

Rainbow Surprise CIO

TRUSTEES` ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st December 2025

Registered Charity No. 1165007

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RAINBOW SURPRISE CIO

Trustees Report for the year ended 31st December 2025

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2025. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charities constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 the Republic of Ireland published (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Reference and administrative Information

Charity Name: Rainbow Surprise CIO
Charity Registration Number: 1165007

Structure, governance and management.

The charity is governed by a constitution and became a registered charity on the 04th January 2016.

The Trustees who served during the period are as follows:

Shakar Hussain (Chair)
Dr Sayed Aisha B Malik
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Objectives and activities

Charity Objects

The objects of the CIO are:

(A) To advance in life, relieve needs of and help young people through

- The provision of recreational and leisure time activities provided in the interest of social welfare, designed to improve their conditions of life;
- Providing support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.

(B) The relief of those in need, by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage by such charitable means as the trustees see fit from time to time.

(C) To further such other charitable purposes for the benefit of the public as the trustees see fit from time to time.

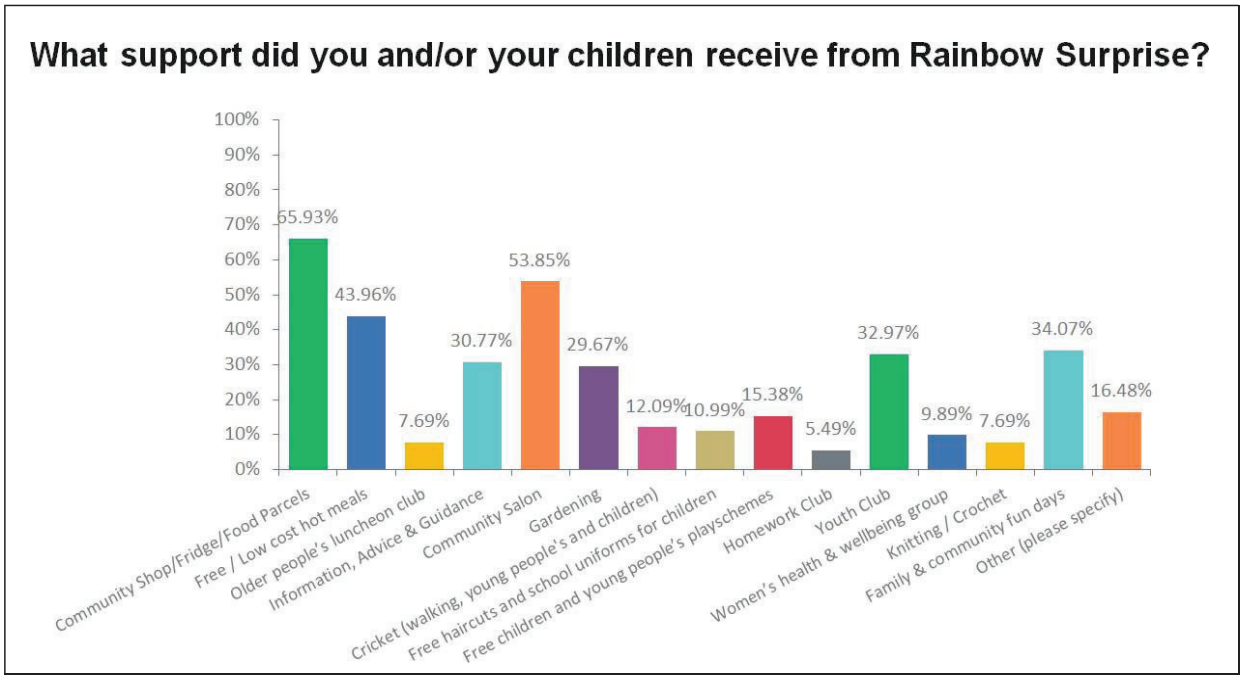
Nothing in this constitution shall authorise an application of the property of the CIO for the purposes, which are not charitable.

People accessed a wide range of activities and support over the year. Our evaluation showed the take-up of different services and reflects the large number of service users. Unsurprising is that the food support has very large numbers accessing that. It is interesting to note that the Community Salon, which we only created the permanent location for at the start of 2025, had over 50% of those giving feedback using it.

It is good that those accessing the youth club and community days represent around a third of respondents. The over 30% saying that they have received information, advice or guidance shows that this is a growing demand for us and we should be looking to increase this provision.

Another good response is that almost 30% of people accessed the gardening project, which started in July 2025, after major capital works and putting in the raised beds.

The ability of Rainbow Surprise to offer diverse provision to meet diverse need is one of the reasons why it is so valued by people in the local community.



We had a large number of general comments that convey what people accessing Rainbow Surprise think of it. A few are shown below:

- *It's a great place to visit and I feel LOVED and valued.*
- *Gardening - physical and mentally health games night - making new friends, fun time, happy hours etc.*
- *Thank you for all the free sessions it makes a huge difference to me.*
- *The youth worker has been great with me supported me in my trouble times.*
- *Everyone at Rainbow Surprise are amazing and always have helped me.*
- *Rainbow Surprise is a vital community hub and covers a huge range of support for the community. The community of North Manchester is a much better place for the services of Rainbow Surprise. Long may it continue.*
- *Fabulous community place staff are wonderful and the place is clean and comfortable*
- *As long as it stays open I don't have to skip meals to feed meals to feed my family. Please give them all the support they need to provide for us. Thank you Rainbow you are a life safer.*
- *The community events I have attended have been really enjoyable and a great way to meet neighbours. Walking cricket has been good fun and exercise, and good to chat with people afterwards.*

- *They help the community and great service. Would highly recommend them to everyone.*
- *My son who has autism enjoys going to the playscheme during half term holidays. The staff are very caring and hardworking who look after all the children professionally. I want the playscheme to be available for everyone in the area.*

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to all our funders and partners for their generous support and collaboration over the past year. Your commitment and shared vision have been instrumental in helping us achieve our objectives and make a lasting impact in the communities we serve. Through your financial backing, expertise, and continued engagement, we have been able to deliver meaningful projects, strengthen our programmes, and build a more sustainable future. We are truly grateful for your trust in our work and look forward to continuing this valued partnership in the year ahead.

We delivered a series of community events and workshops designed to bring people together, foster connections, and encourage meaningful participation across the community.

<u>Supporting local community</u>

At the beginning of the year, we prioritised supporting local immigrants and asylum seekers in need of professional guidance. In collaboration with local solicitors, we organised free drop-in sessions that offered a safe and welcoming space for individuals to receive confidential advice and practical support. On average, we supported around eight people each week, helping them navigate complex legal and administrative processes while promoting inclusion and community well-being.



<u>The Walking Cricket</u> sessions provided an inclusive, low-impact activity that supported physical health, reduced isolation, and strengthened community connections. We rounded off the session with tea and conversation, creating a friendly and inclusive atmosphere that encouraged social interaction. Thank you to Lancashire Cricket Club for funding these session









<u>Our Warm Hub</u> sessions provide a safe, welcoming space for people to relax, connect, and feel supported. Attendees can enjoy a free hot drink and meal, take part in light activities, and spend time chatting with others in a friendly, inclusive environment. The sessions offer warmth, companionship, and practical support, helping to reduce isolation and strengthen community connections. Our Warm Hub runs 3 times a week From November to February. Thank you to Manchester Council and Jigsaw Homes for supporting this and keeping people warm inside and out.













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> • My mental health is better as I have more friends now and I have people I can talk to.

Outreach work at Sherdley court which is a Jigsaw Homes Site to engage their residents, encouraging social interaction and reducing isolation. Through free haircuts, beauty treatments, and a shared lunch providing a nutritious meal, we created a welcoming and supportive environment. While engagement was slow at first and residents needed encouragement to participate, by the third session 15 residents were actively taking part.

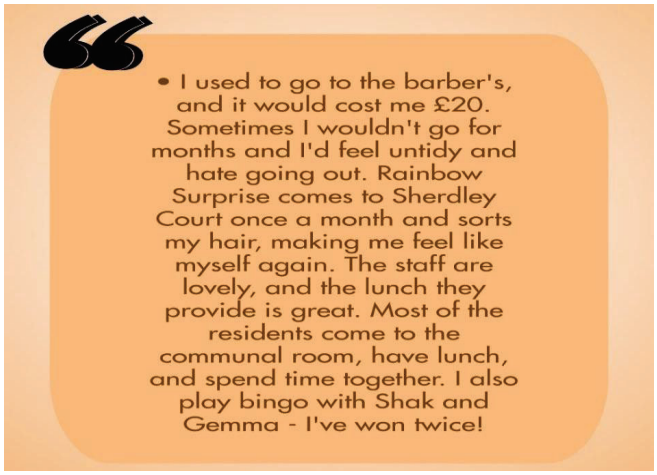












Our games and dinner sessions have been a big success—a great way to destress and connect. Over 45 individuals aged 16 to 78 attended, enjoying two hours of fun-packed board games alongside a healthy, nutritious meal.







Our knitting and crochet session welcomed six new members this year. A relaxed space that's great for mental health, with a cup of tea and friendly conversation.

These session have:

- Improves mental health and wellbeing
- Reduces stress and anxiety
- Provides a safe space for conversation and support
- Builds social connections and friendships
- Reduces loneliness and isolation
- Boosts confidence and sense of achievement
- Improves focus and concentration
- Keeps hands and minds active







<u>Supporting health and wellbeing</u>

The cooking workshop helped participants develop practical skills to cook healthy, nutritious meals on a budget. It also focused on using low-cost, energy-efficient cooking equipment, helping people reduce food and energy costs while improving their confidence in the kitchen.

A huge thank you to Holland & Barrett for teaming up with us and generously providing free vitamins to our service users.90 families and individuals received a three-month supply at no cost.

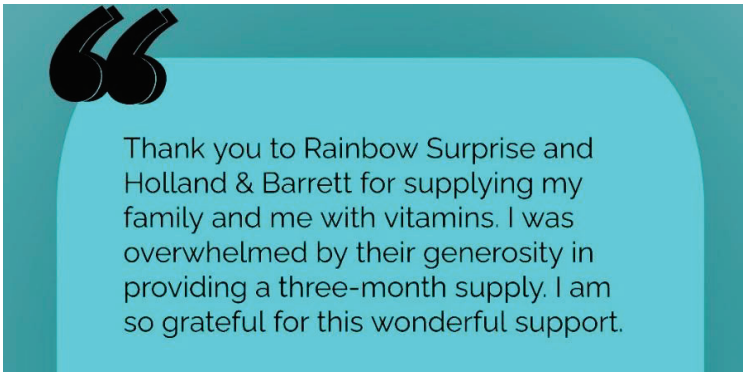






We provide free books to encourage reading, support literacy development, and ensure access to books for everyone. Through our partnership with Read Manchester, hundreds of free books have been distributed to the local community. In December, Read Manchester also joined us to ensure parents could take books home to give as Christmas gifts, helping to make the festive season more inclusive and meaningful for families.





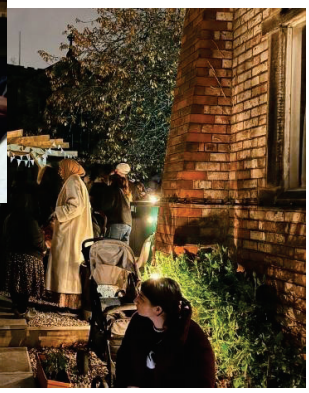


Brining Community together

We have hosted community events that bring people and families together, attracting hundreds of attendees. The main aim of these events is to keep them affordable, accessible, and enjoyable for the whole family, while encouraging community connection and inclusion.

This year, we organised a community firework display in response to local demand. As Manchester Council did not hold public firework displays, many families asked us to provide an event so they could still celebrate safely and together. In response, we delivered an accessible, family-friendly firew together. We could believe over 300 people turned up and hopefully this ca







Children & Youth

Term-Time Play Schemes

We delivered four separate 4-day play schemes across the year — in February, May, October and December.

50 children and young people attended each day.

Across the four schemes, that's 16 days of delivery and approximately 800 attendances (50 per day × 16 days).

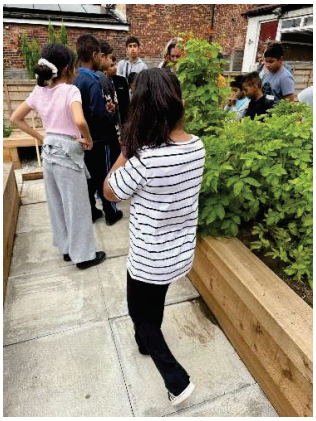
Summer Play Programme

Our summer programme was a standout success, running for 4 weeks with 60 children attending each day.

Over 16 days (assuming a 4-day week), that's around 1,200 attendances

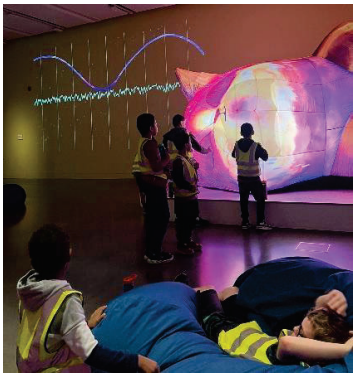
We also engaged 13 young people as volunteers, supporting delivery and gaining valuable experience. All from the local area.













We launched a brand-new Saturday Breakfast and Play Session, designed to give children a healthy start to the weekend while offering a safe, fun space to play and socialise.

The very first session saw an amazing turnout of 23 children.

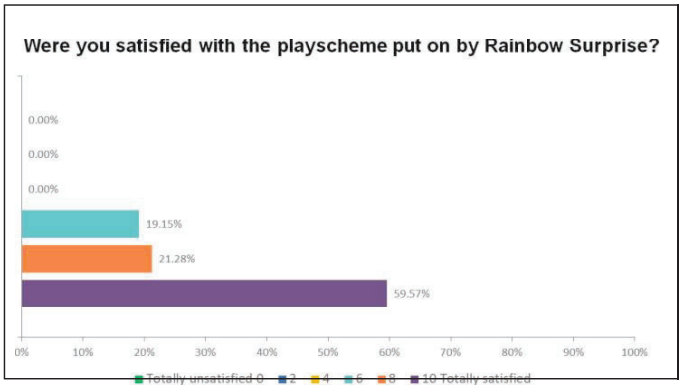
Attendance continued to grow week by week, showing clear demand and positive word-of-mouth.

The sessions ensured children had access to a nutritious breakfast, reducing morning hunger and supporting wellbeing.

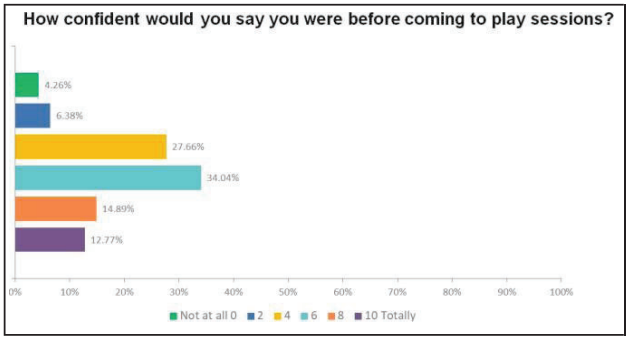
Families benefited from affordable, accessible weekend provision.

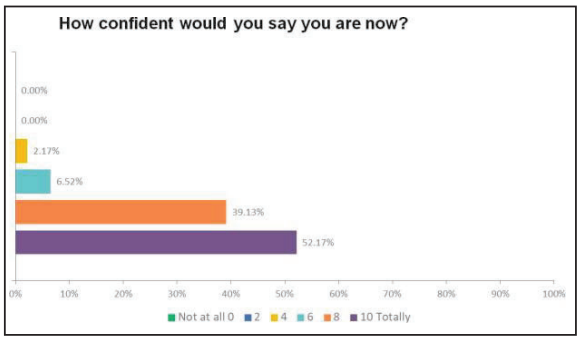


The responses from children attending playscheme showed a high level of satisfaction and increase in confidence. We were aware of their age, being 8 to 11 year olds, but most showed maturity in being able to answer questions with support

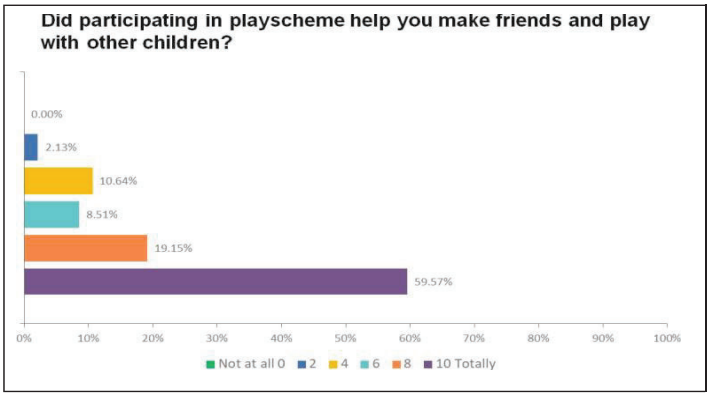


The average level of confidence rose from 5.74 to 8.88, an over 3 point increase, which is excellent. 97.8% reported being confident after coming to play sessions, up from 61.7% before.





For the question on participating in playscheme helping to make friends and play with other children, 87.2% reported positively with an 8.47 average rating. Whilst this is good, there is clearly room for improvement.



- I made friends through football we were also in the same group when we went on a trip
- I asked other children if I could borrow something of theirs in an activity, like drawing and we became friends. Sometimes I have common ground with others and we bond over relatable things
- I meet other children who I only see at Playscheme.
- When I was new, I met someone who liked the same activities as me.
- Because we meet different people and go into different groups
- Musical statues and games helped me make friends
- I wanted to play football, and I made a friend because she wanted to play football with me as well
- Meet the same children with similar hobbies.

National Play Day Celebration

We celebrated National Play Day with our Jewish friends from Hello Buddy, bringing children and young people together for a joyful, inclusive event. Children enjoyed a bouncy castle, popcorn, and a BBQ, creating a fun and memorable day for everyone. The event reflected your belief that play is a powerful way to connect communities, build friendships, and celebrate diversity.







Day Trips & Enrichment Experiences

Throughout the year, you offered a fantastic range of day trips that gave children the excitement and joy of being "on holiday" while discovering new places and experiences. Your trips included:

- Blackpool Zoo
- Science Museum
- Transport Museum
- Aviva Studios
- Manchester Museum
- Heaton Park
- Mayfield Park
- Cinema outings
- Police Museum







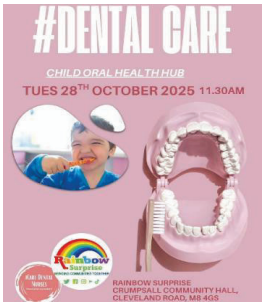
These trips allowed children to explore new environments, learn through hands-on experiences, and enjoy fun days out they may not otherwise have access to. Families consistently shared how much these outings meant, helping children build confidence, curiosity, and lasting memories

Oral Health Support for Children

This year we partnered with I Care Dental Nurses to provide free oral-health support for children, making dental education accessible to families who may struggle to access regular care.

- Children learned the importance of brushing twice a day, looking after their teeth, and making healthy choices.
- Dental nurses and dentist offering fun, child-friendly demonstrations that helped reduce fear and build confidence around visiting the dentist.
- Families received practical guidance on preventing tooth decay, understanding sugary snacks, and encouraging good habits at home.
- The sessions helped children feel proud of their smiles, while giving parents reassurance and knowledge to support their child's wellbeing.

This partnership showed how community organisations and health professionals can work together to improve children's long-term health in a positive, engaging way.





Family Day Trip to Blackpool

With support from Feeding Britain, we organised a family day trip to Blackpool, giving local families a much-needed day by the seaside.

- A fantastic 145 people joined the trip, enjoying the beach, fresh air, and time together
- Many of these families would not normally be able to take a trip like this due to cost, transport barriers, or lack of confidence to travel outside Crumpsall.
- The day created a sense of adventure, belonging, and joy — helping families make memories they may not otherwise experience.
- Parents shared how much it meant to have a safe, supported, community-led outing where they felt comfortable and included.

This trip opening doors, widening horizons, and giving families experiences that build confidence and connection.



Community Garden

This year we began work on our community garden. It was a long and challenging journey, but we're proud to have given it such a strong start. We celebrated with a wonderful opening event, marked by a ribbon-cutting ceremony with the Lord Mayor and local councillors. Today, the garden is a welcoming outdoor space for everyone in the community to enjoy.







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- Getting outside the house gardening helped me with my mental health.

- The community garden is a lovely space! The staff do a great job keeping it tidy and it's a nice place to sit and enjoy the fresh air. The flowers and plants add a splash of colour and make it feel welcoming. It's great that residents can use the space to relax and socialise. Well done to everyone involved in maintaining it!

Tackling Poverty



Our community shop is going from strength to strength, with hundreds of people average of £350 on their weekly food shop. We have teamed up with FareShare which allows us to offer a wider range of fresh fruit and vegetables to the commu improve access to healthy food and encourages people to make healthier choic

Our Community Fridge is a valuable asset to the local community, with over 30 people regularly using the facility. We have expanded the service from two to three days per week, increasing access and support. Over this year, this initiative has helped save 9.88 metric tons of food from going to waste, making a significant environmental and social impact.

Our foodbank has supported 1,096 individual people by providing free food parcels. The highest number of requests came in August and October, highlighting that the summer school holidays and the onset of colder weather are peak times when many people struggle the most.

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- I couldn't afford food and Rainbow Surprise helped me and provided a free food parcel and their community shop being much cheaper than anywhere else.

- I had no money and was struggling for food and to pay for things. Rainbow Surprise had helped me out a lot.

- I was struggling financially without any money so the food parcel saved me for quite so time and the community fridge.

Young People

Youth work activities were delivered throughout 2025 with the aim of providing a safe, supportive, and engaging environment where young people could build confidence, develop new skills, form positive relationships, and express themselves creatively.

Our sessions have been at the core of our delivery, offering young people consistency, structure, and trusted support within their community.

Sessions included:



- Icebreaker activities and team-building games
- Open discussions on wellbeing and personal development, both during and outside of sessions
- Sports and physical challenges
- Group reflection and regular check-ins

Themed sessions were particularly successful, as they were planned and led by the young people themselves. These included pumpkin carving, badminton, a murder mystery case file, sewing, cooking, and baking.

Cooking and baking sessions engaged 32 young people during the year. These free sessions were designed to develop essential life skills, including basic sauce-making and using leftover ingredients to prepare nutritious meals. Baking sessions focused on baking and decorating cakes and treats, supporting creativity and confidence.



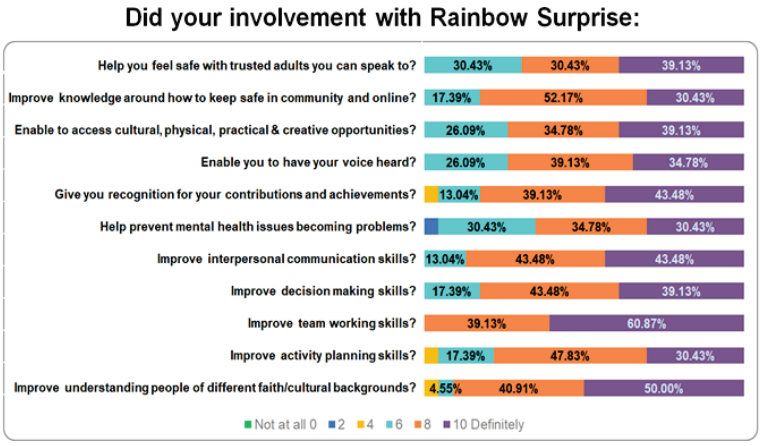






The evaluation enabled young people to complete a specific set of questions related to their involvement that included knowledge and skills development, meeting key needs and impact. The results are extremely encouraging especially around skills development with 100% of those responding saying that they had improved communication, decision making and team working skills. Whilst there is room for improvement on some areas, it is clear that the youth work being undertaking is having a very positive impact on those participating.

> • By using the community salon. I had struggled with shoulder pain by receiving massages and cupping treatment helped me a lot.
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> • The community salon helped me massively with haircut prices as they were a lot cheaper.
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> • The community shop and salon are life savers.
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> • Everything to be honest: community events, the shop, the salon, speaking to the barber, socialising - I met a lot of different people.



We also asked how these achievements had come about, which evidenced clear links with the activities accessed and how they had impacted:

- During the youth group I could speak to everyone like I have known them for years.
- From the youth group meeting new people has helped me a lot,
- I improved skills from the youth club teaching me other things I didn't know. The same with gardening.
- Just by the groups gardening and the youth club teaching me lots of different things.
- Via the youth club and through the community salon meeting new people learning new skills.
- From the youth club it is helped me drastically and also through gardening has helped me a lot.
- Everything to be honest: community events, the shop, the salon, speaking to the barber, socialising - I met a lot of different people.
- These came about via the youth club also by talking a lot more to new people boosting my confidence in community events and in the shop.
- Through the youth club helped me all about team work and how others are different. Also through community events shows how the community is diverse and in the youth club I felt noticed. I could speak to leaders with ease without any fear.
- Baking was so much fun. I have gained a new skill and I bake at home on the weekend. Love it.
- The sessions are great as I have a say in what or how we should do things.
- Learning about different cultures.
- When helping people no discrimination at all. Team work, helping each other, transparency on every event.
- From contributing to the youth group and being involved helped these outcomes.

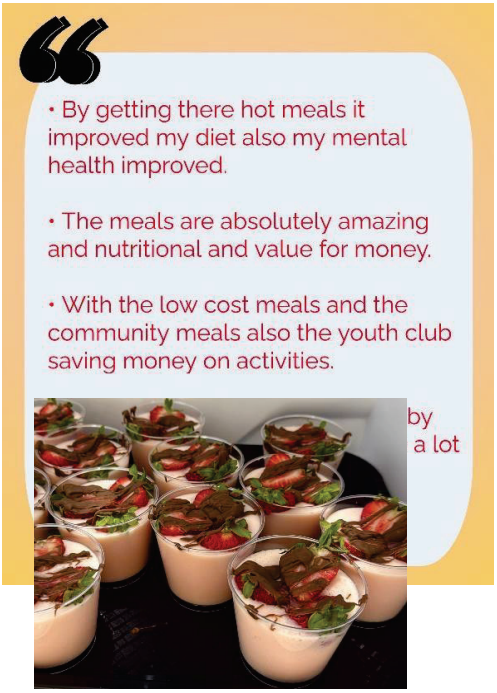
Community Salon – Our pop-up salon now has a permanent space, offering a variety of treatments at a fraction of the usual cost. This service has been very well received by the local community, providing an accessible option for self-care and promoting physical and mental wellbeing.

The salon has created 4 part-time jobs, offering valuable work experience and skill development in the beauty and customer service sectors. Being a self-funding project, it is sustainable and continues to reinvest into the community.

Community Kitchen – Hot Meals – Our community kitchen provides freshly cooked, nutritious, and affordable meals, served 60 meals per day, three times per week. Meals are either ready to eat or freezer-friendly and cater to a variety of dietary needs, making healthy eating accessible for everyone. The average cost of a meal is just £1.50, ensuring affordability for all.

These meals have helped community members eat well on a budget, reducing the stress of high food and utility costs. By using surplus ingredients, we also minimise food waste, supporting a more sustainable approach and benefiting the environment.



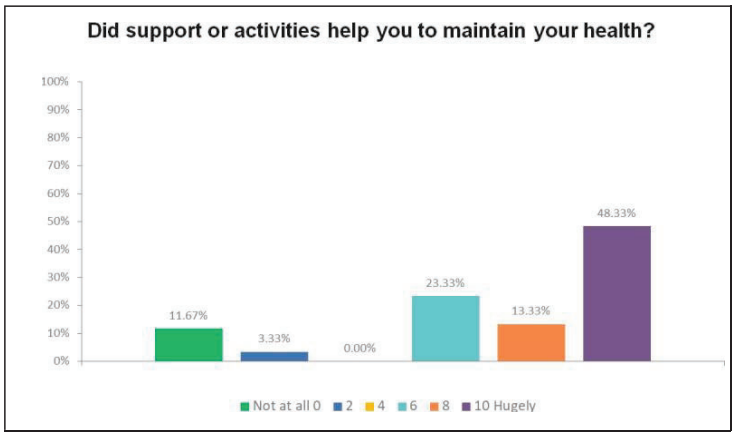


Outcomes and Impact

We ran an evaluation at the end of 2025 to evidence our impact. The results are shown below. Our reporting shows the percentage being positive for different outcomes around health, finances and social inclusion. Our positive response is calculated as those scoring 6 or above. We also, where appropriate, show average ratings out of 10.

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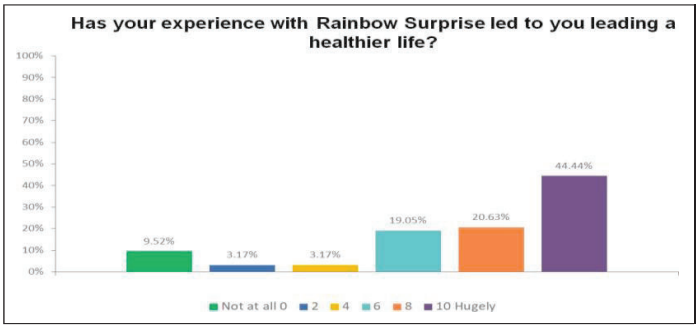
The results around health show significant impact of the work of Rainbow Surprise on people. The comments evidence that this has been achieved through a combination of food support, exercise, social and mental health activities.



85.0% of people reported that we had helped them maintain their health with an average rating of 7.37.

Comments on how it did this included:

- Made my health and confidence get better
- My mental health was not the best it helped me quite a lot with the support they gave
- By receiving support from Rainbow Surprise it helped my mental health a lot as I was struggling, Also it improved my diet a lot.
- By bring me outside involving myself with new people and friends through the youth club.
- I am already quite healthy however cricket and gardening are extra activities for me to take part in.
- It allowed me to go outside more as I wasn't very active. The youth group and the gardening allowed me to get some fresh air and sunlight.
- Meeting people in the hub/getting out the house.
- Mental health support being in a group.
- It has helped massively with my health both mentally and physically as I was not an outgoing person and some social issues as well as anxiety but ever since joining youth group it has made a huge impact on my day to day life.
- It allowed me to be more active in my community and get to know more people.

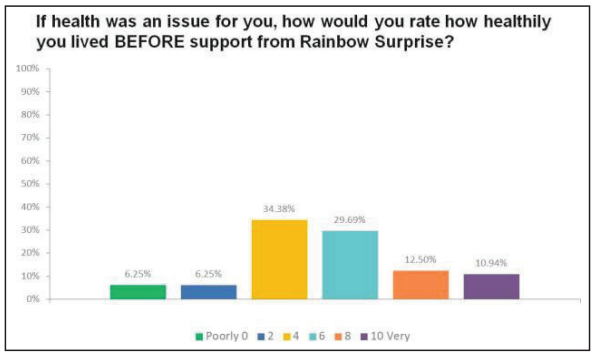


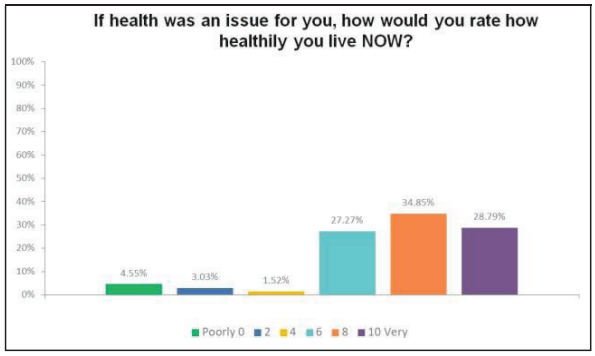
84.1% of people reported that their experience with Rainbow Surprise led to them leading a healthier life with an average rating of 7.43.

Comments on how it did this included:

- It's enabled me to make healthier choices- coming here has inspired me to get cooking again.
- They massively helped me with my mental health and also my diet helping me eat right and feel a lot better with myself
- By getting there hot meals it improved my diet also my mental health improved from socialising and being in the youth group
- With my mental health and physical doing activities making new friends has helped me drastically.
- I have received treatments from the community salon that has improved my pains and made me feel better also my mental health has since improved via the youth group.
- With the meals they cooked in the kitchen they were a lot healthier options then what I was eating daily before this also getting outside walking around is helping me a lot even with my mental health.
- I can pick up a weekly shop for fractional of the cost and most times they have so much free food. I'm so grateful.
- If I'm rushing from work, I don't have to think about what I'm cooking ready-made meals a fantastic for my children because they still get to eat healthy food.
- I've learned to eat better/and helped boost my self-esteem. I go regularly.

- The Walking Cricket got me moving again and has encouraged me to take up other exercise it is also a really good laugh with great people.
- They are always there when you need a helping hand and helped me when I was in hospital
- Because of us doing sports in our youth club it makes me want to participate more in sports than I would've usually wanted to.
- It has helped my mental help by joining in group games and making me feel less lonely





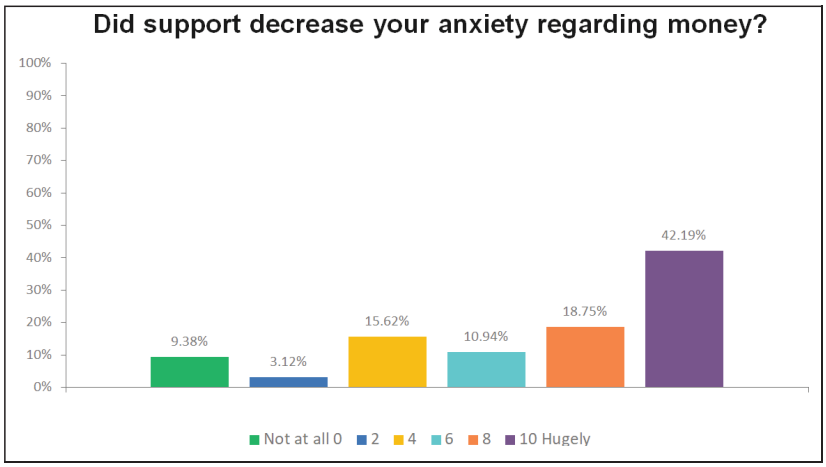
53.1% of people reported living healthily before support from Rainbow Surprise rising to 90.9% after support.

Average rating of living healthily rose significantly from 5.38 to 7.42.

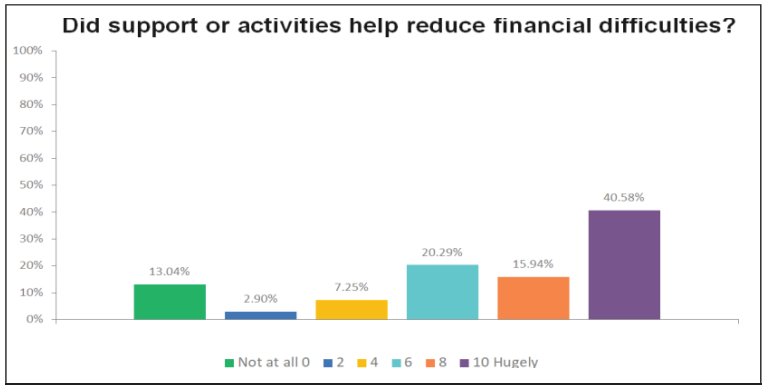
FINANCES

The results around financial circumstances show significant impact, especially due to food support. Other activities and services including playscheme, lunches, free haircuts and school uniforms are also noted as having impact.

However, it is notable that these results are less positive than in previous years. This appears to be due to more people struggling who are working, as they do not get free playscheme places nor other support that is only there for those on benefits.



71.9% of people reported that support had decreased their anxiety regarding money with an average rating of 7.06.



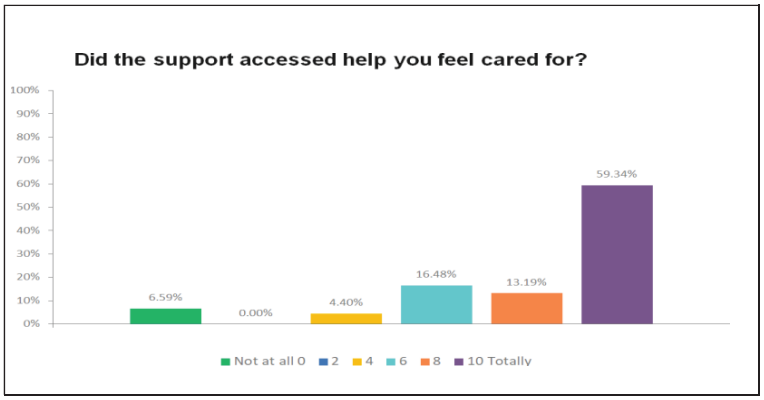
76.8% of people reported that we had helped them reduce financial difficulties with an average rating of 6.90.

Comments on how it did this included:

- Playscheme helps financially.
- I was struggling financially without any money so the food parcel saved me for quite so time and the community fridge.
- By shopping at Rainbow Surprise it reduced my weekly shop cost massively also the community salon being cheaper to get haircuts.
- By buying the cheap hot meals it has saved me some money also from the community salon.
- The community salon and the youth club have saved me some money.
- Hair cut for £8 with a such a lovely person professional and caring.
- With the community shop I saved quite a lot also the community salon helped me massively with haircut prices as they were a lot cheaper.
- Community shop and the fridge has helped a lot. As a working family it very difficult in the school holidays but Rainbow Surprise playscheme is so good my children love being at them.
- The community shop allowed me to save quite a lot of money on spending also the family fun days out allowed me to go there with my friends and have a good time for a lot less money.
- The community shop and salon are life savers.
- Concession rates and free shopping. Free community food parcel, different community gatherings,
- Free hot drink and lunch several times a week helps with Grocery budget, and heating bills. Also clothes at £1 and free household items like mugs have all helped. Thank you.
- I was able to feed my family good quality food thanks to Rainbow Surprise instead of skipping meals.
- Helped me get through hardship as I am ill and have mobility problems
- Regular haircuts for the kids are expensive and having a free hair cut really helped.
- The activities that took place helped me save money in fact without having to worry about the costs because it was all free with only some bits of my own spending here and there but I really found that to be lightening in its own way.
- The youth group helped as I could do activities at a cheaper to free price so it helped financially
- Taking the burden off a few meals a week helps greatly, I also appreciate the cheaper food and clothes.

SOCIAL & COHESION

The results around socialising show that people feel cared for and have made new friendships through Rainbow Surprise. The impact comes from across the activities including food support, community events,



lunches, exercise, social and mental health activities.

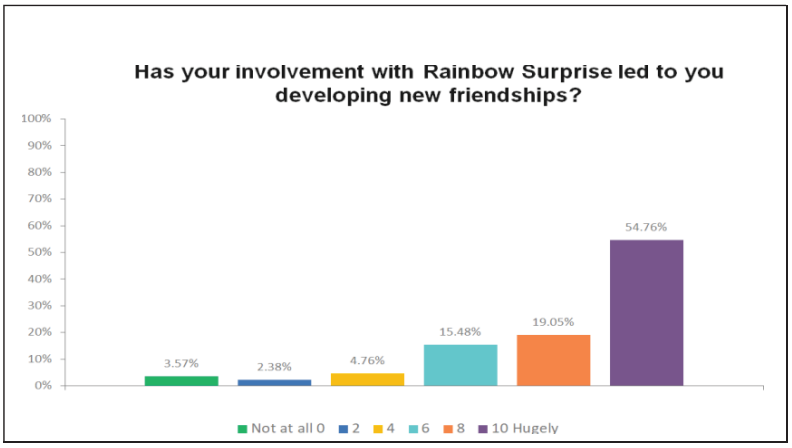
89.0% of people reported that we had helped them feel cared for with an average rating of 8.15. This is the highest result since Covid, which is incredibly positive and evidences genuine appreciation for what we are doing.

Comments on how it did this included:

- *During the youth group I could speak to everyone like I have known them for years.*
- *Very friendly/Shakar is my best friend now*
- *Brought me from loneliness to happiness*
- *Boots my mood/improves my mental health*
- *In the youth group it felt like one big family who was there for each other*
- *I was very depressed and was feeling down. Rainbow Surprise help made me feel a lot better.*
- *They listened to everything I had to say and as they were making my food parcel they took me around the shop and showed me everything I was getting and it felt like they really cared.*
- *They helped me out a lot even though they didn't know me personally. They didn't judge or ask any questions they weren't meant to ask. It helped me a lot.*
- *I didn't need much support but from what I received I felt like they really wanted to help and weren't just doing it as it's their job.*
- *They would listen to what I had to say and I felt safe speaking to staff members.*
- *I could speak to others in the gardening and youth group and I was never left out*
- *I came in for a food parcel and they offered me a warm meal and gave me time and support. I couldn't ask to be in a better place. I never knew this was here but glad I came in.*
- *I needed some advice about my life and how I was living. I received support from staff members at Rainbow Surprise it made me feel welcomed.*
- *No matter how busy they are they will make time for you. Free food and a chat what more could I ask for.*
- *During the youth club and gardening it allowed me to socialise a lot more than I would. Meeting new people speaking to others, I felt recognised like someone was always there for me to talk to.*
- *Awesome people, Always there to help you. I saved so much money with Rainbow Surprise, especially day trip out.*
- *Bunch of lovely people make you feel so special.*
- *All the staff treats me like a human being, very caring and they listen*

- *Help me when there was no one there for me they treated me like family and felt cared for.*

- *I felt totally comfortable with the support I had been given from topics like school or anything else. I feel like the advice given to me was very helpful and it wasn't at all lacking in any way.*



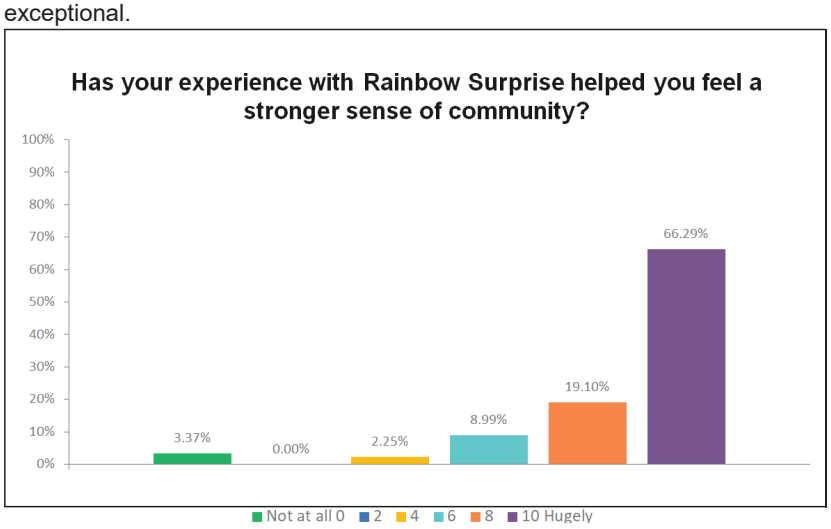
89.3% of people reported that with Rainbow Surprise led to them developing new friendships with an average rating of 8.17. This is the most positive result from evaluations we have recorded and evidences that we are enabling people not only to get support but also build social networks. The impact on mental health and well-being can be clearly seen locally as well as through the many comments related to health (above) and to how it achieved this (below):

- I didn't feel I could open up before coming here; it's taught me not to judge people and now I feel I'm accepting people for who they are.
- I've made a new family with Rainbow Surprise team.
- People in the warm hub are so lovely and the food is amazing. I come 3 times a week and I enjoy the company.
- In the youth group I met a lot of new people and became friends with many.
- From gardening it has helped me speak to new people and gain friends.
- By visiting the community shop and community events I have made friends by talking with others.
- From cricket and the other activities I made a lot of good friends who I look forward to seeing.
- From the gardening and youth club meeting strangers then turning into good friends.
- In gardening I socialise quite a lot and have made many new friends. Also with the youth work.
- In the youth club everyone gets along. I have made lots of new friends also in the community shop seeing regular faces having chats with others.
- At community events I interacted with a lot of people. Also since I'm involved in the youth club I made lots of new friends in there.

- My Children have been to places where i would never be able to afford to take them. As a charity Rainbow Surprise do so much it's unbelievable. They have always made sure the community is well looked after no matter what the background is. I'm really grateful for everything they do.
- Made friends with a mixed race community.
- I enjoy the company of the Walking Cricket participants hugely.
- I have met nice people through the social activities. It is really community building seeing the same face over and over and out and about.
- Helped me gain confidence in talking to people and meeting new people and making friends.

- I've made more friends in youth club than I've ever made in school and I'm grateful for the connections that have been built and made with these people since the time I have joined.
- The youth group helped me find my friends as they were so welcoming and helpful.

The impact on cohesion can be seen from the tremendously positive result of over 94% saying that their experience with Rainbow Surprise helped them feel a stronger sense of community. The average rating of 8.79 is exceptional.



The terrorist attack at Heaton Park Synagogue in Crumpsall in October 2025 obviously had an impact on the whole community. It has reinforced the need for cohesion activity and to build respect and understanding across those from diverse backgrounds.

Reaching out to other communities and creating partnerships has always been part of Rainbow Surprise's core priorities and we will continue to do this. We have excellent relationships with the Jewish community having partnered with Jewish Action for Mental Health for project work and having several Jewish volunteers. We will continue to build on this.We ended the year with festive magic through our Santa Surprise and Christmas Dinner. The Santa Surprise took place in our community garden hut this year, instead of the drive-around we've done previously. The magic was still very much alive — the hut was beautifully lit, and Santa was waiting inside with his helper. The children were delighted, enjoyed chatting with Santa, and each received a free gift.







Our Christmas Dinner was also warmly received. We welcomed 97 individuals who were able to celebrate Christmas with us. A huge thank you to our amazing volunteers from the Jewish community who helped with transport, and to all our other wonderful volunteers from a wide range of backgrounds and faiths. Together, you created a meaningful event for people who otherwise would have spent the day alone.







We've had another amazing year filled with activities and moments of coming together. A huge thank you to our volunteers, staff, and funders for your continued support. Let's make next year just as great as this one!



Thank you to all our funders who supported us and who made this year another amazing year. Thank you to our amazing volunteers and the local community for keeping Rainbow Surprise going.

A review of our achievements and performance: How our activities delivered public benefit:

The charity trustees can confirm that they have complied with their duty to conduct and guide the charity to benefit the public using their powers, in accordance with the Objects and Charitable Aims outlined in the Constitution.

A financial review
The accounts comply with current statutory requirements of the Charities Act 2011. The trustees have reviewed the accounts and confirm they are an accurate reflection of our financial status.

Investment powers and policy
Aside from retaining a prudent amount in reserves, most of the charity`s funds are to be spent in the short term so there are few funds for any long-term investment.

Reserves policy and going concern
The balance held in reserves at 31st December 2025 is £129,781 (2024 - £113,539) out of which £113,781 (2024 - £78,632) is unrestricted and £16,000 (2024 - £34,907) is restricted. The trustee aims to build free reserves in unrestricted funds at a level which equates to approximately three months of unrestricted charitable expenditure. The charity's main source of income is grants. The trustees consider that it is appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis, consequently, the accounts do not include any adjustments that would be necessary if these sources of income should cease.

Statement of Risk Management
The trustees have assessed the risks to which the charity may be exposed with reference to those relating to the operations and finances of the charity. Systems are in place to ensure that all risks are recorded for subsequent monitoring and review. In the meantime, the trustee's remain satisfied that all insurable risks have been identified and adequately dealt with and that the charities exposure to other risks is kept at a minimum by good working practice by the trustees and volunteers.

Plans for Future Periods
Rainbow Surprise CIO plan to develop its activities by running increased activities.

We are currently working alongside the local council and the Crumpsall councilors to obtain a base so it can be set up as a community hub for Crumpsall; this is where we can run all our activities from and more.

Appointment of Charity Trustees
The constitution states apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

The charity will be managed by monthly committee members and an annual AGM.

Trustee Induction and Training
All trustees receive an induction into the organisation including an induction handbook.

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Trustees Report (continued) for the year ended 31st December 2025

Trustees responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees` report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.)

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing accounts giving a fair and true view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the accounts;
- Prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with The Charities Act 2011 and the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the board of trustees on:
And signed on its behalf by:



Shakar Hussain
Chair of Trustees

Independent examiner`s report to the trustees of Rainbow Surprise CIO

I report to the charity`s trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2025 which are set out on **pages 27 to 36.**

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity is preparing accrued accounts and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

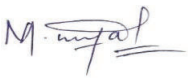
In connection with my examination, other than listed below, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records have in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act,

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year Ended 31st December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Year Ended 31.12.2025 Total Funds £	Year Ended 31.12.2024 Total Funds £
INCOME FROM:					
Donations and legacies	**(3)**	2,818	-	2,818	4,777
Charitable activities:	**(4)**	-	216,497	216,497	234,008
Other trading activities		103,065	-	103,065	79,702
Total		105,883	216,497	322,380	238,900
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities	**(6)**	70,734	235,404	306,138	287,920
Other trading activities					
TOTAL		70,734	235,404	306,138	287,920
Net gains/(losses) on investments					
Net/income/(expenditure)		35,149	(18,907)	16,242	30,567
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		35,149	(18,907)	16,242	30,567
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		78,632	34,907	113,539	82,972
Total funds carried forward	**(13)**	113,781	16,000	129,781	113,539

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 30 to 36 form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Fixed Assets	**(8)**	3,676	5,513
Total fixed assets		3,676	5,513
Current Assets			
Debtors	**(11)**	24,750	384
Cash at Bank and in hand		121,339	108,719
Total current assets		146,089	109,103
Liabilities			
Creditors:			
Amounts falling due within one year	**(12)**	19,984	1,077
Net current assets or liabilities		126,105	108,026
Total assets less current liabilities		126,106	108,026
Total net assets or liabilities		129,781	113,539
The funds of the charity			
Restricted income funds	**(13)**	16,000	34,907
Unrestricted income funds	**(13)**	113,781	78,632
Total funds		129,781	113,539
Total charity funds		129,781	113,539

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Shakar Hussain (Chair)

Date: 02/09/2026

The notes on pages 30 to 36 form part of these financial statements

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Statement of cash flows for the year ended 31st December 2025

	Note	2025	2024
		£	£
Cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	**15**	12,620	50,024
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of fixed assets		-	6,657
Sale of fixed asset			
Loss on disposal of fixed asset			
Net cash provided by investing activities		-	6,657
Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents during the year		12,620	43,367
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward		108,719	65,352
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward		121,339	108,719

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025

1. **Accounting policies**

(a) Basis of preparation of account

The financial statements of the charity, 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 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

(b) Fund's structure

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor.
Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the trustee's at their discretion, have created a fund for a specific purpose.
Further details of each fund are disclosed in note 13.

(c) Income recognition

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.
Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.
Grants which relate to a specific period are deferred.

(d) Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal obligation or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.
All expenditure other than that capitalised has been reflected in the income and expenditure account on an accrual's basis including support costs and governance costs which are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings.

(e) Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

(f) Allocation of support and governance costs

Governance costs comprise all costs including the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to independent examination and legal fees together with an apportionment of overhead and support costs. Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support costs. The allocation of support and governance costs is analysed in note 7.

(g) Cost of raising funds
There were no costs associated with raising funds for the year ended 31st December 2025.

(h) Charitable activities
Costs of charitable activities includes governance costs and support costs as shown in note 7.

(i) Fixed Assets
Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. The cost of minor additions or those costing below £200 are not capitalised. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Furniture & Equipment	25% on cost	**Play Equipment**	25% on cost
Motor Vehicles	25% on cost	**Computer**	25% on cost

(j) Taxation
The charity is not subject to any taxes on its charitable activities.

(k) Realised gains and losses
All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise.

(l) Pensions
The charity does not currently operate a pension scheme as it currently has no paid employees.

(m) Contingent liabilities
A contingent liability is defined and disclosed for those grants resulting from:
A possible obligation which will only be confirmed by the occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the trustees` control.

2. Related party transactions and trustees` expenses and remuneration
The trustees all give freely their time and expertise without any form of remuneration or other benefit in cash or kind. None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity. (2024:nil).

3. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Year Ended 31st December 2025 Total funds £	Year Ended 31st December 2024 Total funds £
Donations	2,818	-	2,818	6,217
	2,818	**-**	**2,818**	**6,217**
2024	**6,217**	**-**	**6,217**	

Notes to the accounts (continued) for the year ended 31st December 2025

4. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	31st December 2025 Total funds	31st December 2024 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Manchester City Council	-	117,416		125,782
Henry Smith	-	36,210		33,400
Sports Equal	-	-		-
Haircut Project	-			375
Hubbub				9,000
Jigsaw Homes	-	9,176		8,168
Lancashire Cricket	-	1,840		320
Irwell Valley	-	300		-
Garden Project	-	26,835		20,125
Pumpkin Project	-			693
Lottery	-	19,720		27,495
Foodbank	-			7,650
MWF Grant	-			1,000
Manchester University	-	5,000		-
Other grants	-	-		-
	-	**216,497**		**234,008**

2024	-	234,008	234,008

5.Other trading income

	Unrestricted	Restricted	31st December 2025 Total funds	31st December 2024 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Other trading activities	103,065	-	103,065	79,702
	103,065	-	103,065	79,702

2024	**79,702**	**-**	**79,702**

Notes to the accounts (continued) for the year ended 31st December 2025

6. Expenditure

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Year ended 31st December 2025 Total	Year ended 31st December 2024 Total
Expenditure on charitable activities	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Wages	-	39,791	39,791	35,365
Charitable expenditure	64,871	186,363	251,234	236,138
Premises	-	9,250	9,250	12,400
Support costs	2,226	-	2,226	1,680
Governance	1,800	-	1,800	500
Depreciation	1,837	-	1,837	1,837
	70,734	235,404	306,138	287,920
2024	84,661	203,259	287,920	

7. Allocation of governance and support costs

The breakdown of support costs and how these were allocated between governance and other support costs is shown below.

	Support	Governance	2025 Total	2024 Total	Basis of apportionment
Accountancy Fees	-	1,800	1,800	500	*Nature of expenditure*
Insurance	1,805	-	1,805	1,078	*Nature of expenditure*
Postage, Printing & Stationary	421	-	421	602	*Nature of expenditure*
	2,226	1.,800	4,026	2,180	

8. Fixed Assets

	Equipment	Motor	Computer	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
As at 01.01.2025	9,602	33,216	11,681	54,499
Additions		-		
As at 31.12.2025	9,602	33,216	11,681	54,499
Depreciation				
As at 01.01.2025	6,722	33,216	9,048	47,149
Charge for year	958	-	879	1,837
As at 31.12.2025	7,680	33,216	9,927	48,986
NET BOOK VALUE				
As at 01.01.2025	2880	-	2633	5513
As at 31.12.2025	1,922	-	1,754	3,676

9. Independent Examiner Fees

	Year Ended Total Funds 31st December 2025	Year Ended Total Funds 31st December 2024
	£	£
Independent Examination Fees	1,800	500
	1,800	500

10. Analysis of staff costs

The charity employed staff during the period – 1.5 FTE staff.
No staff were paid more than £60,000 per annum.

11. Analysis of debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Prepayments	-	384
Debtors	24,750	-
	24,750	384

Prepayments relate to unrestricted funds (2024: Unrestricted)

12. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals	1,800	500
Other creditors	2,184	577
Deferred income	16,000	-
	19,984	1,077

Creditors related to unrestricted (£3,984) funds in 2025 and unrestricted in 2024 (£1,077)

13. Analysis of charitable funds

Analysis of movement in unrestricted funds

	Balance as at 01.01.2025	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance as at 31.12.2025
UNRESTRICTED					
General Fund	78,632	105,883	70,734	-	113,781
Total Unrestricted Funds	78,632	105,883	70,734	-	113,781

Name of restricted fund:	**Description and nature of fund**
General fund	The "free reserves" after allowing for all designated funds

	Balance as at 01.01.2025	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance as at 31.12.2025
RESTRICTED					
Hubbub	7,386		7,386	-	-
Jigsaw Homes	-	9,176	£9,176	-	-
MCC/Mcr Active	-	81,942	81,942	-	-
MCC Youth & Play	9,330	35,474	44,804	-	-
Lancashire wildlife	18,191	-	18,191	-	-
Irwell Valley	-	300	300	-	-
Garden Project	-	26,835	26,835	-	-
Lancashire Cricket	-	1,840	1,840	-	-
Henry Smith	-	36,210	20,210	-	£16,000
Lottery	-	19,720	19,720	-	-
Manchester University	-	5,000	5,000	-	-
Donations	-	-	-	-	-
	34,907	216,497	£235,404	-	£16,000

Analysis of movement in restricted funds

Name of restricted fund	Description, nature and purpose of fund
Manchester City Council	Funds for running costs and cost of living payments
Hubbub	Catering and warm hub
Jigsaw Homes	Activities
Manchester Active	Funds for playscheme
Henry Smith	Therapy sessions/Core costs
Lancashire Wildlife	Garden Project
Lancashire Cricket	Cricket sessions
Lottery	Running costs
Irwell Valley	Foodbank

14. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	3,676	-	3,676
Cash at bank and in hand	105,339	16,000	121,339
Other net current assets/(liabilities)	4,766	-	4,766
Total	113,781	16,000	129,781

15. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Net income/expenditure for the year	16,242	30,567
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charge	1,837	1,837
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	(24,366)	23,610
Increase/ (decrease in creditors)	18,907	(5.990)
Net cash provided by / (used) in operating	12,620	50,024