SUNFLOWER MANCHESTER
Charity Number 1202615
ANNUAL REPORT

Chair's Statement

2025 was a year of significant growth, resilience and impact for Sunflower Manchester. As the needs of Ukrainian communities continued to evolve, the charity adapted from an emergency-response organisation towards a more sustainable, community-focused charity while continuing to deliver substantial humanitarian support to Ukraine. Throughout the year we strengthened partnerships, supported integration activities, delivered educational opportunities and expanded our humanitarian reach both locally and internationally.

Despite operating entirely through volunteers and facing challenges associated with the loss of permanent premises, the charity continued to deliver an ambitious programme of humanitarian, educational, cultural and community activities.

On behalf of the Trustees, I would like to thank every volunteer, donor, funder, partner organisation and supporter whose generosity and commitment made this work possible.

Oksana Nepijvoda
Chair of Trustees

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name: Sunflower Manchester
Charity Number: 1202615

Trustees During the Reporting Period

- Oksana Nepijvoda (Chair)
- Olga Bodoprosta (Treasurer)
- Helen Parsons
- Vera Tymchyshyn
- Marianna Vaszilyiv
- Mariana Mazur

The charity remained entirely volunteer-led throughout 2025.

Objectives and Public Benefit

Sunflower Manchester exists to support people affected by the war in Ukraine through humanitarian assistance, education, community support, cultural engagement and partnership working.

The charity seeks to:

- relieve hardship among people affected by war and displacement;
- support refugees and vulnerable people living in Greater Manchester;
- advance education and employability;
- promote integration and wellbeing;

- advance Ukrainian culture and heritage;
- strengthen community cohesion and international cooperation.

The Trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and are satisfied that all activities described within this report were undertaken solely in furtherance of the charity's charitable purposes and provided clear public benefit.

Our Impact in 2025

During the reporting year Sunflower Manchester:

- Supported **7 refugee families** through the provision of bicycles and practical assistance.
- Delivered **100 blankets and bedding items** to Sofia Rusova Primary School in Ukraine.
- Sent **10 humanitarian aid boxes** to children living in institutional care through Ukrainian charity partners.
- Provided **50 rechargeable torches** to children and young people in Sloviansk.
- Delivered **7 Starlink communication systems** to military and humanitarian partners across Ukraine.
- Delivered **1 EcoFlow power station** to support communities affected by attacks on infrastructure.
- Supported approximately **30 participants** through free English language classes with employability elements.
- Organised or supported dozens of educational, cultural and community events across Greater Manchester.
- Distributed **more than 500 gifts** to vulnerable children and families affected by war.
- Delivered **40 boxes of humanitarian aid** collected through the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Manchester.
- Collected **more than 1,000 gifts** through the Christmas Gift Drive for children in Ukraine.
- Delivered **137 gifts and 11 boxes of supplies** to Zaluchany Orphanage for children with disabilities.
- Delivered humanitarian aid to hospitals, rehabilitation centres, schools, orphanages and frontline communities across Ukraine.

Humanitarian Aid and Relief

Humanitarian support remained a core priority throughout the year. Working through trusted partners across Ukraine, Sunflower Manchester delivered practical assistance to hospitals, rehabilitation centres, schools, orphanages, military personnel and vulnerable families.

Support for Frontline Communities and Military Personnel

Key achievements included:

- Delivery of **3 Starlink systems** to the 225th Separate Assault Regiment.
- Delivery of **1 Starlink system** to the 102nd Brigade through Prozora Tysa.

- Delivery of **3 additional Starlink systems** to the 128th Brigade through community fundraising initiatives.
- Provision of food, medicines, sleeping mats and humanitarian supplies to military personnel and frontline communities.
- Delivery of an EcoFlow power station supporting communities affected by attacks on critical infrastructure.

Support for Hospitals and Health Services

The charity delivered equipment and supplies to healthcare providers across Ukraine including:

- Regional Veterans Hospital in Ivano-Frankivsk.
- Ternopil Regional Hospital.
- Rehabilitation and specialist healthcare services in Ternopil.
- Uzhhorod healthcare services through charity partners.
- Vynohradiv Hospital through delivery of VAC therapy systems.
- Mechnikov Hospital in Dnipro through the delivery of medical equipment.

Assistance included medical equipment, mobility aids, food supplements, washing equipment, drying equipment and rehabilitation support resources.

Support for Children and Families

The charity provided extensive support to children affected by war.
This included:

- 100 blankets delivered to Sofia Rusova Primary School.
- 50 rechargeable torches delivered to children in Sloviansk.
- 100 gifts for children of fallen and missing military personnel.
- More than 100 gifts delivered through Volunteers of Rakhiv Region.
- 100 Easter gifts delivered to children in Sloviansk.
- 100 Christmas gifts delivered through Slovianska Mriia.
- 100 Christmas gifts delivered through Apostolska Chota.
- 100 Christmas gifts delivered through Olive Branch.
- 100 Christmas gifts delivered to Vynohradiv Orphanage.
- 137 gifts and 11 boxes of supplies delivered to Zaluchany Orphanage for children with disabilities.

The charity also supported orphanages, schools and community projects serving vulnerable children across Ukraine.

Additional Humanitarian Support

Additional assistance included:

- bicycles provided to seven refugee families newly settled in Greater Manchester;
- washing machine, dryer and Bluetooth speaker supplied to a veterans' hospital in Ivano-Frankivsk;
- walking aids, crutches and food supplements delivered to veterans in Uzhhorod Hospital;
- medical equipment delivered to rehabilitation centres and hospitals;

- food and medicine collections delivered to frontline communities;
- humanitarian support delivered through LAD, Slovianska Mriia, Prozora Tysa, Apostolska Chota and other Ukrainian partners.

Education, Integration and Wellbeing

Supporting integration, wellbeing and personal development remained an important part of the charity's work within Greater Manchester.

English Language Support

Between January and June, Sunflower Manchester delivered free English language classes with employability elements for approximately **30 participants** from the Bury area. The programme helped participants improve communication skills, increase confidence and strengthen prospects for employment and integration.

The programme received support through Bury VCFA and a £300 contribution from MP Christian Wakeford.

The charity also supported:

- English conversation groups;
- one-to-one speaking practice;
- community-led language activities;
- English language projects delivered with Hong Kong community partners.

Children's Activities

The charity delivered:

- Chess classes between January and June.
- Heart & Soul Dance Project activities between January and June.
- Free dance classes for parents and children between February and June.
- After-school arts activities delivered in partnership with community organisations.
- Art exhibitions and creative projects promoting confidence and self-expression.

These activities supported physical wellbeing, confidence, creativity and social inclusion.

Employment and Personal Development

The charity supported employability through:

- Employment and Self-Employment Opportunities workshops.
- Employability workshops delivered by Marianna Vaszilyiv and Mariana Mazur.
- Smart Works Greater Manchester workshops supporting Ukrainian women.
- Activities focused on confidence-building, employability and career development.

Culture and Community Engagement

The charity continued to celebrate Ukrainian culture while promoting awareness, inclusion and community cohesion.

Film Screenings

Nine major film screenings were delivered throughout the year.

Highlights included:

- The Rising Sun.
- Lviv Diary.
- How to Make a Tank Disappear.

- Bozhevilni (Crazy).
- STRYI: Legend.
- After the Rain: Putin's Stolen Children Come Home.
- Shchedryk.
- Documentary screening dedicated to Nazarii Yaremchuk.
- Fomenko film screening and People of Steel.

Many of these events featured guest speakers, filmmakers, academics and public figures, creating opportunities for discussion, education and awareness raising.

Concerts and Cultural Activities

The charity organised and supported:

- Serhiy Fomenko event in Manchester.
- Dmytro and Nazariy Yaremchuk concert.
- Bez Obmezhen UK charity activities.
- Community performances through Sunflower Steps and Heart & Soul Dance Project.
- Ukrainian cultural performances at festivals and community events.

Community Celebrations

The charity organised or supported:

- Unity Day celebrations.
- Independence Day celebrations.
- Vyshyvanka Day celebrations.
- Kalyta celebrations.
- Holodomor remembrance events.
- Easter activities.
- Lunar New Year celebrations with the Hong Kong community.
- Prestwich Carnival.
- Prestwich Clough Day.
- Ramsbottom Country Show.
- Step Into Ukraine cultural event.
- Community concerts, exhibitions and awareness events.

The Step Into Ukraine concert attracted approximately **800 attendees**, helping to promote Ukrainian culture to a wider audience.

Fundraising and Community Events

Community fundraising remained a vital source of support for charitable activities.

Key fundraising achievements included:

- Manchester Stands with Ukraine: **£2,419.63 raised**
- Serhiy Fomenko event: **£2,068.29 raised**
- Manchester Marathon Appeal: **over £1,500 raised**
- Bez Obmezhen event: **£1,400 raised**
- The Rising Sun screening: **£942 raised**
- Lviv Diary screening: **£888.36 raised**
- Prestwich Carnival: **£640.15 raised**

- Lunar New Year Fair: **£511 raised**
- Step Into Ukraine: **£455 raised**
- Kalyta Celebration: **£439.50 raised**
- Fairy Family Books Appeal: **£330 raised**
- Prestwich Clough Day: **£274.85 raised**
- Play to Save Campaign: **£234 raised**
- Easter Fair: **£229.84 raised**
- Shchedryk screening: **£95 raised**
- Nazarii Yaremchuk documentary screening: **£116 raised**

Additional fundraising campaigns included the Christmas Gift Drive, medical aid collections, food appeals and fundraising through cultural events and community activities.

Partnerships and Representation

Partnership working continued to play a major role in the charity's success.

Partners included:

- Bury Council;
- Manchester City Council;
- Salford City Council;
- Oldham Council;
- Bolton Council;
- Greater Manchester Combined Authority;
- Hongkongers Stand with Ukrainians;
- United for Ukraine;
- Smart Works Greater Manchester;
- PLAST Manchester;
- Ukrainian Catholic Church Manchester;
- Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church Manchester;
- HYST Agency;
- KRYLA Culture;
- Ukrainian Society, University of Manchester;
- Ukrainian Students' Association;
- Ukrainian Saturday School;
- Slovianska Mriia;
- Prozora Tysa;
- LAD;
- SOS Children;
- Sunrise Ukraine;
- Auto Angels;
- Unbroken Rehabilitation Centre;
- Stand with Ukraine.

The charity participated in the Stronger Together Forum in London, where trustees presented the work of Sunflower Manchester alongside national stakeholders and representatives of Ukrainian communities.
The charity's trustees also received a Certificate of Appreciation from Ambassador Valerii Zaluzhnyi in recognition of the charity's contribution to humanitarian and community activities.

Volunteers

Sunflower Manchester remained a fully volunteer-led organisation.
Volunteers contributed across:

- humanitarian logistics;
- fundraising;
- governance;
- community engagement;
- communications;
- educational activities;
- cultural events;
- event delivery;
- translation and interpretation;
- administration and organisational support.

The Trustees recognise the exceptional contribution made by volunteers throughout the reporting period.

Financial Review

During the reporting year:

- Total income amounted to **£17,582**.
- **£15,832** was generated through donations and fundraising activities.
- **£1,750** was received through grant funding.
- Total expenditure amounted to **£15,717**.
- Total reserves stood at **£6,690**.
- The charity's bank balance stood at **£4,993.64** at the time of reporting.

All grant funding received during the year was fully utilised.
The Trustees noted that income increased substantially when compared to the previous reporting period, during which the charity received approximately **£7,057**. This growth reflects increased community engagement, stronger fundraising activity and expanded partnership working.
The Trustees remain satisfied that the charity continues to operate responsibly and remains financially sustainable.

Structure, Governance and Management

Sunflower Manchester is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and remains entirely volunteer-led.
Trustees are responsible for:

- strategic direction;

- financial oversight;
- governance;
- safeguarding;
- compliance;
- risk management;
- organisational development.

The Trustees review major risks to which the charity is exposed and identify actions to minimise potential impacts.

The organisation celebrated its fourth anniversary during the reporting year and continued exploring options for long-term sustainability, including strengthening administrative capacity, volunteer development, grant funding opportunities and partnership working.

Challenges and Future Development

The charity continued to face several challenges including:

- loss of previous premises;
- limited access to community space;
- increasing demand for humanitarian support;
- pressure on volunteer capacity;
- the need to diversify funding sources;
- challenges associated with operating without permanent accommodation.

Despite these challenges the charity remained resilient and continued delivering all core activities.

The Trustees recognise that securing suitable premises remains one of the organisation's most significant priorities.

Future Plans

The charity's priorities for the coming year include:

- maintaining humanitarian support for Ukraine;
- strengthening partnership working;
- securing suitable premises;
- expanding volunteer engagement;
- increasing educational and wellbeing opportunities;
- developing sustainable funding streams;
- improving organisational resilience and sustainability;
- exploring grant-writing and organisational development opportunities;
- strengthening administrative capacity;
- increasing community engagement activities;
- expanding opportunities for collaboration with other refugee and migrant communities.

The Trustees agreed that the future direction of the charity should continue balancing humanitarian assistance with community development, education, wellbeing and long-term sustainability.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved this report and confirm that it accurately reflects the activities and achievements of Sunflower Manchester during the reporting period.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees



Oksana Nepijvoda
Chair of Trustees
20.10.2026
Sunflower Manchester
Charity Number 1202615

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Sunflower Manchester	No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	1/1/2025	To	12/31/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	9,327	-	-	9,327	3,050
Fundraising Events	6,505	-	-	6,505	1,757
Cost of Living Community Fund 2024	-	-	-	-	2,000
Grant	-	1,750	-	1,750	250
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	15,832	1,750	-	17,582	7,057
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	15,832	1,750	-	17,582	7,057
A3 Payments					
Insurance	153		-	153	123
Bank Charges	109			109	169
Cost of delivery	1,000			1,000	1,480
Heat and Light	240			240	498
Utilities / Water charges	173			173	
Room Hire	-	1,191		1,191	
Support to Ukrainian community / Charitable activities	8,351			8,351	13,035
Purchases	929			929	1,236
Freelance staff	88	1,352		1,440	480
Marketing	-		-	-	420
Events	466		-	466	1,635
Professional fees	561		-	561	16
Print / Postage / Stationery	146		-	146	242
Refreshment	214	128	-	342	249
Travel	407		-	407	189
Activities	209		-	209	-
		-	-	-	-
Sub total	13,046	2,671	-	15,717	19,772
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	13,046	2,671	-	15,717	19,772
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,786	- 921	-	1,865	- 12,715
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	2,786	- 921	-	1,865	- 12,715

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank closing balance on 31.12.2025	6,690	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	6,690	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval