

St. Michael's & Lark Lane Community Association **(SMLLCA)**

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO THE **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 11TH 2025**

STATEMENT OF AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

SMLLCA was founded in May 1976, when two recently formed community groups merged, to tackle a variety of local problems, and in particular the serious lack of community facilities and activities.

SMLLCA exists to provide a wide range of services, and to meet other needs, for the residents of our catchment area, in a friendly and welcoming environment.

The Association's work covers the whole age range, with a strong emphasis on work with disadvantaged people, but always responsive to the changing needs of the Community.

A Policy of Equality of Opportunity is actively pursued throughout the operation and activities of the Association, relating both to staff and users.

HOW THE CHARITY IS ORGANISED

The Executive Committee is composed of volunteers from the local community with an interest in, and a commitment to, the running of SMLLCA. Anyone who is, or who has agreed to be, a member of the Association can apply to become a member of the Executive Committee, either by election at the Annual General Meeting, or by co-option at any other time.

During the year the role of the Executive Committee is to make plans, and oversee their implementation, for the running of the Community Centre and the Association's other interests, including events occurring elsewhere in the Community.

Responsibility for the detailed administration of the Association's business may be delegated to sub committees which include members of the Executive Committee, relevant members of staff and other interested persons. Sub committees may meet on a regular basis, or be convened as required. Although we receive a great deal of help and support from both our Ward Councillors and officers of the City Council, we do not receive any core funding from public sources. Instead we rely financially on rental income from the building (including user groups), project funding, and our own fund raising activities undertaken throughout the year. Numerous fund raising initiatives are regularly undertaken, and most of our activities and services

rely on these fundraising activities. The balance of our core costs is normally met by donations, without which our services would suffer significantly. Our activities and services rely heavily on the input of volunteers, without whom we would not have such a thriving and active Community Centre. We are always looking for new volunteers for a variety of roles.

Membership of the Association is open to all who live or work in the area of benefit, and is by application to the Executive Committee. All signed up members are eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting. Affiliated groups are entitled to 2 votes each. Benefits for affiliated groups include use of our minibus. There are no membership fees following a decision by the Executive Committee on September 30th 2019.

Reserves Policy. SMLLCA believes it is desirable to hold “free reserves” as a contingency against the insecurity of its funding, and potential redundancy commitments. Ideally these should be not less than six months of core running costs, although in the current climate we realise that the optimum level may not always be achievable. This is in line with the recommendations of the Charity Commission.

DEVELOPMENTS, ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE PAST YEAR

It has once again been a very busy year for the Community Centre. Weekdays are filled with our regular activities, but most weekends our facilities are available for hire for non commercial activities. Perhaps due to a shortage of alternative facilities locally, weekend dates are usually booked up three to four months ahead; and so you need to get in early!

Our busy **Calendar of Regular Activities** includes the Pre School Nursery and the Parent and Toddlers Group.

Activities for children and young people include the Larkettes Majorettes troupes and the "Theatre on Foot" drama workshops, with groups for both children and young people. We also host around 30 children's birthday parties a year and also seasonal celebrations.

Many other children's activities are held in the Sefton Grove Centre (formerly Lark Lane Wellbeing Hub) which occupies several rooms in the Community Centre and has a well equipped “Sensory Room” including extensive VR equipment. Education and therapy classes are held there with an emphasis on helping disadvantaged children.

They have also been running youth activities for several years, including education, advice and support, as well as holidays in North Wales.

Healthiness continues to run several exercise classes for the Over 50's including gentle exercise. They also run "Escape Pain" classes with NHS funding. We also host several yoga sessions a week as well as Pilates Classes and the long running Middle Eastern Dance Classes.

We continue to host weekly meetings of both Cocaine and Narcotics Anonymous. We also have an acupuncture practitioner working with addiction issues.

Transforming Choice, a local charity working with alcohol addiction, have run several activities in the centre including meditation and gong therapy. Their members still attend for massage and other therapies.

Various Art and Craft classes are held here. Art and Pottery classes are held throughout the year and other classes less regularly.

The Sefton Grove Centre also runs activities for adults, housing a support group for armed forces veterans. It also provides horticultural training and trips away for local pensioners and disabled people.

Organised by “Home Instead” we now hold a monthly “Singing and Movement Café”. Hosted by “Holistic Harmonies.” These events are a dementia friendly get together for a good old sing along.

Several therapists operate out of the Centre as well as tutors offering classes in art, music and Qi Jong. Regular Art Therapy sessions are also held and meditation classes.

Several local “Home Educators” hold weekly sessions here where there is space for all the children and parents to meet together.

Both Lark Lane and Hesketh Street Housing Co-ops meet regularly in the Centre.

The Friends of The Festival Gardens and Hesketh Street Housing Co-op both held their Annual General Meetings here.

Other groups to have held meetings here include Regenda Housing Association residents and an Alder Hey staff team meeting.

Weekend Bookings and Events

The past year has seen a very full programme of weekend events, including the usual 30 plus children’s parties.

Lark Lane Housing Co-op, with whom we have a close relationship, recently held a highly successful event in the centre to celebrate their 50th birthday. It is a remarkable achievement for the co-op to have been running successfully for so long and a great tribute to all committee members past and present.

Regular fairs have included the ever popular monthly Lark Lane Fleamarket, Makers Bazaars which are held most months, and several Record/CD/Video fairs.

The Healing Days, held four times a year, continue to be very popular.

Our own “Theatre on Foot” Drama Group performed a show by their “Little Juniors”. An evening of theatre was also provided by the Fringe Festival who again performed their “Play in a Day” where several drama groups wrote, rehearsed and performed a play, all within a 24 hour period.

Jimmy Bongo held another of his popular Music and Poetry Events. Other concerts were run by the Liverpool Guitar Society and Nicole Bartos.

There have been three art exhibitions and also art workshops.

A Music, Health and Poetry Event was run and also a “Perks of Reading” Book Fair. A sustainable Clothes Event was held here for the first time.

Merseyswing held their annual dance event.

The Aigburth Community Cycle Club ran several cycle maintenance workshops, and also held a social event for members.

Deadlive continues to lead paranormal investigations on a regular basis and still believes that the Old Police Station is one of the most haunted buildings in Liverpool!

Tenants of the Association, housed in the Community Centre, are currently Sefton Park Day Centre including the Stained Glass Workshops, The Photographic Studios, The Calm Collective therapy room and office, Antiques and Curios Shop, several therapists, offices and workshops occupied by local Community Enterprises.

Membership

As well as running **individual membership** for anyone who is interested in becoming more involved in our work, we also offer **representative membership**.

Representative membership is open to local organisations who serve the community. We are able to assist with the administration of grants and other funding and offer access to our minibus.

There is no charge for either category of membership.

KEY SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

The Pre School Centre

Activities for children of Pre School age is one of our most important services.

The service continues to consist of our OFSTED registered Nursery and the twice weekly Toddlers Group. For many years funding for Pre School Nurseries has been precarious and the goalposts have been constantly moving. As costs have risen more rapidly than Government funding, many providers have closed at the same time as parents find it increasingly difficult to afford childcare.

We hope that the recent increase in support for parents of pre school children will give our nursery some financial security.

Despite the financial ups and downs the past year has again been very successful thanks to the skills and hard work of all the staff.

The Toddlers Group continues to thrive thanks to the hard work of the volunteers running the activity and of course their legendary cheese on toast!

Activities for Young People and Children

The Larkettes, our highly successful majorettes troupe, continues to thrive thanks to the hard work and dedication of the parents who run the troupe. They still go out to competitions each weekend from Easter to September and also organise their own event in July, which is an important part of the fundraising. They particularly welcome children with special needs and disabilities to come along and join in.

The cost of coach hire continues to increase each year and this is the biggest expense.

This makes fundraising more and more demanding, and so any help with this would be much appreciated.

The “Theatre on Foot” drama group, continues to base its youth theatre in the centre. This gives a great opportunity for local children and young people to get involved in acting. The group is divided into different age groups, rehearsing twice a week and putting on performances in various venues including in our centre from time to time.

Garry Lawler, who rents rooms from us in the Community Centre runs the “Lark Lane Youth Service”. He has for several years been working with local young people needing help. He provides a variety of support services including VR therapies in the sensory room, work experience and a holiday programme. He has been working extensively with young people and autism. Core funding has never been available for this work and so he relies on funding from trusts and other charitable sources which severely limits what can be done.

The Advice Centre

Our Advice Centre (LLAWRACC), is able to help large numbers of people, thanks to the generous support of several city councillors. The service focuses on benefits and debt issues.

The past year has seen significant challenges for many of our clients as the Department for Work and Pensions continued with managed migration to Universal Credit. We have worked tirelessly to ensure that people in our community are not left behind during this transition.

We have continued to assist many clients in navigating the complex Personal Independence Payments application and appeals process.

For the people who have not yet been transferred to Universal Credit, we still supported those eligible for housing benefit with new claims and ongoing queries.

In common with other advice agencies, we are always working at full capacity and are severely under resourced.

Senior Citizens Activities

Healthiness Limited continue to run several classes a week here for the over 50's. They run a variety of classes to reflect varying ability. Some are very strenuous but chair exercises and meditation are also available.

They also run "Escape Pain" courses, funded by the NHS, and teaching people techniques to better live with pain. Participants are referred by GP's and often need to join a waiting list.

Our monthly "Singing and Movement Café" is held on the second Tuesday of each month and is an increasingly popular get together.

Several of our other activities are popular with older people including art and pottery classes, music lessons, yoga and therapy sessions.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

The financial statements for the last financial year (ended January 31st 2025) show a small surplus for both our main accounts and the nursery accounts.

There has been some increase in income, and expenditure has been largely unchanged from the previous year. Such a result is possible only because we are all extremely careful about expenditure which tends to be on an essential needs basis.

We have ensured the financial security of the organisation but also have a very long wish list of improvements we would love to make!

Some modest improvements have been possible including refurbishment of the nursery outdoor play area, new windows in our meeting room and new chairs for the main hall.

MINIBUS

We are please to announce that we are now sole owners of our minibus, following ownership transfer from the Steve Morgan Foundation.

Still just 3 years old, numerous groups and affiliated organisations have made good use of our community transport including youth groups, disability groups, education projects, holiday projects for the needy of all ages and many more.

Representation/networking

SMLLCA continues to be involved with numerous other organisations both within the local neighbourhood and city wide, and is represented on the committees of several other groups.

We aim to work with other organisations, which share our aims, as much as we can.

Our affiliations include LCVS, Advice UK, Community Transport UK, National Day Nursery Association and South Central Community Transport.

Financial Policy and Donors

The Independently Examined and Prepared Accounts detail the income and expenditure of all financial transactions under the direct control of the Executive Committee. The full accounts are available on request from the Community Centre Office.

Due to the fact that we receive very little “unrestricted” funding in these days of local authority austerity, our aim is always to break even financially, while providing the best services we can afford. We largely succeed in this aim although this means that capital and maintenance budgets are still at a much lower level than they really need to be.

We continue to maintain reserves at around the level recommended by the Charity Commission, in line with our reserves policy. Although we have a healthy balance at present, the policy remains the same as we do not expect any exceptional items of income in the near future.

We are extremely grateful to the following, who have provided either financial assistance or donations in kind during the past year:

St Michael’s and Sefton Park Ward Councillors’ (towards Advice Centre Costs)
Kensington and Fairfield Ward Councillors (Advice Centre)
Nineveh Trust
Hemby Trust
Thursday Club
Hubbub Nature Hubs
Rhubarb Café and Bar
Community Foundation Merseyside
Department for Transport (Bus Service Operators’ Grant)
Zumuku Sushi Restaurant
Lark Lane Housing Co-Op
Scouse Flowerhouse
Hesketh Street Housing Co-Op
Sefton Park Allotments Society
HMRC Charities Gift Aid
Liverpool City Council Energy Grant
Squash Nutrition
North West Housing Services
Elif Restaurant
Amorous Cat
P. Schofield
N. Bartos
Amazon Core
D. Bradley
Several Anonymous Donors

Plus many other members of our local community whose donations in cash and in kind help greatly to keep our services going.

The Executive Committee is particularly keen to welcome new members, who are prepared to commit time and energy to furthering the aims of the Association. Our meetings are friendly and relaxed. It is important for us to be as representative of the local community as possible and new ideas are always needed to keep us moving forward. Please let us know if you are interested.

The Committee Members are currently: Mr. A. Catterall, Mr. J. Cullen,
Ms. N. Hennessey, Mr. A. Moore, Mr. J. Peers
Ms. E. Quantrell and Ms. J. Swanson

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 01692937 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 513803

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 January 2025
for
ST. MICHAELS & LARK LANE
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Butterworth Barlow
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**ST. MICHAELS & LARK LANE
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

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for the Year Ended 31 January 2025**

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**ST. MICHAELS & LARK LANE
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 January 2025**

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 January 2024.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

01692937 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

513803

Registered office

The Old Police Station
80 Lark Lane
Liverpool
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Trustees

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Mr John David Peers
Ms Edna Frances Quantrell

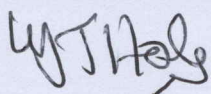
Company Secretary

Mr Graham Hale

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 26 June 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr Graham Hale - Secretary

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
St. Michaels & Lark Lane
Community Association**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of St. Michaels & Lark Lane Community Association ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 January 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its 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 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. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of 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 methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (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.

Butterworth Barlow

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Chartered Accountants
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26 June 2025

**ST. MICHAELS & LARK LANE
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 January 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.1.25 Total funds £	31.1.24 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		28,790	117,132	145,922	135,790
Other trading activities	2	52,489	13,047	65,536	72,686
Investment income	3	2,125	-	2,125	1,684
Total		<u>83,404</u>	<u>130,179</u>	<u>213,583</u>	<u>210,160</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		1,471	10,328	11,799	11,032
Charitable activities					
Governance costs		180	-	180	2,340
Charitable activities		75,075	122,808	197,883	199,346
Other		1,994	200	2,194	2,280
Total		<u>78,720</u>	<u>133,336</u>	<u>212,056</u>	<u>214,998</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		4,684	(3,157)	1,527	(4,838)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		114,064	141,901	255,965	260,803
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>118,748</u>	<u>138,744</u>	<u>257,492</u>	<u>255,965</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**ST. MICHAELS & LARK LANE
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

**Balance Sheet
31 January 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.1.25 Total funds £	31.1.24 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8	4,413	72,157	76,570	84,443
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank		116,855	66,587	183,442	173,862
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(2,520)	-	(2,520)	(2,340)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>114,335</u>	<u>66,587</u>	<u>180,922</u>	<u>171,522</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		118,748	138,744	257,492	255,965
NET ASSETS		<u>118,748</u>	<u>138,744</u>	<u>257,492</u>	<u>255,965</u>
FUNDS					
	10				
Unrestricted funds				118,748	114,064
Restricted funds				<u>138,744</u>	<u>141,901</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>257,492</u>	<u>255,965</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 January 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 January 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

**ST. MICHAELS & LARK LANE
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

**Balance Sheet - continued
31 January 2025**

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 26 June 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



Mr John David Peers - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**ST. MICHAELS & LARK LANE
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 January 2025**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- in accordance with the property
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

**ST. MICHAELS & LARK LANE
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 January 2025**

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.1.25	31.1.24
	£	£
Rental income	52,154	50,890
Other income	13,382	21,796
	<u>65,536</u>	<u>72,686</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.1.25	31.1.24
	£	£
Deposit account interest	2,125	1,684
	<u>2,125</u>	<u>1,684</u>

4. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.1.25	31.1.24
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	11,799	11,032
Hire of plant and machinery	8,332	8,284
	<u>20,131</u>	<u>19,316</u>

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 January 2025 nor for the year ended 31 January 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 January 2025 nor for the year ended 31 January 2024.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 January 2025**

6. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.1.25	31.1.24
Number of employees	6	6
	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	34,376	101,414	135,790
Other trading activities	51,044	21,642	72,686
Investment income	1,684	-	1,684
Total	<u>87,104</u>	<u>123,056</u>	<u>210,160</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	541	10,491	11,032
Charitable activities			
Governance costs	2,340	-	2,340
Charitable activities	94,327	105,019	199,346
Other	2,135	145	2,280
Total	<u>99,343</u>	<u>115,655</u>	<u>214,998</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(12,239)	7,401	(4,838)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	126,303	134,500	260,803
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>114,064</u>	<u>141,901</u>	<u>255,965</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 January 2025**

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 February 2024	335,928	72,661	408,589
Additions	-	3,926	3,926
	<u>335,928</u>	<u>76,587</u>	<u>412,515</u>
At 31 January 2025	335,928	76,587	412,515
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 February 2024	255,395	68,751	324,146
Charge for year	9,840	1,959	11,799
	<u>265,235</u>	<u>70,710</u>	<u>335,945</u>
At 31 January 2025	265,235	70,710	335,945
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 January 2025	<u>70,693</u>	<u>5,877</u>	<u>76,570</u>
At 31 January 2024	<u>80,533</u>	<u>3,910</u>	<u>84,443</u>

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.1.25 £	31.1.24 £
Accrued expenses	<u>2,520</u>	<u>2,340</u>

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.2.24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.1.25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	114,064	4,684	118,748
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	141,901	(3,157)	138,744
	<u>255,965</u>	<u>1,527</u>	<u>257,492</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>255,965</u>	<u>1,527</u>	<u>257,492</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 January 2025**

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	83,404	(78,720)	4,684
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	130,179	(133,336)	(3,157)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>213,583</u>	<u>(212,056)</u>	<u>1,527</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.2.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.1.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	126,303	(12,239)	114,064
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	134,500	7,401	141,901
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>260,803</u>	<u>(4,838)</u>	<u>255,965</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

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Unrestricted funds			
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Restricted fund	123,056	(115,655)	7,401
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>210,160</u>	<u>(214,998)</u>	<u>(4,838)</u>

**ST. MICHAELS & LARK LANE
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 January 2025**

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

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General fund	126,303	(7,555)	118,748
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	134,500	4,244	138,744
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>260,803</u>	<u>(3,311)</u>	<u>257,492</u>

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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>423,743</u>	<u>(427,054)</u>	<u>(3,311)</u>

11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 January 2025.

**ST. MICHAELS & LARK LANE
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
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	31.1.25 £	31.1.24 £
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Government grants	102,751	88,533
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COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

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Other		
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Support costs		
Governance costs		
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REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 01692937 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 513803

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 January 2025
for
ST. MICHAELS & LARK LANE
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Butterworth Barlow
Chartered Accountants
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**ST. MICHAELS & LARK LANE
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

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**ST. MICHAELS & LARK LANE
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 January 2025**

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 January 2024.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

01692937 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

513803

Registered office

The Old Police Station
80 Lark Lane
Liverpool
Merseyside
L17 8UU

Trustees

Mr Alfred Catterall
Mr Alan Albert Moore
Mr John David Peers
Ms Edna Frances Quantrell

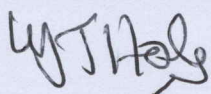
Company Secretary

Mr Graham Hale

Independent Examiner

Butterworth Barlow
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 26 June 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr Graham Hale - Secretary

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
St. Michaels & Lark Lane
Community Association**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of St. Michaels & Lark Lane Community Association ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 January 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its 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 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. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of 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 methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (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.

Butterworth Barlow

Butterworth Barlow
Chartered Accountants
Prescot
L34 3LG

26 June 2025

**ST. MICHAELS & LARK LANE
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 January 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.1.25 Total funds £	31.1.24 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		28,790	117,132	145,922	135,790
Other trading activities	2	52,489	13,047	65,536	72,686
Investment income	3	2,125	-	2,125	1,684
Total		<u>83,404</u>	<u>130,179</u>	<u>213,583</u>	<u>210,160</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		1,471	10,328	11,799	11,032
Charitable activities					
Governance costs		180	-	180	2,340
Charitable activities		75,075	122,808	197,883	199,346
Other		1,994	200	2,194	2,280
Total		<u>78,720</u>	<u>133,336</u>	<u>212,056</u>	<u>214,998</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		4,684	(3,157)	1,527	(4,838)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		114,064	141,901	255,965	260,803
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>118,748</u>	<u>138,744</u>	<u>257,492</u>	<u>255,965</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**ST. MICHAELS & LARK LANE
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

**Balance Sheet
31 January 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.1.25 Total funds £	31.1.24 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8	4,413	72,157	76,570	84,443
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank		116,855	66,587	183,442	173,862
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(2,520)	-	(2,520)	(2,340)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>114,335</u>	<u>66,587</u>	<u>180,922</u>	<u>171,522</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		118,748	138,744	257,492	255,965
NET ASSETS		<u>118,748</u>	<u>138,744</u>	<u>257,492</u>	<u>255,965</u>
FUNDS					
	10				
Unrestricted funds				118,748	114,064
Restricted funds				<u>138,744</u>	<u>141,901</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>257,492</u>	<u>255,965</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 January 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 January 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

**ST. MICHAELS & LARK LANE
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

**Balance Sheet - continued
31 January 2025**

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 26 June 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



Mr John David Peers - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**ST. MICHAELS & LARK LANE
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 January 2025**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

- | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Freehold property | - in accordance with the property |
| Fixtures and fittings | - 25% on reducing balance |

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

**ST. MICHAELS & LARK LANE
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 January 2025**

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.1.25	31.1.24
	£	£
Rental income	52,154	50,890
Other income	13,382	21,796
	<u>65,536</u>	<u>72,686</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.1.25	31.1.24
	£	£
Deposit account interest	2,125	1,684
	<u>2,125</u>	<u>1,684</u>

4. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.1.25	31.1.24
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	11,799	11,032
Hire of plant and machinery	8,332	8,284
	<u>20,131</u>	<u>19,316</u>

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 January 2025 nor for the year ended 31 January 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 January 2025 nor for the year ended 31 January 2024.

**ST. MICHAELS & LARK LANE
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 January 2025**

6. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.1.25	31.1.24
Number of employees	6	6
	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	34,376	101,414	135,790
Other trading activities	51,044	21,642	72,686
Investment income	1,684	-	1,684
Total	<u>87,104</u>	<u>123,056</u>	<u>210,160</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	541	10,491	11,032
Charitable activities			
Governance costs	2,340	-	2,340
Charitable activities	94,327	105,019	199,346
Other	2,135	145	2,280
Total	<u>99,343</u>	<u>115,655</u>	<u>214,998</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(12,239)	7,401	(4,838)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	126,303	134,500	260,803
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>114,064</u>	<u>141,901</u>	<u>255,965</u>

**ST. MICHAELS & LARK LANE
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 January 2025**

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 February 2024	335,928	72,661	408,589
Additions	-	3,926	3,926
	<u>335,928</u>	<u>76,587</u>	<u>412,515</u>
At 31 January 2025	335,928	76,587	412,515
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 February 2024	255,395	68,751	324,146
Charge for year	9,840	1,959	11,799
	<u>265,235</u>	<u>70,710</u>	<u>335,945</u>
At 31 January 2025	265,235	70,710	335,945
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 January 2025	<u>70,693</u>	<u>5,877</u>	<u>76,570</u>
At 31 January 2024	<u>80,533</u>	<u>3,910</u>	<u>84,443</u>

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.1.25 £	31.1.24 £
Accrued expenses	<u>2,520</u>	<u>2,340</u>

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.2.24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.1.25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	114,064	4,684	118,748
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	141,901	(3,157)	138,744
	<u>255,965</u>	<u>1,527</u>	<u>257,492</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>255,965</u>	<u>1,527</u>	<u>257,492</u>

**ST. MICHAELS & LARK LANE
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 January 2025**

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	83,404	(78,720)	4,684
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	130,179	(133,336)	(3,157)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>213,583</u>	<u>(212,056)</u>	<u>1,527</u>

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