NETWORKFOUR COMMUNITY OUTREACH
(REGISTERED NUMBER: 1146639)

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

The Trustees prepared this report in accordance with the provisions of *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 from 1 January 2019.

1. Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Name	Networkfour Community Outreach
Registered Charity Number	1146639
Registered Company Number	07316168
Registered Office	The Counting House, St Paul's Square, 61 Charlotte Street, Birmingham, B3 1PX
Website	https://networkfour.org.uk/
Principal Bankers	Co-operative Bank plc, P.O. Box 101, 1 Balloon Street, Manchester, M60 4EP
Independent Accountant	Bryan Johnson – J.E. Johnson Accountants

Trustees Serving During the Year

- Mr Russell Lowman – Chair
- Ms Sam Peacock – Vice Chair
- Mr Paul Powell – Safeguarding Trustee
- Mr Leslie Mukwedeya – Trustee

2. Structure, Governance and Management

Networkfour Community Outreach is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated in 2010 and registered as a charity in 2012. The trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, are responsible for the strategic direction and governance of the charity.

The Board of Trustees met regularly throughout the year to oversee governance, financial management, safeguarding, risk management, and strategic planning. New trustees receive induction and guidance regarding their responsibilities under charity and company law. Trustees are appointed by the Board based on the skills, experience, and values required to support the charity's objectives and governance responsibilities. During the period there were no appointments or resignations of trustees.

No trustee received any remuneration, benefits, or reimbursement of expenses in relation to their duties as trustees during the year. The charity confirms that there were no related party transactions requiring disclosure during the period.

Day-to-day operations are managed by the Chief Executive Officer, supported by volunteers and project leads, under the oversight of the Board of Trustees.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty under Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance.

3. Objectives and Public Benefit

Networkfour exists to provide practical support, protection, and hope to vulnerable individuals and communities across Birmingham and the wider Midlands. The charity works through faith-informed, trauma-aware, and partnership-based approaches to reduce isolation, exploitation, homelessness, deprivation, and vulnerability.

The charity's work is delivered through three principal projects:

- **Birmingham Pastors:** Street-based safeguarding, crisis intervention, and welfare support.
- **Life & Sole:** Provision of footwear, and practical resources for vulnerable children and families.
- **LifeLineFour:** Trauma-informed mentoring, intervention, and pathways out of vulnerability.

4. Activities, Achievements and Performance

During 2025, Networkfour continued to respond to increasing levels of poverty, social exclusion, crisis, and vulnerability across Birmingham. Through volunteers, partnership agencies, churches, and frontline practitioners, the charity delivered practical and relational support to thousands of people.

Key Outcomes During 2025

- Birmingham Pastors provided support, safeguarding, and crisis intervention to 9,093 individuals within Birmingham's day and night-time economy.
- Life & Sole supported 3,003 vulnerable children and 567 adults through the provision of footwear and practical support.
- Approximately 22 tonnes of footwear were diverted from landfill through recycling and circular economy initiatives.
- LifeLineFour supported 357 vulnerable adults and young people through mentoring, intervention, debt support, addiction referrals, domestic abuse support, education, employment, and relocation pathways. Case referrals:

64 Schools - (31 from Life & Sole) , 74 – probation, 5 - West Midlands Fire Service, 131 - West Midlands Police, 11 - West Midlands Ambulance, 13 – churches, 19 - self-referrals, 38 – through Birmingham Pastors.

- Networkfour collaborated with over 145 community, statutory, education, and faith-based partners.
- The charity secured over £44,000 in grants and donor support during the year.

In determining the charity's objectives and its activities, the Trustees consider the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit. All proposed and ongoing initiatives are assessed for their contribution toward the charity's aims and the capacity to deliver meaningful change to those served. The trustees believe these interventions contributed to improved wellbeing, increased community safety, reduced isolation, and greater stability for vulnerable individuals and families.

5. Partnership Working

Networkfour continued to work collaboratively with public, private, voluntary, and faith-sector partners including West Midlands Police, Birmingham Business Improvement Districts, schools, universities, churches, and community organisations. These partnerships enabled the charity to identify need quickly, provide coordinated support, and maximise impact.

6. Financial Review

The trustees report that the charity remained financially stable throughout 2025. Income was generated through grants, donations, and community fundraising activity.

Careful financial management enabled the charity to maintain operational delivery while safeguarding reserves and investing in future sustainability.

Total income for the year was £30,382 (2024: £48,668). Total expenditure was £37,540 resulting in a surplus/deficit of £7,158 at year end.

The trustees are satisfied that the charity remains a going concern.

7. Reserves Policy

The trustees aim to maintain unrestricted reserves equivalent to approximately six months of operating expenditure to ensure continuity of services and manage unforeseen financial pressures.

At the year end, the charity's unrestricted general fund was in deficit by £3,362. Accordingly, the charity did not have free reserves available at year end and was below its reserves policy.

The trustees recognise the importance of rebuilding the charity's unrestricted general fund and are continuing to regularly monitor the charity's financial position and cash flow. The trustees will seek to increase unrestricted income to restore to a positive position and rebuild towards the reserves target.

8. Risk Management

The trustees actively review operational and governance risks affecting the charity. Risks are reviewed regularly by the Board of Trustees, with safeguarding, financial controls, operational capacity, and funding sustainability identified as key areas of focus.

Appropriate safeguarding procedures, financial controls, governance oversight, and partnership working arrangements are in place to mitigate identified risks.

9. Plans for Future Periods

- Strengthen long-term financial sustainability and diversify income streams.
- Expand volunteer engagement and student social impact programmes.
- Strengthen operational infrastructure through the Quayside Tower base.
- Increase support for vulnerable children, families, and adults across Birmingham and the Midlands.

10. Safeguarding

Safeguarding remains central to all Networkfour activities. The charity maintains safeguarding policies and procedures appropriate to its activities and works closely with statutory agencies and partners to protect children, young people, and vulnerable adults. Safeguarding reporting is conducted monthly at Board meetings and serious incidents are managed by the designated safeguarding officer Paul Powell. No serious incidents requiring reporting to the Charity Commission occurred during the reporting period.

11. Approval of the Trustees' Report

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:

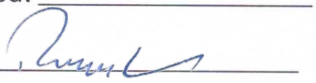
Name: Russell Lowman

Position: Chair of Trustees

NETWORKFOUR COMMUNITY OUTREACH
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Date Approved: 02/09/2026

Signature: 

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
NETWORKFOUR COMMUNITY OUTREACH (REGISTERED NUMBER: 07316168)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

Independent examiners report to the trustees of Networkfour Community Outreach ('the Company')

Responsibilities and basis of the report

As the Charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors 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 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 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 Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those accounts; or
3. the accounts 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 accounts 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.



Christopher Petty FCA
C J Petty Limited
Chartered Accountants
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Date: 31st August 2025

NETWORKFOUR COMMUNITY OUTREACH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	**2025 Total funds** £	2024 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	**18883**	**11499**	**30382**	48668
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	3				
Charitable activities		**22886**	**-**	**22886**	31227
Support costs	5	**1150**	**9844**	**10994**	1400
Fundraising costs		**-**	**-**	**-**	-
Other		**2252**	**1408**	**3660**	2334
Total		**26288**	**11252**	**37540**	34961
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		**-7405**	**247**	**-7158**	13707
Total funds brought forward		**4043**	**26061**	**30104**	16397
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**-3362**	**26308**	**22946**	30104

BALANCE SHEET
31ST DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	**2025 Total funds £**	2024 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8	**736**	-	**736**	-
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	9	**1069**	**838**	**1907**	1530
Cash at bank and in hand		**-23914**	**44453**	**20539**	29907
		-22845	**45291**	**22446**	31437
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	**-18747**	**18983**	**236**	1333
NET CURRENT ASSETS		**-4098**	**26308**	**22210**	30104
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		**-3362**	**26308**	**22946**	30104
NET ASSETS				**22946**	30104
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	11			**-3362**	4995
Restricted funds	11			**26308**	25109
TOTAL FUNDS				**22946**	30104

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st December 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

BALANCE SHEET -continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 31st August 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:



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R Lowman - Trustee

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE TEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 1st January 2019), Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Grants and donations are credited to income when the income recognition criteria above have been met.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid is recognised at the time of the donation to which it relates.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a tranfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

Interest Receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Computer equipment	- 33% on cost
Office equipment	- 20% on cost

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities as a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Pensions

The Charity contributes to defined contribution pension schemes on behalf of staff. The cost of these contributions is accrued in the accounts on a monthly basis.

Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity 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 the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations	18883	26848
Grants	11499	21820
	30382	48668

Grants received included in the above are as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
R Birmingham Pastors	3999	19320
R Life & Sole	3900	2500
LifeLineFour	3600	-
	11499	21820

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct costs (see note 4)	Support costs (see note 5)	Totals
	£	£	£
Charitable activities	22886	-	22886
Support costs	-	-	-
	22886	-	22886

4. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Staff costs	22886	31148
Project resources	-	79
	22886	31227

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

5. SUPPORT COSTS

	Other	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£
Support costs	10994	-	10994

Support costs are those costs that have been incurred by the Charity in order to further the continued development of the Charity's charitable activities.

Support costs included in the above are as follows:

OTHER

	2025	2024
	Support costs	Support costs
	£	£
Insurance	**529**	508
Office equipment	**163**	97
Sundries	**49**	305
Computer software	**855**	490
Birmingham Pastors	**8725**	1400
Donations	**675**	
	10994	1400

6. STAFF COSTS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	**31320**	31148
Pension scheme contributions	**1566**	934
	32886	32082

The average number of persons employed by the charity during the year was 1 (2024 - 1)

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60000 in either year.

7. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

The trustees did not receive any remuneration, expenses or any other benefits during the year (2024 - £nil).

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Office equipment	Computer equipment	Total
	£	£	£
COST			
At 1st January 2025	1568	1964	3532
Cost during the year	920	-	920
	2488	1964	4442
DEPRECIATION			
At 31st January 2025	1568	1964	3532
Charge for the year	184	-	184
	1752	1964	3716
At 31st December 2025	736	-	736
At 31st December 2024	-	-	-

9. DEBTORS: AMMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Prepayments	**1244**	1269
Accounts receivable	**-**	261
HMRC	**663**	-
	1907	1530

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
HMRC creditor	**-**	1333
Pensions payable	**235**	-
Payroll	**1**	-
	236	1333

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

11. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 01/01/2025	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Balance at 31/12/2025
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General funds	4995	18883	-27240	-3362
Restricted funds				
Life & Sole	6065	3900	-537	9428
Birmingham Pastors	18904	-	-8879	10025
Awards for All	140	-		140
Grants	-	3999		3999
LifeLineFour		3600	-884	2716
Total Funds	30104	30382	-37540	22946

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 01/01/2024	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Balance at 31/12/2025
Unrestricted funds				
General funds	12870	26848	-34723	4995
Restricted funds				
Life & Sole	3565	2500	-	6065
Birmingham Pastors	-328	19320	-88	18904
Awards for All	290	-	-150	140
Active Citizens	-	-	-	-
Total funds	16397	48668	-34961	30104

12. PURPOSE OF FUNDS

General unrestricted funds are used for the day to day purposes of running the charity.

Restricted funds are used for the purposes expressed at the time of the donation and allocated to the respective project. A proportion of the costs of the Project Manager's salary has been allocated to these projects to reflect the time spent on them during the year.

13. PENSION COMMITMENTS

The charity contributes to a defined contribution pension scheme on behalf of staff. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the charity and amounted to £1566 (2024: £934)

14. MEMBER'S LIABILITY

Each member of the charitable company undertakes to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the company in the event of it being wound up while he or she is a member.

15. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no related party transactions during the year.