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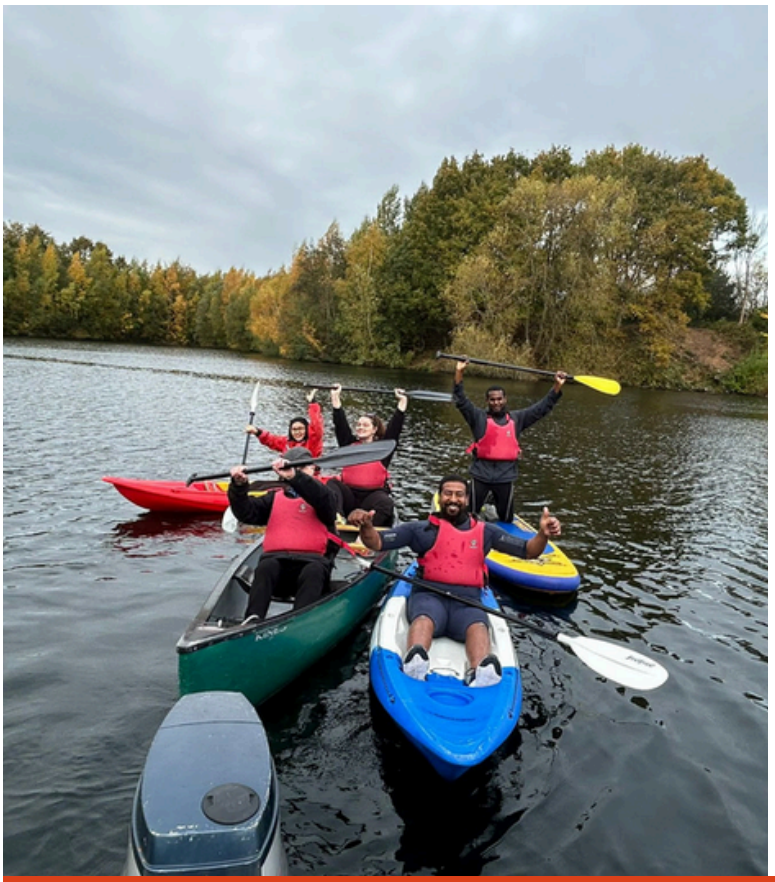
ANNUAL REPORT

2025

TRUSTEES' REPORT & UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025










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Anne Gilbert	Appointed 12.11.2023	Appointed Vice-Chairperson on 01.04.2025
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TRUSTEES REPORT

The Trustees, who are also the Directors of the Charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025. The trustees have adopted 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 1 January 2019).

The Charitable Company operates from its registered office: St John's House, 155-163 The Rock, Bury, BL9 0ND. The website address is www.greatertogethermanchester.org.

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting the charitable company's tenth annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

GOVERNING DOCUMENT

The charitable company is a company limited by guarantee and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 14 March 2015. The charity was registered with the Charity Commission on 17 June 2016. The Articles of Association were changed by special resolution in June 2021.

COMPANY MEMBERS

The company members are the Manchester Diocesan Board of Finance (MDBF) and the Church Urban Fund (CUF).

RECRUITMENT, APPOINTMENT AND TRAINING OF TRUSTEES

The Directors, who are the trustees, are appointed by the company members and are collectively known as 'the Board'. The number of trustees should be as near as possible to nine, with two nominated by Church Urban Fund and two nominated by the Manchester Diocesan Board of Finance. A further five trustees are then nominated by the Board of Trustees. Each Trustee serves a term of five years and, upon expiry of the term, may be re-appointed for a further five years.

Trustees are nominated by invitation given that they have the necessary skills and expertise to contribute to the charity's activities and to be able to discharge their obligations as Trustees.

On appointment, trustees are briefed by the Chief Executive Officer and the Chair of Trustees. Trustees may also choose to visit projects supported by the charity.

The Trustees who served during the year, together with any changes up to the date of approving this report are listed on page 1.

ORGANISATION

The Board administers the charitable company and meets as necessary, usually once per quarter. The day-to-day operations of the charity are managed by the Chief Executive Officer, to whom the trustees have delegated management responsibilities within the overall strategy agreed by the Board of Trustees.

OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES

OBJECTS

- To promote the efficiency and effectiveness of Christian based charities in the furtherance of their objects or any one of them, mainly but not exclusively, by the provision of information, advice, support and infrastructure provision; and
- The relief of financial hardship, either generally or individually, through the provision of grants, goods or services.

The aim of the charity is to support churches, people and community groups (regardless of faith or no faith) who want to engage in social action and tackle issues around poverty and deprivation in and across the Diocese of Manchester.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

Our support activities are centred on developing and strengthening local communities in their efforts to address their own needs, including responding to poverty. The charity helps build the capacity of groups and projects, helping them transform their communities and transform the lives of the most vulnerable people in their communities. By offering support and guidance we help build confidence, restore people's dignity and enable them to belong to, and contribute towards, a community. In this way and as demonstrated throughout this report, our activities deliver public benefit.

We seek to work with those of any faith and none. The ultimate beneficiaries of our work are not restricted by faith, gender, ethnic origin, disability, age or sexual orientation. We seek to form strategic partnerships with existing groups and organisations who are already engaged with aspects of poverty that are aligned with our core values and purpose, with the understanding that we can achieve far more when working together in partnership than we can apart.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

The trustees maintain a comprehensive Risk Register, which is reviewed at each board meeting.

ACHIEVEMENTS, PERFORMANCE & FUTURE PLANS

Greater Together Manchester works with a wide range of communities across Greater Manchester to tackle poverty and disadvantage. We work with local, grassroots groups to develop their responses to issues in their community, providing a range of advice and support.

The charity serves a population of 2.1 million over an area of 416 square miles, covering 11 local authorities (Bury, Bolton, Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, Rossendale, Salford, Stockport, Tameside, Trafford and Wigan) and all of these areas have high levels of poverty and inequality.

Our work is centered on developing and strengthening local communities in their efforts to address local need, including responding to poverty. We help build the capacity of individuals, groups and projects, helping them to transform their communities and the lives of those people who are vulnerable and marginalised.

We also run our own services when required, helping to add much needed capacity into the VCSFE system, and mobilising volunteers to respond to major issues.



Whilst GTM is a charity founded on Christian values, working with organisations and people of all faiths and none is a crucial part of our work and activities. Our partnerships with other charities and the public sector are crucial to our work and we aim to work in partnership wherever possible.

Influencing and systems change have become an increasingly important part of our work as we look to tackle the root causes of poverty and disadvantage, and we look for opportunities to champion the voices of people with lived experience within this work, as well as ensuring we are working alongside a wide variety of partners to make meaningful, long-lasting changes.



Alongside responding to the immediate needs of the communities we serve, 2025 also provided an important opportunity to look ahead. During the year, the Board of Trustees and senior leadership team came together to reflect on the changing context in which we operate, assess the impact of our work to date, and consider the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

Through a process of discussion, consultation and strategic planning, we developed a new organisational strategy that will guide our work over the coming years. Grounded in our values and informed by the experiences of the people and communities we support, the strategy provides a clear framework for how we will deepen our impact, strengthen our partnerships and respond to emerging needs in an increasingly complex environment.

OUR NEW STRATEGY

In 2025, the Board of Trustees, together with senior members of staff developed a strategy on a page, as part of their work to set a clear and balanced strategy for the next 3 - 5 years.

OUR VISION

A Greater Manchester and Rossendale where people and communities flourish, have hope and enjoy life in all its fullness

OUR MISSION

We work to identify the causes and consequences of poverty, listening to communities and those with lived experience. We mobilise people, churches, and resources to tackle injustice and close gaps in provision. Together, we seek to transform lives and communities - building a Greater Manchester and Rossendale where everyone can flourish and enjoy life in all its fullness.

OUR STRATEGIC GOALS

- Reduce poverty, disadvantage and inequality in all its forms
- Create thriving communities by working alongside people and strengthening local leadership
- Generate systems change, by providing advocacy & promoting the voice of lived experience
- Demonstrate faith in action by equipping churches to respond to need and pursue social justice

OUR VALUES



OUR BELIEFS

- Compassion is a practical expression of faith, justice and love and our faith call us to be a hopeful, persistent presence
- Equity and inclusion must guide all we do, with those most affected by injustice at the centre of solutions.
- Change happens through trust and relationships, strengthening our collective impact so communities lead their own transformation.
- We are called to transform unjust structures and we must be courageous, even when the work is difficult or uncomfortable

THE CONTEXT OF 2025

A YEAR OF CONTINUING PRESSURE

Throughout 2025, poverty and deprivation remained deeply entrenched across Greater Manchester. While inflation eased compared to previous years, many households saw little improvement in their day-to-day lives. Years of rising costs, stagnant incomes, affordable housing shortages, and pressure on public services have meant that the cost-of-living crisis has not ended but simply has become normalised.

The people we support continued to face a complex combination of financial hardship, housing insecurity, poor health, social isolation and uncertainty about the future. Increasingly poverty is not experienced as a single issue, but as a web of interconnected challenges that reinforced one another and make it increasingly more difficult for people to move forward.

Many households entered 2025 already exhausted, with their savings depleted, debts accumulated, and support networks stretched. As a result, even relatively small setbacks (e.g. rent increases, delayed benefit payments, a health issue or a loss of work) have become enough to push many people into crisis.

ENTRENCHED INEQUALITY ACROSS GREATER MANCHESTER

While Greater Manchester continues to be a region of innovation, growth and opportunity, the benefits of this prosperity remain unevenly distributed. Deep rooted inequalities continue to shape life chances across the city-region, with some of the most deprived neighbourhoods located alongside some of the most affluent.

Nearly one in four Lower Super Output Areas (LSOAs) in GM are among the 10% most deprived neighbourhoods nationally, affecting approximately 733,000 residents. Half of all neighbourhoods across GM fall within the 30% most deprived areas in England, highlighting the scale and persistence of deprivation across the city region.

These inequalities are often visible within short distances. Some of the region's most and least deprived communities are separated by only a few miles, creating stark contrasts in health outcomes, educational attainment, employment opportunities and life expectancy. In both Manchester and Oldham, more than 42% of residents live within the most deprived neighbourhoods nationally.

The impact of deprivation is felt across all age groups, but children continue to be disproportionately affected. An estimated 44% of children in GM are living in poverty, within the highest rates of child poverty seen across Manchester, Oldham and Rochdale. Childhood poverty has long-term consequences for health, education and future opportunities, increasing the likelihood that disadvantage will persist across generations.

Older people are also increasingly vulnerable, with 21.5% of pension-age residents estimated to be living in poverty. Rising living costs, poor health, social isolation and limited financial resilience continue to place many older people at risk of hardship, particularly those living alone or relying on fixed incomes.

These figures remind us that poverty in Greater Manchester is not confined to those experiencing immediate crisis. Rather, it reflects wider structural inequalities that affect hundreds of thousands of residents and continue to shape the demand placed upon charities, community organisations and public services across the region.

THE HOUSING EMERGENCY DEEPENS

Housing remained one of the most pressing issues facing communities across Greater Manchester during 2025.

Demand for truly affordable housing continued to outstrip supply, leaving thousands of households trapped in poor quality temporary accommodation and facing prolonged periods of housing insecurity. By March 2025, nearly 6,000 households (including around 8,600 children) were living in temporary accommodation across Greater Manchester, almost double the number recorded in 2019. In 2025, the 10 GM Local Authorities spent more than £77m on temporary accommodation, highlighting both the scale of the crisis and the strain the crisis continues to place on public finances.

For many families, temporary accommodation is anything but temporary. People continued to spend months, and in some cases years, living in hotels, hostels, bed and breakfasts and other forms of emergency accommodation that were never designed for long-term living. Many households remained unable to access suitable social housing due to chronic shortages, whilst high rents, affordability checks, and other financial hurdles, left

private rented accommodation increasingly out of reach.

The impact of housing insecurity extends far beyond the absence of a permanent, suitable home. People experiencing homelessness (including those living in temporary accommodation) experience disruption to education, employment, and healthcare, whilst living in poor quality, overcrowded and unsuitable accommodation takes a significant toll on mental and physical wellbeing. For many of the people we support, stable housing remains the foundation upon which rebuilding all the other aspects of their life depends.

POVERTY IN WORK

Despite continued employment growth in some sectors, in work poverty remains widespread across GM.

Many of the people accessing support are in work but find that wages are simply not keeping pace with the cost of housing, transport, food and childcare. In-work poverty continues to be a defining feature of the local landscape, particularly amongst people in insecure employment, part-time work and agency roles.

Families with children remain particularly vulnerable. Lone-parent households, larger families, disabled people, unpaided carers and people from minority ethnic communities continue to face disproportionately high risks of poverty. Behind every statistic are people making impossible choices between heating and eating, falling into debt to meet their basic needs, or going without essentials to protect their children from hardship.

Food insecurity remains a persistent reality across many communities. Whilst emergency food provision continues to play an important role, charities like us continue to find ways to support people whose difficulties are long-term and structural, rather than temporary.

HEALTH, WELLBEING AND SOCIAL CONNECTION

The effects of poverty continue to be felt in people's health and wellbeing.

Demand for mental health support remains high, whilst waiting times for many statutory services continued to place pressure on charities and community organisations. Increasingly, charities, faith groups and grassroots organisations find themselves supporting people with significant mental health needs whilst they wait for specialist intervention.

Loneliness and social isolation remain major concerns, particularly amongst older people, people living alone, unpaid carers and those experiencing poor mental health. Financial hardship often restricts people's ability to participate in community life, maintain relationships or access opportunities that many people take for granted.

For many individuals, poverty is not simply a lack of income. It is a lack of stability, belonging, confidence and connection. Rebuilding these foundations remains in crucial part of supporting people to thrive.

DISPLACEMENT, MIGRATION AND COMMUNITY COHESION

Throughout 2025, GM continued to be a place of refuge for people seeking safety and a place to rebuild their lives. Many asylum seekers remained housed in temporary hotel accommodation whilst awaiting decisions on their claims, whilst newly recognised refugees continued to face significant challenges in securing housing, employment and finding their place in the community.

Housing pressures, language skills, access to education, training and employment, and a lack of understanding about systems in the UK leaves many new refugees at risk of homelessness and destitution, particularly during the transition from asylum seeker to refugee.

At the same time, public debate around migration remains highly polarised. Community organisations continued to play a vital role in fostering understanding, challenging misinformation and supporting social cohesion. For many people we work alongside, feelings of uncertainty, exclusion and isolation have been compounded by negative public narratives and growing hostility towards migrant communities.

PRESSURE ON THE VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY, FAITH AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISE SECTOR

The VCFSE sector continued to operate under significant strain throughout 2025.

Demand for support remained consistently high, whilst funding pressures and increasing operating costs created ongoing challenges for many organisations.

The complexity of need also continues to increase, with people often requiring support across multiple areas of their lives, rather than assistance with a single issue.

Many charities find themselves balancing rising demand against limited resources. Volunteer numbers have still not recovered to pre-covid levels, and short-term funding continues to create uncertainty for organisations trying to plan for the future.

However, despite these challenges, charities and community organisations and their staff continued to demonstrate remarkable resilience, creativity and compassion. Partnerships and collaboration remained essential in responsible to the needs of communities across GM.

HOLDING ONTO HOPE

The experiences of 2025 have reinforced what we have long known: poverty is about far more than a lack of money. It is about insecurity, exclusion, inequality and the gradual erosion of opportunities that allow people to flourish.

Throughout the year, we witnessed both the challenges people faced and the extraordinary strength they showed in overcoming them. We saw communities supporting one another, volunteers giving their time generously, and people refusing to be defined by the difficulties they encountered.

In an environment where many systems remain under pressure, our role continues to be helping people find stability, connection and hope. Whether through practical support, advocacy, friendship or community, we remain committed to building a Greater Manchester where everyone has the opportunity to live with dignity and belonging.

OUR IMPACT IN 2025

923
individuals accessed our Lifeskills sessions in 2025

54
people with complex needs supported to sustain their tenancies

384
hours of involvement from people with lived experience to systems change

67 Places of Welcome
open each week in Greater Manchester

115
people attended activities sessions each week of 2025

£307,914+
saved collectively by Social Super Market members

74
new households joined the Social Super Market in 2025

90%
of our participants reported an improvement in their emotional wellbeing



LIFESKILLS

Our Lifeskills Programme continued to grow and evolve throughout 2025, with increasing numbers of people accessing our activities and wellbeing sessions each week. We saw particularly strong engagement from people with experience of the asylum system, many of whom face significant barriers to social connection, wellbeing and community participation.

The programme exists to provide opportunities for people with experience of homelessness, displacement and social exclusion to build relationships, improve wellbeing, develop confidence and access new experiences. Participants are able to connect with others, explore new interests and develop practical and social skills in a welcoming and supportive environment.

90% of our participants reported an improvement in their emotional wellbeing, confidence and ability to navigate services

Throughout the year, we delivered a range of regular weekly activities including Philosophy, Football, Watersports, Indoor Tennis, Swim and Gym sessions, and our Community Meal. We also expanded our offer to include Bouldering and Padel sessions, while continuing our popular walking group in partnership with the Booth Centre. Alongside these regular activities, participants enjoyed visits to cultural venues, museums, galleries and local landmarks across Greater Manchester.

Our partnership with The Running Charity continued to provide opportunities for participants to take part in group running sessions and challenge themselves through organised events, including the Manchester 10K.

We also strengthened our partnership with Ridgway Street Community Garden, enabling people living in local hostels and temporary accommodation to access green space, connect with nature and participate in community gardening activities.

During the year, participants took part in a wide range of cultural and educational experiences, including:

- A guided tour of Manchester Cathedral, including the rooftop beehives.
- The Museum of Science and Industry.
- The BBC Philharmonic's "Moving Pictures" concert at Bridgewater Hall.
- National Portrait Gallery ‘Unframed’.
- A guided tour of the Manchester Jewish Museum.
- Football City, Art United at Aviva Studios.
- Cinema visits to HOME.
- Factory International's Moonwalkers and David Hockney immersive exhibitions.



115
people attended activities each week of 2025

923
individuals accessed our Lifeskills sessions in 2025



These opportunities provide much more than recreation. For many participants, they offer a chance to experience places they may never otherwise visit, build confidence in navigating unfamiliar environments, develop new friendships and create positive memories. Activities are shaped by participant feedback and interests, ensuring that the programme remains relevant, accessible and responsive to the needs of those who take part.

A particular highlight of the year was our Christmas celebration, which reflected the diversity of our community. Participants shared an international buffet featuring dishes from Greece, Ethiopia, Sudan, Somalia, India, Italy and the United Kingdom. The event was a powerful reminder of the role that food, culture and shared experiences play in bringing people together and fostering a sense of belonging.

As we look ahead to 2026, we are keen to further strengthen the developmental opportunities available through the programme. In particular, we hope to create more structured volunteering pathways that will enable participants to gain experience, develop skills, grow in confidence and take on leadership roles within our community. By creating opportunities for people to contribute, lead and support others, we aim to build on the strengths and talents that already exist within our participant community.

> *"GTM brings hope to our members as it is not only an activity that helps improve physical health and mental wellbeing, but it is also a space of community and connection"*
>
> **Lifeskills Participant**



WAYFINDER

Our Wayfinder Programme provides intensive one-to-one support and case management for people who are experiencing homelessness, at risk of homelessness, or facing multiple and interconnected disadvantages. The programme is built around a simple but important principle: we take support to people, rather than expecting people to come to us.

Many of the people we work alongside face significant barriers to accessing traditional services. Poor mental health, trauma, physical health conditions, social isolation, transport costs, language barriers, lack of confidence and previous negative experiences can all make it difficult to attend appointments or engage with support. As a result, people often fall through gaps in provision until problems escalate into crisis.

Whilst Greater Manchester has a wide range of valuable homelessness and support services, there remains a shortage of intensive, community-based casework that works alongside people in their own homes, temporary accommodation and local communities. The Wayfinder Programme seeks to address this gap by providing flexible, personalised support that is shaped around each individual's circumstances and goals.

Our staff work directly with people where they are living, whether that is temporary accommodation, supported housing, refugee accommodation, private rented housing or other community settings. Meeting people in familiar environments enables us to build trusted relationships, gain a deeper understanding of the realities they face, and provide support that responds to the root causes of homelessness, poverty and poor health.

HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION

A key aspect of the programme is preventing homelessness before it occurs. We support people who are at risk of losing their accommodation through practical advice, advocacy and intervention. This includes helping people navigate housing systems, resolve tenancy issues, address rent arrears, access welfare benefits, manage debt and communicate effectively with landlords and housing providers.

By intervening early, we are often able to prevent situations from escalating into homelessness, reducing both the personal impact on individuals and the wider pressure on homelessness services.

COMMUNITY-BASED RESETTLEMENT AND RECOVERY

For people moving into accommodation after a period of homelessness or housing instability, securing a tenancy is only the first step. Sustaining accommodation requires ongoing support, stability and confidence.

Through the Wayfinder Programme, staff provide practical and emotional support to people in their homes and communities, helping them establish routines, manage finances, access healthcare, engage with local services and build the skills needed to maintain independent living. This person-centred approach helps individuals not only secure accommodation but also rebuild their lives and strengthen their long-term resilience.

During 2025, we provided intensive one-to-one support to 54 individuals experiencing homelessness, housing insecurity or multiple disadvantage.

Housing-related issues remained the most common area of support. Of the 54 people supported, 46 required assistance with housing, including moving from rough sleeping, emergency accommodation or temporary accommodation into more settled housing, sustaining existing tenancies, or preventing eviction due to rent arrears and other tenancy-related issues.

Alongside housing support, we worked with people across a wide range of areas, reflecting the complex and interconnected nature of the challenges they faced. This included support with benefit applications and income maximisation, managing household bills and debt, accessing physical and mental health services, and navigating often complex statutory systems.

We also supported people to access essential items such as food, clothing, furniture and household goods, helping them establish safe and stable living environments. Where appropriate, we encouraged and supported individuals to engage in volunteering, education, training and employment opportunities, enabling them to build confidence, develop skills and take positive steps towards greater independence.

A RELATIONSHIP-BASED APPROACH

At the heart of our approach is a commitment to long-term, relationship-based support. Rather than offering one-off interventions, our staff remain alongside people as they navigate challenges and work towards their goals. This continuity enables trust to develop and provides people with a consistent source of support during periods of significant change and uncertainty.

The challenges faced by the people we support are rarely isolated. Housing insecurity is often closely linked to poverty, trauma, poor mental health, physical health conditions and social isolation. By working holistically and alongside individuals over time, the Wayfinder Programme helps people address these interconnected issues and build stronger foundations for the future.





CASE STUDY – GARETH'S JOURNEY BACK TO INDEPEDENCE

When Gareth first engaged with our Wayfinder Programme, he had been living in temporary supported accommodation for several months. Ongoing health conditions affected his day-to-day life and made it difficult for him to navigate services and plan for the future. Although determined to regain his independence and move into a home of his own, he was struggling with financial uncertainty, mounting bills and the anxiety that came with not knowing how he would manage.

Before becoming unwell, Gareth had worked and supported himself and his family. Losing both his health and his home had a profound impact on his confidence and wellbeing.

Working alongside Gareth, we developed a personalised support plan that addressed both his immediate needs and his longer-term goals. We provided guidance on benefit entitlement, supported him through the process of securing permanent accommodation, helped him develop a realistic budget and offered practical tenancy sustainment support. We also ensured he remained connected to the health and community services that were essential to his ongoing recovery.

With sustained one-to-one support, Gareth successfully moved from temporary accommodation into a home of his own. We also secured more than £10,000 in backdated benefit entitlements, providing the financial stability he needed to establish his tenancy and begin rebuilding his life.

Alongside these practical outcomes, Gareth developed greater confidence in managing his finances, making decisions independently and navigating the systems around him. By remaining alongside him throughout the process, we were able to provide consistent encouragement and advocacy at every stage of his journey.

> *"Wayfinder helped me a lot. I was vulnerable, and they treated me the way I should be treated. They were very nice, they helped me with my situation, and I am in a much better place because of the support given."*
>
> **Gareth - Wayfinder Participant**





REFUGEE LODGINGS

Over the past few years, we have seen a significant increase in the number of people accessing our services who are/have experienced the asylum system. While this project did not begin supporting participants until early 2026, much of 2025 was dedicated to designing, developing and establishing what we believe is an important new housing pathway for newly recognised refugees across Greater Manchester.

Throughout the year, we worked closely with local authorities, the Greater Manchester Combined Authority and partners across the voluntary sector (including Lodgings Programmes elsewhere in the UK) to develop the model, negotiate funding arrangements and establish the operational framework for the project. This included developing policies and procedures, safeguarding processes, paperwork and systems and referral pathways.

Following several months of planning and negotiation, we signed the funding agreement in October 2025 and, by the end of the year, had recruited a dedicated Project Coordinator who joined the organisation in January 2026 to lead the delivery of the pilot.

The project has been developed in response to a significant and growing gap within Greater Manchester's homelessness system.

For many people, receiving refugee status should represent the beginning of a new chapter. Instead, it often marks the start of a race against time. Once someone is granted refugee status, they have just 56 days to leave Home Office housing.

Many newly recognised refugees face substantial barriers to accessing housing. They may have no savings, no UK employment history, no guarantor and limited understanding of the housing system. Whilst they become eligible for mainstream benefits, delays in accessing Universal Credit, combined with the high costs of the private rented sector, mean many are unable to secure accommodation before they are required to leave asylum accommodation.

At the same time, many single refugees do not meet the threshold for priority need under homelessness legislation and therefore are not always entitled to temporary accommodation from their local authority. Others struggle because they have no recognised local connection, having been dispersed around the country whilst seeking asylum.

The result is that increasing numbers of newly recognised refugees are becoming homeless immediately after receiving the right to remain in the UK. Over the past two years, organisations across Greater Manchester have experienced a significant increase in demand as the Home Office has accelerated asylum decision making, creating unprecedented pressure on existing housing services.

Our Refugee Lodgings Project has been designed to bridge this critical gap.

The project will provide safe, secure but temporary accommodation within the homes of volunteer hosts for newly recognised refugees at risk of homelessness. Lodgings will typically be offered for between three and six months, providing people with the stability and breathing space needed to secure longer-term accommodation.

Alongside accommodation, participants will receive intensive one-to-one support to navigate the UK's housing system, establish their finances, access benefits and employment, develop independent living skills and build connections within their local community.

Rather than simply providing a room, the project aims to provide the stability, confidence and practical support needed to make a successful transition into independent living.

By making use of spare rooms within local communities, the project also creates opportunities for connection, cultural exchange and community solidarity, enabling local residents to play a practical role in supporting people rebuilding their lives after seeking sanctuary in the UK.

Although the first placements were scheduled to begin in early 2026, 2025 represented a significant milestone. It was the year in which an ambitious idea became a fully developed programme, laying the foundations for an innovative new response to refugee homelessness in Greater Manchester.



SOCIAL SUPER MARKETS

CHURCH OF THE APOSTLES, MILES PLATTING



Save Money



Tackle Food Waste



Support your local community

Our Social Supermarket in Miles Platting continued to flourish throughout 2025, providing affordable food, practical support and a welcoming community space for local residents facing financial hardship.

Developed in partnership with local people as a sustainable alternative to a traditional food bank, the project enables households to access affordable groceries while maintaining choice, dignity and independence.

During 2025, we provided 4,161 affordable grocery shops and welcomed 74 new members to the project. Each shop provides approximately £30–£40 worth of groceries for just £5, helping households significantly reduce their weekly food costs and redirect money towards other essentials such as rent, energy bills and transport.

74
new households joined the Social Super Market in 2025

Unlike emergency food provision, the Social Super Market is designed to provide longer-term support for households experiencing ongoing financial pressure. By combining low-cost food with wider community support, the project helps people build greater financial resilience whilst reducing the need for crisis interventions.

The project itself generates approximately 50% of the income required to operate through membership fees and sales, with the remaining costs supported through grants and charitable funding. This blended model enables us to maximise the value of external funding whilst creating a sustainable community resource that continues to grow year on year.

120
households supported each week

Over time, the Social Super Market has become much more than a place to buy affordable food. Based at the Church of the Apostles, it has helped establish the church as a trusted community hub and anchor organisation within Miles Platting, bringing together residents, volunteers and partner organisations in one welcoming space.

Alongside affordable groceries, local people can also access low-cost clothing, household items and furniture, helping families furnish homes and meet essential everyday needs without incurring unnecessary debt. For those experiencing acute financial hardship, emergency grants and free emergency food shops are also available, ensuring that people facing immediate crisis can access support quickly and with dignity. In 2025 we provided 384 free shops.

Recognising that financial hardship is often linked to wider challenges, one of our support workers offers regular appointments from the supermarket, providing personalised advice and advocacy around housing, benefits, debt, health and other issues. This enables people to access practical support in a familiar environment, often before problems reach crisis point.

The project also acts as an important gateway into other GTM services. Residents living in nearby temporary accommodation are introduced to our Lifeskills Programme and other community activities, helping reduce isolation and supporting people to build confidence, develop skills and establish new social connections.

Throughout 2025, we continued to expand the community activities offered through the project, recognising that wellbeing is about far more than meeting basic needs. We delivered a range of activities designed to encourage people to connect with one another, improve their physical wellbeing and become more involved in community life, including gentle exercise and stretching sessions that were accessible to people of all ages and abilities.

These activities help create a welcoming environment where people can build friendships, access support informally and develop a stronger sense of belonging within their local community.

As the cost of living continues to place pressure on many households, the Social Super Market remains an important source of affordable food and community support. By combining practical assistance with opportunities for connection, advice and participation, the project demonstrates how local communities can come together to reduce hardship, strengthen resilience and create places where people feel welcomed, valued and supported.

SOCIAL HOMES FOR MANCHESTER

GTM continued to be involved in the Social Homes for Manchester campaign and coalition, as well as offering support to the Alternative Funding Models sub group of the Social Housing Commission. The Commission is covened and supported by our partners at CLASS and chaired by the Bishop of Manchester, Rt Rev'd Dr David Walker.

In 2025, the Commission published two new policy briefs, including a brief on how to finance the delivery of sustainable homes for social rent.

In July 2025, Manchester City Council passed a motion to increase their building targets for social rent homes from 5% to 21% and this figure was included in the draft Local Plan that was consulted on during Summer 2025.

Our CEO was involved in delivering a film screening and workshop in North Manchester, encouraging people to submit their own responses to the Local Plan and create a grassroots neighbourhood movement asking for more social rent homes to be built. Neighbourhoods in North Manchester have some of the highest rates of families living in temporary accommodation, and the need for more sustainable social rent homes is particularly acute in this area.

In April 2025, Rachel Reeves annouced £39 billion investment as part of the governments wider ambitions to deliver a decade of renewal for social and affordable housing.

Towards the end of 2025, the Coalition secured funding from the Lloyds Bank Foundation's Local Influencing Fund for a member of staff to help coordinate the movement going forward. The GMHAN (hosted by GTM) is also funded by the Lloyds Bank Foundation and we are looking forward to creating a stronger partnership between the two movements, recognising that a significant part of the solution to homelessness is the availability of truly affordable housing.





GREATER MANCHESTER HOMELESSNESS ACTION NETWORK

Greater Manchester Homelessness Action Network works alongside voluntary, community and statutory partners who are making a real difference across the city-region's homelessness sector.

This year, we undertook a restructuring process to ensure we can continue to meet the sector's evolving needs and provide the support that enables partners to achieve even more. The events and activities highlighted below demonstrate how we have continued to bring partners together, build capacity, and help enable the brilliant work happening across Greater Manchester.

Our 2025 restructure was shaped by feedback from members, who told us that the previous model lacked clarity and did not create enough meaningful opportunities for people with lived experience to influence the network. In response, we undertook a collaborative redesign process, using a Deep Democracy session, work with Changemakers from Caplor Horizons, a network-wide survey, and a series of lived experience workshops. Together, members co-produced a renewed vision, mission, values, and network structure.

This process culminated in a network-wide event where we launched the new structure and celebrated the network's achievements to date. The event was co-designed and co-led with our Co-production Hub, reflecting our commitment to shared leadership. Highlights included a lived experience panel discussion, showcasing members' insights and influence, and a creative performance from the Hub that brought the event to a close.

We welcomed 87 new homelessness organisations, projects and partners from across GM into the Network in 2025

Women's Rough Sleeping Census

2025 marked the third year of the Women's Rough Sleeping Census and the second year that the GMHAN supported its design and delivery. The census aims to highlight the limitations of the current national definition of rough sleeping, which only recognises people who are physically observed as "bedded down." To help address this gap in both data and definition, the GMHAN facilitated a co-design session with key delivery partners and women with lived experience of homelessness and rough sleeping to review the proposed approach and content of the census.

The session informed a range of improvements to make the census more accessible, inclusive, and trauma-informed. These included removing jargon, making the census available in additional languages, and refining the level of detail requested to reduce the burden on participants. These changes helped ensure that women completing the census could do so with dignity while still providing meaningful data to better understand women's experiences of rough sleeping.

Centre for Homelessness Impact Accelerator

The GMHAN was invited to contribute to a national programme led by the Centre for Homelessness Impact, bringing the voices and perspectives of people with lived experience of homelessness into the development of the work.

Working in partnership with the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) and the Centre for Homelessness Impact (CHI), the GMHAN co-facilitated a collaborative session titled "Lived Experience Insights in Accelerating Efforts to End Homelessness for a Housing First Future." The session helped to identify key themes and priorities for the programme, ensuring that lived experience informed its direction from the outset. By embedding first-hand insight into what was otherwise a predominantly data-driven project, the session provided vital context and a deeper understanding of the realities of homelessness, strengthening the programme's potential to deliver meaningful systems change.

GMHAN Coproduction Hub

In addition to co-designing our relaunch event and being consulted on the National Accelerator for a Housing First Future, the GMHAN Co-Production Hub has become recognised across the sector as a beacon of best practice in co-production within homelessness and as a valuable consultative resource for other organisations.

To continue building the group's confidence, skills and capacity, we've been running a series of skills sessions to deepen understanding of the homelessness sector, build their confidence in decision-making and influencing spaces, and make these environments more accessible by demystifying the language and systems used within them. Alongside this, members have also had the opportunity to develop their own personal skills and confidence.

This included an *Introduction to the Homelessness Sector* session, delivered in collaboration with Shelter, to build the group's understanding of the homelessness landscape across Greater Manchester and GMHAN's role within it, as well as an *Introduction to Safeguarding* session to equip members with the knowledge and confidence to work safely and effectively with network partners and on collaborative projects.

Members of the Hub have also been supported to influence work beyond GMHAN, contributing to Shared Health Foundation's neurodiversity research to help inform the All-Party Parliamentary Group, as well as speaking on behalf of The GM Mayor's Charity in a keynote discussion on women's experiences of homelessness to mark International Women's Day.

The GMHAN has supported more than 384 hours of involvement from people with lived experience of homelessness this year, enabling them to influence decision-making and drive systems change

THANK YOU TO THE ORGANISATIONS WHO WERE MEMBERS OF THE GMHAN COORDINATION GROUP IN 2025:

SOCIAL JUSTICE CHAMPIONS

2025 marked the beginning of an exciting new chapter for our Community Development work with the launch of the Social Justice Champions Network. This initiative has been developed to support churches in moving beyond responding to immediate need, empowering them instead to become long-term partners in building stronger, fairer communities.

Using the Church Urban Fund *Know Your Church, Know Your Neighbourhood* framework, churches are encouraged to understand both the gifts within their own congregations and the realities facing the communities they serve. The programme helps participants explore the major social challenges affecting communities today, understand why social justice is central to the mission of the Church, and develop practical ways of working alongside others to create lasting change.

Oldham Mission Community 3, bringing together churches from Oldham, Balderstone, Chadderton and Failsworth, became the first Mission Community to embark on this journey. Throughout the latter part of the year, representatives from across the Mission Community began working collaboratively to understand local priorities, map existing community assets and engage residents in conversations about the challenges they face. This initial listening phase has laid the foundations for meaningful partnership working, with connections to local charities, community groups, councils and support services continuing to develop as the project grows.

PLACES OF WELCOME

Our Places of Welcome network continued to flourish. Existing groups welcomed increasing numbers of attendees throughout the year, while new Places of Welcome were established in churches and community venues. Every Place of Welcome surveyed reported that their group was helping to reduce loneliness within their community. Alongside the friendships formed over a cup of tea, these spaces have become important places of informal support, providing opportunities for early intervention and signposting people towards further advice and services before challenges escalate.

A key theme running throughout both programmes has been the empowerment of local congregations. One inspiring example is Martin, a long-standing member of Christ Church, Ashton, who recognised the need for a welcoming community space within his neighbourhood. With support to develop the project and secure funding, Martin established a new Place of Welcome, which has welcomed an average of fifteen people each week since opening in October 2025. Through simple activities such as bingo and conversation, the group has created a space where older people, people living with disabilities and those out of work can build friendships, find support and experience a genuine sense of belonging.

67 Places of Welcome opening each week in Greater Manchester

Places of Welcome mobilises **335** volunteers across Greater Manchester

1,809 people supported across the Places of Welcome

SUPPORT FOR CHURCH BASED SOCIAL JUSTICE

Throughout the year we also continued to provide tailored one-to-one support to churches developing local poverty prevention initiatives. This included helping congregations navigate practical challenges, mediating between churches and partner organisations to overcome logistical barriers, and supporting funding applications to strengthen the sustainability and long-term impact of community projects.



These initiatives demonstrate that social justice begins with local people who are willing to take the first step. By equipping congregations with training, encouragement, practical advice and access to funding, we are enabling churches to work confidently alongside their communities, building partnerships that respond to local need and create welcoming, inclusive places where people can flourish.

As we move into 2026, both the Social Justice Champions Network and our Places of Welcome programme will continue to expand. New networking opportunities will allow Place of Welcome leaders to share best practice, funding opportunities and ideas, while additional Mission Communities will begin their own Social Justice Champions journey. Together, these programmes will continue to strengthen the Church's role as a visible, collaborative and compassionate presence at the heart of communities across the Diocese.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity's incoming resources for the period ending 31 December 2025 were £431,851.

The charity's expenditure for the period ending 31 December 2025 was £381,027.

The charity moved into 2026 with unrestricted funds of £53,434 which are allocated to our core overheads. Securing long-term core funding continued to be a major challenge.

The charity also has £203,680 of funds restricted for use on the running and development of specific projects and services.

We continue to be grateful to the Diocese of Manchester who provide office space, access to meeting rooms, Wi-Fi, printing and reception support as a gift-in-kind.

We are also thankful to the Church of the Apostles in Miles Platting for partnering with us on the development of the Social Super Market and for the access to additional office space.

Reserve Policy

The trustees are constantly reviewing the charity's objectives and aim to maintain liquid reserves to the equivalent of at least six months (but no more than one year) unrestricted cash expenditure. The unrestricted reserves as at 31 December 2025 show £53,434.

Approved by order of the Board of Trustees on Monday 7th September 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev'd Canon Grace Thomas

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF GREATER TOGETHER MANCHESTER

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Greater Together Manchester ('the company')

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 (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 records; 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.



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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR END 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	Restricted 2025 £	Unrestricted 2025 £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Donations & Legacies		358,966	72,885	431,851	329,710
Management Fees		-	-	-	42,360
Total		**358,966**	**72,885**	**431,851**	**372,070**
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Charitable Activities					
Homeless Services		177,419	-	177,419	194,711
Greater Manchester Homelessness Action Network		67,584	-	67,584	48,395
Mental Health		-	-	-	17,078
Places of Welcome		-	-	-	2,279
Social Super Market		50,184	-	50,184	60,190
Core Programme Costs		25,000	60,840	85,840	22,186
Project Management		-	-	-	42,360
Total		**320,187**	**60,840**	**381,027**	**387,199**
NET INCOME		38,779	12,045	50,824	(15,129)
RECONCILATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		164,901	41,389	206,290	221,420
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		203,680	53,434	257,114	206,291

BALANCE SHEET
AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	Restricted 2025 £	Unrestricted 2025 £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
FIXED ASSETS					
Computer Equipment		5,100	-	5,100	3,990
Less Depreciation on Computer Equipment		(3,435)	-	(3,435)	(970)
Total Fixed Assets		**1,665**	**-**	**1,665**	**1,825**
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	5	69,613	-	69,613	1,000
Petty Cash		1,259	-	1,259	-
Cash at Bank		134,546	53,434	187,980	202,114
Prepayments	5	2,595	-	2,595	2,497
Total Current Assets		**208,013**	**53,434**	**261,447**	**205,611**
LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR					
Amounts falling due within one year	6	(5,998)	-	(5,998)	(1,145)
Total Current Liabilities		**(5,998)**	**-**	**(5,998)**	**(1,145)**
NET CURRENT ASSETS		203,680	53,434	257,114	206,291
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		203,680	53,434	257,114	206,291
NET ASSETS		**203,680**	**53,434**	**257,114**	**206,291**
FUNDS	7				
Unrestricted Funds				53,434	41,389
Restricted Funds				203,680	164,902
TOTAL FUNDS				**257,114**	**206,291**

BALANCE SHEET - CONTINUED

AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

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

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 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.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to charitable small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on Monday 7th September 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:



Grace Thomas (Chair)



Martin Evans (Treasurer)

The notes on pages 23 - 31 form part of these financial statements.

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 1 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.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

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

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the annual report.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

Trustees' expenses
A total of £0 (2024 - £0) was reimbursed to Trustees as expenses in the year.

3. STAFF COSTS

	2025 Restricted Funds	2025 Unrestricted Funds	2025 Total Funds
	£	£	£
Gross Wages & Salaries	182,290	64,993	247,283
Pension Contributions	10,969	4,392	15,362
Employer's National Insurance Cost	12,934	5,338	18,273
Total Staff Costs	206,193	74,724	280,918

The average number of employees during the year was as follows:

Management & Development	1	1
Homeless Services	4	4
Social Super Market	1	1
GMHAN	2	1.5
Mental Health	0	1
Places of Welcome	0	0.5
Social Justice (Development)	1	0
	9	9

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

INCOMING RESOURCES	Notes	Restricted 2024 £	Unrestricted 2024 £	2024 Total £
Donations & Legacies		298,802	30,908	329,710
Management Fees		-	42,360	42,360
Total		**298,802**	**73,268**	**372,070**
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Charitable Activities				
Homeless Services		194,711	-	194,711
Greater Manchester Homelessness Action Network		48,395	-	48,395
Mental Health		17,078	-	17,078
Places of Welcome		2,279	-	2,279
Social Super Market		60,190	-	60,190
Core Programme Costs		-	22,186	22,186
Project Management		-	42,360	42,360
Total		**322,653**	**64,546**	**387,199**
NET INCOME		(23,851)	8,722	(15,129)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward		188,753	32,667	221,420
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		164,902	41,389	206,291

5. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Debtors & Prepayments	72,208	3,497

6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Independent Examiner's Fee	1,200	600
Staff Expenses	2,228	545
Venue Hire	1,300	-
Pensions Payable	1,270	-
	5,998	1,145

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2025

	At 1.1.25	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.25
	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds			
General Fund	41,389	12,045	53,434
Restricted Funds			
Homeless Services	122,461	30,018	152,479
Greater Manchester Homelessness Action Network	39,258	13,118	52,376
Social Super Market	3,182	(4,357)	(1,175)
Core Programme (Social Justice)	-	-	-
Subtotal	164,901	38,779	203,680
TOTAL FUNDS	**206,291**	**50,824**	**247,114**

	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Movement in Funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds			
General Fund	72,885	60,840	12,045
Restricted Funds			
Homeless Services	207,437	177,419	30,018
Greater Manchester Homelessness Action Network	80,702	67,584	13,118
Social Super Market	45,827	50,184	(4,357)
Core Programme (Social Justice)	25,000	25,000	-
Subtotal	358,966	320,187	38,779
TOTAL FUNDS	**431,851**	**381,027**	**50,824**

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2024

Comparatives for movement in funds	At 1.1.24	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.24
	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds			
General Fund	32,667	8,722	41,389
Restricted Funds			
Homeless Services	176,506	(53,203)	123,303
Greater Manchester Homelessness Action Network	(12,411)	51,670	39,259
Mental Health	9,880	(11,456)	(1,576)
Places of Welcome	3,013	(2,279)	734
Social Super Market	11,765	(8,583)	3,182
Subtotal	188,753	(23,851)	164,901
TOTAL FUNDS	**221,420**	**(15,129)**	**206,291**

	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Movement in Funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds			
General Fund	73,268	64,546	8,722
Restricted Funds			
Homeless Services	141,507	194,711	(53,203)
Greater Manchester Homelessness Action Network	100,065	48,395	51,670
Mental Health	5,622	17,078	(11,456)
Places of Welcome	-	2,279	(2,279)
Social Super Market	51,608	60,190	(8,583)
Subtotal	298,802	332,653	(23,851)
TOTAL FUNDS	**372,070**	**387,199**	**(15,129)**

9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Grace Thomas and Mark Davies, Trustees of Greater Together Manchester, are also Trustees of the Manchester Diocesan Board of Finance, which provides office space, access to meeting rooms, Wi-Fi, printing, and reception support to Greater Together Manchester.

Helen Platts, Trustee of Greater Together Manchester until 21st March 2025, was the Diocesan Secretary/Chief Operating Officer for the Manchester Diocesan Board of Finance until April 2026, and Philip Cansdale, Trustee of Greater Together Manchester from 1st April 2025, is the Director of Mission and Ministry for the Manchester Diocesan Board of Finance.

10. VOLUNTEERS

A total of £189 (2024 - £665) was reimbursed to volunteers for expenses in the year.

In accordance with FRS102 and the charities SORP (FRS102) the economic contribution of volunteers is not recognised in the accounts.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR END 31 DECEMBER 2025

INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS	Restricted 2025	Unrestricted 2025	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
Benefact Trust	25,000	-	25,000	25,000
Booth Centre (Sports England)	2,815	-	2,815	-
Church Urban Fund	30,743	7,686	38,429	72,941
Garfield Weston Foundation	-	20,000	20,000	-
General Donations	23,127	680	24,430	5,908
GMCVO	-	-	-	3,500
Greater Manchester Combined Authority	60,533	9,080	69,613	-
Greater Manchester Mayor's Charity	36,000	9,000	45,000	30,000
GM Moving	2,000	-	2,000	-
Lloyds Bank Foundation	44,177	6,627	50,804	49,087
Management Fees	-	-	-	42,360
Manchester Active	2,250	-	2,250	620
Manchester City Council (OMFP)	-	-	-	5,891
Manchester City Council (Our Manchester Grants)	-	-	-	8,500
Manchester City Council	40,430	8,086	48,516	-
Manchester FA	500	-	-	-
MHCLG (Night Shelter Transformation Fund)	58,274	11,726	70,000	58,568
National Lottery Community Fund – Awards for All	-	-	-	20,000
Neighbourly - Pret Foundation	10,000	-	10,000	-
Sported Foundation	-	-	-	1,000
Social Super Market Membership Fees	23,117	-	23,117	25,944
Training Income	-	-	-	2,092
TUUT Charitable Trust	-	-	-	1,000
Worship Company of Grocers	-	-	-	5,000
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	**358,966**	**72,885**	**431,851**	**372,070**

EXPENDITURE

	2025	2024
CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	£	£
Total Staff Costs	280,918	255,501
Travel & Subsidence	9,293	6,477
Insurance	3,578	4,211
Website & IT Costs	2,447	2,198
Events	14,892	10,326
Training	1,838	500
Media, advertising & promotion	1,166	1,886
Printing, Postage & Stationary	2,000	1,632
Telephone & Internet	5,324	5,800
Staff Equipment	73	-
Service Delivery Project Costs	39,766	97,460
Depreciation on Computer Equipment	1,280	970
TOTAL	362,574	385,991
SUPPORT COSTS		
Accountancy & Legal Fees	530	142
Independent Examination	600	600
Fundraising	13,710	216
Consultant Fees	3,614	250
TOTAL	**18,453**	**1,208**
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	**381,027**	**387,199**
NET INCOME	**50,824**	**(15,129)**

THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS IN 2025

Booth Centre

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HOUSING JUSTICE

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MANCHESTER HOMELESSNESS PARTNERSHIP

SHELTER

CLASS Community Led Action and Savings Support

Manchester Methodists Seeking, serving, sharing Christ

MCRactive

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Photo taken by a participant during a guided tour of Manchester Cathedral in August 2025

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