THE GAMBIA WELFARE SOCIETY LEEDS

OAK HOUSE

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CHARITY NO: 1182433

ANNUAL TRUSTEE REPORT

The Gambia Welfare Society hereby present its annual report for 01/02/ 2025– 31/01/2026, which conforms to the stipulations of the Charities Act 2011, the trust deed and the Charities SORP (FRS 102)

OUR VISION

The Gambia Welfare Society aspires to the achievement of a vibrant and sustainable community, through a shared- vision perspective, modeled around effective community engagement, involvement, and collaboration. The organization strives to operate in an equal opportunity environment, welcomes individuals from diverse backgrounds, treats everyone equally irrespective of religion, race, ethnicity, sex, disability, creed, or color, in accordance with the Equality Act (2010). The protection of the environment in which we operate and live is of paramount importance to us. We adhere to sound sustainable practices aimed at reducing our carbon footprint and promote credible environmental awareness within our areas of operation.
The organization is committed to the safeguarding of children, the vulnerable, and operates in an environment that is safe, and free from harm, whilst ensuring maximum compliance with legislative guidelines.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

The organization is a Charitable Incorporated Organization with voting members other than the charity trustees and governed by a written constitution. The general affairs are overseen by the trustees, who meet as and when required. Implementation and execution of organizational policy is conducted by the executive Committee, composed of both sexes, appointment by the chairman, upon recommendation from members.

OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT

The executive committee is solely responsible for the day-to-day operation of the organization, under the leadership of the Chairman, in conjunction with the Treasury, the Secretariat, Center Management, Educational and Religious Affairs, and Social and Communities department.

CHARITY TRUSTEES

The charity trustees of The Gambia Welfare Society are dully elected through voting, by members of the society at annual general meetings. Trustees are expected to possess character, expertise, and commitment in the execution operational affairs. Trustees are orientated on the modalities of the trust deed, policies and procedures, and the charity commission guidelines upon appointment. Both trustees and executive committee members offer their services voluntarily and freely.
The current charity trustees of the Society are:
Bampha Jaiteh
Yankuba Balajo

Foday Sanneh
Amadou Touray
Seedy Sanneh

OUR CORE OBJECTIVES

• Promote social inclusion for the benefit of migrants who are socially excluded on grounds of ethnic origin, religion, belief, creed or their social and economic position, helping them with their basic needs, and assistance in integrating into society.

• Help young people through educational, recreational and sporting activities, to develop their capabilities, enabling them to contribute productively and positively towards societal development.

• Promote religion by raising awareness and understanding of the Muslim faith through community engagement, and collaboration with partner agencies. We will also provide our center as a praying ground for the benefit of the local community where communal prayers will be held during the Muslim feast of Eid and Friday congregational prayers.

• The Society will provide support to the community in funeral arrangements, especially those less fortunate members of the community of Leeds.

ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

TRADITIONAL AND CULTURAL ASSISTANCE

The Gambia Welfare Society Leeds (TGWS,) as part of its commitment to the welfare of members of the community, provides regular bereavement support, Quranic recitation sessions, conducts naming ceremonies for the newly born, Iftar (breaking of fasting) during the holy month of Ramadan, and Eid congregational prayers.

TGWS was also able to construct an Ablution area, at Oak House, funded by community donations, with Leeds City Council paying for the boiler. This has greatly improved the sanitary situation and made it a lot easier for users.

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL WELL-BEING

At TGWS, we fervently believe that effective community and well-being initiatives are essential in establishing good social impact, as well as provide the following value adding benefits:

● Fosters social Inclusion
● Creates robust and vibrant communities
● Promotes empowerment
● Encourages the spirit of shared values, cooperation and collaboration
● Promotes cultural understanding and breaking barriers.

Over the course of the period concerned, the organization organized and delivered the following community based initiatives:

● Electrical Safety First workshop, with a grant of £5000, which 14 families benefited from, resulting in the replacement of 24 electrical products

● Welcome warm space gatherings at Oak House during the winter months

● Bonfire night celebrations funded by Inner South Leeds

● West Yorkshire Police Presentation on Good Citizenship and Emotional Intelligence

● Family fun picnic Sea Side visit to Bridlington

● Cultural weekend, graced by renowned Gambian musicians, Jaliba & Nyancho

● Three rounds of Forum Central household support, totaling £10, 200

● Arnold Clark's 2,500 household support grant.

FOOD AND NUTRITIONAL SUPPORT

TGWS in conjunction with multi-agency partners, regular operate a food bank facility at Oak House, which helps provide essential food and nutritional items to the vulnerable within the community. This scheme acts as a vital lifeline, and minimizes the challenges posed by high living costs.

YOUTH CLUB ACTIVITIES

Our youth club continues to provide respite activities for young people as well as help them acquire life skills, acceptable social attitudes and behaviours. TGWS was able to organize the following site visits for youths within the community

● Tour of Headingley Cricket stadium

● Knife Angel statue at Royal Armouries Leeds

● A Radio station visit in Seacroft, Leeds.

GENDER AWARENESS AND INCLUSIVITY

The organization has been successful in delivering fitness session for Women within the community over a 12 weeks period, funded by Leeds City Council and Active Leeds. These sessions provides fitness training opportunities for women who would otherwise not have been able to afford gym fees, or are inhibited due to cultural and religious reasons or shyness to utilize unisex training facilities.

FINANCIAL WELL-BEING

TGWS continues to provide free financial advice at point of need. Covering areas of personal finance, tax, investments, pensions, and access to financial help. This service provides vital guidance to members of the community, enabling and empowering individuals to manage their financial affairs, especially during these economically challenging times.

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT SESSIONS

TGWS, recognizes the importance of early intervention in a child's development and continues to provide weekly educational sessions that covers both Islamic and general moral modules, which plays a vital role in teaching discipline, shared values and good citizenship.

FUTURE STRATEGIC DIRECTION

1: Endeavour to keep up with regular mortgage payments or pay extra to shorten the life span of the mortgage for Oak House

2: Promotion of community cohesion and understanding

3: Creation of a long term development plan and strategic ambition
4: Ensure effective and collaborative multi-agency partnership in areas of community well-being, safety and resilience
5: Aspire to increase paying members subscription capacity, through engagement and highlighting the advantages of monthly subscriptions.

End of report

Profit and Loss

The Gambia Welfare Society Leeds
For the year ended 31 January 2026

	RESTRICTED FUNDS	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL
Turnover			
Chest Pot Fund Grant	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
Dara Fees	-	3,100.00	3,100.00
Electrical Safety Grant	5,000.00	-	5,000.00
Fundraising Profits	-	12,588.56	12,588.56
Gift Aid Donations	-	3,014.34	3,014.34
Household Support Fund Grant	11,550.00	-	11,550.00
Mosque Revenue	-	4,579.45	4,579.45
Other Donations	-	1,663.00	1,663.00
Other Income	-	540.40	540.40
Rug for Mosque	-	76.00	76.00
Subscriptions	-	28,650.00	28,650.00
TGWS Youth Project Grant	4,273.94	-	4,273.94
Total Turnover	**21,823.94**	**54,211.75**	**76,035.69**
Cost of Sales			
Dara Expenses	-	5,458.25	5,458.25
Expenses - Household Support Fund Grant	13,300.00	-	13,300.00
Expenses for Chest Pot Fund	280.00	-	280.00
Expenses for Safe Space	50.00	-	50.00
Expenses for Youth Project	1,754.66	-	1,754.66
Total Cost of Sales	**15,384.66**	**5,458.25**	**20,842.91**
Gross Profit	**6,439.28**	**48,753.50**	**55,192.78**
Administrative Costs			
Bank Fees	-	154.39	154.39
Burial & Repatriation	-	7,550.00	7,550.00
Community Welfare Support	-	1,945.00	1,945.00
Depreciation Expense	-	10,128.84	10,128.84
Expenses for Electrical Safety	2,477.86	-	2,477.86
Hall Hire	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
Insurance	-	425.16	425.16
IT Software and Consumables	-	120.00	120.00
Mortgage Interest Paid - Charity Bank	-	4,983.78	4,983.78
Mosque Expenses	-	5,316.98	5,316.98
Repairs & Maintenance	-	2,415.00	2,415.00
Telephone & Internet	-	616.00	616.00
Water, Electricity & Gas and Boiler Insurance	-	2,283.66	2,283.66
Total Administrative Costs	**2,477.86**	**36,938.81**	**39,416.67**

	RESTRICTED FUNDS	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL
Operating Profit	3,961.42	11,814.69	15,776.11
Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation	3,961.42	11,814.69	15,776.11
Profit after Taxation	3,961.42	11,814.69	15,776.11

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Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year ended
31 January 2026

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Charity Information
for the year from 1 February 2025 to 31 January 2026

Proprietor	The Gambia Welfare Society
Address	Balm Walk Leeds LS11 9PG
Accountant	Beckett Accountants Leeds Ltd Shine Building Harehills Road Leeds LS8 5HS
Bank	Lloyds Bank 65-68 Briggate Leeds LS1 6LH

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Accountants' Report

Report to the Trustees on the preparation of the unaudited accounts of The Gambia Welfare Society Leeds.

In accordance with the engagement letter, we have prepared for your approval the financial information of The Gambia Welfare Society Leeds for the year ended 31 January 2026, which comprises of the Income Statement, the Statement of Financial Position and the related notes, from the entity's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

You have approved the financial information for the year ended 31 January 2026 and have acknowledged your responsibility for it, for the appropriateness of the financial reporting framework adopted and for providing all information and explanations necessary for its compilation.

We have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the financial information.

Beckett Accountants Leeds Ltd

Signed:.....
Managing Director

Beckett Accountants Leeds Ltd
Shine Building
Harehills Road
Leeds
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Date: 19 May 2026

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Income Statement
for the year from 1 February 2025 to 31 January 2026

	2026 £	2025 £
Charity Revenue	76,036	84,692
Cost of Direct Charitable Activities	(20,843)	(25,953)
Depreciation and other amounts written off assets	(10,129)	-
Other Charges	(29,288)	(25,717)
Profit for the year	15,776	33,022

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Statement of Financial Position
31 January 2026

	2026 £	2025 £
Fixed Assets	180,371	190,500
Current Assets	56,284	35,919
Creditors amounts falling due within one year	(860)	(1,535)
Net current assets (liabilities)	55,424	34,384
Total assets less current liabilities	235,795	224,884
Creditors amounts falling due after one year	(94,847)	(99,711)
Net assets (liabilities)	140,948	125,173
Capital and reserves	140,948	125,173

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

They were approved on 19 May 2026 by:



The Gambia Welfare Society

Chairman

The Gambia Welfare Society Leeds

Detailed Profit and Loss Account
for the year from 1 February 2025 to 31 January 2026

	2026 £	2025 £
Turnover		
Charity Bank Grant	-	25,000
Chest Pot Fund Grant	1,000	-
Dara Fees	3,100	1,850
Electrical Safety Grant	5,000	5,000
Fundraising Profits	12,589	-
Gambia House Project - Phase 2	-	5,280
Gift Aid Donations	3,014	3,216
Household Support Fund Grant	11,550	5,000
Mosque Revenue	4,579	-
Other Donations	1,663	6,279
Other Income	540	2,669
Rug for Mosque	76	-
Subscriptions	28,650	26,568
TGWS Youth Project Grant	4,275	1,000
Winter Fuel Grant	-	2,830
	76,036	84,692
Raw materials and consumables used		
Dara Expenses	5,458	4,920
Expenses - Health for All Grant	-	2,388
Expenses - Household Support Fund Grant	13,300	5,000
Expenses for Chest Pot Fund	280	-
Expenses for Safe Space	50	88
Expenses for Youth Project	1,755	6,598
Purchase of Gambia House Expenses	-	6,959
	20,843	25,953
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment expense		
Depreciation Expense	10,129	-
	10,129	-
Other charges		
Bank Fees	154	-
Burial & Repatriation	7,550	3,600
Community Welfare Support	1,945	300
Entertainment-100% business	-	150
Expenses for Electrical Safety	2,478	-
Gambia House Rent	-	4,375

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Detailed Profit and Loss Account (continued)
for the year from 1 February 2025 to 31 January 2026

	2026 £	2025 £
General Expenses	-	755
Hall Hire	1,000	1,000
Insurance	425	2,272
IT Software and Consumables	120	211
Legal Expenses	-	1,336
Mortgage Interest Paid - Charity Bank	4,984	2,297
Mosque Expenses	5,317	180
Repairs & Maintenance	2,415	5,701
Telephone & Internet	616	576
Water, Electricity & Gas and Boiler Insurance	2,284	2,964
	29,288	25,717
Profit for the year		
Net Profit	15,776	33,022
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