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Liverpool Roots Trust Limited
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
Financial Statements

5 April 2024

Liverpool Roots Trust Limited
Report and accounts
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Liverpool Roots Trust Limited
Charity reference and administrative details

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Company registered number

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Trustees' Report

The trustees (who are also directors of the company for the purposes of company law) present their annual report together with the accounts of the charity for the year ended 5th April 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and accounts of the charity.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland published on 16th July 2014 (as amended by Update Bulletin 1 published on 2nd February 2016)

Objectives and activities

The company's principal activity during the year continued to be that of a Day Resource Centre for persons who have social and mental health problems

The charity is organised so that the trustees meet regularly to manage its affairs. There is a full time manager, one part time assistant plus a number of volunteers who run and administer the day centre.

Trustees

The following persons have served as trustees of the charity during the year:

T Gillson
P Morgan
B R Robinson

Public benefit

The trustees have had due regard to the guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Chairman's Report

Due to repeated cut backs in Government spending the Voluntary Sector is once again left with the ongoing dilemma of coping with reduced funding, which contributes to the present Mental Health service provision crisis. New strategies, including short-term, quick fix, light touch policies often achieve very little in the way of improved sustained well-being for anxious and at times frustrated service users who require stability and a fuller understanding of their problems. The way forward has to be to focus on attempting to enhance peoples motivation to progress, through encouragement, and the nurturing of confidence by proficient and dedicated staff. Unfortunately, this is something that can be achieved via a succession of strictly limited to six to 12 week session programmes.

Clearly there is, more than ever, the need for the type of specialist services offered by the Voluntary Sector which has consistently played a key role, mainly in response to failures of statutory provision, in filling the gaps in services. Over many years, with the help and support Liverpool City Council's funding, we have been able to contribute greatly in the provision of quality mental health services in our local area.

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Over recent years Roots has moved away from centre based services and successfully dove-tailed with other providers in order to offer opportunities to the wider community. We continue to be very well received at the Joseph Lappin Centre in Old Swan Liverpool where we offer a number of programmes and advice on any number of queries: an opportunity many individuals have found to be invaluable.

We have learnt through our experience that people are desperate for help and guidance, particularly with the present shortages and long waiting lists for mental health consultation. Loneliness is often an issue and can have serious mental health and physical complications can often worsen if ignored.

For the future we remain upbeat and confident that we will continue to be strongly committed to promoting personal independence for our service users, through the professional support, encouragement and guidance of our staff team.

Once again, I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the Centre Manager, Ann Cunliffe, and her staff for their unfailing efforts in achieving outstanding results during which has been another challenging year. The centre's reputation for excellence is entirely down to their dedication and hard work.

Financial review

The accounts show total income for the year amounting to £73,016 (2022: £72,484).

Total expenditure for the year amounted to £64,665 (2023: £68,821).

As a result, the accounts show a surplus of £8,351 (2023: £3,663) increasing unrestricted funds at 5th April 2024 to £104,067 (2023: £95,716).

Reserves policy

The present level of reserves is considered adequate to support the continuation of the day centre for the medium term and the trustees consider the financial position of the charity to be satisfactory.

Governing document

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and was incorporated on 19th November 1979. It was registered as a charity on 14th February 1980 and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Risk management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and have taken steps to mitigate those risks to an acceptable level.

Trustees responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The trustees (who are also directors of Liverpool Roots Trust Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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Trustees' Report

Company law 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- (a) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- (b) observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- (c) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- (d) prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue to operate.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 20 December 2024 and signed on its behalf.

B R Robinson
Chairman



Liverpool Roots Trust Limited

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Liverpool Roots Trust Limited for the year ended 5th April 2024

Charity no: 509514

Company no: 1461799

I report to the trustees of the charity on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 5th April 2024 which are set out on pages 6 to 13.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As trustees of the charity (and 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 for this year 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 and confirm that no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- 3 the accounts do not comply with the relevant accounting requirements under 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 Charities SORP (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.



Stephen Clayton FCCA
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20 December 2024

Liverpool Roots Trust Limited
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 5 April 2024

Summary Income and Expenditure Account

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	
		2024	2023
		£	£
Income from:			
Charitable activities	2	72,381	72,381
Investments	3	635	103
Other		-	-
Total income		73,016	72,484
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	4	64,665	68,821
Total expenditure		64,665	68,821
Net income for the year		8,351	3,663
Total funds brought forward		95,716	92,053
Total funds carried forward		<u>104,067</u>	<u>95,716</u>

All income and expenditure relates to continuing operations.

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised during the year.

Liverpool Roots Trust Limited
Registration number: 1461799
Balance Sheet
as at 5 April 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	9	10,231	10,308
Current assets			
Debtors	10	7,853	13,323
Cash in hand		68	112
Cash at bank		89,153	79,747
		97,074	93,182
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(3,238)	(7,774)
Net current assets		93,836	85,408
Net assets		<u>104,067</u>	<u>95,716</u>
Funds			
Unrestricted funds		104,067	95,716
Total funds		<u>104,067</u>	<u>95,716</u>

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

Approved by the trustees on 20 December 2024 and authorised for issue and signed on their behalf by:

B R Robinson
 Director



Liverpool Roots Trust Limited
Statement of Cash Flows
Year ended 5th April 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Net cash flow from operating activities	14	8,727	(366)
Cash flow from investing activities			
Interest receivable		635	103
Received on sale of fixed assets		-	-
Purchase of fixed assets		-	-
Net cash flow from investing activities		<u>635</u>	<u>103</u>
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		9,362	(263)
Cash and cash equivalents at start of the year		<u>79,859</u>	<u>80,122</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year		<u><u>89,221</u></u>	<u><u>79,859</u></u>
Cash and cash equivalents comprise:			
Cash at bank		89,153	79,746
Cash in hand		<u>68</u>	<u>112</u>
		<u><u>89,221</u></u>	<u><u>79,858</u></u>

Liverpool Roots Trust Limited
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 5 April 2024

1 Accounting policies

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) issued on 16th July 2014 (as updated by Update Bulletin 1 published on 2nd February 2016), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis and under the historical cost convention. The financial statements have been prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest pound.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Income recognition

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Income from charitable activities includes income received under contract or where entitlement to grant funding is subject to special performance conditions and is recognised as earned as the related services are provided. Grant income included in this category provides funding to support performance activities and is recognised when there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amounts can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Investment income is earned through holding assets for investment purposes such as bank deposits. It essentially includes interest which is recognised using the effective interest method.

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Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

Expenditure on charitable activities includes costs associated with provision of a day resource centre for persons who have social and mental health problems.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which the expenditure arose.

Support costs allocation

Support costs are those costs that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and includes office costs, governance costs and administrative payroll costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at the charity's registered office.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulative depreciation and any accumulative impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset on a systematic basis over its expected useful life, as follows:

Buildings	5% straight line
Equipment	25% reducing balance

The building has been written down to its estimated land value of £10,000. No further depreciation is to be provided on this asset.

Debtors receivable / creditors payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any loss arising from impairment is recognised in expenditure.

Tax

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to meet the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand and other short term liquid investments.

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Going concern

Moving forward from Covid, the Charity continues to operate its services within the city's communities, for the benefit of its residents. It is anticipated that Liverpool City Council will continue its undertaking to approve a further 12 month contract to financially cover some of the Trust's operational needs.

At the time of approving the accounts, the Trustees have reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue its operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

VAT

The company is exempt for VAT purposes, therefore the figures shown in the accounts are included as gross.

2	Income from charitable activities	2024	2023
		£	£
	Grants receivable	72,381	72,381
		<u>72,381</u>	<u>72,381</u>
3	Income from investments	2024	2023
		£	£
	Interest receivable on cash deposits	635	103
		<u>635</u>	<u>103</u>
4	Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities	2024	2023
		£	£
	Activities undertaken directly:		
	Heat and light	2,708	1,241
	Repairs and maintenance	841	4,787
	Staff and tuition costs	49,951	50,427
	Room hire	842	260
	Motor expenses	474	413
	Insurance, security and water charges	3,811	4,051
	Other day centre running costs	4,041	5,739
		62,668	66,918
	Support costs:		
	Depreciation	77	103
	Governance costs (see note 5)	1,920	1,800
		1,997	1,903
	Total expenditure on charitable activities	<u>64,665</u>	<u>68,821</u>

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5 Governance costs	2024	2023
	£	£
Independent examiners costs	1,920	1,800
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6 Net income for the year	2024	2023
This is stated after charging:	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	77	103
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	-	-
Independent examiners costs	1,920	1,800
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7 Staff costs and employee benefits	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	49,101	49,107
Benefits in kind	-	-
Social security costs	-	470
Other pension costs	850	850
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	49,951	50,427

No employee received total benefits at the rate of £60,000 (2023: £60,000), or more per annum.

The average number of employees during the year was 2 (2023: 2).

8 Trustees' and key management personnel remuneration and expenses

Under a provision in the company's Memorandum of Association, Mr. B R Robinson, a trustee of the charity, was paid £14,549 (2023: £14,549) during the year for services rendered to the charity. The trustees did not have any expenses reimbursed during the year (2023: £nil).

The total amount of employee benefits received by key management personnel in the year was £34,552 (2023: £34,558). The trust considers its key management personnel to comprise the Centre Manager.

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings	Plant and machinery etc	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 6 April 2023	27,997	580	28,577
At 5 April 2024	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	27,997	580	28,577
Depreciation			
At 6 April 2023	17,997	272	18,269
Charge for the year	-	77	77
At 5 April 2024	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	17,997	349	18,346
Net book value			
At 5 April 2024	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	10,000	231	10,231
At 5 April 2023	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	10,000	308	10,308

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10 Debtors	2024	2023
	£	£
Accrued income	6,032	12,064
Prepayments	1,821	1,259
	<u>7,853</u>	<u>13,323</u>

11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	851	-
Taxation and social security costs	166	2,403
Accruals and deferred income	2,221	5,371
	<u>3,238</u>	<u>7,774</u>

12 Pension commitments

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for its employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge in these accounts comprises contributions paid by the charity to the defined contribution scheme, which amounted to £850 (2023: £850).

13 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year (2023: £nil).

14 Reconciliation of net income for the year to net cash flow from operating activities.

	2024	2023
	£	£
Net income for the year	8,351	3,663
Interest receivable	(635)	(103)
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	77	103
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	-	-
Decrease / (increase) in debtors	5,470	(6,131)
(Decrease) / increase in creditors	(4,536)	2,102
	<u>8,727</u>	<u>(366)</u>