Hackney Lighthouse CIO
Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements

Charity Registration No. 1188625

Annual Report and Accounts
31 December 2025

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Legal and Administrative Information

Charity Name	Hackney Lighthouse CIO
Charity Registration no.	1188625
Registration Date	18 March 2020
Registered Address	St. John at Hackney Church Lower Clapton Road London, E5 0PD
Correspondence Address	Hackney Church House 1 Spiller House Prodigal Square London, E8 1FX
Governing Document	CIO-Foundation
Objectives	The objective of Hackney Lighthouse CIO is for the public benefit in relation to the prevention or relief of poverty in Hackney and such other parts of London as the Charity Trustees may from time to time decide. The charity aims to provide services and access to support for individuals in need and signposting them to other charities or organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty.
Trustees	Trustees who served in the year are: Rev'd Al Gordon Henry Lloyd-Hughes Jacquie Driver (appointed January 2025) Sarah Opie Sylvia Julius Zac Lloyd
Bankers	Reliance Bank
Independent Examiner	Aaron Rodewald, Rody Cloud Consulting

HACKNEY LIGHTHOUSE CIO

Report of the Trustees
For the year ended 31 December 2025

Hackney Lighthouse CIO ("the Trust") submits its report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025. The financial statements have been prepared in the format prescribed by the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP2019 (FRS102)) and the Financial Reporting Standard 102. The legal and administrative information set out earlier in this document forms part of this report.

1. Structure, Governance and Management

St John at Hackney (Charity Number 1188625) has the power to appoint all of the trustees of the Trust. Throughout 2025, the appointed Trustees were Reverend Al Gordon, Mr Henry Lloyd-Hughes, Ms Jacquie Driver and Zac Lloyd.

In 2025 the trustees met six times.

2. Activities and Strategies

The Trustees have reviewed the activities and strategies of Hackney Lighthouse CIO. The Trustees believe that the current activities are in line with the objectives of the charity.

3. Achievements and Performance

In 2025 we continued to work with vulnerable and marginalised people, helping to alleviate need through our pioneering Drop-in Lunch and food pantry. Lighthouse CIO models a culture of hope; honour, openness, proximity and empowerment to all those who use the services provided. We focus on building lasting relationships with our guests, providing practical assistance, restoring dignity and guiding individuals toward relevant services so they can build a future filled with hope.

Our Weekly lunches gather people from a wide range of backgrounds, all facing challenging circumstances and creating a community of belonging and support. We provide the sit-down meals once per week at Church House in Hackney and St Mary's Leyton. During 2025 Lighthouse distributed over 5563 meals to people in need across East London. At each session, guests are encouraged to access much needed support through clear signposting.

In 2025 we launched our creative women's night, based in Church House to create a space for wellbeing and wider community support for the women on Lighthouse. We also developed Dwell: Lighthouse furniture project - delivering 34 items across East London, supporting families in need.

We are exceptionally grateful to all of those that volunteer and donate much needed funds and supplies, including the generous ongoing donations of Hackney Parochial Charities and Church Revitalisation Trust, who enable our work to thrive.

4. Financial Review

4.1 Financial Activity and Financial Position

The charity's main source of income are from grant income and donations from individuals.
The Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet can be found on pages 7 and 8 respectively. The charity's reserves decreased by £16,639 during the year (2024: increased by £12,851). The balance sheet shows total net assets of £90 (2024: £16,729).

4.2 Reserves Policy

The Trustees have examined the requirements for free reserves, i.e. those unrestricted funds not invested in tangible fixed assets. Trustee policy is to not deliberately build up reserves. Any reserves that may exist, result from accumulated giving at any one time. At 31 December 2025 the charity had net free reserves of £90 (2024: £16,729).

4.3 Grants Policy

The task of deciding how to distribute grants is done by the Trustees. Grants are awarded to organisations, church members and community members based on an evaluation of each case. All grants follow Hackney Lighthouse CIO's charitable objectives.

4.4 Risk assessment and mitigation
The risks which the organisation faces have been considered and measures will be implemented to ensure that appropriate systems, policies and procedures are in place to manage and mitigate the risks. These risks, including health and safety are being mitigated through modern management systems and practices. As a matter of general policy, independent professional advice is taken where appropriate.

5. Plans for Future Periods

The short and medium term plan is to continue with the same objectives and activities in support of them.

6. Responsibilities of Trustees for the Financial Statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing the report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. Charity law in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period.

In preparing those financial statements, the trustee is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the activities of the charity will continue.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the governing document. The Trustees 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.

7. Approval

The report of the Trustees was approved by the Trustees on 10 October 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev'd Al Gordon
Trustee

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Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of Hackney Lighthouse CIO For the year ended 31 December 2025

I report on the financial statements of Hackney Lighthouse CIO for the year ended 31 December 2025, set out on pages 7 to 11.

This report is made solely to the Trustees in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act). My independent examination has been undertaken so that I might state to the Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by the law, I do not accept responsibility to anyone other than the Trust and the Trustees for my independent examination, for this report, or the opinions I have formed.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.



12th October 2026

Aaron Rodewald
Rodycloud Consulting Ltd

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Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 December 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	2	108,146	12,870
Total Income		**108,146**	**12,870**
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	3	124,785	19
Total Expenditure		**124,785**	**19**
Net gains/(losses) on investments		-	-
Net (Expenditure) / Income		**(16,639)**	**12,851**
Transfers between funds		-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses)		-	-
Net movement in funds		**(16,639)**	**12,851**
Total funds brought forward		16,729	3,878
Total funds carried forward		**90**	**16,729**

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Balance Sheet
As at 31 December 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Current Assets			
Cash at Bank and in hand		108,351	16,729
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Creditors - Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	4	108,261	-
Net Current Assets		90	16,729
Net Assets		**90**	**16,729**
Represented by:			
Unrestricted Income Funds		90	16,729
Total Funds		**90**	**16,729**

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 10 October 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev'd Al Gordon
Trustee

1. Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Basis of accounting
The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102). The financial statements are drawn up on the historical cost basis of accounting except for the revaluation of freehold land and buildings which are shown at market value.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the trustees are responsible in law.

Going Concern
There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern and accordingly the accounts have been drawn up on a going concern basis.

Income recognition
Trading income and voluntary income and donations are accounted for once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable the income will be received, and the amount of income receivable can be reliably measured. Income from the recovery of tax on gift aided donations is accounted for in the period to which the relevant donation is received. Grant income is recognised on a receivable basis.

The income from trading activities includes rental income from the letting of leasehold properties which is accounted for when earned. It is shown gross, with the associated costs included in the expenditures.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

Expenditure recognition
Expenditure is accrued as soon as a liability is considered probable, and the amount of obligation can be measured reliably. Longer term liabilities are discounted to present value. The charity is not registered for VAT and accordingly expenditure includes VAT where appropriate.

Charitable expenditure includes those costs in fulfilling the charity's principal objects, as outlined in the Annual Report. These include grants payable, governance costs and support costs.

- Grants payable are payments made to other organisations or people in furtherance of the charity's objects. In the case of an unconditional grant offer this is accrued once the recipient has been notified of the grant award. The notification gives the recipient a reasonable expectation that they will receive the grant. Grants awards that are subject to the recipient fulfilling performance conditions are only accrued when the recipient has been notified of the grant and any remaining unfulfilled condition attaching to that grant is outside of the control of the trustees.
- Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to the independent examination and legal fees.

Tangible Fixed Assets
The leasehold land and buildings are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the effective useful life of the asset, which has been estimated as 50 years.

Debtors
Debtors are included at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

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

1. Accounting Policies (continued)

Creditors and provisions
Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation arising from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount.

2. Income

	2025 £	2024 £
Charitable Activities		
Corporate Donations	9,637	-
Donations from Individuals	33,727	12,870
Grant Income	63,500	-
Gift Aid recovered	473	-
	108,146	**12,870**

3. Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Administrative expenses	1,180	19
Outreach expenses	43,626	-
Staffing costs	79,979	-
	124,785	**19**

4. Creditors - Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals	500	-
Other creditors	107,761	-
	108,261	**-**

5. Related Party Transactions

Revd Al Gordon is also a trustee of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John at Hackney (charity reg no 1158545) ("the PCC"). The PCC made grants to Hackney Lighthouse CIO for £2,500 (2024: nil). As at 31 December 2025 the Hackney Lighthouse CIO owed the PCC £107,761 (2024: £nil).

Revd Al Gordon, Jacquie Driver and Zak Lloyd are also trustees of Hackney Parochial Charities (charity reg no 219876) ("HPC"). HPC made grants to Hackney Lighthouse CIO for £30,000 (2024: nil).

The Trustees made £6,521 (2024: £nil) donations to the Trust during the year.