South Westminster Community Festival
Annual Report & Accounts 2025

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER – 1207874

Index

Reference and Administrative Details	Page 2
Trustees' Report	Pages 3 – 4
Financial Report	Page 5
Independent Examiner's Report	Page 6
Accounts	Pages 7- 15

Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Catherine Drake Wilkes (Chair) Patricia Alert (Treasurer) Aaron Paterson Mark Tawanda Gravhure Ebun Lawal
Charity Reg. No.	1207874
Registered Office	% Pimlico Toy Library 133a Lupus Street London SW1V 3EN
Email	chair@southwestfest.org.uk
Website	www.southwestfest.org.uk
Bankers	Co-operative Bank Ltd

Trustees Annual Report

The Trustees present their annual report together with the unaudited financial statements of South Westminster Community Festival for the year ended 31 December 2025. The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the charity comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity's governing document, and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in 2016.

Structure, Governance and Management

a. Constitution and Governing Document

South Westminster Community Festival is a Charitably Incorporated Organisation (England and Wales) and is governed by its governing document. For the year covered by these accounts, this was adopted in April 2024.

b. Method of Appointment or Election of Board of Trustees

Regular reviews are held to identify any expertise gaps within the Board of Trustees and appointments are made where required to strengthen the Board of Trustees, subject to all trustees' approval.

When it is necessary to appoint new trustees, due to either a trustee stepping down or a gap of expertise in the board is identified, recruitment will initially begin through the networks of the board and management team. Applicants will be reviewed by the trustees and the successful applicant will be invited to attend a trustee meeting. Following this, on the provision that the board is satisfied and the applicant still wishes to join the trustee board, they will be appointed.

The Trustees who served during the period and after the year end are shown on page 2.

c. Policies Adopted for the Induction and Training of Board of Trustees

The charity provides new trustees with an induction pack and mentoring from the Chair. The charity has limited resources for formal training of the trustee body. However, on-going training opportunities are announced to trustees when these become available pro bono.

d. Organisational Structure and Decision Making

The governance of the charity is the responsibility of the Trustees. Day to day management is by the Director, who draws on the support and expertise of the highly experienced Board of Trustees as needed.

e. Related Party Relationships

The Charity has considered the disclosure requirements of the SORP for related party relationships, and believes that there are no related party relationships and transactions, other than the Trustees and their close connections.

f. Risk Management

The Board of Trustees fully accepts its responsibilities for ensuring that the major risks to which the Charity is exposed are identified, and that there are systems and procedures in place to mitigate those risks.

Objectives and Activities

Our Charitable Objectives

The advancement of education and the promotion of public appreciation in the arts in all its forms.
To further or benefit the residents by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.
In furtherance of these objects but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power:
To establish an annual community and arts festival and to maintain and manage such a festival for activities promoted by the charity in furtherance of the above objects.

Beneficiaries of our Service

In 2025 the charity took a fallow year and did not run large scale events, using the time to undertake in depth community consultation and to develop a strategy to move forward in challenging times whilst remaining relevant to local people. As a result our income and outgoings were lower than we would generally expect. However we did run a number of smaller community engagement activities, with over 100 attendees at our 'No Festival Day' and 48 participants and an active audience of over 350 for our Green Art Trail. We also supported delivery of Westminster Council's Community Resilience Day in south Westminster, with over 80 attendees.

Looking Forward

We ended 2025 with exciting plans in place to bring back a community arts festival day in south Westminster, even if this would need to be on a somewhat smaller scale than in some past years. We also said goodbye to our long serving Director, Dodie Finamore, who had brought enormous energy and dedication to the role, and were recruiting for a new team to help us deliver a fresh vision going forward. I would like to thank our hard working team of trustees for helping us steer though a challenging time. We are also extremely grateful to Westminster Abbey for their kind support, and for all the good wishes received from the local community and voluntary sector reflecting on the importance they attach to having a connecting event which brings people together through community arts.
Catherine Drake Wilkes - Festival Chair

Public benefit

The Board of Trustees confirm that in planning and delivering the charity's activities for the year, they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission.

Financial Report

A. Going Concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charitable organisation has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

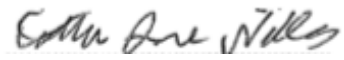
B. Reserves Policy

We aim to work up to having a reserves policy of holding up to 6 months operating costs in reserves to support the charity during times of financial unsustainability. This was not yet possible in 2025 but continues to inform our planning**.**

C. Financial Results

During the course of 2025 income from grants and donations was £18,098, of which £12,561 was spent, leaving £5537, however a total of £7,779 was transferred from the merger with the former South Westminster Community Festival charity, leaving us with funds at year end of £13,316

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 19th October 2026 and signed on their behalf by:



26th October 2026

Catherine Drake Wilkes, Trustee Date of signing the accounts

CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name SouthWestFest
On accounts for the year ended	31/12/2025
Set out on pages	Page 1 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

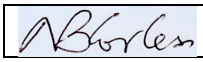
Independent examiner's statement

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:	
Name:	Neil Benson Corless
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	Associate Chartered Management Accountant
Address:	Flat 609, 7 St George Wharf, London SW8 2JA

ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS TO 31 DECEMBER 2025

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER - 1207874

C/O Pimlico Family Workshop
133a Lupus Street
London
SW1V 3EN

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.
The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following SORP 2016 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 (SORP 2005) which has since been withdrawn.

Public benefit entity

The charitable company meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Key judgements that the charity has made which have a significant effect on the accounts include estimating income and expenditure for the next 12 months.

Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds: this is when any performance conditions attached to the income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received, and that the amount can be measured reliably.
Income is only deferred when: The donor specifies that the grant or donation must only be used in future accounting periods; or for performance related grants, where these are received in advance of the performances or specific event to which they relate.

Interest receivable
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.

Fund accounting

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund.

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources received or generated for the charitable purposes. Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.

Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is considered all to relate to Charitable activities and includes the costs of delivering services undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.

Allocation of support costs

Support and governance costs would be allocated between charitable activities based on estimated staff costs..

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets (excluding investments) are stated at cost less depreciation. The cost of minor additions costing less than £1000 are not capitalised. Other fixed assets with an expected life of more than one year are included at cost and depreciated over three years.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash at bank and in hand

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

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting 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 normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

SOUTH WESTMINSTER COMMUNITY FESTIVAL
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DEC 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted 2025	Restricted 2025	TOTAL 2025	Total 2024
		£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources					
Deferred income released		0	0	0	0
Incoming Resources from Generated Funds					
- Grants and donations	**2**	11,100	6,995	18,095	0
- Activities for generating funds	**3**	3	0	3	0
Interest		0	0	0	0
Total Incoming Resources		11,103	6,995	18,098	0
Resources Expended					
Festival Events					0
Festival Commissioning			2,953	2,953	0
Marketing		237	310	547	0
Staffing, Office and Administration	4	5,329	3,732	9,061	0
Total Resources Expended		5,566	6,995	12,561	0
Gross Transfers Between Funds	9	7,779	0	7,779	0
Net incoming / (outgoing) resources for year		13,316	0	13,316	
Funds brought forward from previous year		0	0	0	0

Fund Balances carried forward at 31 December 2025	13,316

SOUTH WESTMINSTER COMMUNITY FESTIVAL
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	2025		2024
		£	£	
Fixed Assets				
Office equipment				0
Current Assets				
Debtors	7	(0)		0
Cash at bank and in hand		13,316		0
Total Current Assets		13.316		0
Creditors (amounts falling due within one year)	8			
Trade creditors		0		
Current liabilities		0		0
Deferred Income		0		0
Total Creditors		0		0
Net Current Assets			13,316	0
Net Assets			13,316	
Funds	9			

Unrestricted		
- Designated		
- General Fund		13,316
Restricted		

SOUTH WESTMINSTER COMMUNITY FESTIVAL
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
For the year ended 31 December 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities	13,316	
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	0	
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	0	
Cash flows from investing		
Cash flows from finance		
Change in cash/cash equivalents in year		13,316
Cash/cash equivalents at start of year		0
Cash/cash equivalents at year end		13,316

SOUTH WESTMINSTER COMMUNITY FESTIVAL
INCOME NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

2 Voluntary Income

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Sponsorship	0	0	0	0
Public donations	0	0	0	
Local Authority Grant Payments	0	11.695	11,695	0
Trusts & Foundations	2,400	2,000	4,400	0

3 Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2025	2024
	£	£	£	
Charitable activities	3		3	0
Other	-			
	0		0	0

Investment Income

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2025	2024

	£	£	£	
Bank Interest	0	-	0	0
	0	-	0	0

SOUTH WESTMINSTER COMMUNITY FESTIVAL
EXPENDITURE NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

4 STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

During the year, the Charity had no employees.

5 TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

No trustee nor any persons connected to them received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during the year

6 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Other than transactions with the trustees and their close connections, there are no other reportable related party transactions to disclose for 2025

SOUTH WESTMINSTER COMMUNITY FESTIVAL
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

7 Current Assets

	2025
	£
Prepayments and other debtors	(0)
Cash in bank and at hand	13,316
	13,316

8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025
Trade creditors	0
Accruals	
Deferred Income	0
Total Creditors	0

9 Statement of funds

	2025 General Fund	2025 Restricted Fund	2025 Total
	£	£	£
At 1 January 2025	0	0	0
Net incoming resources for the year	5,537	0	5,537
Transfer between	7,779	0	7,779

9 Statement of funds

	2025 General Fund	2025 Restricted Fund	2025 Total
funds			
At 31 December 2025	13,316	0	13,316