 20.

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts 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 for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your 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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

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.

Signed



Richard McClure
Chartered Accountant
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Date 16th July 2026

Financial Statements

CENTRE 33 (ST ALBANS) LIMITED (A company limited by guarantee)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Note *	2025 TOTAL £	2024 TOTAL £
INCOMING RESOURCES			
Incoming resources from generated funds			
Voluntary income	2, 4	42,098	45,340
Investment income	3	668	1,007
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		42,766	46,347
RESOURCES EXPENDED			
Charitable activities	5	44,927	36,607
Governance costs	6	219	307
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		45,146	36,914
NET (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		(2,380)	9,433
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD		60,385	50,952
TOTAL FUNDS AT 31 DECEMBER		**58,005**	**60,385**

* The Notes on pages 18 – 20 form part of these financial statements.

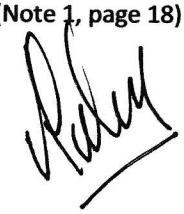
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Note	2025	2024
		£	£
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors and prepaid expenses		3,123	690
Short term deposits		53,010	47,042
Cash at bank and in hand		4,273	13,103
CURRENT ASSETS TOTAL		60,406	60,835
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year			
Accruals and deferred income		(2,401)	(450)
NET ASSETS		**58,005**	**60,385**
Represented by:			
ACCUMULATED UNRESTRICTED FUNDS			
Funds brought forward		60,385	50,952
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		(2,380)	9,433
TOTAL FUNDS		**58,005**	**60,385**

The company's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to ɔmpanies subject to the small companies regime (Note 1, page 18)

Approved by the board of directors on
16th July 2026 and signed on their behalf by



Mr AP Copley, Director

Notes to the Financial Statements

CENTRE 33 (ST ALBANS) LIMITED (A company limited by guarantee)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1. Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention and in accordance with 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (September 2024), and the Companies Act 2006.

1.2. Company status

The company is a company limited by guarantee. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the company.

1.3. Incoming resources

Incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the company is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

1.4. Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on the accruals basis.

1.5. Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the company and which have not been designated for other purposes. Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the company for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in note 4 to the financial statements.

1.6. Non-monetary donations

Non-monetary donations are included in both income and expenditure if it is possible to measure the cost of the goods or service provided reliably. It is not possible to quantify the provision of time given by both trustees and volunteers and this is therefore not included in income and expenditure - but is described in note 7. It is also not possible to quantify the provision of Centre 33's premises at Spicer Street or the temporary use of the Salvation Army Citadel, both of which are described in note 7.

1.7. Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is calculated on a straight line basis to write off the cost over its estimated useful life as follows: Equipment: 5 years. Fixed assets with a value under £1,000 are written off as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities.

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Grants	6,400	15,500
Donations	21,708	25,602
Collections	8,655	3,548
Donations in kind – see also note 7d	2,220	0
Gift Aid	3,115	690
	42,098	45,340

3. INVESTMENT INCOME	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Bank interest	668	1,007

4. RESTRICTED FUNDS

During the year the company received no restricted funds.
Restricted funds held at 31.12.25 £nil (2024 £nil)

During 2024 the company received and expended the following restricted funds:
a] £12,000 from The National Lottery Community Fund under the Community Organisations Cost of Living Fund programme, used to provide hot meals for local people in need in St Albans.
b] £200 from Hertfordshire Community Foundation (HCF) to fund training in Conflict Management for Centre 33 volunteers. This grant was fully spent in 2024.
c] £300 from Hertfordshire County Council towards the cost of a winter celebration event for Centre 33 visitors in December 2024. This grant was fully spent in 2024.

5. RESOURCES EXPENDED ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Volunteer management and support	477	2,139
Food and other household costs	29,315	26,699
Repairs and maintenance	3,667	2,616
Heat, light and utilities	2,267	1,625
Security	1,566	0
General administration	2,964	2,388
Clothing and Sleeping Bags	451	140
Storage – donation in kind	2,220	0
Special Outgoings	2,000	1000
	44,927	36,607

Note: Special Outgoings
Centre 33 operates a takeaway meal service from the Salvation Army Citadel in St Albans. The company is in discussion with the Salvation Army on a formal arrangement for these facilities. Pending completion of that agreement the company has paid £2,000 (2024: £1,000) to the Salvation Army as a contribution to the costs incurred. See also note 7b.

6. RESOURCES EXPENDED ON GOVERNANCE ACTIVITIES

a) Governance costs include the specific costs directly involved with the constitutional issues of the company as opposed to generating voluntary income, fund raising or undertaking charitable work to meet its objects.
b) Trustees are not remunerated but are entitled to reimbursement of reasonable costs incurred in the furtherance of their duties. No expenses were paid to trustees in the year (2024: nil).
c) During the year 8 trustees (8 trustees in 2024) incurred expenditure on behalf of the charity totalling £30,793 (2024: £27,635). This expenditure has been fully reimbursed.
d) The independent examiner of the company's accounts has acted on a pro bono basis at no charge (2024: nil).

7. DONATIONS IN KIND

a] 2A Spicer St, St Albans AL3 4PQ is owned by St Albans District Council and leased to Centre 33 rent free.
b] The Salvation Army has allowed Centre 33 to use its premises at the Citadel, 16-18 Victoria Street, St Albans AL1 3JB rent free throughout 2025 for provision of the evening takeaway meal service. The company is in discussion with the Salvation Army on a formal arrangement for these facilities. Pending completion of that agreement the company has paid £2,000 (2024: £1000) to the Salvation Army as a contribution to the costs incurred. See note 4.
c] Centre 33 is operated entirely by volunteers. During the year 162 rota volunteers donated a total of over 3,800 hours of their time (2024: 3,667 hours). Centre 33's 11 trustees (10 in 2024) donate the time necessary to managing the charity. It is not practical to quantify the value of the time donated by the volunteers or the trustees.
d] In 2025, Magenta generously donated storage facilities to Centre 33. The value, estimated at £2,220, has been treated as a donation and recorded as an expense in the accounts.